

### **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**

We have had a very busy start to the year. There have been four new enrolments since the beginning of the term and another two to dual enrol in term 2. Currently we have 60 students, which is a large increase from last year.

Due the increase in enrolments, Jo Morris (art teacher) will take on a full time teaching role. This will allow us to have six classes. The structure of the new classes will be sent home as soon as they have been finalised.

We pass on our thoughts to Cooper's family who lost their house and belongings in a house fire last week. To raise some funds to help support Cooper, we will hold an out of uniform day on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March. We would like students to bring a monetary donation in exchange for wearing casual clothes.

Our PBS team consists of six members. We are all attending two days training in Melbourne on 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> March.

Our leadership team consisting of Leah, Robyn and Lisa will travel to Melbourne on 21<sup>st</sup> March to attend a professional development day on Understanding Curriculum and Assessment Resources. This Friday Leah and Robyn will be present at the area meeting in Wallan. The agenda is focusing on writing which is a goal in our 2019 Annual Implementation Plan. As our Learning Specialist, Robyn will be introducing the Writers Workshop across the school. This blends in nicely with our Four Blocks Literacy Model.

On 3<sup>rd</sup> April, on behalf of all the Cobram schools, I have organised Tracy Porter to present a **Cyber Safety** session to students and parents at St Joseph's Primary. The students from our middle and senior years will attend sessions throughout the day and there will be a parent session at 6.30 that evening. Please put this date in your diary, as it is a very informative and important session for Parents to attend.

*Leah Willis*

*Principal*

### **IMPORTANT DIARY DATES**

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	Out of Uniform Day
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> March	NO SCHOOL
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Cultural Diversity Day Yarrawonga-VCAL
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	School Council
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Purple Day-fundraiser for epilepsy
Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	Cyber Safety Parent Session @ St Joseph's Primary 6.30pm
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	Immunisations
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Last day term 1-2.30pm finish
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	First day term 2



## Student Awards

<b>11<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Safety	Chris Harbrow & Nick Harbrow
Try Your Best	Archie Shannon, Matthew Peters & All Mitchell Room
Milkshake Uniform Award	Seth Mumford
<b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Respect	Liam Jeffress & Ben Hall
Safety	Cassius-Clay Gordon
Try Your Best	Peter Fitzpatrick & Cody Connelly
Milkshake Uniform Award	Anikia Welch & Noah Ferguson
<b>25<sup>th</sup> February</b>	
Respect	Hayley Hendrie & Gus Ryan
Safety	Taylor Gravener & Sam Donnelly
Try Your Best	Paul Murray
Milkshake Uniform Award	Sami Brown & Lliam Hall



*Our school assembly is run each Monday at 9.15am in the multi-purpose room.  
All parents are welcome to join us.*

## Office News



*If you would like to receive your newsletter by email rather than a print out please advise the school via our email  
[cobram.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au](mailto:cobram.sds@edumail.vic.gov.au)*

*This is particularly relevant to all our new families.*

## School Photos

*School photos will be available in 2-3 weeks. If you missed ordering you can call in to Cobram Photos and place your order.*



*We have two parent vacancies for school council commencing in March 2019. If you would like to learn a little more about how our school is run then this is your opportunity. These positions run for two years and the group meets twice per term. Meetings generally commence at 5.30pm for about one hour. If you are interested in nominating please contact the office for a nomination form, we cannot have school council without these positions filled.*



## **CAMPS, SPORTS & EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)**

School camps provide children with inspiring experiences in the great outdoors, excursions encourage a deeper understanding of how the world works and sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are part of a healthy curriculum.

CSEF is provided by the Victorian Government to assist eligible families to cover the costs of school trips, camps and sporting activities.

If you hold a valid means-tested concession card or are a temporary foster parent, you may be eligible for CSEF. A special consideration category also exists for asylum seeker and refugee families. The allowance is paid to the school to use towards expenses relating to camps, excursions or sporting activities for the benefit of your child.

The annual CSEF amount per student is:

- \$125 for primary school students
- \$225 for secondary school students

Please contact the office if you require a form to complete, we will also need to take a copy of your concession card.

### **Hovell Room**

What a great start to the year we have had in the Hovell Room. We have welcomed new preps; Cassius, Jake, Mortada and Garry to our class as well as returning student Dean. All students are doing a great job at learning the routines of school. We have begun our stadium program with Adam and Alan, which seems to be a big hit with all students, we have learnt how to follow the leader and play some ball games. On Wednesday, the new preps stay at home for a rest, whilst the remaining students go to swimming and enjoy an art session with Joanne in the afternoon. In PBS we have been working on staying with the group when out walking as a class, as well as how to stay in our chairs to be respectful listeners. Well done to all Hovell room students for a great start to the school year.



