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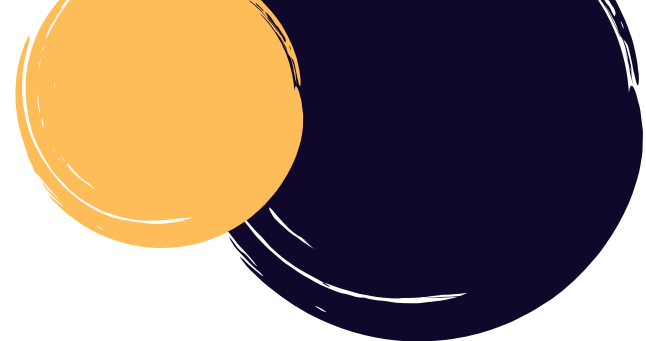
Cobram Anglican Grammar
School Newsletter

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

with Mr Keith Willett

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

I trust this edition of The Crier finds you and your family well. What a pleasure it is to be able to write an edition of The Crier after one full week of face to face Teaching and Learning with all students at school.

These next few weeks will be very busy as we adjust and react to the latest COVID guidelines around which schools have to operate within. Whilst there are a number of activities in with we can reengage, care and caution also dictates that as a school community we remain vigilant and as safe as possible. We will keep families informed as we continue to learn which activities are possible between now and the end of the year.

On Wednesday our VCE students commenced their final examinations. I know I speak for the entire school community when I extend every best wish to our Year Twelve cohort as they tackle this examination period. For our Year Twelve students the last two years has certainly been imposed upon by the rigours of COVID and I acknowledge the perseverance and resilience displayed by the students, their families and their teachers.

This week along with Mr Kennedy, Mrs White and Ms Doyle I have had the pleasure of working through the selection process for our 2022 school leaders. I am very pleased to be able to announce that for 2022, our School Captains will be Regan Fox and Rory Brooker. The Captain of Anglican Identity in 2022 is Paige Conway. There were several students who applied for these positions and all can be satisfied and proud of their efforts. My sincere thanks and appreciation go to Liam Smith, Emma Nolan (2021 School Captains) and Teagan Clark (2021 Captain of Anglican Identity) for their presence and leadership in the past year.

To all families I extend my best wishes for a restful long weekend and I look forward to a productive and healthy, final few weeks of the school year.

Regards,

Keith Willett
Principal



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School reminders...

PUPIL FREE DAY - MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

Families are reminded that MONDAY 1st NOVEMBER is pupil free day. There will be no students required at school on this day.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY- TUESDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

Families are reminded that TUESDAY 2nd NOVEMBER is the Melbourne Cup Public Holiday. There will be no students or staff required at school on this day.

SCHOOL PHOTOS - THURSDAY 2ND DECMEBER

With the new ISV guidelines out, our Professional School Photos will be able to take place on Thursday 2nd December. Please keep a look out for order forms which will be sent home in the coming weeks.

LAST DAY YEAR 10 & 11 - FRIDAY 3RD DECEMBER

LAST DAY TERM FOUR & PRESENTATION DAY- FRIDAY 10TH DECEMBER

2022 TERM DATES

TERM 1

Starts Monday 31st January
Labour Day 14th March
Ends Friday 8th April

TERM 2

Starts Tuesday 26th April
Pupil Free Day Friday 27th May
Queen's Birthday Public Holiday Monday 13th June
Ends Friday 24th June

TERM 3

Starts Monday 18th July
Pupil Free Day Friday 19th August
Ends Friday 16th September

TERM 4

Starts Monday 3rd October
Pupil Free Day Monday 31st October
Melbourne Cup Public Holiday
Tuesday 1st November
Ends Friday 9th December



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From the P & F

Dear Families,

Our School P&F serves to organise activities that bring the school community together. Throughout the year, the P&F strives to create a sense of belonging for school families, promotes the interests of Cobram AGS in the wider community, co-ordinates social and other activities that celebrate the achievements of our students and school, and support Cobram AGS by raising and using funds to enhance the experience of our students.

Due to the current pandemic and associated restrictions, the P&F group have been meeting remotely, online, in 2021. We generally meet on the first Tuesday of the month.

