

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

Congratulations to Haylea on her engagement to her partner Adam.

Staff have finalised students' Individual Learning Plans. These have been uploaded to Compass for parents to view.

The initial stages of planning for our scope of works has begun. Last week Lisa, Denise and I visited Echuca Specialist School to gain ideas. The actual works that will be taking place at school are yet to be finalised. A proposal will be sent to the minister for approval.

On Monday, Mitchell and VCAL students enjoyed Ten Pin Bowling. Due to the weather being inclement we were unable to participate in lawn bowls as planned.

The term has been very busy with students settling back into school. I'm sure we are all looking forward to a well-earned break.

Thankyou for your support this term.

Have a safe and relaxing holiday.

Leah Willis

Principal

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

1 st April	Last day Term 1
19 th April	First day Term 2
7 th May	Curriculum Day-NO STUDENTS
10 th May	School Council 4.30pm

Student Awards

1st March	
Respect	Midas & Logan
Safety	Samarvir, Bentleigh & Liam
Try Your Best	Sam & Keely
15th March	
Respect	Ben & James
Safety	Lliam
Try Your Best	Luke, Bentley, Dean, Clancy, Trey & Mia
22nd March	
Respect	William, Cassius & Paul
Safety	Xavier & Peter
Try Your Best	Bailey & Noah



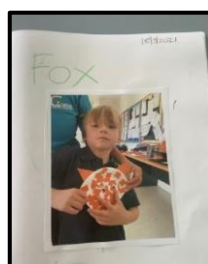
Hovell Room

The students have continued to make great choices in Hovell room. They continue to learn the school values of Respect, Safety and Try Your Best.

During the last few weeks, the students have been going for a morning walk around the block when the weather has been kind to us. The students are all listening to and following instructions so they remain safe whilst out in the community. On Thursday our school had our swimming sports at Tocumwal Swimming Pool, this was a great day for all. Shyanne, Luke and William attended from the Hovell Room and they all participated in some events on the day. Well done for trying your best everyone. Next week will be our last week of swimming at the Barooga pool, we look forward to commencing bike education next term.

During our literacy learning the students have been learning about the letters m, s and f. This week during literacy groups, the students all decorated a fox face using cut up paper. The following day during our Writers Workshop session, they all wrote about their fox picture. This was a very successful writing session. In our maths sessions, our focus has been on numbers and location. The students completed a great session learning the numbers 1, 2 and 3 and could show that they could sequence the numbers. Shyanne has been spending time in the Hume room during maths where she is sequencing numbers to 10.

The students are participating in the Alert program each day and are showing increasing stamina when moving around the equipment. Everyone has worked hard this term and we wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.



Hume Room

In our Writer's Workshop sessions, we have been writing about our recent swimming sports. Students have been writing reports about what happened on the day, using photos and the PODD book to help with their ideas. Here are their stories:

Cassius- It was cold in the water. I got an award.

Boe- We played at swimming. I won an award.

Alex- I am swimming. I liked swimming. We had a swimming race.

Bella- I am wet. I am doing the chicken dance in the water.

Bentley- I am touching my foot. I am happy today. I had a swimming race.

Bentleigh- Lisa and Bentleigh at the pool. We took the bus.

Ella- I am swimming. I had a sausage.

Dean- Dean is at the pool. It was on Thursday.



Murray Room

The Murray room has had a great term together. We have been working hard and displaying the school values both in the classroom and out in the community.

It was an exciting term, with the swimming sports taking place at the Tocumwal pool. We participated in events such as freestyle, backstroke, object scramble and the kickboard race. Well done to all students who participated and those who took home a ribbon.

At the garden, we have been planting different vegetable seedlings, including broccoli, Easter egg radishes and colourful carrots (purple, yellow and orange). We have also been enjoying being out in the community, going shopping and to the library.

In writing, we have been working on recounts and writing about our experiences. We have been working hard in maths when joining the Hume Room and getting into our groups to work on whole numbers and location and transformation.

Well done on everyone for a great term and a great start to the year!



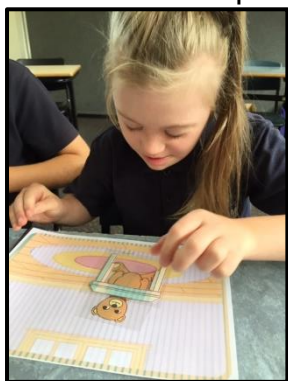
Gwynne Room

Maths in the Gwynne room has continued to focus on whole number and we have focused on place value. We have also been learning about location and looking at location language, left and right, slides, flips and turns.

As part of being a PBS school, (Positive Behaviour Supports,) we have been looking at recycling our classroom waste and revising/learning what belongs in which bin. It is important for students to realise the importance of recycling;

- reduces the amount of waste sent to landfills.
- conserves natural **resources** such as timber, water and **minerals**
- prevents pollution by reducing the need to collect new raw materials.

Learning what we can do to protect our environment is an important part of the children's future.



