

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

This term has proven to be challenging once again with two lockdowns. Thank you for your support during this time. I commend the staff for once again preparing remote learning for all students at short notice.

I feel this last lockdown has taken its toll on staff. Please be kind to them as they also roll through the emotions of preparing for and working through lockdowns. We have great staff and we need to ensure their mental health is ok so they can continue to provide quality education for our students.

This term, on a Friday, Jess started to teach dance. The students love this session and look forward to performing dances at the end of year award's ceremony. Fingers crossed this will occur.

I managed to organise a game of football against Wangaratta Specialist School for next Tuesday 24th August. The students are excited about wearing our new football jumpers for the first time. Please stay safe and well.

Leah Willis
Principal

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

7 th September	Careers Pathways Expo-Cobram Civic Centre
8 th September	Mooroopna All Abilities Football & Netball Carnival
10 th & 17 th September	Barista Course-VCAL
17 th September	Last day Term 3
4 th October	First day Term 4
11 th -15 th October	DOXA camp-VCAL
1 st November	Report Writing Day-NO SCHOOL
2 nd November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
3 rd -5 th November	Billabong Ranch camp-Gwynne
8 th -10 th November	Harrietville camp-Murray
22 nd -24 th November	Bike Camp-Mitchell & VCAL
30 th November-3 rd December	Urban Camp-Sturt



Student Weekly PBS Awards

2nd August	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Samarvir & Alex T</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Lucinda, Trey & Anikia</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Ned & Benton</i>
9th August	
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Bentley</i>
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Hayley</i>
16th August	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Anthony & Caitlyn</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Dylan & Chris</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Thurston, Bella & Ella</i>

Hovell Room

Welcome back to term 3 everyone, it's so good to be back at school and we hope we don't have anymore lockdowns. The student's have settled in very well to the school routines and they all seem to be very happy to be back at school. A huge welcome to Tatum who joined the Hovell Room this term. He is enjoying being at his new school and getting to know everyone in the school community. He has met many of the students and teachers so far.



This term we have continued with bike riding and the students are doing very well with their skills when on a bike.

During Literacy, the students in the Hovell Room have been working on the letters, m, s, f, a and p. We have introduced Maths Groups this term at our school and we welcome three students from the Hume room to participate in Maths groups with the Hovell Room students. We are learning our numbers 1, 2 and 3 and enjoying rotating around the different activities.

We went to the stadium and participated in Olympic activities, that was lots of fun, the students had a good time.

Later this month we will be getting a visit from Healthy Harold, we look forward to that.



Hume Room

Over the last few weeks, the Hume room has enjoyed learning about the Olympics. We enjoyed watching the events on TV during our eating times and cheering on the Aussies when they were in action. In art, students had a go at making the Olympic Rings in raised salt paintings, which was a bit tricky but with perseverance, they ended up looking like the real thing.

Our Writer's Workshop sessions during this time, consisted of identifying sports that we would love to participate in if we had the chance to be in the Olympic Games. These were very entertaining sessions and we are currently turning our writing into a class book and Powerpoint, that will be published on our Facebook page. As well as their own writing, students helped create sentences for the staff members in the room. Here is their writing:

If we were in the Olympic Games, these are the sports we would like to participate in:

Dean- BMX riding because I like to bike ride.

Shyanne- Gymnastics as my auntie does it.

Raphael- Football because I like to kick the ball.

Lucinda- Gymnastics because I like to dance.

Bentleigh- Wrestling because it makes me feel excited.

Bentley- Triathlon because I like to run.

Boe- Football because I can kick the ball a long way.

Jayanna- Golf because I like to hit the golf ball into the small hole.

Ella- BMX riding because I like to ride my bike.

Lisa- Diving because I can do five somersaults.

Di- Swimming because I like going fast in the pool.

Our work on the Olympics finished off with a Mini Olympics at the Stadium. Together with the Hovell and the Murray rooms, students enjoyed participating in an afternoon of sports that are in the Olympics. Thanks to Adam for organising and running this event.



Murray Room

We have had an exciting term in the Murray Room. We have welcomed Cassius and we now couldn't imagine the room without him.