Remaining meetings for the year are on:

Tuesday 9th November (delayed due to Melbourne Cup Public Holiday)
Tuesday 7th December

We are looking forward to running a pie/ lamington/ donut drive in November, with the support of Cobram Bakery Café.

In 2022, we are planning on having an Easter themed fundraiser in Term 1 and a Sock Fundraiser in Term 2.

Cobram AGS P&F look forward to working together with new and familiar faces as we continue to support the endeavours of CAGS.

If you are interested in being part of the Cobram AGS P & F please don't hesitate to send us an email at admin@cags.vic.edu.au we'd love to hear from you.

Liliana Novoa
Cobram AGS
P & F President

COBRAM AGS P & F PRESENTS THE

Pie, Lamington & Donut Drive

with the support of Cobram Bakery Café, present our Term 4 Fundraiser.

Please return form to the school office. Orders are to be in by no later than Monday 8th November.
Please ensure payment has been deposited prior to handing in the form.

Goods to be picked on the afternoon of Friday 19th November, from the Home Economics Room, between 2:45PM and 3:45PM
(Notes have been issued with students or can be found on our school website under the Parent Hub Tab.)



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ANGLICAN IDENTITY

With Ms Shea Doyle

Lord,

When evil darkens our world, give us light. When despair numbs our souls, give us hope. When we stumble and fall, lift us up. When doubts assail us, give us faith. When nothing seems sure, give us trust. When ideals fade, give us vision. When we lose our way, be our guide! That we may find serenity in Your presence, and purpose in doing Your will.

John D Rayner

In a week where we have welcomed everyone back to onsite learning and observed our VCE cohort begin their end of year exams, I am reminded of how important it is to recognise the impact that these events might have on the mental health and wellbeing of some of our young people. Although many of our students have welcomed the return to school and are feeling excited at the thought of renewing friendships and optimistic about returning to face-to-face studies, others are feeling anxious and uncertain about reverting to this routine. The comfort of home and new habits can make it difficult to transition back to school where engaging with others is required. Unfortunately, for some of the students tackling the end of year exams, the stress and anxiety felt may be overwhelming. In these times we cannot underestimate the importance of connecting with and taking notice of the mental health and wellbeing of our students.

I would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge our wellbeing team, in particular Vanessa Wannis and Kevin Quin who work tirelessly to support our students and their families as they navigate difficult situations.

Please see below a list of resources Vanessa has suggested might be of use to families:



Lifeline (13 11 14) is a confidential telephone crisis support service available 24/7 from a landline, payphone or mobile.
Call 13 11 14 or chat online www.lifeline.org.au/



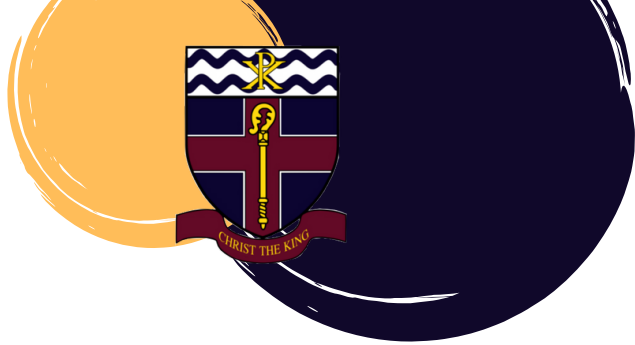
ReachOut provides practical tools and support to help young people get through everything from everyday issues to tough times.
www.au.reachout.com/



Beyond Blue provides information and support for young people about anxiety and depression.
Call 1300 22 4636 or chat online.
www.beyondblue.org.au/



Kids' Helpline is a counselling service for Australian children and young people aged between 5 and 25 years.
Call 1800 55 1800 or chat online.
www.kidshelpline.com.au/



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SENIOR SCHOOL
UPDATE

With Mr Ash Kennedy

Well to use a sporting analogy 'it's finals time'. Our students studying Units Three & Four have begun exams and it's time for all the hard work throughout the year to come to the fore. All of our Year Twelve students sat the English exam this Wednesday and the relief of putting this important subject behind them was evident as they exited the exam hall. The students were met by some Cobram AGS staff outside the hall among them Ms Peters armed with frozen cokes and chocolate for the weary students. It has been great to see so many students attending school during the revision period in order to access teachers and ensure they are putting their best foot forward in preparation for exams. We wish everyone the best of luck for the remaining exam period and we look forward to celebrating the official completion of the school year with our Year 12's and their families at the Valedictory dinner on the 19th of November.

