

Newsletter

26th February 2009

Cobram Primary
School

PO Box 261, Cobram, 3644
Telephone:(03) 5872 1374 Fax:(03)58711732
Email: cobram.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au
www.cobramps.vic.edu.au

COURAGE, INTEGRITY, LEARNING AND ACCEPTANCE

Welcome Parents, Friends and Community Members to the latest news from Cobram Primary.

Harvest Fair

In the CPS calendar this is a day keenly anticipated. Last Friday evening the committee certainly achieved their aim to have a family night. Every stall and activity had a child focus. It is always rewarding to see children with their own pocket money, trying to get the best value they can. Drop in to the office area and see the great photo display. Jenny Grant really captured the delight and Liz Pyle has displayed the photos to give best effect. One young boy, who didn't return to class when expected, was found 'checking out his photo'.

Our Vote of Thanks.

This event would not be so successful without every contribution, big or small. Parents and friends of students took rostered time off, others took time out of their businesses, cooked late into Thursday night, spent days in the weeks leading up collecting donated goods and making bookings to ensure all was ready on time. We sincerely thank all who gave their time so generously. I hope many other parents will join us in future as there is a sense of camaraderie among the volunteers.

District Swimming

On Monday Debbie Brasser, Jane Corso and Annette Moran took ten swimmers to Shepparton to compete at Zone level. All adults were complimentary of the efforts and attitude of our students. I wish Abbey Hoolahan, Jordan Blower, Taneeka Corso, Wade Franklin, Shanae McIntyre, Makenzy Ryder and Josh Bruni well as they go to the next level and congratulate them and also Andrew Felsenthal, Shaun Goldman and Sarah Cossar on their wonderful efforts.

School Sports

Trevor Mills, staff in the Grade 5 and 6 classes, Annette, Debbie and Jane have run a highly successful swimming program, which culminated in the swimming sports yesterday. Congratulations to all students who participated and made this a special day. Again thanks to Wendy Marshall and Jodie Rattray who made the House banners and how proud the students were marching behind their house colours. To the huge number of parents who supported their children we say a big thankyou because your presence gives these days a real carnival atmosphere. The team spirit that is evolving in our school sure puts a lump in our throats. Well done senior students. Photos can be viewed on the computer in the office area.

Champion House for the day was Goodman followed closely by Jordan, Shadforth and Rose.

Age Champions were:

10/11year old girls: Sarah Cossar

10/11 yr old boys: Josh Bruni

12/13 yr old girls: Abbey Hoolahan

12/13 yr old Andrew Felthensal

School Council

Due to an unprecedented interest in parents wishing to be a member of School Council we need to have an election. I urge you to exercise your right to vote. Papers will be included with this newsletter. I thank everyone for their interest and acknowledge that this level of interest affirms the healthy environment around our school.

Curriculum

Following extensive testing staff have a very solid knowledge of your children. Learning experiences will be directly related to the needs identified. On the evening of Thursday March 5th and on Friday 6th parent-teacher-student interviews will be held. Parents at CPS have always shown their commitment by attending these interviews and sharing their knowledge of their child, whilst hearing about progress made and attitudes to learning. We look forward to seeing you.

I wish everyone a safe and rewarding week ahead.

Mary Hockley

Assistant Principal

**DATES TO
NOTE**

27th February **LAST DAY FOR EMA CLAIMS**

27th February

Head Lice Check

27th February

Year 2 Sleepover

3rd March

Grades 1/2 Swimming commences

5th/6th March

Parent/Teacher Interviews

9th March

LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY

10th March

Book Club due back

12th/13th March

Grade 5 Harrierville Camp

16-20th March

Visiting Cartoonist-David Gibb

23rd March

P & F AGM

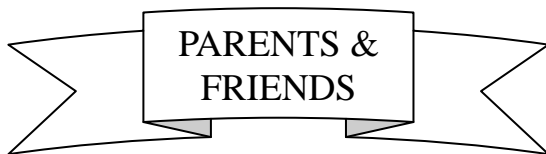
Harvest Fair Thank you!!