This term, we had a visit from Healthy Harold. Healthy Harold taught us to be healthy by eating fruit, vegetables, dairy and grains like cereal and bread. We learnt about parts of the body like the stomach, lungs, heart, brain and muscles. We learnt how to keep each body part safe and healthy. We even got to ask Harold our own questions at the end.



Cobram & District Specialist School values are Respect, Safety & Try Your Best



We have started dance with Jess this term. We have been practicing really hard so we can perform our dance at the End of Year Concert. We look forward to dance each week. In our inquiry, we have been learning about what living things need to grow and have even started our own experiments. We have planted oat seeds and other plants and vegetables to investigate our inquiry. Each day, we water them and make sure they are getting enough sunlight. We are excited to check how much they have grown each week.

Gwynne Room

Working Together

In Gwynne room we have been working on working together as a team. In class we made a campsite and we helped each other to create the perfect campsite. We setup a tent, tables, chairs, campfire, sticks, food and drinks.

We made the perfect camp.

Writing

In writing, we got Olympic Stickers from Woolworths, and wrote about the Olympians, we got our iPad and computers, to research them. You could choose to make a fiction, or non-fiction story. Once we got our information we wrote a paragraph on them.



FROM BAILEY

Mitchell Room

"Every Wednesday we go to the stadium. We play basketball, badminton, soccer, table tennis, and practice some parkour on the soft obstacle course. I also like playing the truck game. Each week I look forward to parkour the most" – Jack.

"Maria is now a teacher in Mitchell room on Thursdays and Fridays. On Thursdays we go to the garden and some of us go to RDA. On Friday we do Electives where Maria teaches Art. Maria has done a lot in Mitchell room on these days. We all like her" – Alex.

"On Thursday 5th August we did Mini Olympics at the stadium with Adam. My favourite event was basketball" – Jeffrey.

"We are making Solar System dioramas. We are making planets, hanging them in a box, painting the box black, and making it interesting like the stars in space" – Trey.

"Hello. My name is Anthony. I am 13 years old. My interests are sport, riding motorbikes and 4W driving. I like to fix lawnmowers and motorbikes on the weekends" – Anthony.

"On Fridays we do Dance in the Alert room with Sturt and some VCAL students. This term we are dancing to Astronaut with Jess" – Beau.

"Every Tuesday we add to a PowerPoint about Space. The whole class have now done 6 pages. We have 4 to go because we have to do the front cover, the sun, and all the planets which is Mercury, Venus, Earth, Mars, Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, and Neptune" – Sam.

"On Fridays Mitchell room and Sturt room have been doing Electives. We get to choose which one we want to do from 3 choices. They are Bike Ed, Woodwork, and Art. I have chosen to do Woodwork. We are starting to make a phone wallet holder made from wood" – Ben.

"Every second Thursday me, and Ben, and Xavier, and Alex, and Tearnna go to RDA to ride horses. There are four horses. Their names are Shalom, Cobbler, Vena, and Tom. They are so cool. I like doing RDA because the staff are cool too. I get to feed the horses carrots, and brush their fur to make the fur soft. I wish I could sleep on Tom the horse and take him home" – Caleb.



"On March the 18th we started our footy tipping where we tip for the AFL team that we think would win. We add up the points each week to see who is in first place. We have 1 more round to go and Max is in first place for now (by 1 point) and I am in second place. I will be the true winner of our tipping" – Xavier.

The Mall Cop

It was 9:00am on Saturday morning I was getting on the bus going down to Big-W. I was waiting with the customers at the shop. It was busy and I thought I would get away with shop lifting a small book.

In my pocket, I hid the book, because I had no money to pay for it. It was stressful experience and I was worried I would get caught. Just as I was standing there the large, lazy under cover Mall Cop saw me as he went past.

I thought "please don't catch me." I panicked and looked at him then I start to walk backwards but the undercover mall cop saw me. He walked over to me in that moment I turned and started to run. I got to the toilet to hide but the mall cop ran after me and he caught me!

