

## Principal's Report

The term is ending quickly. The students' last day is Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June. Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June is a curriculum day. Staff will be updating their level 2 first aid on this day.

The teachers have spent many hours working on semester one reports. Please take time to read your child's report. The report can be accessed through Compass or if you currently don't have access to Compass, a printed copy will be sent home.

The VCAL students had a fantastic time during their Doxa camp in Melbourne. I have heard great stories about their experience. Thanks to Robyn and Matt for taking the students away for a full week.

I will be attending the annual Regional Principals' Forum in Melbourne next Monday and Tuesday. The theme is 'Inspired Teaching and Learning: Creating the Education State'. We will engage in evidence-based examples of international and state exemplar practices in teaching and learning. This will further the successful implementation of our Annual Implementation Plan goals.

I hope all students have a happy and safe holiday.

*Leah Willis*

*Principal*

### IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

|                                |   |
|--------------------------------|---|
| Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June   | PBS Day   |
| Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June   | School Council at 5.00pm  |
| Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June | State Schools Relief Fundraiser - Casual Dress Day<br>Last day for students |
| Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June   | Staff First Aid PD-No School for students                                   |
| Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> July   | First Day Term 3  |

## PBS News

This Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> June is Positive Behaviour Support Day (PBS) day. Students are encouraged to wear their PBS Team colours, (the same as they did for school cross country). These teams are based on our school values, Respect, Safety and Try Your Best. Throughout the day students will stay in their PBS team and work in a mixed age and ability group. Emphasis for the day will be on team work and helping each other in order to obtain a better result. Students will all be involved in making a banner for their school value, drama and role play, and multiple team work games where they problem solve strategies to help achieve a greater outcome.



## Student Awards

|                             |   |
|-----------------------------|---|
| <b>19<sup>th</sup> May</b>  |   |
| Respect                     | Nick Harbrow & Charles Tomlin                   |
| Safety                      | Seth Mumford & Chris Harbrow                    |
| Try Your Best               | Paul Murray                                     |
| Milkshake Uniform Award     | Scott Johnson & Matt Nieuwenhout                |
| <b>26<sup>th</sup> May</b>  |   |
| Respect                     | Ned Quinane & Lliam Hall                        |
| Safety                      | Ella Busch                                      |
| Try Your Best               | Tori Hehir & Gwynne Room                        |
| Milkshake Uniform Award     | Hollee Clark & Lliam Hall                       |
| <b>2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>  |   |
| Respect                     | Clancy Kennedy                                  |
| Safety                      | Stephen Martin, Darci Mayfield & Shakaya Graham |
| Try Your Best               | Dylan Schmager & James Carey                    |
| Milkshake Uniform Award     | Tori Hehir & Peter Fitzpatrick                  |
| <b>9<sup>th</sup> June</b>  |   |
| Respect                     | Gus Ryan  |
| Safety                      | Jeffrey Tomlin & Tearnna Allcroft               |
| Try Your Best               | Taylor Gravener                                 |
| Milkshake Uniform Award     | Midas Gopolan & James Carey                     |
| <b>16<sup>th</sup> June</b> |   |
| Respect                     | Sam Donnelly & Lliam Hall                       |
| Safety                      | Ayjan Nathan                                    |
| Try Your Best               | Peter Fitzpatrick & William Mills               |
| Milkshake Uniform Award     | Ayjah Nathan, Gus Ryan & Ebony Lowrie           |

## Parents and Friends



### Mega Raffle

Thanks very much to everyone who purchased tickets we raised a total of \$918.30 to go toward the purchase of computers. Winners were:

**Club Mulwala 2 night accommodation package – Pat Kerr**

**Stanyer Engineering Workmans Package – Nicole Koopman**

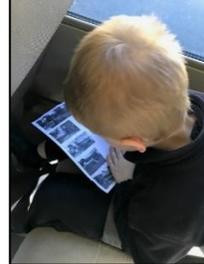
**Trailer loads of wood winners - Betty Lines, Pam Selwood and Kerry Watts**

*Thanks again to all business who generously donated prizes for our raffle.*



## Hovell Room

Our themed topic this term has been Geography and we have been busy learning about our world around us. We have looked at places within the school and what we do in that area and we have also visited numerous places within Cobram. We particularly loved our trip to Thompsons Beach where we rolled down a small sand hill, walked along the pier and balanced on a fallen log. Throughout the term we have visited the library, Safeway, the two different parks and next week we will be visiting Bluebird Childcare Centre to play in their playground.



## Hume Room



Hume Room has been very busy since the last newsletter. We have completed our maths testing with some great results, particularly in the area of money, which has been one of our maths focuses this semester.

Our class book has been 'The Very Noisy Bear', with this carrying over into dance where we have acted it out.



A new subject we have just started is technology, today everyone helped brainstorm our Newsletter and Sam helping to type it out.

