

**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 have been busy assessing students and writing reports. Please take time to read your child's report, which will be uploaded to Compass, on Thursday.

Good luck to Jayanna as she ventures into another job next year.

Wishing Tarra a safe and happy transition as she takes up a new teaching position in Melbourne.

We look forward to Hannah returning two days a week in 2020. Max, who is very well known to the students, will team-teach with Hannah in the Mitchell room.

Congratulations to Lili who was the successful candidate for our ESS position. Maddi Cooksey will be a new trainee in 2020. Di Wright will also be joining the school as an ESS next year.

I hope you have an enjoyable and safe holiday.

*Leah Willis*

*Principal*

**VCAL-Ebony Lowrie**

**IMPORTANT DIARY DATES**

19 <sup>th</sup> December	Last day of Term 4
28 <sup>th</sup> January	First day for staff
29 <sup>th</sup> January	SSG appointments-times were sent home with forms pack on Transition Day
30 <sup>th</sup> January	First day for students

**Fundraising Sub Committee**



*Thank you to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for our Christmas raffle. Winners were:*

*1<sup>st</sup> Prize Michelle Pearson*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Emma Koopman*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Sarah, Yarrawonga*

*Our Fundraising Sub Committee has had a very successful year and were happy to contribute \$3300 toward the purchase of two new ovens for the school's cooking program.*



## 2019 Award Winners

### Montana & Cadel Memorial Award

*Winner -Sam Donnelly*

*Runners up - Gary Gill, Ayjah Nathan, Xavier North, Laurie Norgate & Shakaya Griffin-Roberts*

### Kirilee Thompson Friendship Award

*Nick Harbrow*

### Cobram Rotary Award

*Bella Brown-Singh*

### Soroptomist International Cobram Barooga Awards

*Keely Thorpe & Ebony Lowrie*

### Cobram Barooga RSL Award

*Nick Harbrow*

### Lions Club of Cobram

*Alex Beurs*

### Cobram Support & Information Service Inc

*Cassius-Clay Bishop-Gordon*

*Dean Wellington*

*Gary Gill*

*Angus Linder-Mason*

*Gus Ryan*

### Student of the Year

**Hovell** – *Cassius-Clay Bishop-Gordon*

**Hume**-*Liam Jeffress*

**Gwynne**-*Jack Jenvey-Burke*

**Mitchell**-*Noah Ferguson*

**Sturt**-*Stephen Martin*

**VCAL**-*Ebony Lowrie*



### Term 4

*Mortada Ghaloom, Ned Quinane, Mia Giddings, Sami Brown, Logan Palmer & Matt Nieuwenhout*

## Student Awards

<b>18<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Clancy Kennedy &amp; James Price</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Bentley Goldsack &amp; Midas Gopolan</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Stephen Martin &amp; Nick Harbrow</i>
<b>25<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Chris Harbrow &amp; Matt Nieuwenhout</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Dean Wellington</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Dean Cabading, Dylan Schmager &amp; Sami Brown</i>
<i>Milkshake Uniform Award</i>	<i>Matthew Peters</i>



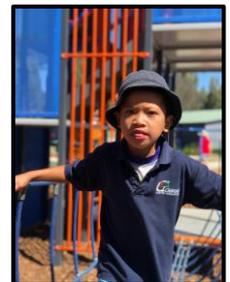


<b>2<sup>nd</sup> December</b>	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Garry Gill &amp; Taylor Gravener</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Joel Wellington &amp; Shanelle Wellington</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Matthew Peters, Liam Jeffress &amp; Keely Thorpe</i>
<b>9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Boe Dougherty &amp; Tearnal Allcroft</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Ella Stephens</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Midas Gopalan &amp; Hayley Hendrie</i>
<i>Milkshake Uniform Award</i>	<i>Archie Shannon &amp; Peter Fitzpatrick</i>
<b>16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Ned Quinane, Anikia Welch, Laurie Norgate &amp; Gus Ryan</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Bentley Goldsack &amp; Jack Jenvey-Burke</i>
<i>Milkshake Uniform Award</i>	<i>Logan Palmer &amp; Gus Ryan</i>

### Hovell Room



What a year we have had watching the students grow and develop. Faye, Haylea, Kristy and I feel privileged to be able to share this journey with them. The students loved the end of year excursion to the Tocumwal Splash Park and were so excited in the lead up and on the day itself. We have combined art and science as we focused on wet and dry and are now participating in Christmas art. We wish everybody a happy and safe holiday and look forward to seeing you all next year.



