

**Commitment to Child Safety**

*Cobram and District Specialist School is committed to the safety and wellbeing of all students at the school. We are entrusted with the education of the child, in partnership with parents, guardians and caregivers who are the primary educators of their children. Cobram and District Specialist School implement the Child Safe Standards to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all students at the school and promote an organisational culture that manages the risk of child abuse and neglect.*

**Principal's Report**

Term 2 has been a unique situation for everyone. I thank the teachers and staff for their incredible efforts in helping deliver remote and flexible learning this term. We have been proactive in taking measures that are in the best interest of the health and safety of our students and staff.

Thanks to the parents who have persisted with remote learning. We understand how hard it has been for many of you. It has been great to see some students flourish while learning at their own pace in their own environment.



This week Daniel Andrews announced that students will return to school on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> May. Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May is a curriculum day allowing staff to plan for students returning full time. Buses will run as normal. There is no longer social distancing for students however parents and staff must adhere to it. Parents are to drop their children at the front gate and stand on red crosses when waiting to pick up at the end of the day. Only one person at a time in the office. While waiting for the office to clear please wait outside the front gate as there won't be any congregating in our yard. If you can avoid coming into the office by making a phone call that would be appreciated.

The Government said it is safe for students to return to school unless they have severe medical conditions and have evidence supplied by a practitioner. Staff are no longer required to send work home to students who stay at home without medical evidence.

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June is a curriculum day and staff will be participating in first aid training.

Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> June will be the last day of term for students.

We look forward to the students returning.

*Leah Willis*  
*Principal*

<b>IMPORTANT DIARY DATES</b>	
25 <sup>th</sup> May	NO STUDENTS-Staff Planning for return to school
26 <sup>th</sup> May	All Students return to school
25 <sup>th</sup> June	Last day Term 2 for Students
26 <sup>th</sup> June	Staff First Aid Training-NO STUDENTS
13 <sup>th</sup> July	First day Term 3

## Student Awards

Remote Learning Awards	
Respect	Bentley Goldsack, Ben Hall, Lliam Hall & Chris Harbrow
Safety	Ayjah Nathan, Dean Wellington, Alex Beurs, Keely Thorpe
Try Your Best	Shyanne Bishop-Gordon, Boston Haimona, Dylan Schmager & Rose Johnson

## Fundraising Sub Committee



Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets and donated eggs for our Easter Raffle, we raised a total of \$449.

## Office News



If you would like to receive your newsletter by email rather than a printout please advise the school via our email

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This is particularly relevant to all our new families.



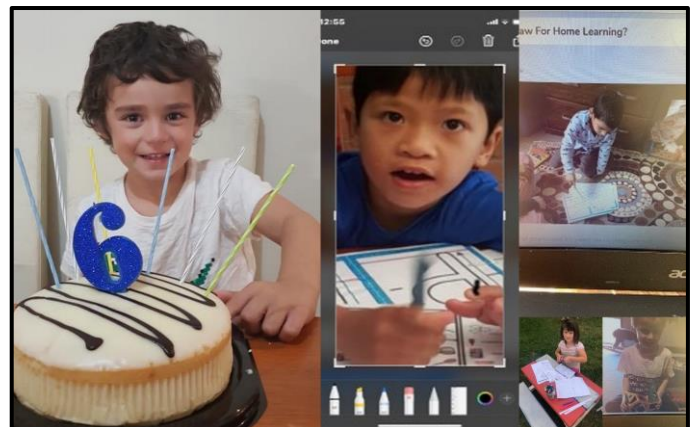
Don't forget that you are able to enter your child's absences directly onto our Compass administration program. If you have lost your password information or would like some help with setting up the app on your phone, please contact the office.

## Hovell Room

What an interesting return to term 2 has been for us all in 2020. New learning for everyone! I have been busy learning all about Seesaw which has been great. All you wonderful parents have been doing an amazing job at home with teaching your children, so well done to you. The children have been showing me some fabulous work that they have completed at home.

Not long to go now and we will all be back at school for face to face learning which is really exciting. I am looking forward to seeing Shyanne, Bentley, Luke, Mortada and Dean once again. Not forgetting Lili and Faye, I know they both have missed you all heaps.

