

**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

The term has ended quickly.

Teachers have spent many hours assessing and reporting each child's progress. Reports can be accessed on Compass. Please take time to read them and celebrate achievements with your child.

Thanks to the families who attended our successful Award's afternoon.

The students have had fun attending end of year activities.

Thanks to the staff for a great year and a well-earned break.

We look forward to next year with more enrolments and some new staff.

Enjoy a safe holiday.

Leah Willis  
Principal



### **2018 Award Winners**

**Montana & Cadel Memorial Award**

*Ella Stephens*

**Kirilee Thompson Friendship Award**

*Gus Ryan*

**Cobram Rotary Award**

*Cooper Scott*

**Soroptomist International Cobram Barooga Awards**

*Mia Giddings & Hayley Hendrie*

**Cobram Support & Information Service Inc**

*Gus Ryan*

*Cody Connelly*

*Scott Johnson*

*Boston Haimona*

*Tearna Allcroft*

**Student of the Year**

**Hovell – Ayjah Nathan**

**Hume-Rivvah Dean**

**Mitchell-Anikia Welch**

**Sturt-Peter Fitzpatrick**

**Gwynne-Dean White**





<b>IMPORTANT DIARY DATES</b>	
20 <sup>th</sup> December	Students – last day
29 <sup>th</sup> January	First day for staff
30 <sup>th</sup> January	SSG appointments
31 <sup>st</sup> January	First day for all students
19 <sup>th</sup> February	School Photos

<b>Student Awards</b>	
<b>19<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
Respect	Matthew Peters
Safety	Midas Gopolan & Laurie Norgate, Charles Tomlin
Try Your Best	Hollee Clark & Hayley Hendrie
<b>26<sup>th</sup> November</b>	
Safety	Ayjah Nathan
Respect	Seth Mumford & Tearnal Allcroft
Try Your Best	Stephen Martin & Matthew Nieuwenhout
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	
Respect	Cooper Scott & Mitchell Viney
Safety	Gus Ryan
Try Your Best	Ella Stephens & Taylor Gravener
<b>10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
Respect	Bella Brown-Singh
Safety	Tori Hehir &
Try Your Best	Dylan Schmager & Sam Donnelly
Milkshake Uniform Award	Zoe Kaine & Keely Thorpe
<b>17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	
Respect	Rivviah Dean & Whole Mitchell Room
Safety	Clancy Kennedy
Try Your Best	Ebony Lowrie, Charles Tomlin, Matt Nieuwenhout, Dean White & Jesse Beresford
<b>TERM 4 PRINCIPAL AWARD WINNERS</b>	Archie Shannon, Jeffrey Tomlin, Chris Harbrow, Cooper Scott, Ebony Lowrie

### **Fundraising Sub Committee**

Thankyou to everyone who purchased tickets in our Christmas Voucher raffle. We made a profit of \$254.90

Winners were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize      \$250 Wish voucher & hamper – Lisa Brown
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize      \$150 Coles/Myer voucher & hamper – Laurie Norgate
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize      \$100 Ritchies IGA voucher & hamper - Pam





## Office News

### School Photos

We have organised for school photos to be taken on 19<sup>th</sup> February, 2019. This enables us to have up to date photos of all students, including new enrolments, for our school administration systems. Order forms will be sent home in the first week of school.

### Hovell Room

We would like to thank all the students in the Hovell Room for letting us be a part of their learning and growing. They have provided us with lots of laughs along the way and we are so proud of their achievements. Thank you also to the parents for the support they have showed us as we journey in your child's development together.

### Hume Room

We have had a wonderful year in the Hume Room, thanks to the wonderful staff members who have supported your child with their learning journey and to the students for all their hard work. We wish our transitioning students- Mia, Midas, Rivvah, Jeffrey and Taylor all the best for their new classrooms and welcome Boston, Ayjah and Matthew to our room in 2019.

### Mitchell Room

We have had a busy year in the Mitchell Room with a change of teacher half way through the year and some new students. Thank you to everyone for working together to make the year a success. We hope that all families have a fabulous Christmas and enjoy their holidays. Staff look forward to seeing everyone back at school on the 31<sup>st</sup> January refreshed and ready for another year.

### Senior Rooms



### Sturt Room

Sturt room have been working hard all year, and are looking forward to 2019. We would like to thank everyone who has helped us this year and supported the programs we have delivered, including lunch orders and Dog tags.

We wish the students leaving our room next year all the best, especially Nathan, Tori and Zoe as they depart our school and embark on new adventures, you will be greatly missed.

Sturt room will have lots of new adventures next year and look forward to having new faces in the room.

We hope everyone has a safe and Happy Christmas and a Happy New Year.





## Gwynne Room



*2018 will go down as a milestone year in our short VCAL history at CDSS. Looking back from this end of the year we have made a long list of first time events for the original 9 students in the Gwynne room who started together in February:*

- Two students have gained ongoing employment and training linked to courses offered to the group, one being a full time apprenticeship.
- Our students became linked to Gotafe Youth Engagement Officer as part of creating career pathways as students move through senior school.
- All students undertook independent VET Hospitality employment placement.
- Six students of the original 9 are in part time employment.
- All 8 who finished the year have passed 3 VCAL curriculum subjects this year.
- All 8 students who finished the year have successfully completed their VET course.
- Together we had the most adventurous journey as part of our Duke of Ed requirements that I have ever taken students on, with 3 nights living on board the 36ft Dafour yachts on the Gippsland Lakes.
- Work experience was undertaken by 3 students (some students completed placement and work experience in 2018).
- As a team we hosted events here at school and participated in community events out in the wider community and we almost recorded on the Kool Skools cd!

As we shared a lunch out together this week we all got just a little sentimental and shared some tales that stood out from 2018. I guess Ed Sheeran best sums up the feeling of our graduating students with the following verse from one of his popular songs:-

*Found my heart and broke it here  
Made friends and lost them through the years  
And I've not seen the roaring fields in so long, I know I've grown  
But I can't wait to go home!*

Thank you to Matt and the VCAL group for a fantastic 2018 full of amazing experiences!

