

MARCH 2025

COBRAM & DISTRICT
SPECIALIST SCHOOL



NEWSLETTER



PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Thank you to the staff who have worked extremely hard settling all the students into the new school year.

There is an immense amount of work, behind the scenes, by our staff, to enable every student to achieve their academic and wellbeing goals.

Last week we had a lovely memorial at school for Bentley.

Thank you to the parents and volunteers who helped make Harmony Day a success.

The Duke of Edinburgh Award students participated in a four-day bike riding camp around the local area. It was a pleasure to join them at night to discuss their day. These students are amazing young and independent adolescents.

I wish you all a safe and enjoyable term break.

Leah

IMPORTANT DATES

- **1st April** Easter Raffle Draw @ School Assembly
- **3rd April** Gwynne, Mitchell & Murray rooms Cobram Cinema
- **4th April** last day of term 1
- **22nd April** First day term 2
- **25th April** ANZAC Day Public Holiday
- **28th May** Services Australia/Personnel Group presentation

CHILD SAFETY INFORMATION

Child safety and wellbeing at Cobram and District Specialist School: information for families and the school community

The Victorian Government has announced new Child Safe Standards to further strengthen child safety across organisations, including schools. The new standards recognise the critical importance of families and the broader school community in maintaining and promoting child safety and wellbeing.

Cobram and District Specialist School has reviewed and updated our child safety policies and procedures to ensure they meet the requirements of the new standards. These are available to view [insert where your policies and procedures are published our school's website, via an online parent/carer/student communication platform, at the school's front office.

We are committed to continuous improvement in our approach to child safety and wellbeing and welcome feedback from families and members of our school community on ways we can further strengthen our child safety policies, procedures and practices.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions, please contact Cobram and District Specialist School at cobram.sds@education.vic.gov.au or by phone on 03 5872 1643.

Child safety and wellbeing at Cobram and District Specialist School: information for families and the school community

Cobram and District Specialist School is committed to providing a child safe and child friendly environment, where students are safe and feel safe.

Our child safety and wellbeing policies outline the measures and strategies we have in place to support, promote and maintain the safety and wellbeing of our students:

Child Safety and Wellbeing Policy

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Child Safety Code of Conduct

Child safety Responding and Reporting Obligations Policy and Procedure

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Complaints Policy

Student Wellbeing and Engagement Policy

Bully Policy

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Visitors Policy

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Volunteer Policy

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Digital Learning Policy

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As valuable partners in promoting and maintaining child safety and wellbeing at Cobram and District Specialist School we welcome and encourage your feedback.

If you have any suggestions, comments or questions in relation to our child safe policies and practices, please contact Cobram and District Specialist School at cobram.sds@education.vic.gov.au or by phone on 03 5872 1643.



FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

Every Victorian child should have access to the world of learning opportunities that exist beyond the classroom. The Camps, Sports and Excursions Fund helps ensure that no student will miss out on the opportunity to join their classmates for important, educational and fun activities. It is part of making Victoria the Education State and the Government's commitment to breaking the link between a student's background and their outcomes.

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 while sports teach teamwork, discipline and leadership. All are a 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:

- \$154 for primary school students
- \$256 for secondary school students

MORE INFORMATION

For more information about CSEF visit:

<https://www.vic.gov.au/camps-sports-and-excursions-fund>



Services
Australia



SAVE THE DATE

On 28th May at 10:30am -12:30pm we are fortunate to have Christian from Services Australia and Julie from Personnel Group come to CDSS and speak to students and parents.

We invite you to attend this information session to listen to our guest speakers and ask questions.

Services Australia presentation will cover -

- How to apply for onto the Disability Support Pension
- How to apply for a Carers Payment
- Assistance that can be provided to support you through this process
- Age to start applying for Disability Support Pension
- What evidence/paperwork is required to support you through this process

Personnel Group presentation will cover –

- What supports are offered post school leavers
- Programs offered
- Where do I start
- How do I apply
- What assistance is given to me to get a job

This will be a great opportunity to come along to support your child and learn how to assist them further to access services that they may be eligible for.

Light morning tea will be provided.

Please RSVP by May 20th

HOVELL ROOM

Hovell Room have had a great start to 2025. This term we have been using the book 'Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What do you see?' as our mentor text. The students have enjoyed becoming familiar with the story and using it to extend their learning.