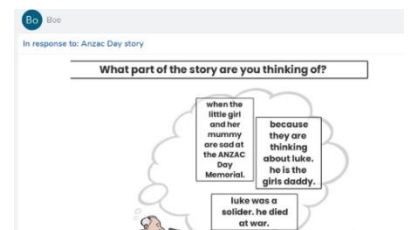
This term Shyanne received the 'Try Your Best' award for all the effort she is putting in at home with her learning. Bentley also received the 'Respect' award for using his best manners when talking to me on the phone. Bentley also celebrated his 6<sup>th</sup> birthday on the 15<sup>th</sup> April, a huge 'Happy Birthday' to him. Luke has been completing some activities on Seesaw. I was fortunate to see Mortada in the supermarket with his Dad and brothers, we got to say hello. Dean's Mum has told me that he is using his play equipment lots at home which is great. Once again thank you to our families and looking forward to Tuesday the 26<sup>th</sup> May 2020.



## Hume Room



A big thank you to our students and their families for your efforts during this remote learning period. It has been a difficult time but we appreciate your efforts in trying to implement our classroom routines and completing the set activities. Our staff have really enjoyed seeing your work on SeeSaw and the creative ways you have achieved your learning at home. During the past few weeks, students have worked very hard on the activities in the learning packs, as well as getting more practice with independent living skills. Well done everyone!



## Gwynne Room

The staff in the Gwynne room are so proud of our students and their parents/carers. With the many changes occurring, due to remote learning, everyone has risen to the task. Seesaw has been a big hit with fun learning activities and a great way to pass work back and forth from staff to students and vice versa. This is a program we will continue to use in the classroom. Thank you to everyone for taking on board the new programs and IT challenges. We have been seeing some fantastic work on Seesaw and in photos.

During literacy, we have continued to look at stories and their makeup and have concentrated on both characters and settings, using descriptive words to enhance our writing. We have begun to look at ways to be healthy and have focused on healthy eating. Students have been categorising foods into groups; 'I should eat a lot of these foods,' 'I should eat these foods sometimes,' and 'I should only eat a little bit of these foods.'

A big THANKYOU to everyone, parents, staff and students for working together to continue the students' education.



## Mitchell Room

With Covid-19 changing the way we have been learning this term, Mitchell room students have shown great resilience, flexibility, and understanding by continuing to strive towards reaching their learning goals by working from home. Each student has completed their set work by following a fortnightly set schedule. Some learning tasks have been a little different to ones we usually complete in the classroom, however most students have enjoyed the change.

Learning hip-hop dance moves, origami, and drawing challenges through instructional YouTube videos have proven to be a fun variation to regular literacy and numeracy lessons. Mitchell room students have also demonstrated a fondness for science by fervently completing their own science experiments at home.

With the introduction of Seesaw, most students have taken positively to online learning pretty quickly. Our students have shown great ICT skills by navigating their way through the new online program and completing their daily activities.

Mitchell room students and staff have kept in touch via email, phone calls, and recently face-to-face Webex meetings. It has been great to see most of the class appear each Monday and Thursday morning for their scheduled Webex social chat. It is obvious all the kids miss each other and will all be happy to see each other again in the classroom when we're all back on the 26<sup>th</sup> of May.

## Senior Rooms



### Sturt Room

Apologies from Joseph he has been unwell.

### VCAL - New Beginnings For Term Two

As term two began the VCAL group embraced the online classroom available through the See Saw App and launched into the remote learning time with paperless tasks and 100 percent online delivery of work. In recent weeks we added WebEx meetings to our classroom set up and this saw students from the group engage in video chats and checking in face to face twice a week. As with all the classes at our school, many of the group live out of town and we struggled at times with 3G internet and a lag in posting work or receiving feedback quickly. The students have been awesome and tolerant of the challenges we all faced in the change to being online and working from our homes. I would like to congratulate and thank the parents and families of the VCAL group, you have done a great job supporting the VCAL staff and your young people in succeeding in what were certainly interesting times!

#### **Matt**

**I do my own time table to get my work completed. I get to have lunch with my Dad and sometimes I get to go for a bike ride. It is fun to do your school work at home you get some work to do online and when you are finished what is set, you get the rest of the day off. I have to be online at 9 am to 3pm or until I finish my work. I think it is fun doing school work from home.**

#### Chris

My life in remote learning times-

have a good sleep / have breakfast / begin online class / say good morning to Robyn & Ross

I am lucky because my Mother helps me.

Finish work and knock off.

#### Emily

*I have been doing all of my school work online. I have also been helping my younger siblings with their remote learning tasks. My parents and older brother help me each morning when I have to feed the calves we have. They also help me with my school work if I need it.*

*I enjoy listening to music when I am working. When I finish my school work I like to go outside for fresh air. When I have a break I go back in and check for feedback from my teacher and fix up any work I need to.*

**Cobram & District Specialist School values are Respect, Safety & Try Your Best**