### Hume Room

At the end of November, we went to Deniliquin for a three day camp. It was very exciting for most of us as it was our first time away from home. We stopped at the Long Table Café in Blighty where we had yummy pancakes for morning tea. Kathy and Daniel showed us around their farm and we milked the goat, fed the cow, talked to the pigs and turkeys, and looked at the other animals. After homemade pizzas for lunch, we played with Daisy (the baby goat who we were asked to name) before heading out to the Big 4 Holiday Park, on the Edward River. After finding our cabins, we quickly unpacked and spent the whole afternoon at the splash park and in the pool. Later, after pasta for dinner, we went for a walk around the park before returning to the giant pillow for a play. On day two, we drove into Deniliquin and strolled along the river boardwalk to the Island Sanctuary, before having morning tea at the playground. With students eager to have another swim, we returned back to the park. After



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lunch, we had a fun session on the go-carts and jumping pillow, before heading back to the pool area. For dinner, we had pasta, pizza and chicken before walking down to the river bank which was very enjoyable. We strolled back to our cabins and got ready for bed. On our last day, we had breakfast, packed up and were back in the pool by 9am, before having a picnic for morning tea at the park. We picked up chips, potato cakes and dim sims for lunch and ate it at the playground in Deniliquin, before heading back to school. We had a fantastic time and want to thank Lisa, Jayanna and Carolyn for taking us.

The year has come to an end and we have had such a busy, but, wonderful time. We wish everyone a very merry Christmas and a happy new year, from the Hume room.



## Gwynne Room

We have had a great year in the Gwynne Room. The students have worked really well and should be proud of their efforts. They have followed the school values of Respect, Safety and Try Your Best when at school or out in the community. We have had lots of personal achievements during the year, congratulations to everyone! It has been a pleasure to see Sam smile and to listen to joking Jack. Mia has been a wonderful organiser in our room and Taylor entertains us with his laughter. Midas is a friend to all and Seth enjoys to share a joke with everyone. Jeffrey has a great imagination and Joel is a huge fan of Minecraft. Dylan has been the best class helper. Thank you all for your wonderful personalities.



We had a great end of year celebration at Yarrawonga Holiday Park where we had access to the water park, jumping pillow and playground. The students had a great time and enjoyed chips, potato cakes and dim sims for lunch. We welcome Beau to the Gwynne room next year. We wish everyone a happy and safe Christmas and holidays. See you all in 2020.



## Mitchell Room

For the last term of the year, Mitchell Room students have pushed through and finished strong. At the beginning of the term there were winners all round during the Verney Road Inter-schools athletics day in Shepparton. The Writer's Workshop enabled all students to demonstrate what they have been learning in these sessions, by producing beautifully written memorial pieces about several local WW1 heroes. These tributes were displayed around the community by the Cobram & Barooga RSL committee for Remembrance Day. Lots of fun was had making Mitchell the Scarecrow for the annual Cobram Show, with Mitchell coming in at 2<sup>nd</sup> place. Mid-term was spent further developing water safety skills at Victoria Lake, Shepparton. It was a real treat to be able to learn about yachting and adopting even more safety skills whilst using a boat. Now the term is coming to a close the students are now looking forward to spending a little down time with their friends and families over the festive holidays.





It has been a real pleasure to work with the Mitchell Room students, both past and present, I will be sad to say goodbye and will miss them all. Thank you to all the families for their support and trust throughout my time here, your endorsement of our wonderful learning environment is what makes our school so wonderful. I couldn't ask for a better group of parents to work alongside. Thank you to support staff Matt, Julie, Bec and Denise for the dedication that you show, all day every day, and to Bree and her team of Sturt students for "Hot Food Thursday's", VCAL PBS students, Terry and all bus staff. All that's left for me to say is, merry Christmas and a happy new year for 2020. Best wishes and kind regards for the future. Tarra.



## Senior Rooms



### Sturt

It has been a big year in Sturt this year with new students joining our class, a camp to the beach, many programs, and students leaving our school at the end of this week. A highlight of the year was our camp to Mt Eliza. Students were able to experience the beach, it was just a little bit cold for everyone to swim, complete confidence building activities including high rolling course and enjoy the beautiful surroundings of the Mornington Peninsula. Everyone had a great time with students all displaying the school values. This year students have participated in lots of programs this year, working on literacy, numeracy, life skills, community engagement, fine motor. The lunch order program was a highlight with students making and delivering the order forms, counting the money, shopping, food preparation, cooking and delivering lunch orders every week. Other programs included Meals On Wheels, Community Garden, Metal Work at Cobram Secondary Collage, Duke of Ed, Bike Ed, Swimming, STEM and the School Mail. Thank you to everyone that has made these programs possible. SPEC seen students visit the zoo, meet animals including camels, and learn what is required to care for a pet. Students also learnt about different types of healthy and un healthy food as well as trying different new foods. During the SPEC literacy program students learnt new word and what them meant. Three students are leaving Sturt this year, Laurie, Stephen and Darci. The class wishes them all the best in their future and they will be much missed. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to everyone and have a safe and happy holidays.



### VCAL

#### Advance Morning Tea Celebration



The Advance program was celebrated with an end semester presentation in December. The funding for this program is used by the Mitchell, Sturt and Gwynne rooms to contribute to the delivery of the Duke of Ed, Compass and Bridge awards across our school.

