

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

It's great to see the warmer weather has arrived. Please ensure your child has a broad brimmed/bucket school hat which can be purchased through the office.

We still need to be vigilant with our **Covid** safety measures. Please keep your child home even if they are slightly unwell.

Thanks to some of our VCAL students for helping erect the new sports equipment shed.

Lisa, Robyn, Di, Joe and I are involved in Professional Learning Communities training. It's an approach to school improvement in which groups of teachers work collaboratively at the school level to improve student outcomes. We are currently attending online introductory sessions and in term 4 will have 8 days of training. We look forward to working as a team for the benefit of all our students.

In term 4 our School Improvement Team which consists of Lisa, Robyn and me, will be working with Peranbin, Katunga, Katamatite and Tungamah Primary Schools focusing on 'data literacy'.

We have a new bank of laptops and iPads which have been distributed around the rooms.

We are currently looking for a dance teacher for term 4 so if you know anyone, please let us know.

It is only two weeks until the term 3 holidays. Please stay safe and well.

Leah Willis

Principal

IMPORTANT DIARY DATES

11 th September	Student Wellbeing Day
18 th September	Last day for Premiers Reading Challenge/Last day of Term 3
5 th October	First day Term 4
28 th October	Immunisation Day for selected students
2 nd November	Pupil Free Day
3 rd November	Melbourne Cup Public Holiday-NO SCHOOL

STUDENT WELLBEING DAY



What an exciting day we have planned for next Friday. Lots of planning has gone into ensuring the planned activities are a great alternative to our normal school day. Watch out for photos posted on our Facebook page next week. Please sign and return the permission note for this day and don't forget to call the school if you do not wish your child to go on the train ride or to have any fairy floss on this day.

Student Awards

3rd August	
Safety	Clancy Kennedy
10th August	
Respect	Dean Cabading & Hayley Hendrie
Safety	Alex Beurs & Sami Brown
Try Your Best	Cassius-Clay Bishop-Gordon & Trey Dolheguy-Mackay-Blair
Reading Awards	Dean Cabading, Alex Thompson, Hollee Clarke & Ben Hall
17th August	
Respect	Gary Gill & Midas Gopalan
Safety	Mortada Ghaloom & Benton Lucas
Try Your Best	Caleb Griffin & Keely Thorpe
Reading Awards	Mortada Ghaloom, Clancy Kennedy & Xavier North
24th August	
Respect	Sam Donnelly & Tearnna Allcroft
Safety	Archie Shannon & Taylor Gravener
Try Your Best	Shyanne Bishop-Gordon & Logan Palmer
Reading Awards	Luke Hoggard, Bella Brown-Singh, Ned Quinane & Sam Donnelly
31st August	
Respect	Shyanne Bishop-Gordon & Emily Power
Safety	Sam Donnelly & Lliam Hall
Try Your Best	Alex Thompson, Boe Dougherty & Ned Quinane
Reading Awards	Bentley Goldsack, Ayjah Nathan, Liam Jeffress, Beau Weaver & Caitlyn Koopman

Hovell Room

With the beginning of spring we have been fortunate to have some beautiful weather. It makes us all happy and focused on our learning. We have continued to spend time at the Community Garden where the students have been learning about growing vegetables. They weeded a garden bed and planted some sunflower seeds! Fingers crossed that they grow. We have watched a video which explained to the students how bees make honey. During art students made bees and a honey comb display, it looks great. Students in the Hovell room have been practising their writing in a different way – they have been using chalk to practise their writing skills. They have been working on their names, letters and their numbers. They also used chalk to create some magnificent Art work.

The VCAL students have been visiting us on a Thursday for shared reading sessions. Shyanne, Bentley, Mortada, Luke and Dean have really enjoyed the VCAL students coming to read to them. They listened very intently to the stories.



Hume Room

Well the term has gone fast and we have been very busy finishing work. In our Inquiry theme- Design & Technology, students have spent the term, investigating how things are made. They have enjoyed the challenges on using familiar and everyday materials to solve problems, design solutions, and use imagination to find a solution to the problem. Some of the activities included: *using simple materials to make a bridge to span between tables and hold the weight of a car for a set time *using coat hangers to make a balance scale *using pop sticks to make the tallest freestanding tower possible and making a tool capable of transferring rice from one container to another. Students have enjoyed these activities and produced some ingenious results.

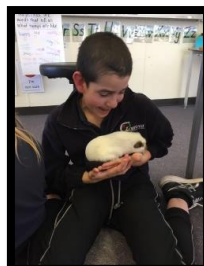


Wishing all our dads, pops and special friends a lovely Father's Day on Sunday.

Gwynne Room

During 'Writers Workshop' we have been learning about adjectives and using them to make our writing more interesting. We have had a visit from 'Frank' and 'Cloud' the guinea pigs and were able to write a big list of words to describe them. We also wrote about our classmate Mia and her chickens that she has hatched at her home.

We are all improving our strength and stamina on our bikes as we ride each Wednesday. One group did a 10km ride and our second group are getting faster each week. We are incorporating and practising the safety rules required to ride out in the community.



Mitchell Room

Mitchell room has had a busy few weeks in the classroom, despite some Covid-19 safety measures, impacting our access to the community.

In maths we have had a strong focus on Time and Shape. Students have been looking at telling time to the hour and half hour. We have managed to include a fair bit of shape into our Art sessions, where we have designed hamburgers and completed some fruit and vegetable portraits. Cooking has been a hit. Students made some Banana Oat Sesame balls and this week we made Cheese and Ham Quesadillas. Each child will bring home a recipe book at the end of the year. Getting excited for the end of the Term break, however, before that we have cross country and the wellbeing day to look forward to!



