

# Newsletter

5th March 2009

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School

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**COURAGE, INTEGRITY, LEARNING AND ACCEPTANCE**

Good Afternoon on what is a much cooler and pleasant day today!

### **School Council Elections**

CPS was in a position this year of having to hold an election for the Parent Representatives on School Council for the next two years.

The following have been successful in attaining this position: Pina Papalia, Shelley Lissington, Annette Mustica and Cameron Knight.

Congratulations must also be extended to Katrina Muller who has been successful in attaining the 12 month casual vacancy position. I look forward to working with our new council in 2009 and together keeping our school moving forward.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> March we will conduct an Annual General Meeting of School Council, to be followed by the first meeting of our new school council.

Congratulations and thank you to all those parents who were prepared to become involved in this governance process for our school.

### **Harrietville Camp for Grade 5 children**

Given the terrible conditions and fires that the state has suffered over the last month, I have received a number of calls enquiring about this camp. I need to be very clear that the number one priority will, at all times, be the safety of the children. There is at present no fire alerts across the state and the ban on school camps and excursions from the DEECD has been lifted from Monday of next week. Should any of these circumstances change then the situation would be reassessed. One of the advantages of the trip for the grade 5's is that our bus stays with the camp the entire time, so in the event of any emergency "we are out of there!"

### **Parent Teacher Interviews**

The teachers have been putting in the long hours to prepare for these interviews. They will have the results of many assessments, Individual Learning Plans, and lots to discuss with you at these meetings. Teachers will complete a full day's work today and then conduct interviews from 4pm to 8pm, so it is an extremely long and demanding day.

Interviews resume again at 8.30am on Friday morning until 1pm. We go to considerable trouble to arrange interviews for families in "blocks" of time and thank you to all those parents who responded quickly with times to ensure that all interviews go as smoothly as possible. I do understand that waiting and waiting can be quite frustrating, so I also ask that you keep your interviews to the 15 minute time slots and if more time is needed, then make arrangements to talk again later. Both

Mary and myself will be present for the duration of the interviews, so feel free to chat if we need to discuss any concerns. Or, you could just bring me coffee if you like! These interviews are a vital opportunity for you to have one-on-one time with your child's teacher. My aim is to see every child's parent(s) attend interviews to show their support for their child's education.

### **Leadership Day**

Yesterday the entire leadership group (myself, Mary Hockley, Lyn Hobley, Glenice Sefton, Kelly Newson, Marc Baker, Cassie Ryan and Glenda Blake ) spent the day away from school to look at our school's "Big Picture". We discussed the role of leaders and leadership, the demands and needs of our children, student results, teaching strategies and tactics to continue our trend of constant improvement, particularly in Literacy and Numeracy. We discussed strategic plans, action plans, improving teaching and learning and more.

This day is an excellent day to support the continual improvement of our school. I thank the staff for their hard work on the day as it is very demanding, and the patience of the students when so many of our teachers are absent from class for the day.

### **Food**

I noticed as I wandered by the classrooms at lunchtime and the yard during play time, that many children are bringing snacks to school that are very highly sugar based. Please don't be fooled by the packaging of products. Research tells us that children will perform better in their learning when well nourished with healthy foods. Nutella is a "nightmare" for both its sugar content and it also poses a problem for our children with nut allergies. I ask that you please avoid Nutella totally from coming to our school. There is a chocolate spread available from both of our local supermarkets which is nut free, lower in fat content and dairy free. Thanks for your cooperation here.

See you tonight and tomorrow at the interviews!

Trudie Nagle  
Principal

## DATES TO NOTE

5 <sup>th</sup> /6 <sup>th</sup> March	Parent/Teacher Interviews
9 <sup>th</sup> March	LABOUR DAY HOLIDAY
10 <sup>th</sup> March	Book Club orders due back
12 <sup>th</sup> /13 <sup>th</sup> March	Grade 5 Harrierville Camp
16-20 <sup>th</sup> March	Visiting Cartoonist-David Gibb
23 <sup>rd</sup> March	P & F AGM

## CANTEEN NEWS

### Term 1 Week 6 Canteen Roster Volunteer required from 11.45am-1.30pm

MONDAY	<b>Labour Day Holiday</b>
TUESDAY	Amanda Millstead
WEDNESDAY	Deidre Bond
THURSDAY	Cathy McGrath
FRIDAY	HELPER NEEDED

## PARENTS & FRIENDS

The Parents & Friends Annual General Meeting (AGM) is on March 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

### **Cobram Primary School would like to thank the following businesses for their support of the Harvest Fair:**

Pino Ballerini  
Mustica Motors  
McDonalds  
Commonwealth Bank  
D'Vine Ideas  
Just Scrapping Essentials  
OSROC Hairdressing  
Retravision  
Betta Electrical  
Cobram Outdoor Supplies  
Saddles & Swags  
Provincial Beauty

Reiki On The River  
NVBS Mitre 10  
Cobram Florist  
Cobram Central Nursery  
Curves  
Tozers Pharmacy  
Paul Ukich Pharmacy  
Pages of Cobram  
Royal Victoria Hotel  
SIM-PLY Relieve "N" Relax  
Barooga Sports Club  
Red Gum Photographics  
Cobram Photographics  
Perfect Nails  
Ambience Bakery  
Bakers Delight  
Safeway Supermarket  
Matina Orchards  
C & T Corso  
Fotia Bros.  
CIF Trading

### **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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 26<sup>th</sup> of March to Tuesday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March.