On behalf of all of the staff and students at Cobram Primary School, we would like to say a big thank you to all of the businesses and people who supported us with both their time and donations, We would like also to especially thank all of the families and members of the public who came along to our annual Harvest Fair to give their support.



Term 1 Week 5 Canteen Roster Volunteer required from 11.45am-1.30pm

MONDAY	Jeanette Miller
TUESDAY	Jeanette Grant
WEDNESDAY	Darlene Fitzpatrick
THURSDAY	Tracy Knight
FRIDAY	NO CANTEEN



The Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting (AGM) is on March 23rd at 7.00pm in the staffroom. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you wish to vote or be eligible to be an office bearer, you will need to be a paid up member. Membership is \$1.00 and can be paid at the school office or at one of our meetings. We look forward to seeing you there.

Second Hand Uniform Shop

Second hand uniforms are available for sale every **MONDAY** in the administration building between **3.00 and 3.20 pm**. Summer dresses - \$3, jumpers - \$3 and shorts- \$2. Come and see Jennie for good quality freshly laundered uniforms.

THOMPSONS BUS LINES

Increase in town bus fares from Wednesday 25th February, 2009

Single Ticket	\$1.00
Return Ticket	\$1.70

Change of swimming date!!!

Please note that there has been a change in the swimming dates for the grade 1 & 2

students. The last swimming date for them has been changed from the 24th of March to Tuesday the 26th of March.

EQ PROVERBS

March 2009: A true friend sticks with you through thick and thin.

2009 STUDENT AWARDS

Prep B – Zahraa Al Khaledy – For always using her good manners.

Prep B – Taylah White – For being neat and tidy in her classroom.

Prep C – Hayley Duggan – You are a great listener and work hard.

Prep C – Mohammed Al Saber – You have been making sensible choices and listening well.

Prep C – Tammy Anstis – You are always ready to work and listen carefully to instructions.

1S – James Grant – For being sensible in the classroom and always making wise decisions.

1S – Mikala Murdoch – For her wonderful getting along skills.

1W – Sophia Nolan – For always trying her best with her work.

1W – Lane Chapman – For showing the terrific 'Lane' this week.

2L – Jasper Head – Congratulations on your work efforts this week. You have happily had a go at all tasks.

2 L – Kaine Humphries – For your friendly nature and frequent offers to help to your classmates – it is great to see.

2S – Michael Demaio – Well done Michael – you are always super organised and ready to go!

2S – Jayke Orzegowski-Rowley – You worked all day on Thursday with such persistence Jayke – keep it going!

2S – Kiana Richardson – You are such a conscientious student – always completing all tasks to such a high standard!

3CO – Pen Licence – Baneen Al Rubayi and Cassidy Keen – For wonderful handwriting!

3KN – Shahzanan Al Nusairi – Always applies her best effort to all learning opportunities

3KN – Mohammad Al Musawi – He has started to make stronger choices to ensure he is able to achieve his best.

4BL – Brooke Harris – For persistence in everything she does.

4BL – Ali Al Dulimi – For asking and answering questions and quietly completing work.

4C – Pen Licence – Hayden Hill, Sharna Sheehey and Ali Al Garaawi.

4C – Hayden Hill – Always a person who treats others the way he wants to be treated.

4C – Max Cabading – Congratulations on becoming an Australian Citizen and well done for standing so nicely for our anthem.

SUMMER VERSES-6N

What does summer mean to me?

Summer is a very hot season for me. I get very yuck and sticky. I drink lots of water and sometimes I get sick. I see lots of dead trees. I feel the sunscreen on my face. I feel wet and sweaty and yuck. I see lots of mosquitoes dead on the ground. I see lots of dead yellow grass. I like splashing in the pool, I feel relaxed when I am in the pool.