Senior Rooms



Sturt Room



In the Sturt room we have been busy doing lots of different things. Some of the things we have been doing are Bike Ed, Premiers Reading Challenge, Writer's Workshop, Woodwork with Joe, Art with Hannah, Lunch Orders and Baking Cakes. For this term we are doing the Premiers Reading Challenge where you have to read as many books as you can in a certain period.

In Writer's Workshop we have just finished writing a story of our choice. Now we are starting a script for a stop motion video.



Every second Wednesday we swap between Art with Hannah and Woodwork with Joe in Woodwork we are making spatulas. In Art some of the things we have made are fish with crayons, hamburgers, fruit and vegetable portrait.

On Thursdays we do bike Ed in the middle session and last session. The first group go to the showgrounds and then the other group goes to Quinn Island.

By Liam



VCAL



The VCAL group have been very busy delivering school wide events to make coming to school in term three a little more fun.

On the 7th of August Cobram and District Specialist School held a Jeans for Genes day at school. Students and staff could come into school with their jeans as we were fundraising to have fun day at school. We did no extra activities on the day, we just came to school in jeans and donated a coin to go towards research into childhood diseases.



We had a Leo Club football colours day at school on Thursday the 13th of August. It was a fun day. We all came in the colours of our favourite team. The Sturt room lunch orders on the day was a BBQ. I had a hamburger or you could have a sausage in bread. It was a yummy lunch you had to bring money to donate to the paver for the local cinema project in Cobram. It was fun to kick the football at recess and lunch and some classes had footy on the CPS oval with Adam in the middle of the day. We have not played footy for a long

time due to COVID and we all miss it too.

During the week before Daffodil Day, which was on Thursday the 27th of August, the VCAL class asked the Sturt room to help with Daffodil Day by organising a yellow lunch order for the day. The VCAL group held a room colouring competition for Daffodil Day. We sent all the sheets to each of the classrooms the day before. We also typed out the instructions for the big day for everyone to use. On the day we chose a winner for each classroom colouring competition and gave out chocolates as a prize, with all the sheets entered, going up on window in the MPR. We counted the money on the day as a group and we had raised \$305.00 altogether with donations and the lunch orders by the Sturt room which was pumpkin soup. Everyone had a good day and we were very



organised which helped heaps. Overall the two groups put on a great day. Thanks to all the staff for helping out.

Last Friday the 28th of August was a Curriculum Day so we celebrated Wear it Purple day by sharing badges made by the Sturt room on Thursday 27th. The VCAL class added the Wear it Purple day information to the assembly iMovie for week seven. We also put the iMovie on fB and our class Seesaw journal feed.

The VCAL group are also hosting small morning tea events for staff on a Tuesday to create opportunities for workplace skill development. Check these out on the fB page as well.

It has been a busy month and our group is still producing a weekly iMovie you can catch on the school fB page each week.

VCAL Writer's Workshop Group

Office News

ATTENDANCE

Please read the extract below related to school attendance, from DET. We are obliged to follow up on absences as part of the Education & Training Reform Act 2006. It is important that you give a reason for your child's absence, if you advise that your child is away but no reason is given we are obliged to put the reason as a 'parent choice-unauthorised'. If no attempt is made to relay a reason then it will be entered as 'Unexplained'. Please remember that we are here to assist if you are having issues with getting your child to school. You can simply talk to your child's teacher or give Bec Einsporn, Welfare Co-ordinator a call.

Notify the school of your child's absence

Protecting the safety and well-being of children through the reporting and monitoring of absenteeism is the responsibility of both parents/carers and schools.

Please remember to call the school on 58721643 or log your child's absence using Compass early in the morning if your child is going to be away or late for school so your child's absence can be recorded correctly.

Same-day notification of unexplained student absences

Our school will text/call you as soon as practicable on the day if a student is not at school and you haven't notified the school as to why. If you are notified by the school that your child is away without a reason, please contact us as soon as possible by calling 58721643 to let us know where your child is.

Please remember it is your responsibility to contact us to provide an explanation for your child's absence from school, and where possible, please inform us in advance of upcoming absences.

Attendance Requirements

If your child is sick or absent, you are required to notify the school as soon as possible on the day of absence, by phone or direct entry onto Compass.

Notifying the school of your child's absence either prior to, or on the day that they will be away, helps ensure the safety and wellbeing of children and will fulfil your legal responsibility.

This system also promotes daily school attendance. Going to school every day is the single most important part of your child's education, they learn new things every day – missing school puts them behind.



Stir-fry Hokkien Noodles



Source: The Healthy Mummy

Prep time: 20 mins

Cooking time: 10 minutes

Serves: 5

Ingredients:

- 500g Hokkien noodles
- 15ml vegetable oil
- 1 lightly beaten egg
- ½ teaspoon minced garlic
- ½ teaspoon minced ginger
- 250g chicken breast
- ¼ sliced red capsicum
- ⅓ shredded cabbage
- ½ sliced zucchini
- 60g grated carrot
- 100ml salt-reduced soy sauce

Method:

Step 1: Soak noodles in boiling water for 5 minutes, then drain and set aside.

Step 2: Heat oil in a large wok over medium heat. Stir-fry egg until cooked and set aside.

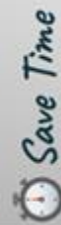
Step 3: Add the garlic, ginger, capsicum and chicken. Cook for 3-5 minutes.

Step 4: Add the cabbage, mushrooms, zucchini and carrot and cook for a further 5 minutes.

Step 5: Slowly add the Hokkien noodles a little at a time so they don't stick together. Cook for 5 minutes and add in the egg. Finish with soy sauce.



more4moira



Save Time

- Use frozen, canned or leftover vegetables
- Use jarred minced garlic & ginger to reduce preparation time