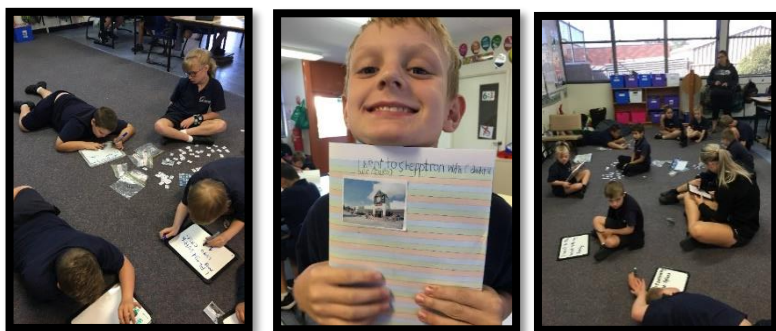
### **Hume Room**



The Hume Room has had a very busy start to the year and only last week, welcomed another new student, Joshua. We have a great group of enthusiastic learners who are keen to have a go at all the exciting programs our room offers. Many of these programs are now under way, with students learning the routines and expectations quickly. In our community access program, weekly rotations of shopping, library and the gardens have proved very popular with the aim being to: do some personal shopping, select reading material and help keep the Community Gardens looking neat and tidy.



Over the past few weeks, we have worked on making a Photo story about our summer holidays. It is now completed and can be found on our school's Facebook page. Students are very proud of the final result as they had to complete a number of activities using their sentence strips – in their books, on whiteboards and laptops before making a class book, as well.



## Mitchell Room



### **The Mitchell Room students have had a great kick start in their new room for 2019!**

Already they have taken part in many activities. There were keen individuals who formed a Cobram Special School team to play at a T20 cricket event in Shepparton for special schools and the team did exceptionally well, winning one and drawing one. Today was the annual inter-special schools swimming carnival at Mooroopna (photos above) and it was great to see families arrive to cheer on and watch our students receive ribbons for the many events they took part in. Further still, it has been an exciting time with the introduction of some new programmes, as well as continuing with some of the old. On a weekly basis Mitchell Room students get to enjoy the STEM technology sessions with Joe, which have included flying a drone and making a personalised jigsaw puzzle. Other tasks are also being experienced and appreciated such as maintaining different aspects of the outdoor learning environment, but watch this space for more news and updates on this.

So for now it's goodbye from Anikia, Ben, Jack, James, Jeffrey, Keely, Lliam, Noah, Sam, Sami, Tearnna, Xavier, Matt, Lisa, Helen and Tarra.





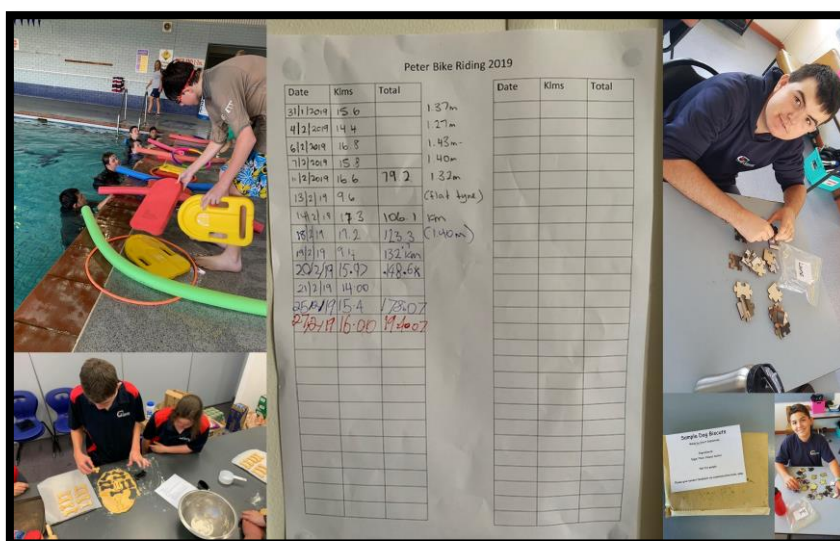


### Sturt Room

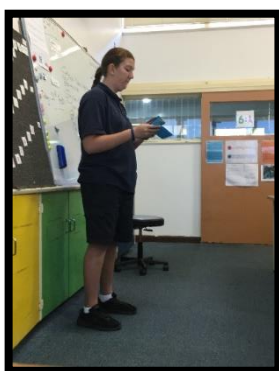
Sturt Industries have been busy making dog biscuits, order forms will hopefully be made public soon. We have also had some dog tag orders come in.

