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From the Principal's Desk.....

Good Afternoon Parents, Guardians and Students, What a great community we have here at Cobram AGS. I see our key aspirations of Integrity, Endeavour, and Community clearly evident whenever I move about the school.

Core business of Cobram AGS is furthering the educational opportunities of all students at the School, and facilitating development of academic and practical skills and competencies. Part of the reason for our continued success is our commitment to the creation of community, and determination to enhance studies and social opportunities.

In this space, there has been much excitement around the school since the last Crier, with the very enjoyable Prep Hike, the fabulous efforts of the girl's badminton finals, the very successful Year 3/4 Camp and culminating with the wonderful Middle School Social last night (Thursday Sept 19). Thanks to all staff and helpers involved in these events. Your commitment to the continued improvement of our community is greatly appreciated.

As we head into the Term Three holidays and look back, it is inspiring to see how far we have come – as a School and as a community noting ALL the events and opportunities of the term, and the efforts of staff members and helpers that have gone into providing these. I sincerely thank students, parents and staff members for their efforts, commitment and enthusiasm towards continued improvement of our vibrant School community.

Many students, especially those in senior classes, will have school work that beckons in spite of the upcoming two week break from classes. All students need to ensure that the holidays include at least a short break from studies, and a sufficient amount of time to relax and indulge in other

pursuits before refocusing towards a successful study session through to the end of year. Some might call this 'recharging the batteries'. This is particularly important for Year 12 students, but applies to all.

Students and families should expect to see Interim Reports for all students late this week, or early in the upcoming holidays. A link will be opened on the School website as of Tuesday October 2 to allow parents to book interviews with teachers for the first week of Term Four. Parent/Teacher interviews are the perfect chance for parents and students alike to discuss successes challenges with their teachers, and address concerns or issues that may potentially affect a student in their ability to perform to their best. I trust that all staff members are of assistance in ensuring as smooth as possible a path for each and every student in the School. I encourage all parents and students to make the most of the chance to engage with teachers at this event.

Parents wishing to pursue further conversations with staff are always welcome, and are advised to make contact with the School Office during business hours to organise a suitable time.

I wish all members of our community a safe and restful break. I look forward to renewing our association early in October.

Kind regards,

Steve Gale Principal

Please Note: Parents and students are advised that the School Office will be closed during the first week of the holidays, opening again from 10.00am Monday September 30.

Head of Junior School Report

The Junior School continues to be a hive of activity. It's hard to believe our little Preps are nearing the end of their first year at school and early next term we will be welcoming the 2020 Preps. As we prepare to welcome our new students to the Junior School we also look towards the senior end and prepare to say goodbye to our Year 4 students. This years cohort Year 4's have been instrumental in the successful leadership of the junior school in both a formal sense, with our 6 house leaders facilitating our assemblies, leading at our sporting activities and encouraging and coordinating the borrowing of sports equipment at recess and lunch. Many fo the Year 4 students have also taken on leadership across the year in an informal manor regularly raising their hand to lead, be role models and spread positivity and a strong sense of belonging throughout the junior school.

In Term 4 we will be readying these Year 4 students for their important transition into Middle School and Year 5. With a range of activities

planned to ensure this transition is smooth and everyone is feeling comfortable, the students will spend time in the Middle School getting used to being around bigger people and exploring the wonderful opportunities our Middle School has to offer.

With a busy Term 4 before us, our Junior School teachers are hard at work planning and preparing for what is going to be a wonderful end to the year. Please make sure parents that you mark in your calendar Friday the 18th October for our school Fete and Friday the 25th October for our Grandparents Day celebrations both events are set to be wonderful opportunities for our school to come together and celebrate our great community.

Wishing everyone a safe, happy and relaxing school holiday break. Take care, Mrs Swoffer

Ms Mary Swoffer Head of Junior School

Recent Events

Community Service

"Community service provides opportunities for young people to develop the values, skills and understandings needed to contribute to civic well being."

Year 10 have been involved in a Community Service Program this term.

The vision of the Community Service Program is to try and break down some barriers while encouraging acceptance and tolerance through a range of activities that will provide enjoyment for all participating students community and members. It is hoped that students will further develop respect for those who provide services to cater for the various needs of all members of our community as well as garner a sense of responsibility and willingness to contribute to the upkeep and continuance of these services.

Community Service activities include:

- Irvin house and Ottrey
 Lodge where students have had interaction with residents while participating in activities such as games, art and puzzles.
- <u>Providing All Living</u>
 <u>Supports (PALS) Inc</u> where students have been involved in a range of activities such as Craftwork, Yoga and Meditation and Woodwork.
- Cobram & District Specialist
 School where they have read to and listened to students from CDSS.

- PALS Op Shop
 Cobram and St Margarets
 Anglican Church Cobram Op
 Shop where students worked with those who run these shops and help sort clothing and goods.
- St Margaret's Food Bank where they prepared food hampers for the needy in the Cobram area.

Students have found this to be most rewarding which has been obvious by their enthusiasm and participation.



R U OK? Day

Thanks to all students & staff who wore their splash of yellow and orange on Thursday 12th September.