Whilst on the subject of the Valedictory dinner it is a great pleasure to announce that Meghan Gossayn has been elected the Cobram AGS Valedictorian for 2021. It is a great honour to be selected as the representative of the Year 12 student body by your peers and teachers based on your integrity, commitment to excellence and contribution to the community. Meghan is a very deserving Valedictorian and we look forward to her address at the dinner.

Our Year Nine, Ten & Eleven students will all have their exams during Week Seven. These exams are a great opportunity for students to experience exam conditions and learn the skills necessary at VCE level such as time management during exams and revision techniques. We encourage all students participating in these exams to give their best effort and gain the most from this valuable learning experience.

It has been a long year and there is no doubt that our students are mentally exhausted. It is important that our entire community sticks together and makes the rest of 2021 as enjoyable and successful as possible. We encourage everyone to walk tall, take pride in yourself and the school and take care with your interactions with each other.

Ash Kennedy
Head of Senior School

VCE KEY DATES -

- Monday 15th November:** Exam Week Starts for Year 7, 8 & 9
- Friday 19th November:** 2021 Year 12 Valedictory Service & Dinner
- Monday 22nd November:** Headstart for all 2022 VCE students
- Monday 29th November:** Accelerate-Engage for all 2022 VCE students
- Wednesday 1st December:** 2022 Year 12 overnight stay
- Friday 3rd December:** Year 10 & 11 students Last Day Term Four
- Friday 10th December:** Last Day Term Four all students



2021 Year 12 Class Valedictorian
CONGRATULATIONS
Meghan Gossayn



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Senior School



Congratulations 2022 School Captains
L-R Mr Kennedy, Regan Fox, Paige Conway, Rory Brooker, Ms Doyle and Mr Willett.



NEW SCHOOL GYM
Thanks to Mr O and all his hard work putting together our new school gym, which is now available for Senior School students to utilise outside of class hours.



GOOD LUCK to all of our YEAR 12 Students who commenced final exams this week!



1/2C thought it would be a nice idea to write letters to the Year 12 students wishing them good luck for their upcoming exams. Year 12 expressed their thanks by visiting the younger students recently, enjoying lunch together.





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JUNIOR SCHOOL

UPDATE *With Mrs Mary Swoffer*

Good afternoon, and welcome to the latest news in the Junior School.

Term Four is always such an exciting time for me as Head of Junior School. Along with our 2022 Foundation teachers, I get to meet and greet our incoming Foundation students. Whilst COVID has seen us adapt and change how we welcome our families it has also seen us showcase on a virtual platform to our new families all the wonderful opportunities on offer here at Cobram AGS. Our Foundation families have been treated to a number of videos exploring the school grounds and classrooms. Mr Willett and Mrs Rebecca Kennedy have read a picture story book and most recently we shared what we love about Cobram AGS from our student's perspective. We had our youngest and our oldest and many in between share their experiences and fondest memories. We have confirmed the news regarding the easing of restrictions which will see our 2022 Foundation students join us here on site before the end of Term.

Term Four also marks the end of an era for our Year Six students as they commence their transition into Senior School. Our Year 5/6 teachers are currently planning some wonderful activities to ensure that the end of this chapter of their education is celebrated and great graduation memories made. Mr Ash Kennedy Head of Senior School is also in the throes of planning some exciting opportunities for our Year Six students to discover all the wonderful opportunities that lay ahead in Senior School. Keep an eye out on dojo for further details.

It has been wonderful to see our Foundation to Year Two students back on site for the last couple of weeks. The routines and support our families have provided our youngest students during remote Teaching and Learning has seen them return to onsite learning seamlessly, with our only recognisable hiccup being the more regular calling of the teachers 'Mum!'.