JORDAN MARCH 2025 NEWSLETTER



March highlight - Harmony Day Friday 21st

Jordan room had a wonderful week getting ready for Harmony Day on Friday 21st March. We chatted about our families and the many families in our community. We made posters and helped Melissa make our CDSS entry look exciting for the day. On the Friday we cooked with Noemi & Steve, read indigenous stories, made Harmony bracelets, joined David for partner games at Bluearth, worked with our friends in Murray room, played the drums with Matt and enjoyed discovering how we are all different and belong together. We had 3 students from Cobram Secondary College who shared their stories across a few classrooms.



Hume Room.

Swimming

Every week we are excited to go swimming. We take turns to go in the big pool and are learning safety skills such as monkey crawls along the wall and floating on our back. Of course, there is always time for some fun and games as we blow bubbles and retrieve toys from under the water.



Numeracy

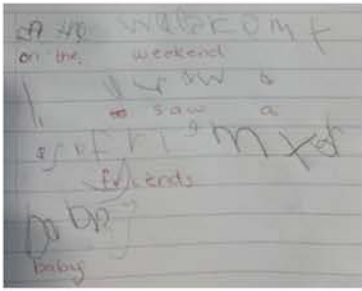
We have been busy learning to write the numbers 1, 2 and 3. Also, we have been practising to count out three of each item. Sometimes it is tricky to remember when we need to stop.



MOIRA ROOM

LITERACY

Every Monday we talk and write about our weekends. We have been practising asking each other questions and listening to our friends. Our writing has improved so much!!



MATHS

In maths, we have been making position and location books, we can't wait to bring them home!



READING

The worm who knew karate.
The worm lost his birds.
The worm took his hat to a karate competition.
The worm is grumpy at the bird.
The worm is mad at the bird.
The bus is taking the worm to town.

Not only have we been reading a lot but we have been discussing story predictions and character traits.

We had a fantastic day on Friday for Harmony Day! Thank-you to all the helpers and volunteers!



HARMONY DAY!

REMINDERS

Don't forget to pack bathers and a towel for Thursday swimming.



GWYNNE NEWSLETTER

MARCH OVERVIEW

Almost the holidays already - wow! We have had a busy month in Gwynne Room, with the return of Gwynnews. All students have taken the Gwynnews in their stride and it is amazing to see what we produce each week. Happy Birthday to Sarah! How lucky are we to have such amazing staff and students in our room.

MATH

We have loved playing games like Snakes and Ladders this term. Our favourite is UNO - what number is bigger, plus a competitive game together afterwards!

LITERACY

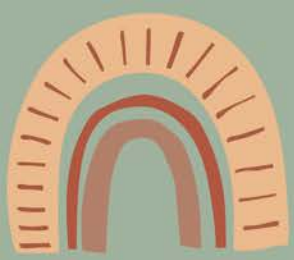
The Gwynne Room have started to write their own books, and we are so excited to see their creativity as we work on it over the year.



GWYNNE ROOM 2025

REMINDERS

Don't forget to pack your bathers on a Wednesday for swimming (in Term 2 as well). Show and Tell is every Monday, a note will go home in your child's diary if they are doing show and tell.



Mitchell Room Newsletter



Harmony



The Mitchell Room students had a wonderful day on Friday which was Harmony Day. They enjoyed making and eating spring rolls, drumming fun, fantastic sport session and a visit from the girls from the secondary college learning all about another country.



Sage, Chloe, Bella and Annabelle also were lucky to work with Mary and Lyn in Dutch Thunder and they successfully made an Easter Bag on the sewing machines.



It has been a fantastic Term and we wish all our families a happy and safe holiday.



Sturt Room



On Tuesday we went to Tocumwal for our Duke of Ed bike ride. We had a BBQ lunch with sausages and we rode in the bush. It was very muddy in the bush and lots of fun to ride in the mud we got very dirty. it was funny to see Di and Hollee ride the tandem bike. On Wednesday last week we went to Shepparton to play cricket. We played against other schools. I really liked to bat and bowl.



On Tuesday last week we went to Mulwala to watch the water-skiing international championships. One person did a backflip on skis I really liked that.