## Mitchell Room

Mitchell Room has had a great term! We have been busy with our literacy and maths, along with bike ed and cooking, whereby many of the students have experienced tasting different foods such as tacos, spaghetti bolognese, sausage rolls and apple sponge.

As a class we organised a 'footy day' fundraiser to raise some funds for our camp next term which will be at Campaspe Downs in Kyneton. This was a great day as we got to meet some Melbourne football players and dress up in our favourite football team colours.

Next term we will be continue building our skills in bike ed. We are seeing great improvements in everyone, many showing an increase in confidence and balance.

Keep up the good work Mitchell Room and enjoy your well earned break!



# Senior Rooms



## Sturt Room

Term two has certainly gone fast as we now are busy finishing off many of our programs. Thanks to everyone for another great term and a great community spirit. We have had many volunteering opportunities in the community and all the students have done an amazing job at the different venues. Last Friday, Ross led the group out to PK Reserve, Muckatah to help plant 100 trees with the local Landcare group. On Tuesday, the whole class were at the community gardens again with the CAGS group to remove a pile of rubbish that has sat there for two years. We were in awe of how effective this group worked together to transfer the pile to the trailer outside and the sense of pride that was on their faces when they were finished was inspiring. It felt like we were part of a garden renovation TV show as everyone worked together and to a deadline. We now only have one task to go which is to put some granite on the paths and then the whole group will enjoy having a well-deserved BBQ there in two weeks to enjoy the area that they have transformed back to its former glory.



Our Bike Ed sessions have also come to an end this term with all students enjoying the opportunity to work on their fitness levels and challenge themselves to ride further, both out on the road and at school each week. These sessions have been used as some student's skill or physical fitness components of the Duke of Ed awards and all students have shown a commitment to the program as well as overall improvement in the topics covered this term.

## Gwynne Room

On Monday the Gwynne Room VCAL class went to the Cobram train station at 7.20am to catch the coach. The driver put all of our luggage under the coach and we got on to start our adventure. We stopped in Shepparton for a short break and picked up more passengers. More coach travel took us to Seymour train station. Excitedly we got off and carried our luggage on to the train. Soon we were on our way arriving in the city to catch a loop train to camp at 11.30am. So began our week in Melbourne. We spent the week doing a lot of things like Eureka Skydeck, Queen Victoria Market, photo trail race, Etihad Stadium tour and MSAC Flowrider and waterslide. The best part of camp is the Flowrider, it is fairly new to Melbourne, easy to travel to on a tram from the city and the water was warm!



## Kool Skools

On the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> of July Charles, Will, Dean, Ebony and Jesse will be going to Melbourne to record a song as part of the Moira Shire Youth services Kool Skools program that is funded by Freeza . We will be going to Melbourne on the Monday morning and staying in the city to be ready for our track recording taking on the singing roles. Dean will be helping with the mixing of the song, meantime Jesse has been learning the guitar and will also be practising for a singing role in the upcoming Battle of The Bands in Yarrawonga in coming months.



*By*

*Charles, Dean, Will*

## Duke of Edinburgh Presentation

As part of the Advance program each school year, all students in the senior rooms and several older students in the Mitchell room are enrolled in either the Duke of Edinburgh, Compass or Bridge Awards. As part of the program students undertake activities in the different areas, based on their interests and capabilities. Students choose individual goals from three key learning areas physical fitness, an interest or hobby and a volunteering effort. The different levels of these awards also include varying degrees of independence building experiences, camps from one night upward to at the Gold DOE level, a 5 day independent residential placement.

Students consistently improve their communication and personal skills through interacting with different members of the school and local communities as they work through the awards. Their contribution to the working of the school and to the local community members is highly valued by others and they learn that the attributes of caring and nurturing are reciprocal and necessary in a healthy community. While on camp, students worked as a team to achieve goals set by their groups. They work to develop individual skills and achieve personal challenges and support their peers.

On Friday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of June our school community invited the Moira Shire Mayor Gary Cleveland and his wife to help us celebrate the special presentation of two Gold level Awards to our 2016 graduating students Jessica Gray and Teon France. Gary also awarded all students who have received any level of the award by the end of 2016 their certificates and badges.

A morning tea was shared by Gary and the parent visitors on the day.



## Office News



The Woolworths Earn & Learn program is on again for 2017. It runs from July 26<sup>th</sup> until September 19<sup>th</sup>. Ask all your friends and family to collect stickers for our school. Over the past couple of years our school has received loads of equipment from Modern Teaching Aids as a result of this promotion.

## Compass

Great to see more families utilising our new Compass system for absences. Don't forget if you would like your log in details or a refresher on how to use Compass please contact the school. It is a great communication tool and we are hoping families will be pleased with the new report format at the end of the term.



## Meningococcal ACWY Vaccine

In 2017 the Victorian Secondary School Vaccine Program will offer free meningococcal ACWY vaccine to students ages 15 to 18 years. The vaccine provides protection against four strains of meningococcal disease (ACWY) and is administered as a single dose.