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JUNIOR SCHOOL UPDATE

Continued

Our Year Three to Six students have been part of the staggered return to onsite learning and for some, the adjustment has been challenging. Our teachers in this area have created some wonderful opportunities in the coming weeks for these students to reengage and reconnect.

As a community it is important we acknowledge and work together around the wellbeing of our young people as they return to onsite learning. Primary aged children often struggle with communicating their feelings and worries, with their main communication tool for us to interpret often displayed in their behaviour. Your child may be experiencing a myriad of emotions about returning to school after such a long absence. Some of the emotions they may be feeling include;

Happiness - They might be happy to play and engage with their friends and recommence a more 'normal' style of play on the school grounds.

Worry - They may be worried about what they have missed out on by not being present at school both socially and academically. When your child returns to school their closest friends may have new interests, skills and friendships, this may also cause your child to worry about returning.

Insecure - They may be more concerned about the threat of COVID-19 in school and the presence of germs. School has always been a safe place for your child and with all of the changes which have occurred in the environment, that sense of security may be challenged. This may result in a reluctance to attend school.

Excitement - They might be excited to leave home and return to the regular routine of face to face school, including seeing their classroom teacher.

As we all navigate this new 'normal' I invite all parents to utilise whatever communication channels are most convenient for you, telephone, class dojo, email or face to face to discuss your child's progress, academically, socially and emotionally with their classroom teacher, specialist teacher, Year Level Coordinator or Head of School.

Take care,

Mary Swoffer
Head of Junior School



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SPORTS UPDATE

With Mr Jon O'Dwyer

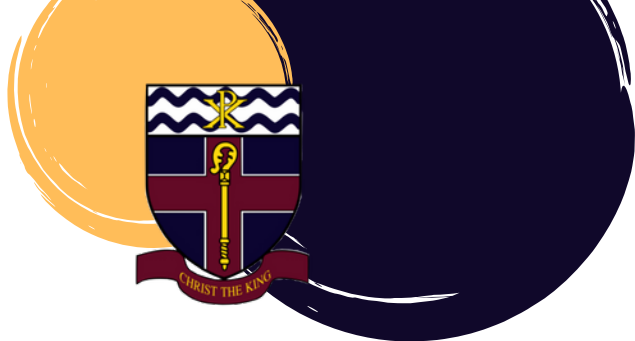
Good afternoon everyone,

As you are probably aware since last advising you of some of the tremendous accomplishments of our talented pool of student athletes, COVID put a spanner in the works of any remaining SSV sanctioned sporting events going ahead for 2021. To say this is disappointing is an understatement but the uncertainty of this nastiness is a big enough deterrent in bringing students en masse for a major sporting event. With this said, there is light at the end of the tunnel and it seems to be getting brighter and, hopefully, we will be able to secure an entire year of sport in 2022! Even though our sporting involvement has been hindered, it still has not stopped some outstanding achievements by student representatives in extracurricular activities:

- Murphy Stephens (Year 6) still has an outside chance to make the SSV 12 and Under Boys Cricket team. Fortunately for Murphy, organisers have battled hard to secure the final selection squad being invited to Bendigo for a week-long camp at the end of November and then pick a team from all that will occur during this week. We wish Murphy the very best of luck if this goes ahead.
- The Woosnam sisters are on fire!!! Charlotte (Year 7) has been selected in the Gold Nugget Basketball Academy, which is an official pathway for any aspiring basketballer to the big time!!! Charlotte had a very successful SSV campaign for the State team, narrowly missing final selection so this is testament of where she is at with her basketball at present. Her older sister, Mikayla (Year 10), is not letting her little sister take all the glory. Mikayla was selected as a squad member of the Bendigo Academy of Sport Netball program, where selection was based on invitation to trial following the representative season. This now sees her travel to Mooropna on a fortnightly basis to participate in this elite program.
- Sam Trembath (Year 7) collected the Best and Fairest award for the Yarrawonga Football Club's Under 14 grade. Sam is showing some fantastic talents on the football field, also being part of the GWS Southern-Riverina Academy as reported on last sports article. Hopefully, if he continues to develop his skills and abilities, Cobram AGS could have its first AFL player in the not too distant future!!!