The hard work during our weekly swimming lessons really paid off at Thursday's swimming sports with all students showing a great deal of improvement and having a fun and successful day. Most of the students have been working on their career action plans and exploring possible future careers, exiting times ahead.

All students have started their Duke of Ed. goals for the year. Peter has done an amazing job riding 194km already this term, as his physical recreation goal. Great work



### Welcome to VCAL



VCAL is off to a busy start in our new classrooms at Cobram Primary School. We have had a visitor to the school for Road Smart Road Safety. The message shared was that road safety is a shared responsibility for all users. Some of us are getting our L's soon so this was good to hear.

Last week Les and Robyn Harrison helped Leah select a student for the public speaking section of Leo of the Year. Congratulations to Shakaya for winning the competition. Shakaya will go on to Yarrowonga to participate in the next round of public speaking on Sunday March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Duke of Ed camp planning for Boho South practice camp has begun this week. Our camp is in the last week of this term. In our program we have started fitness and mindfulness on Friday's. We go to the gym in Barooga as part of our Duke of Ed awards.

I have joined the group this year and it's been a busy start to the year and we are all excited to see what the year brings.

*Sharelle*





On Wednesday the 20<sup>th</sup> of February, the youth council members went to Apex Park in Cobram where Saputo Inc. Chief Executive, Lino Saputo announced to everybody there at the meeting that he is donating a cheque of \$65,000 toward the Cobram Roar Soccer Club. There were a lot of people from the Moira Shire community there and lots of very happy people. Our Mayor Libro Mustica was there to receive

the cheque. The money donated will go toward the Cobram community soccer pavilion.



This year we are trying to have less rubbish go into the school bins for kerbside collection. A team of VCAL students are trying to reduce the amount of rubbish our students send to landfill.

In our school every class has the following -

A kitchen caddy for food waste disposal

A recycle bin labelled to help sort the waste

A general waste for non-recyclable/ reused items.

Some classes have a red recycle bin for soft plastic recycling.

Each week VCAL students collect the red recycle bags from the rooms and take them to community drop off hopper at Woolworths.

The VCAL class assists the school with waste reduction and kerbside bins waste disposal. We have investigated nude food (food without packaging) and all agree that bringing your school snacks in a plastic container and not a plastic bag or in glade wrap will reduce the amount of waste going into the school bins. This will also help the environment in the future. We thank everyone on behalf of the planet for helping keep our rubbish sorted!



## Around the School

### PBS

The students are cashing in the yard tickets every day. It helps us, the PBS Student leaders, in Duke of Ed Award by adding to our volunteer hours.

Students get yard tickets that are one of the colours that match our school values of Safety, Respect and Try Your Best.

We have a PBS student team who manages the yard reward system, with help from Di and the staff PBS team. PBS yard tickets is a great system and the students like it. The way it works is that, students get a PBS ticket from the staff that are on yard duty. The staff look for students that are being, Respectful, Safe and Trying their Best out in the yard.

*Cody and Scott*



## Community News

### Goulburn Valley Dental Service

Graham St

Shepparton 3630

Dental Reception Phone: 58323 050

### YOUR GUIDE TO THE SCHOOL DENTAL PROGRAM AT 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)

#### 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.

Your child will not be placed on a waiting list for dental care.

## Cobram Bluebird After School Care Program

Come in and see what our service can provide at  
Cobram Bluebird Preschool Educational Service.  
31—33 Broadway Street Cobram  
call us on 58721014 email: [cobram@bluebirdelc.com](mailto:cobram@bluebirdelc.com)

Cobram Bluebird After School Care Program is ran with a Diploma qualified educator with a small friendly and caring team to be there to cater for your child's need

We currently pick up from Cobram St Joseph's and Cobram Special School. We collect children off the Barooga bus line and the town bus has a stop in front of our service.

Monday, Tuesday and Thursdays 3:30pm—6:30pm with kinder children in building

Wednesday and Fridays 3:30—6:30 only school children in building

Before CCS it is \$37.00 a session

Children age ranges from Prep to grade 6

After noon tea is Provided by our service.

Our menu is child friendly and the children have say in what goes on their menu.

Mini MasterChef and cooking experiences had

We'll go on local community excursions to parks, library, bush walking, Irvin House and the swimming pool just to name a few.

A colorful illustration of several children's faces, drawn in a simple, happy style with large eyes and smiles. The faces are arranged in a cluster, with some overlapping.

