

Principal's Report

We pass on our condolences to Kerry Watts and her family on the passing away of her mother early this week.

We wish Paul Quinane luck on his 321 Ride for Down Syndrome. He leaves next Monday and returns to Cobram on Tuesday.

Parents and Friends AGM will be held next Friday 24th March.

It was great to hear how well the students swam and represented our school at the interschool swimming sports yesterday in Mooroopna.

Matt participated in the World's Greatest Shave yesterday. Thanks to the community who donated money towards this great cause.

Joseph is attending a Little Learners PD in Melbourne today. The knowledge he will gain will enhance the literacy skills of the students.

Students will celebrate Harmony day next Tuesday 21st March. They are asked to wear orange to school.

The school term is drawing to the end. School breaks up at 3pm on Friday 31st March.

Leah Willis

Principal

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Monday 20 th March	School Council @ 5pm
Tuesday 21 st March	Harmony Day-wear something orange
Friday 24 th March	Easter Raffle Draw @ Assembly/P&F AGM 2.00pm
Friday 31 st March	Last Day Term 1
Tuesday 18 th April	First Day Term 2
Tuesday 25 th April	ANZAC Day-Public Holiday

Office News

PLEASE NOTE THAT I MADE A MISTAKE WITH BANKING INFORMATION ON THE ORIGINAL FEES NOTE THAT WENT HOME. CORRECT INFORMATION IS:

BSB: 063 554

ACCOUNT NUMBER: 10185506

REFERENCE: 'CHILD'S SURNAME'



Student Awards

17th February	
Respect	<i>Seth Mumford & Scott Johnson</i>
Safety	<i>Bella Brown-Singh</i>
Try Your Best	<i>Cody Connelly & Shakaya Graham</i>
Milkshake Uniform Award	<i>Scott Johnson & Shakaya Graham</i>
24th February	
Respect	<i>Taylor Gravener & Anikia Welch</i>
Safety	<i>Nick Harbrow, Tori Hehir & Charles Tomlin</i>
Try Your Best	<i>Keely Thorpe</i>
Milkshake Uniform Award	<i>Mitchell Viney & Bella Brown-Singh</i>
3rd March	
Respect	<i>Matthew Nieuwenhout & Laurie Norgate</i>
Safety	<i>Liam Jeffress & Chris Harbrow</i>
Try Your Best	<i>Matthew Peters</i>
Milkshake Uniform Award	<i>Sam Donnelly, Cooper Scott & Ayjah Nathan</i>
	<i>Matthew Peters, Paul Murray & Boston Haimona</i>
10th March	
Respect	<i>Ned Quinane</i>
Safety	<i>Boston Haimona</i>
Try Your Best	<i>Laurie Norgate & Ebony Lowrie</i>
Milkshake Uniform Award	<i>Cody Connelly, Caitlyn Koopman & Chris Harbrow</i>
17th March	
Respect	<i>Ella Busch</i>
Safety	<i>Jordan Gravener, Peter Fitzpatrick & Gwynne Room</i>
Try Your Best	<i>Dylan Schmager, Xavier North & Angus Linder-Mason</i>
Milkshake Uniform Award	<i>Shakaya Graham & Nathan Hendrie</i>
PBS Yard Award	<i>Clancy Kennedy</i>

Parents and Friends



AGM is on Friday 24th March at 2.00pm here at the school.
Easter Raffle tickets need to be returned by Wednesday 22nd March.



Hovell Room

In the Hovell Room we have been learning about our families. We love looking at photos and showing each other the different people in our families. We have noticed that some of us have big families and some have small families. We have also been learning about different parts of our bodies and this has helped us to draw our family members in more detail.

Show 'n' tell has also been a big success. Everybody has a special day to bring something from home to show the grade. We love to stand in front of the grade and have our turn. We use an ALD to help us think of the words we need to describe our item. Below is a list of our special day.

Monday	Clancy	Ayjah
Tuesday	Matthew	
Wednesday	Paul	Boston
Thursday	Archie	Bella
Friday	Taylor	Ella

Mitchell Room

Mitchell Room have had a great term so far! Our timetable is in full swing, having been swimming weekly and we have been doing our fortnightly cooking program. So far we have made chicken and vegie stir fry, pizzas and yesterday we made zucchini slice, which was a huge hit!

In literacy we have been focusing on initial sounds and blend sounds, with the last fortnight being focused around 'S' words.

Already our handwriting has come a long way!

In maths we have spent most of our time doing number and money.

On Wednesday we were fortunate enough to spend the day at the 'Special Schools Swimming Carnival' in Mooroopna. All the students were fantastically behaved (considering the heat) and tried their best when competing. Well done everyone!



Senior Rooms



Sturt Room

Our metal and wood work programs are well under way, thanks to Adam for taking the selected students for both these programs at our school and at the Cobram Secondary College.