By Wouroud Al Tamimi 6N

SUMMER

To me, summer means I finally get to go in the pool. The best feeling about summer is the water splashing through your body, giving you the nice feeling of the cool water. It is refreshing from your head to your toes, getting rid of the yucky sweat from all over. Over time, the sunscreen wears off and you start to feel your skin burning from the sun. Staying in your bathers all day long, swimming around like a little fish, licking cold icy-poles- that's what summer means to me.

By Shanae McIntyre 6N

SUMMER

To me summer means: going in the pool and swimming, playing in the pool with everyone, being inside watching the cricket on TV, listening to the cicadas making noise, the air con all the way up high, the pool pump making noise, water getting too hot to swim and it reaches 50 degrees.

By Joshua Bruni 6N

WHAT SUMMER MEANS TO ME?

Summer means sun, and summer means fun.
Summer means moaning, and summer means groaning.
Summer means pool, and a cold drink to keep cool.
Summer means ice-cream, and summer means sunscreen.
Summer means cicadas, and spending all day in your bathers.
Summer means hot wind in your face, and summer means flies all over the place.
Summer means the sound of the lawn mower, and summer means the river gets lower.
Summer means a lot to me, as I spend time with my friends in the hot degree.

By Meg Armstrong 6N

COMMUNITY NEWS

COBRAM JUNIOR SOCCER ASSOCIATION

Registration dates for children from Under 6 to Under 14 will be held at the APEX RESERVE CLUBROOMS, CAMPBELL ROAD, COBRAM as follows:

THURSDAY, MARCH 5, 4:30pm to 6:30pm

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 4:30PM to 6:30pm

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21, 10:00am to
12:00pm**

Anyone who is interested in playing in the Saturday morning competition is asked to come along on any of these dates and register your child for the season.

Costs for the 2009 season are as follows, \$60 per child and \$65 for any child registered after the above mentioned dates, the prices have unfortunately been raised due to a price rise from the FFV. For information call Vince Iannucci on 0488712330 or visit the website on

<http://cobramjuniorsoccer.sportzvault.com>

COBRAM BASKETBALL ASSOCIATION-JUNIOR REGISTRATION

For all Junior Players aged between 5 years and 18 years of age, registrations will be held on 2nd & 3rd March 2009 from 5.30pm to 6.30pm at the Cobram Basketball Stadium for the season starting 16th March 2009.

Junior Registration fee will be \$55 per child, including a refundable \$5 singlet fee and the game fee will be \$5 per game.

Anyone requiring further information please contact Rod Armstrong on 58711430.

Anyone that did not hand their top in at the end of last year, it would be appreciated if they could return it on registration night.

PARENTING FOR RESILIENCE-SEMINAR BY MICHAEL GROSE

A 90-minute seminar by Michael Grose, a leading parenting educator and author will be held on March 23rd.

Learn about ways to help your children cope with difficulties, overcome setbacks and prevent anxiety.

The seminar will be held at the Cobram-Barooga Sports Club on March 23rd, at 7.30pm. Cost of tickets will be \$10.00.

If you would like to attend, please label an envelope with, 'Michael Grose tickets' and your child's name and class. Include the correct money (cash only please) and the slip below. Return to school office ASAP, as places are limited (140 tickets).

Cobram & District Toy Library are hosting this event.

MICHAEL GROSE SEMINAR

Child's Name _____

Class _____

Number of Tickets _____

Money enclosed \$ _____

The University of New South Wales
is conducting the **International Competitions and Assessments** for
2009 at Cobram Primary School.

These assessments are open to all students in Years 3 to 6 and every student will receive a certificate acknowledging their participation

The subjects and prices have not changes from last year and are as follows;

Science	\$6.60
Mathematics	\$6.60
English.....	\$6.60
Writing	\$12.10
Spelling	\$8.80

Please tick the subject/s to be completed and forward the total payment to the front office by no later than **Friday 24th April**

Student's name

Year Level _____ Class _____

Total amount enclosed \$ _____



School Council Nominee Profiles

Pina Papalia

Good afternoon Parents and Friends. My name is Pina Papalia and I am currently a parent of Cobram Primary School. I have two sons that attend the Primary School, Domenic in grade 5 and Isaak in grade 1.