This is a really important message; so be sure to ask the questions to someone who you think might need it, or knowing that asking for help yourself IS OK too!



Starting an R U OK? conversation? Use these four steps:

- 1. Ask R U OK?
- 2. Listen
- 3. Encourage action
- 4. Check in

Defence Force Visit Y5/6

Our Year 5/6 students were privileged to have two representatives from the Army and Air force do a presentation about the career and lifestyle opportunities available in the Defence Force yesterday.

Discussion about the various roles in the ADF included trade careers and officer opportunities as well as the ADF Academy.

More information can be found at out our school Careers Website or see Maggie at our Careers

Office www.cagscareers.com.au



TOM Final

It was a great day at the Tournament of the Minds FINAL at La Trobe University, Bundoora. Both teams did an awesome job at some very challenging subject matter. We are all very proud of you all, well done!



Prep Hike

Cobram Anglican Grammar School's Outdoor Education program begins with the Prep/Foundation class participating in a hike to Quinn Island.

The students arrived at school with a packed morning tea, and lunch and water in their back pack, escorted by teachers Mrs Kate Lee, Mrs Donna Williams, Miss Sienna Bate and Head of Junior School Mary Swoffer the two class's set off to Quinn Island.

First they navigated themselves across the access

bridge to the Island, which crosses Scotts Creek, and then the adventure began.

Students were given an animal identity pack which they then used to find, recognise and name the native animals they saw along the way.

Morning tea was at the bird Hide and lunch was a beach experience where they also had a good play and run around. The students completed the 2.5km loop walking track ending up at the beautiful open beach.

We all had a wonderful day!



Junior School Assembly

On Monday 10th September, the Junior School Students & Staff had one of their biggest mornings yet for 2019, where an array of awards and recognition of excellence and effort "shone brightly" across all of our P-4 classes.

This included:

Year 3/4 Cold Write Presenters: Alex Hawke, Andre Mustica, Lilly Davidson, Emelia

✓ Class "Shining Star' Awards
✓ GEM Awards: Cody Rowe &
Tom Nye

Premiers Reading
Challenge Winners: Prep L &
Special Mentions" to Coralie
Guthrie, Emelia Cole & Jaidyn
White

GMW "PPP" Competition Winners: Mikayla Podmore and Casey Chandler

A big thank you to all of our wonderful parents and families who came along to support the morning and well done to our very able hosts Y4 students & Stanyer House Captains Tamika Muller & Ellie Nye.

Keep up the great work everyone!
#cagslearning #cagslife
#cobramanglicangrammarschoo





Sports Report

Mr O

With Mr O enjoying a week off away with Mackenzie and his family at the State Netball Championships in Canberra, we have some snippets from our fortnight of sport results.

Badminton State Final

Our Year 8 Girls Badminton team, which travelled down to Melbourne last Friday, 13th September, to participate in the School Sports Victoria (SSV) State Year 8 Girls Badminton finals did extremely well in their round robin matches, winning all 3 and finishing on top of their pool.

This included wins against
Dandenong HS (4 sets to 2),
Balmoral K-12 CC (6-0) and
Neerim District SC (5-1).
Unfortunately, they weren't able to
sustain this into the semi, where
they went down 4-2 to University
HS to finish a credible 3rd place!!!

Super proud of the team, especially all the work they did in preparing themselves for the State finals! Thanks to Mr. Watkins, who transported the girls down and Martin Kong, who acted as assistant coach of the side and assisted with the training up until competition!

What a wonderful achievement to make the State Final, well done girls!

Golf Tournament Results **%**

Huge congratulations to Cody Rowe (Year 4), Olivia Thompson (Year 5) and Sam Trembath (Year 5), who participated in the Goulburn Murray Divisional Primary Golf tournament at Mooroopna today. This was a sanctioned School Sport Victoria event, with the top 4 players from each division going onto the Hume Region event in Term 4 and what a result Cobram AGS had!!!

Olivia won her age division, having 58 off the stick! Cody came 3rd and Sam finished in 4th place meaning all 3 students go onto the next level!!! Special mention to Cody, who forgave the first day of the 3/4 camp at Alexandra to participate!!! Dedication plus!!! Thanks to parents and friends who assisted the students in getting to and from the event and supporting them in their endeavours!

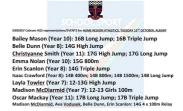
Well done and congratulations!

Zone Athletics

Congratulations to the following Year 3-6 students, who will be representing Cobram AGS at the 2019 Goulburn-Murray Divisonal Primary Athletics carnival, which is to be held at the McEwen Reserve Aths Complex on Monday, 14th October (8)



Congratulations to the following Year 7-11 students, who have qualified for the Hume Region Secondary Athletics carnival following their success at the GMDSSV event. This will be in Albury on Thursday, 10th October





Congratulations AWFA Champs ₩ 🛠

Congratulations to our CAGS students who were part of Cobram Roar's Grand Final wins on the weekend!

WELL DONE to Sonny Rowe, Jackson Koopman, Harry Paterson, Thomas Corso & Tully Kerr Absent: Mostafa Al Kundi (Under 12's)

U/ 13's Cobram Roar 2 def Myrtleford 1 U/ 12's Cobram Roar 3 def Wodonga Heart 1



What We Do!

