

### **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**

Staff are currently busy assessing and reporting on students' progress. Reports will be accessible on Compass in the last week of school.

We are excited to have part of our sensory garden have a small make over. It is a work in progress and will be completed early next year.

Lisa, Robyn and I attended our network meeting last week. It was great to be involved in learning walks around Yarrowonga P-12. We came away with great ideas to introduce into our school.

*Leah Willis*

*Principal*

### **IMPORTANT DIARY DATES**

18th-22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Gold DOE Placement Mansfield Zoo-Ebony & Charles
22 <sup>nd</sup> November	Leos Lunch-Sturt & VCAL
27 <sup>th</sup> -29 <sup>th</sup> November	Hume Room camp-Deniliquin
3 <sup>rd</sup> December	Graduation Dinner at Barooga Golf Club Christmas Raffle tickets need to be returned
6 <sup>th</sup> December @ 1.30pm	Awards Ceremony
19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 4

### **Athletics Awards**



**Hovell age champion Jake Hoggard & TYB Paul Murray**

**Hume age champion Boe Dougherty & TYB Ned Quinane**

**Gwynne age champion Sam Donnelly & TYB Mia Giddings**

**Mitchell age champion Alex Beurs & TYB Tearnna Allcroft**

**Sturt age champion Blake Fitzpatrick & TYB Stephen Martin**

**VCAL age champion Matt Nieuwenhout & TYB Gus Ryan**

### **Fundraising Sub Committee**

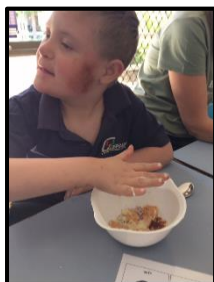


*It's time for our Christmas raffle, tickets are attached to today's newsletter. Each family has 10 x \$1 tickets which need to be returned by Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.*

## Student Awards

<b>14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
Respect	Gary Gill, Jack Jenvey-Burke & Alex Beurs
Safety	Caitlyn Koopman
Try Your Best	Boston Haimona
Milkshake Uniform Award	Ben Hall & Charles Tomlin
<b>21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	
Respect	Bella Brown-Singh
Safety	Cassius Bishop-Gordon, Sam Donnelly, Mia Giddings & Joel Brown
Try Your Best	Logan Palmer & Rose Johnson
Milkshake Uniform Award	Dean Wellington & Bentley Goldsack
<b>28<sup>th</sup> October</b>	
Respect	Hayley Hendrie & Charles Tomlin
Safety	Ayjah Nathan
Try Your Best	Jake Hoggard, Seth Mumford & Alex Beurs
Milkshake Uniform Award	Bella Brown-Singh & Joel Brown
<b>11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
Respect	Jeffrey Tomlin & Shakaya Griffin-Roberts
Safety	Benton Lucas
Try Your Best	Paul Murray Archie Shannon & Hollee Clark

## Hovell Room



Science is still a big hit in the Hovell room. We have been looking at objects and their different properties. This has been a lot of fun as we have experimented with wet and dry sand, and the different effects on building sandcastles. We have also used wet and dry ingredients to cook but our favourite tasks were our pretend trips to the beach where we explored different sensory aspects, such as hot and cold, smooth and rough and wet and dry. We also used art activities to explore these concepts.

During October, it was Walk To School month. We took this as an opportunity to practise our skills of walking within the community. Every student improved their skills of walking together, staying on the footpath and safely crossing the road.



## Hume Room



Recently, we have been involved in a couple of community initiatives. Last month, we participated in the Aussie Backyard Bird count in which over 3.3 million birds were counted. Our participation helped BirdLife Australia create a snapshot of the amazing Australian birds that live in our local area. Over the course of a week, students kept a tally of the birds seen when out on our different programs, entering the results online. In our maths session, we created a graph displaying the data that we had gathered. The Rainbow Lorikeet continued to be the number one spotted bird, across Australia. We had four of the top ten on our chart- Minor, Cockatoo, Magpie and Galah.