### **CHANGE OF VENUE**

Please note that the venue has changed for the Michael Grose Parenting for Resilience seminar being held on March 23<sup>rd</sup>. The venue is now the Cobram-Barooga Golf Club. If you are interested in attending, please fill in the form at the end of the newsletter.

## **EQ PROVERBS**

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

## **EQ AWARDS**

*Kaitlyn Johnson, Zahraa Al Shadori, Molly Poole,  
Haylee Sheehey, Frances Clark, Brandon Furness,  
Holly McCluskey, Wade Franklin, Travis Hollands,  
Casey Paterson*

## **2009 STUDENT AWARDS**

**Prep B – Tayla Humphries** – For being a good friend to someone who was sad.

**Prep B – Harry Browning – SUPER READER AWARD**-For reading every night since he has started school.

**Prep C – Yasmine Al Karawi** – You were a fantastic helper in the computer room.

**Prep C – Hayden Holz** – You ask lots of thoughtful questions and are interested in things around you.

**1S – Teagan Forster** – For putting lots of effort into her handwriting.

**1S – Aymin Maarj** – For working very hard at his story writing.

**1W – Alain Marrello** – You have had another great week in Grade 1.

**1W – Emily Nolan** – For always trying your hardest in all work.

**2L – Hussein Al Tamini** – For fabulous story writing efforts this week. Congratulations for making strong choices and staying focussed.

**2 L – Maddison Franklin** – You have shown great persistence in all areas this week.

**2S – Joshua Francis** – Well done Joshua. You have settled back into school in a confident manner.

**2S – Jackson Fitzpatrick** – You always approach all tasks in a confident manner. Well done!

**56B – Homework Award: Alana Cormican**

**56B – Jeremey Laffan** – For working hard on his writing.

**5R – Mason Bond** – For scoring fantastic results.

**5R – Sheridyn Hamilton** – For always completing work to a high standard.

**5R – Domenic Freund** – For being a good “all rounder” and for having a great sense of humour.

**5S – Mallory Arnold** – You are always happy and confident to try and have a go at everything.

**5S – Drew McKay** – It was wonderful to see you motivated and enthusiastic with story writing this week.

**6N – Meg Armstrong, Phillip Creighton, Abbey Hoolahan** – For excellent spelling results, keep it up!

**6N – Falah Dulimi** – For showing great improvement throughout swimming lessons.

**6T – Patty Miller** – For persistence and effort with his story writing.

**6T – Ashley Knight** – For enthusiasm and good organisation.

## **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 OUTDOOR POOL END OF SEASON CARNIVAL AND DISCO – SUNDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> MARCH, PUNT ROAD COBRAM**

Some of the great activities will be: inflatable's between 2-4pm, a talent quest from 4-5pm, a disco from 7-9pm, clowns, jugglers, face painting, hair spraying and games.

There will also be a competition for the best dressed person with the theme ‘disco fever’

#### **Katamatite Junior Netball**

Training for 11&U and 13&U commences on Thursday 12th of March from 5pm - 6pm.

Games are Saturday at 10.30am for 11&U followed by 13& U at 11.30am.

11&Unders program is run like the Netta program and is aimed at getting children participating in sports, developing fitness, and ball skills. All children are encouraged to have a go and try all positions irrespective of skill level. We encourage any child from prep upwards (including any boys) to participate.

Many clubs in the area have enough players for 2 or even 3 teams and we try to match based on age, height and skill level where possible. Children are welcome just to train on

Thursdays. Coach - Mitzi Klein 0427 042 426

Under 13's - again this program is aimed at getting children participating in sports. This is run like a normal competition and games are scored. Having fun, while developing skills is encouraged. Coach - Sue Barnes – 58 735 235

Please do not hesitate to contact either of the coaches for further information.

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 24<sup>th</sup> April**

Student's name

\_\_\_\_\_

Year Level \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_



### **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 23<sup>rd</sup>.

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

The seminar will be held at the **Cobram-Barooga Golf Club** on March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 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.

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### **MICHAEL GROSE SEMINAR**

Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_

Class \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Money enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_