Like most parents, I spend my time juggling full time employment, school, children's extra curriculum activities and home duties. I am actively involved in community organisations, such as Cobram Junior Soccer Association and was former secretary of the Cobram District Children's Services (Punt Road) committee.

I was born and raised in Cobram and as a former student of Cobram Primary School I have seen many changes made to the school and many traditions remain the same. I am very proud of what the school has achieved and look forward to its progression.

I believe that as a candidate for council I have much to offer and like others, have our children and their best interests in mind. We, as parents strive to provide all that we can for our young generation in preparation for their future and I look at the prospect in joining school council, to be just that - to provide all that we can. To provide strength, respect, knowledge, leadership and above all a strong foundation for their journey into adulthood.

I am not alone in sharing this view and if elected, look forward to the opportunity of representing the school.

Shelley Lissington

Hi, I'm Shelley Lissington. My husband, Hans and I run our dairy farm at Cobram East, and have lived there for seven years. We have four children – three at Cobram Primary in grades one, four and six, and one at kinder, starting school next year. I enjoy being involved in our community, and am in my second year as Vice-president of Cobram District Children's Services. I am enthusiastic about education and the future of our fantastic school, and would like to assist with ongoing improvement, for the benefit of the children and the staff, of Cobram Primary School.

Annette Mustica

Hi my name is Annette Mustica, mother of four children all of whom have attended Cobram Primary School. Currently Isaiah is in Year 4 and Hannah is in Year 5. I have been a member of the Primary School community for over 10 years as my other two sons have moved onto High School. I have enjoyed being actively involved in helping the school go from strength to strength under the new leadership. I have been on school council for two years as the Parents and Friends Representative. I have enjoyed my involvement with the school and the council and looking forward to what the School can achieve. If I am elected for School Council I am prepared to continue to work hard on behalf of the Cobram Primary School community utilizing my experience as a business owner and a concerned parent.

Cameron Knight

I have been a member of School Council for the past 4 years. I have 3 children attending Cobram Primary School, Ashley in grade 6, Brittney in grade 4 and Jordyn in grade 1.

I will be with the school for at least 6 more years and will be able to serve to ensure that my children and yours are getting all the benefits that they deserve.

A vote for me will ensure that our children continue to enjoy all of these benefits for the next few years. I am a very approachable person and if you have any concerns about our school, please do not hesitate to contact me and I will do my best to ensure a positive outcome.

Jane Corso

I would like to let you know a little about myself, my family, and my passion for Cobram Primary School. My name is Jane Corso. I am the mother of two wonderful children Taneeka and Ridge, who currently attend Cobram Primary. I have always been an active member of both Parents and Friends, and, for the past three years, on School Council. I try to attend most of the activities within the school. These range from sporting events to social events. During my time on Council, I have always tried to be mindful, that I am first and foremost representing the opinion of a parent and I bring this perspective to the table when Council meets. I have found the position very rewarding in the past, and I would like the opportunity to continue to make a valued contribution to the decision making and policy building in our school.

12 Month Casual Vacancy

Katrina Muller

My name is Katrina Muller and I wish to stand for School Council.

In the 6 years that my daughter Bianca, has been attending Cobram Primary School I have always been actively involved in various school events and have been a representative on the Parent & Friends Committee for the same period of time.

My daughter is currently enrolled at the school, and I would like the chance to represent the students and their parents by being a part of the School Council and would be approachable at anytime to listen to the concerns or issues that may arise.

Nicola Riseborough -

My husband Glenn and I have a Cherry Orchard at Cobram East and have lived in the area for 11 years. We have 2 children at Cobram Primary School in grades 3 and 5.

I would like to be a member of the School Council to support the existing board and be part of a proactive team, to introduce and implement plans and ideas for the continued development of the education and environment, for the benefit of all our school children, today and in the future.