By Billy



Murray Room



We have had a special (and busy) few weeks in Murray Room

We loved our excursion over to Mulwala to watch the World Water Ski Show practice and Harmony Day where we learnt about diversity and inclusion it was so fun experiencing different activities and talking about our families

Don't worry we have been super busy in the classroom as well learning about location and whole numbers in maths, sentence building in writing, colours, senses and the beach in SPEC!

We hope you have a great break and easter bunny visits you, we can't wait to see you in Term 2 and all the adventures it will bring.



VPC NEWS

As VPC, enters another year and has welcomed 3 new students, VPC have a lot to look forward to!

The students has been focusing on PDS (Personal Development Skills) enriching their knowledge of realistic independence, which goes together with our Numeracy goal of managing finances. All of the students have a volunteering role such as; assisting staff and peers in PE, improving their volunteering skills.



VPC is looking forward for all of the fun experiences, including our first camp of 2025!

Great work, Everyone!

Written by: Coop B



Bike ed camp term 1



OUR GOAL WAS TO STAY
AWAY TOGETHER
HAVING FUN AND
RIDING OUR BIKES.



PBS Awards

Try Your Best

Monique
Clancy
Dom
Seth
Taman
Sam

Respect

Dean
Jake

Safety

Ella
Paul
Boe
Abigail
Anikia W

Leo Club Newsletter

FRIDAY 28TH MARCH

All members of the Cobram on the Murray Leo Club were involved in the 2025 Leo Public Speaking Competition on Friday. Fourteen members of the club spoke about passion topics and presented their speeches in front of an audience made up of the 4 older classes at school. We also had Cobram and Tungamah Lions as a panel of judges. Thanks to all supporters who attended and to every student who tried their best and stepped up to the microphone to speak. Thanks also to Jack for the sound equipment on the day. Cooper will speak in Numrkah next month.

THIS WEEK



Clean Up Australia Day for Schools is this Friday the 28th of February. Members of our club will work with local Lions volunteers and staff to help tidy up the areas around our school grounds and the oval at Cobram Primary school.



**Congratulations
Cooper!**

Single Use Plastics at school-



Take your single use plastic home with you to put in the bin please.

Consider purchasing reusable containers.



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

AL'S SKATE CO MOVE MOIRA 2025

FREE WORKSHOPS
ALL ABILITY SKATE FRAME
SESSIONS

SKATEBOARDING
SCOOTER
GRIP TAPE ART

FEDERATION PARK, COBRAM
TUES APRIL 15TH 10AM - 1PM



Nathalia



2025 EASTER TOURNAMENT
CELEBRATING ONE HUNDRED YEARS

All Abilities Tennis Session!

Join us for a fun session of tennis
on the grass in the lead up to
Nathalia's Easter Tournament.

SUNDAY 6TH APRIL | FREE SESSION! | NATHALIA LAWN
10AM - 1PM | \$10 Lunch Available | TENNIS CLUB

EVERYONE WELCOME!
All levels and abilities are
welcome to join in the fun!



PLEASE RSVP BY FRIDAY 4TH APRIL TO ROSE ON 0438 662 149

MOVE MOIRA Get Active in April



Join us for a fun filled day of activities, connect with local
groups and clubs, and enjoy the benefits of being active.

EVENT: Free Community Fun and Activities

VENUE: Numurkah Apex Park

DATE: Thursday April 10

TIME: 10am - 1pm



COME AND TRY:

Balloon Blaster | Valley Sport Activities | Drumming
Smoothie Bike | Giant Lawn Games | Maternal Child
Health | Primary Care Connect | Pilates



MOVE MOIRA Get Active in April 2025

Yarrawonga Launch (FREE)

8 Gilmore St. Yarrawonga
(5-8 Campus)

Monday 14th April

10am - 12pm

Coffee Van onsite

Children must be accompanied by
an adult at all times

FUN FILLED
COMMUNITY DAY
OF ACTIVITIES

CONNECT WITH
LOCAL GROUPS,
CLUBS, AND GET
MOVING!

FREE EVENT

COME & TRY

GIANT GAMES, PEDAL GO CARTS, VALLEY SPORT
ACTIVITIES AND SO MUCH MORE!



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN

Yarrowonga Library Holiday Program



Paper Flute Making (STEAM)

Friday 11th April, 10:30am



Bookings are essential as places are limited.