## Gwynne Room



In the Gwynne room the students have been learning about chemical science and how everyday materials can be physically changed or combined with other materials in a variety of ways for particular purposes. The student had fun making slime and crystals observing the changes that were taking place.



We were also lucky to see the huge hot air balloon at the Cobram Primary School, the student were able to get a turn in it. FUN!! Bike Riding has been fabulous this term, the students have achieved great results. Some of the students were able to ride down to Thompson's beach.



During Maths we have been working on shapes and making 3D shapes out of sticks and playdough.

Athletics day was a huge success at Shepparton on the 6<sup>th</sup> November. The students tried their best on all of the events and showed great sportsmanship towards their competitors. Well done to all of the Gwynne room.



## Mitchell Room



We went to yachting on November 14<sup>th</sup> we took the school bus it was a day trip we got there early, so we walked to the Shepparton Park we ate our morning tea there then Matt let us go and play. After we had a little play we walked back to the lake where the yacht boats were. There was a lady that gave us each a life jacket, and after we put our life jackets on a man took us over near the yachts. He told us about the boats and how they work it was very interesting we had to listen very carefully, the man called to ladies to come over to meet us. After all that, we got ready to get onto the boats. The first thing we had to do before we got on is pushing the boats into the lake, we hopped into the boat and one of the ladies hopped into the boat with us. One person started off steering the boat then we started taking in turns. We tried not to tip the yacht over, we got wet when the other kids tipped water onto us, we also got to go onto a speed boat, it went fast we had to hold on. We all took turns going on the speed boat the water was nice to swim in. When It was time to finish up, there was another school here so we took the boats back and we took our life jackets off. It was really cold when we got out of the water, we got changed and said good bye to the people and we got onto the bus and we drove back to school. When we got back to school it was home time so we packed our school bags and went home.





### Sturt

In the Sturt room we have been very busy participating in sports. Last Wednesday we had athletics at the Shepparton sports track, against Verney Road School. In my age group Joel came first Chris and I came second. Hayley also came second in her age group. Blake came second and Logan came third in their age group. Chris, Blake, Logan, Hayley and I ran in the relay, we came second. This week we had Bluearth with Matt, we played some new games, focused on our breathing, and everyone had fun. This term we have also started Bike ed again.

By Benton

**This week in garden, we planted lettuce, and put fresh mulch down. Our tomatoes and corn are going well, but our chillies have been eaten. We should be harvesting cabbage in the next few weeks.**

**By Laurie and Stephen**

The lunch orders are going really well. This week we are making chicken salad and next week we are making lasagne with salad and I enjoy cooking. By Hayley

The Spec group went to see some camels for their animals module. I liked giving them a cuddle. By Caitlyn  
I fed the camels some carrots. By Angus I gave the camel a cuddle. By Peter

**The camels felt very soft. By Stephen**



### VCAL

#### Basketball Tournament-Shepparton

On Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> of October VCAL Sturt and Mitchell went to Shepparton to play a Basketball Victoria tournament our school had 2 teams and played 3 games. The legends come 2nd for the day and Raiders comes 3<sup>rd</sup>. It was a good day out then we went back to school at the end of the day very happy.

#### Leos Club Woolworths BBQ

On Thursday the 7<sup>th</sup> of November we held a bbq to raise funds for the Childhood Cancer Foundation. We sold a lot of sausages and lots of onion and lots of bread it was fun we had to be very safe with the bbq we had to do it for our Leos Club we raised \$107.60.

#### Remembrance Day



Nicholas, Ebony, Shakaya, Charles, Lliam, Chris and Joel attended the Cobram Remembrance Day ceremony on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> of November. Nicholas read the Welcome to Country and Ebony assisted Cobram Lions Club lay their wreath.



## Athletics

On Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November our VCAL, Sturt and the Mitchell rooms went to the Interschool big athletics day. The events were long jump, high jump, relay, running, javelin, vortex, soccer target practice, the flying fox and the hurdles. Everyone that participated in the events did an amazing job and represented our school well.



