

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 we welcomed four new students: Billy, Raphael, Lucinda and Thurston. They have all settled in well to our school.

On Friday 7th May staff participated in Protective Intervention Training. The professional development builds staff capacity to de-escalate and manage challenging behaviours without the use of restraint and seclusion.

We celebrated Education Support Staff Day on Friday 14th May. Our ESS enjoyed a cake for morning tea and a long catered lunch free of yard duties. Our ESS do a fantastic job working in varied rolls across the school. They show great dedication to our students and we thank them for this.

Yesterday was Bree's last day with us. We wish Bree luck in her new managerial role.

This week we had three more staff complete their Bike Education certificate. We look forward to bike ed continuing once a week for the rest of the year.

Leah Willis

Principal



Congratulations to our Term 1 Principal's Award Recipients

Luke, Alex T, Matt, Boston, Jeffrey, Caitlyn & Sami

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

Thursday 10 th June	Cross Country
Monday 14 th June	Queens Birthday Public Holiday – NO SCHOOL
15 th -18 th June	VCAL Camp-Billabong Ranch
Monday 21 st June	School Council Fundraising Sub Committee Raffle Draw
Thursday 24 th June	Footy Colours Day
Friday 25 th June	Curriculum Day – NO SCHOOL
Monday 12 th July	First Day Term 3



Student Weekly PBS Awards

29th March	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Emily</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Luke, Ella, Alex T, Archie & Bailey</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Anikia</i>
26th April	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Ben, Anikia & Hayley</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Hollee</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>William, Cassius & Billy</i>
3rd May	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Mortada, Ella & Archie</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Beau</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Seth & Matt N</i>
10th May	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Archie & Tearna</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Shyanne, Raphael & Alex T</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Alex B & Caitlyn</i>
17th May	
<i>Respect</i>	<i>Sam & Peter</i>
<i>Safety</i>	<i>Midas & Benton</i>
<i>Try Your Best</i>	<i>Thurston, Bentleigh & Matt</i>

Hovell Room

This term we have welcomed Thurston Daniel to the Hovell room. He has settled in well to his new school and is getting to know the other students. The students in the Hovell room have made him feel very welcome and they continue to show him our school routines.

Every Monday afternoon our room attends the community garden to learn about planting, weeding and watering the garden. They enjoy their time there and are keen to make sure all the plants are watered thoroughly. If any parents have an old pair of gumboots that they could send to school for their child that would be much appreciated, as it will help to keep their feet dry whilst attending the garden, particularly now winter is upon us.

On Tuesday afternoons the Hovell room students are engaged in Sensory activities. They have been rotating around different activities, including kinetic sand, sensory room and water play. They are all engaged in the program.

On Wednesday afternoon, we have been attending the Art room where the students enjoy working with different materials to complete a piece of art.

Thursday afternoon is when we participate in the bike education program. The students are progressing nicely, showing that they are able to travel around the basketball court in one direction and are able to stop when directed. On Friday, the students participate in a music lesson. They are learning about tempo and beat and using instruments to keep a beat.

A big highlight so far this term was getting the new swing in the playground.

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Hume Room

The 21st National Simultaneous Storytime was on Wednesday. This is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA) and every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. The book, *Give Me Some Space* by Philip Bunting was read by astronaut Dr Shannon Walker from the International Space Station. After listening to the story, students created an astronaut (complete with tin foil) and will finish off the background to their pictures in Art next week. We would like to thank our VCAL helpers- Tearnna, Curtis, Noah and Sami, who joined us for the event.



Murray Room

This term, we said our farewells to Ned as he moved into the Gwynne room but welcomed Alex, Bella and Billy into the Murray room. We have had a lot of fun together and have been enjoying our new classroom dynamics.

This term in Writer's Workshop, we have been working on writing recounts. We have all improved so much in just 5 short weeks, from including more ideas and details to practicing using capital letters, full stops, finger spaces and writing on the lines. We are all very proud of our hard work. The whole class has enjoyed participating in Bike Ed this term. We have teamed up with the Hume room to create three Bike Ed groups. Students enjoy riding around the school or Cobram to places like the stadium, Quinn Island and Thompson's Beach every Thursday and are always asking when we can go riding again.

This week, we joined hundreds of students around the country to listen to the National Simultaneous Storytime. This year, we listened to the story 'Give Me Some Space!' by Phillip Bunting. We learnt lots about the planets and life in space. This is something we are very interested in and will be exploring a little bit more in the coming weeks.

We are looking forward to the rest of Term 2!



Gwynne Room

The Gwynne Room students have faced many problems this semester. Staff have presented them with multiple scenarios where they are encouraged to think of possible solutions. We place a hoop in the centre of a circle with our problem. Students are encouraged to think of possible solutions. We record these around the problem. Students consider the positives and negatives of a range of choices available and identify what they think the best option is. They choose one solution and use trial and error to see if they still think it is a good idea. The students are experiencing the value of working as a team and helping one another, as well as forming an understanding that there can be more than one possible answer. Our problems have all been fun activities and we will soon be moving on to real life situations that may happen in the playground. For literacy, full stops and capital letters have been a focus and now we have moved on to talking about questions and adding a question mark to our work. We have looked for question marks in books, categorise sentences as statements or questions and punctuated them appropriately. If, reading with your child at home, you come across a question mark, please point it out to them.



Mitchell Room

This term the Mitchell room students have eased into hard work and persistence like the holidays never happened. I must commend them for their enthusiasm and ability to settle right back into their learning programs for term 2.

In last few weeks the boys have shown excellent organisational skills by preparing and cooking all the lunch orders for the whole school. They even managed to deliver the meals warm and ready to eat. This is not an easy task for a large amount (sometimes upwards of 50) orders! Some of the lunch orders this term have been chicken schnitzel, chicken wraps, egg and bacon rolls, sausage rolls, and salads. A tremendous effort by all!