RDA started last week but due to paperwork not arriving at the Cobram branch, our students were not able to start riding. They did however, have fun with the horses and had a go at grooming them.

Our swimmers braved the cold pool to compete in the swimming sports against Verney Road and Echuca on Wednesday. Competing in at least three events each, some students represented the school in relays and novelty events. Each student is to be congratulated on their effort and behaviour at Mooroopna. Below is what the class had to say about the day:

Matt: It was awesome because we won the relay.

Cody: It was fun.

Stephen: It was fun because I did well in the backstroke.

Laurie: It was cold and I got two forth places.

Nathan: I came first in the Breaststroke and the relay.

Nick: It was a great day.

Tori: The swimming sports were good, I had fun.

Jesse: Sports were good, I came forth in Breaststroke.

Jordan: I had a good time because I was there with all my friends.

Peter: Swimming made me feel excited.



On Thursday 16th of March 2017 we hosted the World's Greatest Shave to help beat blood cancer. The Leukaemia Foundation is the organisation that supports the World's Greatest Shave around the country in March each year. We aimed to get raise \$750 as a goal for Matt to shave off his beard and we raised way more than this! At the start of Friday 17th of March we had banked \$1014 and had more to bank.

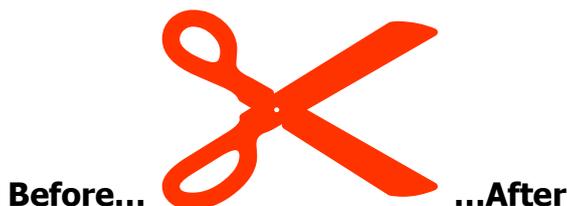
By the 1st of March we had raised \$456.30 from our first fundraiser and online donations so you can see we had lots of support in a few weeks' time. Our class is so happy and would like to thank all the supporters of the event.

Matt shaved his beard at a special assembly on Thursday 16th at 2:30pm in our multipurpose room helped by Ray the barber from Cobram and photographed by Lachlan from the Cobram Courier.



Early on Matt was worried we wouldn't raise much money; he was sure we could not make the goal. We planned and held our crazy hair day the chin face biscuits fundraisers and casual clothes days in March and they were very successful too. People dropped into our school to donate as well as online. All staff at school and our supporters have been awesome (especially families who helped our students be involved over the weeks and sent in extra donations on the special days!) We also need to thank local florists for pumping up our balloons on the shave day and for helping us out when we asked especially the Yarrowonga and Cobram newspapers for publicising the event.

You all deserve a big thank you for supporting the Leukaemia Foundation!



PBS



We have started the year with a new Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) yard award system. Students who are observed following our school values: Respect, Safety and/or Try Your Best within the playground, are awarded a token. You would have seen some of these come home in their bag. These tokens are then tallied and students are able to cash them in once they have earned three, five or ten tokens.

The more tokens you save, the greater the reward. Many of the senior students are keen to save them up in order to earn a frozen coke, other students choose free time on the trampoline or swing, while others choose lollies, stickers or small figurines.

Our new yard system is running smoothly as students are keen to earn tokens and our senior students are doing a great job



of running the program, recording the tokens and assisting others to cash in and claim their reward. Some of the senior students even went shopping and collected the prizes.



Community News

Goulburn Valley Dental Service



WHO CAN USE THE SCHOOL DENTAL SERVICE (SDS)?

- All primary school children in grades prep to six
- All children enrolled in Special or Special Development Schools
- Children in years seven to twelve whose parents hold a current Concession or Health Care Card
- All children aged 2-17 years of age eligible for the Child Dental Benefit Schedule (Funded by Medicare)

HOW OFTEN CAN I USE THE SDS?

Once enrolled, your child will receive a notice of offer every 12 or 24 Months according to their identified risk status.

Low Risk:

- Children at low-risk of dental disease will be contacted every 24 months

High Risk:

- Children at high-risk will be contacted every 12 months

WHAT DOES IT COST?

- The service is free as well as Medicare Bulk Billing

HOW TO MAKE AN APPOINTMENT FOR YOUR CHILD?

Please have your P.C.C/H.C.C (if applicable) and your Medicare card available and contact Goulburn Valley Dental Service on telephone **58 323 006** between 8.30. and 5.pm, Monday to Friday.

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Starring **JOHN WOOD & CHRIS PIDD**

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ST JOSEPH'S PRIMARY SCHOOL
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SUN 26TH MARCH
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FREE EVENT. Performance, Q & A, Meet & Greet, BBQ
Please collect tickets from the Cobram Visitor Information Centre

Carpe Diem is an Arts and Health Initiative for Healthier Communities

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THE DIVERSITY
AND RICHNESS
OF OUR
CULTURES.
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MIVO PARK - COBRAM
2.00PM TO 6.00PM

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