Phone 1300 374 765 or email yarrowonga@gvlibraries.com.au
Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

Libraries Change Lives

26-30 Belmore St, Yarrowonga
Tel: 1300 374 765
www.gvlibraries.com.au

Cobram Library Holiday Program Week 1



3D Koalas & Wombats

Tuesday 8th April, 11:00am

Mario Kart Tournament

Wednesday 9th April, 11:00am

Volatile Volcanos (STEAM)

Thursday 10th April, 11:00am



Bookings essential as places are limited.

Phone 1300 374 765 or email cobram@gvlibraries.com.au
Go to gvlibraries.com.au/holidays to find the complete holiday program.

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MOVE MOIRA

Get Active in April

Join us for a fun filled day of activities, connect with local groups and clubs, and enjoy the benefits of being active.

EVENT: Free Community Activities to get you moving.

VENUE: Cobram Federation Park

DATE: Tuesday April 15

TIME: 10am - 12pm

COME AND TRY:

Hot Shot Tennis and Games | Smoothie Bike | Martial Arts Demo | Giant Lawn Games | Freedom Frame | Art Workshop | Maternal Child Health | Primary Care Connect | Pilates

Valley Sport | the Y | SKD

SKILLZONE SOCCER SPECIFIC CAMPS

Looking for a fun and Developmental soccer experience? Join us at Skillzone for our Soccer Specific Holiday Camps. Led by our Head Coach Adam Galtcum, this camp offers soccer training and games in a positive and engaging environment. Perfect for players of all skill levels, this camp is designed to help you improve your soccer skills, make new friends, and have a blast on the field. Don't miss out on this unforgettable soccer experience! Our days will also include our incredible inflatable soccer pitch!

7TH - 18TH APRIL

- Skills & ball mastery
- Inflatable soccer pitch
- Prizes & Giveaways
- Fun games & tournaments

<p>COBRAM CAMP Apex Reserve Cobram</p> <p>6-12 years old 9 AM - 3 PM Free drop off from 8am Free late pick up til 4 pm</p> <p>8th, 10th, 15th, 17th April Cost: \$50.00 per date</p>	<p>YARRAWONGA CAMP Yarrowonga P-12 meet at ECA Centre</p> <p>6-12 years old 8AM - 3 PM Free drop off from 8am</p> <p>9th & 16th April Cost \$50.00 per date</p>
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Registration Link: www.skillzonesports.com

More Information: 0800 615 145 | admin@skillzonesports.com

SKILLZONE MULTI-SPORTS HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Join our passionate & experienced team during the school holidays, we guarantee a safe and secure environment supported by excellent staff. Our Multi-Sports holiday programs cater for children aged 5 - 14 working in age-appropriate groups. Our services operate from 8am until 3pm with our Cobram service open until 4pm.

LOCATIONS

- SHERPATON (Via Community Centre) (8th, 9th, 10th & 11th, 16th, 17th April)
- YARRAWONGA (Yarrowonga P-12 ECA) (8th, 9th, 10th & 11th, 16th, 17th April)
- WANDABATTA (Coombe College) (8th & 16th April)
- COBRAM (Cobram Sports Stadium) (7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, 11th & 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th April)

BOOK TODAY!

Contact Phone: 0400 615 145

More Information: www.skillzonesports.com

WHAT TO BRING

- Packaged snacks & lunch
- Refrillable water bottle
- Suitable indoor footwear
- Appropriate active wear

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PBS LUNCH ORDERS



Students at Cobram and District Specialist School can receive a positive comment from staff who see them following our school values of Respect, Try your Best and Safety. If students get a positive it is sent to families as a text message. Each week 3 students will be drawn out and may be lucky enough to have a lunch order on a Thursday from Hungie Fangs. Congratulations to all our recipients of a yummy lunch order.

SUPER!



TRY YOUR BEST



RESPECT



SAFETY



Heidi's page



Heidi returned to school for a day to visit the students. Everyone was very excited to see Heidi and she had a great time wandering around to all the different classrooms.





Luna's page



Luna will return in Term 2!

She is feeling much better after her visit to the Vets and has been busy at home, getting lots of cuddles too.

She is very excited to see everyone in Term 2. \

Here are some pictures of what she has gotten up to over her extended holidays.