We have also practiced bike riding as a communicative team on the roads. This is an important skill for us to keep safe from potential hazards on the road, as they will be participating in a bike camp later in the year riding from Porpunkah to Bright. With great persistence and patience Di has helped Jeffrey and Beau gain confidence each week to straddle a two-wheeler! This week they both managed to ride independently around the school basketball court! It won't be long before they are capable to ride on bike paths around Cobram.

Alex, Xavier, and Caleb have been joining the metal work class at Cobram Secondary with Joseph to make a dust pan and broom each. They have used some machinery and tools independently, and showed excellent safety knowledge by passing an online safety course.

Unfortunately we will be saying goodbye to Bree, whose last day with us is Thursday 20th May. She's done a terrific job and we will all miss her very much. Happily, we now welcome Shannon to join us each Wednesday and Thursday in Mitchell room.

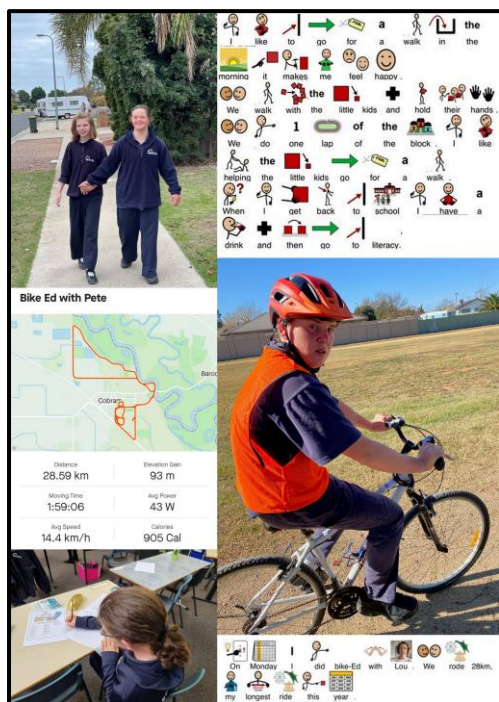
"Last week on Friday, Mitchell room went fishing at Quinn's Island. We didn't catch anything. We also had hot chips as a reward. We could bring our own rods, or we could use Max's rods if we didn't have our own. For bait we used cheese, chicken, and bread" – Rivvah.

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Sturt Room



Anikia

My favourite thing in the world is literacy we do it in the morning after our walk. In literacy I write good sentences and learn how to spell words. I sit with my friends and do my work. I like to write because it is amazing and I think it is cool.

Keely

I went in the van with Kerry and Anikia to deliver Meals on Wheels. We take food from the hospital and deliver it to old people for lunch. We then went back to school for lunch. I feel happy helping people.

VCAL

Term two for the VCAL class has been a whirlwind of planning for our upcoming Outdoor Education camp to Billabong Ranch from Tuesday 15th to Friday 18th of June alongside of all the regular curriculum activities such as Literacy Reading and Writing and Work Related Skills. All VCAL students have a Duke of Ed Award goal for attending a practise and an adventurous journey camp in 2021. We have 3 nights and 4 days at the ranch and are participating in several challenging activities such as horse and camel riding.

Thanks must go to the Duke of Edinburgh Award head office in Victoria for assisting our award participants to participate in their camp by awarding our school a grant to help cover the costs of camp.

VCAL Literacy - Reading and Writing

Box Hill On The Holidays

On the Easter holidays my brothers, Jamie, Nathan and I went down to Melbourne to watch Box Hill Hawks play against Northern Bullants with my Dad. Box Hill is not an AFL team they are a VFL team. Box Hill is in part of Melbourne where there is a lot of hills, we went on Easter Sunday. It was a very sunny and warm day, Nathan and I kicked the footy on the oval, the oval grass was nice and green and very soft.

Jamie drove to Box Hill, while we watched the footy Dad got us Macca's for lunch. It was a very good game we saw our cousin's on the day.

Box Hill won by a lot but overall it was a good game.



When it was over, we went back to Dads. We haven't been to a Box Hill game for a while and I really enjoyed watching the game it was fun and worth the drive to get there.

by Sami



Motorbike Riding

During the Easter break I went motorbike riding in the bush with my sister Ellise and her boyfriend Mason. We went at night time and we had on our motorbike gear for safety.

The weather was grey. It was cold, windy, and muddy. My motorbike is really muddy now. There were a lot of bog holes that we went through, my sister got bogged first. We had to help her out.

We went for a couple of hours, I was riding my red motorbike we had tea down at the bush. It was a nice tea as we had cooked steaks on the Weber. We stopped for quick tea. Afterwards we got back on our motorbikes for a couple more hours. Mason got bogged second, I got bogged third. and we both got bogged in the same spot. It was really deep. Now my seat is brown not red! After we finished riding our motorbikes we loaded them back onto the trailer and to clean up we went for a swim.

The next morning, after a good sleep, we unhooked the trailer. We needed to go into town to get something to eat and some more petrol for the motorbikes. All of us wanted to do more motorbike riding during the day around the farm. I had a lot of fun riding my motorbike down in the bush. It was really busy as it was the Easter break.



by Benton

Fundraising Sub Committee



Mothers Day Stall

Thanks once again to Felicity North for organising our Mother's Day stall on Thursday 6th May, we hope everyone enjoyed their gifts. The stall raised \$168.00.



Term 2 Raffle Fundraiser

The committee is organising a raffle for this term with a variety of prizes. Information will be sent home to families in the not too distant future. It would be great if each family could sell at least one raffle book (10 tickets). Stay tuned for more information.