Mitchell Room

The boys in Mitchell room have been ecstatically participating in numerous regular extracurricular activities throughout term one. These have included a workout circuit at Barooga Sporties on Mondays, swimming on Tuesdays, and an inclusion program with year 9 and 10's from CAGS on Wednesdays. We can now add RDA at Cobram Showgrounds, and Metal Work at Cobram Secondary on Thursdays to that list. The students who participated in RDA have said, "It was good. Everybody did well. We played games". Alex proudly exclaimed, "They said I'm a natural". Ben declared, "I wasn't scared, and I had fun".

Also, a group of our boys have been motivated by a trick shot YouTube group called Dude Perfect, to record themselves performing their own trick shots using ping pong balls and plastic cups. They have a dream to get famous and make the school money by posting these videos on their YouTube channel. Their enthusiasm is to be admired 😊

All our students have done an amazing job knuckling down and taking on all set tasks in our numeracy lessons. They show focus and determination to better their knowledge, and to perform better in their next online numeracy assessment.

Congratulations on a fantastic term! We are looking forward to seeing what term two will bring.

Senior Rooms



Sturt Room

Sturt room have been very busy in our plot at the community garden, after wedding and mulching our beds we have planted broccoli. Each week we go down and weed and water our plants and they have really taken off.

As part of Duke of Ed, two Sturt room students have been doing Meal on Wheels, delivering meals to elderly members of our community. Everyone enjoys this as they are helping people in need. The swimming sports carnival was held earlier this month, everyone from Sturt room had a great time and went home with ribbons. It was great to be out as a school participating in a sporting event, everyone showed enthusiasm taking part in more than one event.



VCAL

On Wednesday the 10th Noah, Liam, Tearnna and I went to the Teen Live4Life program and met other students from other schools in our Shire we did an introduction then went into a bigger area to walk around then when the music stopped we spoke to people we never met before. The Mayor was there and 55 students from schools across the shire to work on mental health first aid. We watched a video about the Live4Life and why it is important to us then we had morning tea after morning tea we played a game called "would you rather" and went into groups then went back to a table with different people on it.



We had to come up with a catchy saying to be the theme for the crew in 2021 at all schools and my group came up with "don't get upset fix your mindset" but we only had to vote for one ours wasn't the winner but we had fun trying.

After that we had lunch and lunch was good after lunch we did some more talking then it was time to go back to school. When we arrived we got a goody bag and a t-shirt and also a Live4Life drink bottle i was nervous meeting new people but i slowly came out of my shell i really enjoyed it.



We held our first ever swim sports at Tocumwal this term. I swam in freestyle, backstroke and the kick board races. It was cold but fun in the water. I came last in the freestyle, back stroke and I came third in the kick board race.

When I finished racing Max put me in charge of the third place ribbons. We had lunch on tarps as the ground was wet and at lunch time it kept raining a bit. It stopped eventually and I had no more races so I changed back into my sports uniform to stay warm. We all cheered on the others who were still competing. When it was time for the relay races and the teams who raced were Mitchell room vs VCAL vs teachers it was fun to watch. We laughed a lot!

My Mum and my step Dad came to watch then they had to go back home and I went back with VCAL and Mitchell on the school bus. We all had a great time at the swimming carnival and we all tried our best!

By Sami

Around the School



Swimming Carnival

What a marvellous day staff and students experienced at our Swimming Carnival on Thursday 11th March! It was our first time utilising Tocumwal swimming pool, but from the success of the day and seeing the smiles on all our students' faces, we will most likely be back there again next year. It was wonderful to see so many eager students take to the water even on an overcast and not-so-sunny day. We were proud to see everyone's fervour to participate in more than one swimming activity, and take home a handful of prize ribbons.

A big thank you to Patrick and Craig for helping cook the well-earned sausage sizzle, Anne for being our lifeguard, and all the staff who braved the cold waters to get in with their students. All staff and volunteers put in a great effort to make the day go *swimmingly*. (Yes, that's a terrible pun but one worth writing).

Maybe next year the student relay team could take down the teachers...everyone needs a dream ☺



Office News



If you would prefer to receive your newsletter via email rather than a printed copy please advise the school via our email

cobram.sds@education.vic.gov.au

This is particularly relevant to all our new families.



Don't forget that you are able to enter your child's absences directly onto our Compass administration program. If you have lost your password information or would like some help with setting up the app on your phone, please contact the office.

Community News

	JUNIOR FOOTY COLOURS	
FRIDAY NIGHTS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED TO COACH UMPIRE SCORE COOK BBQ FEES \$80 PER PLAYER		FOR MORE INFO CONTACT SIMON 0404556602 REGISTRATION DETAILS TO FOLLOW
STARTS 23 APRIL COBRAM FOOTBALL OVAL UNDER 9'S - 5:15PM - 6:00PM UNDER 12'S - 6:15PM - 7:00PM		
AGES 7-12 YEARS OLD AGE IS CALCULATED AS AT 23/4/21		

