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# The Crier

Cobram Anglican Grammar  
School Newsletter

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## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

*with Mr Keith Willett*



Friday, 20 August 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

I trust this edition of The Crier finds you and your family well. At the time of writing our school remains in face to face teaching and for this, I am sure all across the school community are very thankful. But of course, as we all know from experience, the week to week and day to day plans for all of us are liable to change at very short notice.

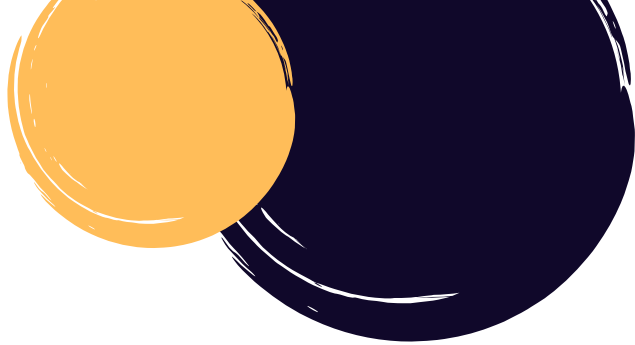
In recent times we have had students who have completed some very worthy achievements. On Tuesday August 17, our Year Seven Girls badminton team were victorious at the Hume Region stage of this event. This is a wonderful achievement and COVID restrictions permitting, we look forward to their progression to State Level.

Included in this edition is part of a short story written by one of our Year Nine students, Cadence Pang titled Doll. Cadence came 3rd in the Furphy Literary Award – Youth Short Story section, with this magnificent literary production. Cadence receives the congratulations and admiration of all at the school for such a fine achievement.

Tuesday 10th August was a very special day in our Foundation Classrooms because it marked 100 days of learning and friendship at Cobram AGS for our youngest students. Mrs Robbins, Mrs Lee and Miss Bate came dressed as students while our Foundation students came dressed in more 'senior' outfits. There was a wonderful sense of excitement and fun from all of the Foundation students and most poignantly for me, the celebrations reinforced the importance of the human engagement that transpires in the school setting.

Over this next few weeks the cast of our school production lead by Miss Rhiannon Dixon will be bringing the school production to completion. We have a day of full dress rehearsal coming soon and then we are going to film the production over two days and make it available to the school community as an on-line presentation. I commend all who have been involved in the Production to this point in time.





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## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE CONT'D

*with Mr Keith Willett*

Families will have been receiving reminders about the surveys that constitute our whole school health audit that were sent out recently. I thank all families who have completed these surveys and urge others to take the time in their busy lives to contribute to our collection of information and feedback that will be central to our planning for the future.

Stay safe and healthy and to all I extend my best wishes,

Regards,  
Mr Keith Willett



**Lord,**

***We are not people of fear:***

***we are people of courage.***

***We are not people who protect our own safety:***

***we are people who protect our neighbours' safety.***

***We are not people of greed:***

***we are people of generosity.***

***We are your people God,***

***giving and loving,***

***wherever we are,***

***whatever it costs***

***For as long as it takes***

***wherever you call us.***

***You have called us***

***to ventures of which we cannot see the ending,***

***by paths as yet untrodden,***

***through perils unknown.***

***Give us faith to go out with good courage,***

***not knowing where we go,***

***but only that your hand is leading us***

***and your love supporting us,***

***through Jesus Christ our Lord.***

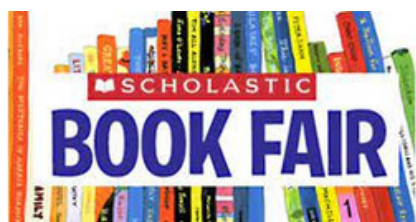


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## LIBRARY UPDATE

*With Mrs Pam Trewin*



### SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

Reading for pleasure unlocks the power of information and imagination and helps children discover who they are.

Here's what you can do to help children develop stronger reading skills and a love for reading:

- Set the example. Let children see you read.
- Have a collection of books in your home. Update this collection routinely to keep up with changing tastes and reading skills.
- Support our school's Book Fair. Allow your children to choose their own books to read.

Our Scholastic Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school. It's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level.

Students will have an opportunity to view the great range, they will bring home a Wish List, if you would like to purchase anything from the Wish List, please complete your payment details on the back of this List and return to the School Library for collection of the books.

**Book Fair dates:** 30/08/2021 – 03/09/2021

**Shopping hours:** 8.30–3.30pm

**Location:** CAGS Library

We look forward to hosting our first Scholastic Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school. If you have any queries please feel free to contact Pam Trewin–CAGS Library.







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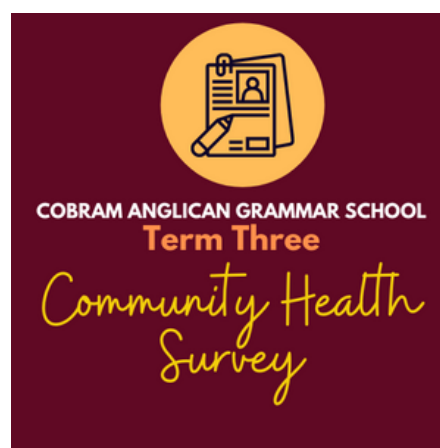
# Officer Reminders...