## Work Experience Reports

Gus and I did work placement at Woolworths we did it for 4 weeks on a Wednesday. We moved the food from the back to the front of the shelves to make it look really neat.

Gus and I had a competition, whose shelves looked the best. We had one of the Woolworths employers judge our shelves. I won and got a chocolate from one of the employers.

We had a step so that we can step on it to get to the higher shelves so as we did not strain our muscles.

We had a trolley to put the cardboard and other misplaced items on the shelves.

by Nick

*Every Thursday I got to go to Murray Goulburn. I get there at 9.00am I unpack the goods and put them on the shelves and put the price tickets on them.*

*I help the customers if they need it and I put their goods in the car. When I am in the driveway loading cars I have to wear a vest so the cars can see me.*

*At 11.00am I go back to school for the rest of the day.*

*I have enjoyed the work experience and want to do more of it.*

*by Matt*

## Around the School

### Cobram Show

On the weekend of the 23<sup>rd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> of October, the annual Cobram Show was on at the Showgrounds. Without the expertise of an official art teacher, the staff and students rallied together to make sure our wonderful art work was presented at the show. The students from all of the classes had pieces of art at the exhibition. We had paintings, guitars, mosaics and some very advanced woodwork pieces on display. We also entered Mitchell (School Scarecrow) who won the second prize in that category. Well done to the Mitchell Room for your hard work on him. The VCAL students did a wonderful job with the display, thank you to Ebony, Matthew and Shakaya for your great eye for detail. Our school won the 'Best Overall Exhibit' ribbon for our display. The VCAL students also came home with a first prize ribbon in the gumboot category where they used mosaics to decorate an old gumboot. Well done to the Hovell room for their amazing owls and their abstract tigers. Gwynne room stepped out in nature and created some fabulous art work using sticks and leaves. The Hume room had lots of art work on display, their colourful guitars were a hit. Sturt room had some woodwork pieces on display that looked amazing. A great team effort, well done to everyone!



## Verney Road Athletics Carnival

On Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> of November, VCAL, Sturt, Mitchell and Gwynne rooms attended an Athletics Day in Shepparton. The students travelled down in the school buses and a van. They competed against Verney Road School and participated in ten different activities. The activities included the 400 metre run, 100 metre sprint, many throwing activities and goal kicking. The final activity of the day was the relay event. The students displayed our school values of Respect, Try your Best and Safety on the day. The staff were extremely impressed with the way they competed in their events and the great sportsmanship they showed. We had many students proudly receiving ribbons and standing up on the stadium to be acknowledged for their awesome achievements. Thank you to Verney Road School for organising such a great day for us all and thank you to our students for always being the best that they can be.



Students in the Mitchell, Gwynne and Hume rooms have created artwork for the Cobram RSL sub-branch's tribute to the local soldiers who returned home from the War in 1919, one hundred years ago. The display features artwork from local schools and is hoped to be on display in a local shop front in the lead up to, and on, Remembrance Day. A display was also made in the Multi-Purpose room for our own Remembrance Day service at Assembly.



## Community News

**Strathy Primary & Pre School**  
**Fete & Market Day**  
**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2019**  
**10am – 3pm - School Oval, Findlay St**

**RIDES, GAMES, ANIMALS  
 LIVE MUSIC, STALLS,  
 FOOD, DRINKS  
 & MORE**

**OVER 60 STALLS**

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Soroptimist International of Cobram Barooga, with the support of Moira Shire Council, invite you to join us on a

**State to State Walk**  
 to  
**"Say No to Family Violence!"**

When: Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2019  
 Time: 7:45am for 8am start  
 WHERE: Barooga Community Hall, Banker St. Barooga to Thompson's Beach, Cobram. If transport is required meet at Thompson's Beach at 7.45am  
 To book: <https://www.trybooking.com/542530>

Proceeds to Marian Community (Moira's Family Violence Crisis Centre) and "Feed the Farmers"

Enquiries:  
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 RSVP: 25 November, 2019

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