The X FACTORY || School Production 2019

Lunch time has been a buzz at the PAC with Mrs Chmiel and her cast busy with rehearsals for our upcoming school Production, The X Factory.

It has been tremendous to see all students working hard and showing their commitment around the studies to learn their lines and get into character for what will be a massive 2-day spectacular next month.





Careers in our Community

What an inspiring afternoon some of our Year 8, 9 & 10 students had earlier this week at the Goulburn Murray LLEN "Speed Careering" event.

Well done and a huge thanks to the Moira Shire Council for their support of this wonderful initiative and to Cobram SC for inviting our school to share this experience and their generous hospitality.

Thank you to the local business people for giving up their time to provide an amazing opportunity for all students. To have access to your direct knowledge, advice and passion was truly invaluable, not to mention being able to gain a sound understanding of your business and industry in our local community.

Cobram District Health
Sporties Barooga
Moira Shire Council
CPE Construction
Cobram Electrical & Data
MS Constructions
Flavourwave

Ag Skills Victoria Saputo

Defence Force Recruiting Albury

<u>Ambulance Victoria</u>

Victoria Police





Spring has Sprung

It was a buzz of activity in the beautiful sunshine down at our Ag Centre this afternoon.

The Prep classes even dropped by to see our special four-legged visitors who were having their afternoon feed which our Year 9 'Cows Create Careers' Team are looking after!



YEAR 1/2 PE || TEAMWORK & FUN ♣♀№ ♣♂♥

Yesterday the Yr 1/2 class combined for PE and as part of our movement unit students teamed up for three and then four legged races. We had lots of laughs and enjkoyed the sunshine, it was fabulous to see the students interacting with other children they don't have in their day to day classes.



Middle School Social 2019

What a night!!

Well done to Mr Watkins and the Middle School students who had a wonderful night at the Social last night! With just over 100 tickets sold!

Well done to Tianeka Van Den Berg, Natasha Smith and Ava Vodusek who each won a \$50 Mentha's voucher for random door prizes.

A huge thank you to our wonderful staff who helped out and made it happen. The food was fantastic, well done Ms. Forrest.

Big shout out to Andrew Walker (teaches guitar on Monday's) who provided the light show and Rivity Rascal (River Loizou, yr. 11) who pumped out some sick beats.

Some grand plans are already underway for 2020 to make the Middle School social even bigger and better than this year.

Cobram AGS Noticeboard

School Banking

The Commonwealth Bank School Banking program includes an exciting and exclusive Rewards program that encourages students to get into the habit of saving regularly.

Every time you child makes a deposit at school they receive a silver Dollarrmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their continued savings behaviour.

Remember, School Banking is every **Tuesday**

CAGS Second Hand Uniforms WANTED!

If any families are able to donate their second hand uniforms to the school, please pass onto the admin staff at the office.

There are some families who can and need to utilise second hand uniforms and we are always very grateful for any donations that we are able to pass on. School dresses in particular are very much needed coming into our warmer months.

Thank you in advance.



SAVE THE DATE - Term 4
Grandparents Day & Art Expo



Karate comes to Cobram



Cobram Junior Lawn Tennis - Term 4

Junior Tennis Term 4
Saturday mornings 8.45-11am
Registration and Grading
Premier, A Grade and B Grade
8.30am Saturday 12 October
Cobram Lawn Tennis
Tennis Lessons Mondays & Tuesdays
Greg Duns 0410574482

Further enquiries, to register interest and receive updates, email cdjta@yahoo.com with child's name, age and contact details.



Parent Teacher Interviews Term 4

Wednesday 9th October & Thursday 10th October Year 7-12 (4-6pm) Prep-Yr 6 (4-8pm)

Bookings will be available via the link on the Cobram AGS website from Tuesday 1st October. (We will send reminders for this)!

Parent Teacher Interviews

TERM 4 - 2019



PRACTICE EXAM Schedule - Units 3/4

Please see below the practice exam schedule for week 2 of the school holidays.

All exams are to be held at St Margaret's Anglican Church Hall in Pine Street) adjacent to the church). The exams will be conducted under the same conditions as the end of year exams.

Students are to be at the venue at least 10 mins prior to the scheduled start time.

As with the end of year exams students will be expected to remain in the hall until the conclusion of the exam period. With the exception of English most exams are 2 - 2.5 hrs in duration.

WED 2 OCT:

9am ENGLISH 1pm BUSINESS MANAGEMENT, PE, PSYCHOLOGY

THUR 3 OCT:

9am MATHS (All) 1pm ART, VIS COM, PHYSICS

FRI 4 OCT:

9am LEGAL STUDIES, HHD, AG, COMPUTING 1pm BIOLOGY

CAGS Calendar

We hope all of our families, students & staff have a safe and happy term 3 break.

We will send out a full list of dates to remember for term 4 when we return.

PLEASE NOTE:

TERM 4 Students return TUESDAY 8th October 2019

REMINDER

Please note our next Whole School Assembly will be Day 1 Term 4!

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