Parents/guardians of students in this age group will receive a Meningococcal ACWY Secondary School Vaccine Program consent card shortly. You need to read the information, complete and return the card regardless of whether your child is being vaccinated at school.

Adolescents are at increased risk of meningococcal disease. Although uncommon, it can become life-threatening, very quickly. There are different strains of meningococcal bacteria known by letters of the alphabet, including meningococcal A, B, C, W and Y. In recent years, the meningococcal W strain has increased across Australia, with Victoria experiencing 11 cases to date in 2017 and 48 cases in 2016, compared to 17 cases in 2015, four in 2014 and one in 2013. It is now the predominant strain in Victoria.

To learn more about meningococcal disease, the meningococcal ACWY vaccine and how you can prepare your child for vaccination, visit [betterhealth.vic.gov.au](http://betterhealth.vic.gov.au) or [immunehero.health.vic.gov.au](http://immunehero.health.vic.gov.au)

## State Schools Relief Fundraiser

**THURSDAY, 29<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

State Schools'  
Relief Annual  
Fundraiser.

On Topsy Turvy Day all it takes is a gold coin and a back-to-front jumper to tackle disadvantage

Help us to make sure your mates have the right stuff!

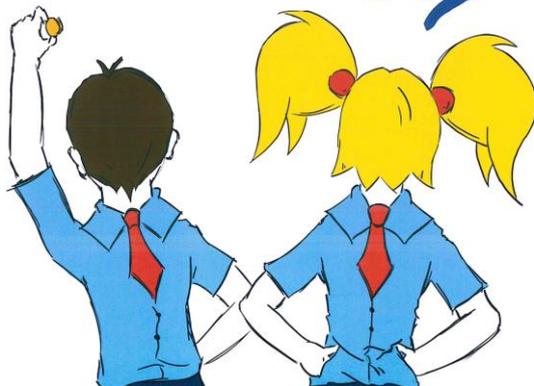
Children and teachers can join in by wearing either their school uniform or free dress clothes backwards, and donating a gold coin.

100% of donations goes directly to helping kids in Victoria.



*Confidence to connect*

**topsy turvy day**



## GV LIBRARY SCHOOL HOLIDAY PROGRAM

### Holiday Programs

Phone 1300 374 765 for bookings

#### Rainbow Serpent Craft

Ages 5+

Transform paper chains into a rainbow serpent puppet. Draw designs on each strip of paper to make your serpent really unique.

Yarrowonga Library  
Wed 5 July, 11.00am

Euroa Library  
Wed 5 July, 11.00am

Mooroopna Library  
Wed 5 July, 10.30am



#### Paper Flower Making

Ages 8+ accompanied by a parent or carer.

Learn how to make beautiful paper flowers out of pages from old books.

Cobram Library  
Thurs 13 July, 11.00am



1300 374 765  
gvlibraries.com.au

### Craft on Tap

#### Scrunch Art

Ages 5+

Scrunch and colour to make your own masterpiece any time during open hours, all holidays.

*Parents or carers need to accompany children under 10 years as this is not a supervised program.*

Mooroopna Library

Shepparton Library

Tatura Library

Euroa Library

Violet Town Library

Cobram Library

Nathalia Library

Numurkah Library



#### Stained Glass Craft

Ages 7+

Create beautiful window art with cellophane any time during open hours, all holidays.

*Parents or carers need to accompany children under 10 years as this is not a supervised program.*

Nagambie Library



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#### Paper Spinners

Ages 7+

Design, decorate and make your own paper spinner.

Nagambie Library  
Wed 5 July, 2.00pm

Shepparton Library  
Thurs 6 July, 11.00am

Cobram Library  
Thurs 6 July, 11.00am

Euroa Library  
Wed 12 July, 11.00am

Tatura Library  
Thurs 13 July, 2.00pm



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### Library Activities

Phone 1300 374 765 for more information

#### Rhyme & Story Time Sessions

Ages 3 to 6 years

Enjoy rhymes, stories and a craft activity.

Shepparton Library  
Mon 3 July, 10.30am  
Fri 7 July, 10.30am  
Mon 10 July, 10.30am  
Fri 14 July, 10.30am

Cobram Library  
Fri 7 July, 10.30am  
Fri 14 July, 10.30am

Yarrowonga Library  
Fri 7 July, 10.30am  
Fri 14 July, 10.30am

Nathalia Library  
Tues 11 July, 11.00am

Euroa Library  
Wed 12 July, 10.30am



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#### Baby Time Sessions

Ages 0 to 2 years

Share songs, finger play, rhymes and a story with your baby

Shepparton Library  
Wed 5 July, 10.30am  
Wed 12 July, 10.30am



#### NAIDOC Week Colour In Comp

Ages 0+

Come in to any GV Library during opening hours and work on your entry for the NAIDOC Week colouring competition. Feel free to take an entry home to complete and drop it back to the library by the 16th of July.

All winners will be notified.