Xavier North

Senior Rooms



Sturt Room

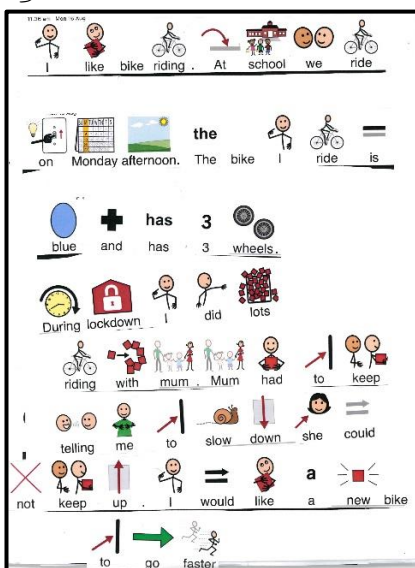


On the 3D printer we have been making fidget toys for other rooms, we made Dinosaurs.

By Billy

In SPEC we cooked Pasta bake and Salad. We found the recipe and made a shopping list. We went to Woolworths and brought all the ingredients. At school we cooked. Lou helped us set our tables with a Knife and fork. It was a good lunch to have at school. We took lots of photos and wrote about what we did in our book.

By Anikia



By Caitlyn



VCAL

During the last few weeks the VCAL class have been joining Caleb from The Salvation Army in Shepparton for teen Mental Health First Aid Training here at school. Caleb has helped our class know what it means to be a good friend to someone who is not having too good a time with their mental health. We learnt to tell a trusted adult and that it is ok to not be feeling 100 percent with your mental health and need a hand with it.

Sami When we do the Teen Mental Health First Aid it makes me nervous and it helps us ask our friends if they are okay or if they are not ok and to report it to a trusted adult and never keep it a secret

Noah We learnt that is go and see someone if you do not have a healthy mind

Matt We talked about who go for help if you are not feeling not happy.

Hayley if we have mental health we go and see someone.

Liam I learnt how to help someone when we they are feeling sad!



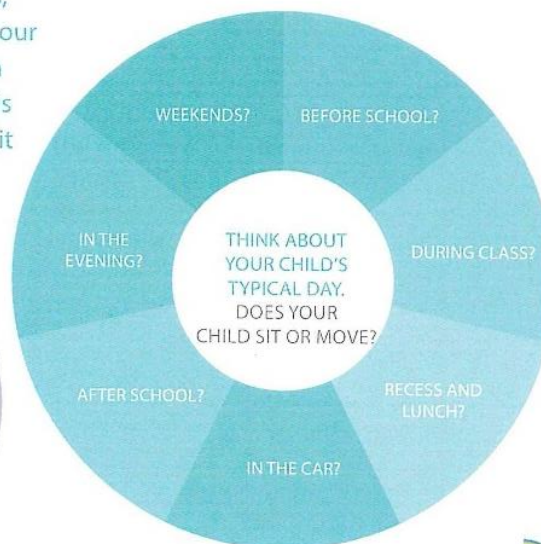
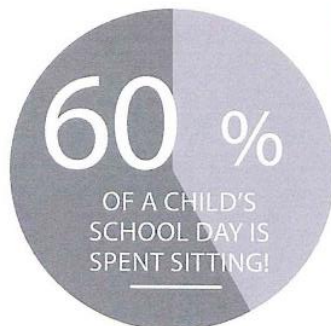
Active Schools



NEWSLETTER 02

How much does your child sit and when is your child active?

Often parents think their child gets lots of activity. As parents, it's important to know when your child is being active and when they are sitting. Often, sitting is just a habit and we don't give it any further thought.



SUGGESTIONS TO GET YOUR CHILD MOVING!

- Encourage them to walk or ride to school (or part way to school)
- Stop at a park on the way home from school
- Go outside with them
- Encourage them to play active games during recess or lunch and at home
- Together with your child, make a list of their favourite active games- Keep this on the fridge so when they get bored they can be reminded to do something active

Deakin University CRICOS Provider Code: 00113B © Deakin University 2020. All rights reserved



Cobram & District Specialist School values are Respect, Safety & Try Your Best