What about our remarkable golfing fraternity!!! Definitely been a lot of outstanding achievements recorded:

- Casey Chandler (Year 6) won the Tocumwal Golf Club's Junior Champion title, presented at their awards night.
- Olivia Thompson (Year 7) won the 2021 C Grade Womens' Nett title and was part of the 2021 GAS Mixed Foursome Runner up team, which included her father, John.
- Kohen Haddrell (Year 4) won the Monthly Medal at the Cobram Barooga Golf Club for October, meaning he was the best performed golfer at the club over this month!!!



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The New Gym



SPORTS UPDATE

Continued...

- Harry Thompson (Year 5), who won the Tony Baldwin Memorial Runners up Trophy at the presentation night and then featured with his father, John, to claim the 27 Hole Mens' Foursome Championship Nett Winners award!!!!
- Great to see so many of our students involving themselves in karate classes and soccer competitions locally. Mrs Swoffer informed me that about 40 of our junior school students have commenced playing soccer in the local junior competition and special mention to Alex Preston (Year 6) who graded to a Yellow belt in Karate!!!!

So as you can see, even though COVID tries to upset the sporting scene, our remarkable students are still kicking goals!!!! Congratulations to all the mentioned students and please remember to feel free to alert me to your child's sporting successes so we can publicise these to our greater school community! Well done!

On another matter, we have commenced use of the school gym for any student from Year 7 upwards. Use is under strict supervision where the students will need to complete an introductory session and adhere to strict guidelines as to what can be used. The gym is available for use Monday, Wednesday and Friday after school (3:15pm - 5:30pm) and during lunch times on Tuesday and Thursday. Please feel free to contact me should you have any queries.

Until next time, God bless and stay safe!

Regards,
Jon O'Dwyer
Head of Sport

Murphy



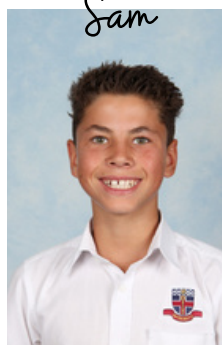
Mikayla



Charlotte



Sam



Casey



Olivia



Harry



Kohen

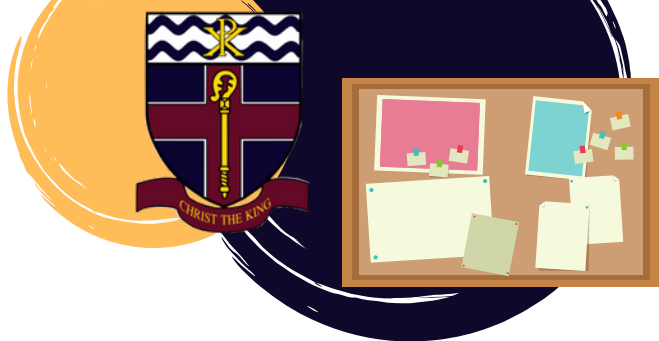


Alex



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2021/2022 SEASON

**REGISTRATIONS
NOW OPEN**



**BAROOGA CC JUNIORS
UNDER 16, 14, & 12**

Or Junior Blasters (Skills 5-9yo)

**If you're interested in playing cricket in a fun and supported team this season please contact Sam Leigh 0488 039 127 or Michelle Stephens 0438 780 919
NEW FAMILIES ALL WELCOME!**

Unique Womenswear

**Junior
Position
Available**

Please contact Jenn for further information if interested
(03) 5747 4201 | 47 High St, Cobram

**GRADE 4,5,6
MIXED COMP**

Mondays

6 week comp

Dates: Nov 8th, 15th, 22nd, 29th

Dec 6th, 13th

kick off times : 5.40pm & 6.20pm

Cost: \$50 per team per game

Register as a team or get in touch and we can allocate you to a team!

Max 6 teams!



REGISTER A TEAM

0400 615 145
www.skillzonesports.com

**GRADE 1,2,3
MIXED COMP**

Mondays

6 week comp

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Dec 6th, 13th

kick off times : 5pm & 5.40pm

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