**SURVEY** | Hopefully by now you should have received your parent survey from Endeavour Community Relations & Development.

It is vital for our school to be aware of how we are perceived and viewed by our families.

Your feedback is important, it will ensure we can act with clear and accurate information and I encourage you to answer all questions with as much insight as you can.

If you haven't received a copy of the survey in the mail, please contact the school office on (03) 5871 1816.



**SCHOOL PHOTOS** | Please note the date for School Photos has been rescheduled to Tuesday 14th September, but please be aware that this will only take place if Victorian Government Restrictions permit so at the time.

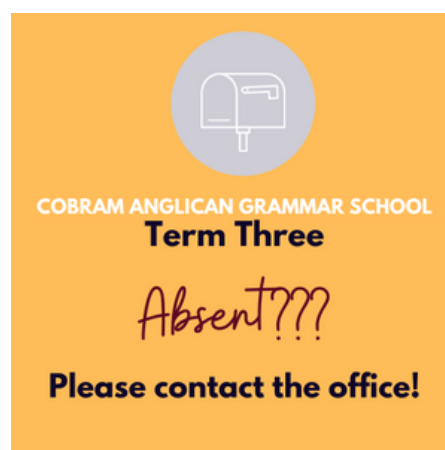
**MASKS** | Could all students in **Years 7-12** please ensure to bring their own **MASK** to school **EVERY DAY!** This is compulsory and inline with Government regulations at this current time. The School Office does only have a small amount in to share. Bus travellers are also required to wear a mask at all times!

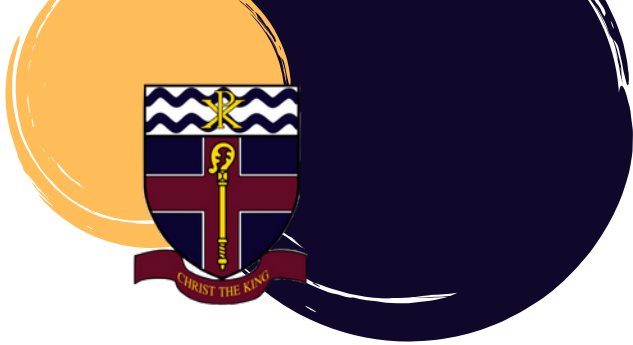
**ABSENT** | Just a friendly reminder if your child is absent from school to please contact the office via phone or Class Dojo (not the Class or Homeroom Teacher).

The School has recently changed to a new system and only the office can enter Absences from now on, which are required to be confirmed by parents/guardians if your child is not at school.

Thank you and please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries or questions, any time.

**From the School Admin Team**





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## DHARNYA DAY CELEBRATIONS

*Well done Harlin!*



Year Five Cobram AGS student Harlin Robbins was part of this week's celebration at the Dharnya Centre in Barmah National Park Yorta Yorta Nation Aboriginal Corporation marking NAIDOC Week.

Harlin is part of the Dungala Kaiela dance group who performed and engaged the crowd on the day!

Dharnya Day is a very significant day in which Yorta Yorta share and celebrate their culture and survival during Naidoc Week. The day includes a flag-raising ceremony, Yorta Yorta cultural dancers, stalls, bush tucker and kids activities!

Well done Harlin, we are very proud of you!

## MEET OUR NEW RECEPTIONIST

*Welcome Sue*

Have you met Sue yet? If you haven't spoken to her on the phone, been greeted by her in the office or had a conversation on Dojo, you certainly will soon!

Sue has taken over as our Receptionist as we welcomed her to the Admin Team this Term, taking over from Vanessa who has moved into an Education Support role.



## CONGRATULATIONS MRS RATHBONE

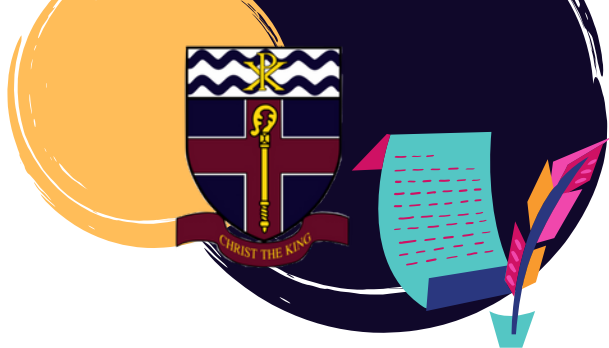
*Welcome Baby Liam*

Congratulations to staff member, Mrs Hayley Rathbone and her husband Shannon on the safe arrival of their second son, Liam on the 27th June.

We all can't wait to meet your bundle of joy!  
- love from all of the Cobram AGS family!







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## CONGRATULATIONS CADENCE

### 3rd Place - Furphy Writing Awards

*"There was something peculiar about this antique shop. Audrey could feel it, as she pushed open the creaky door. It might have been the thick blanket of dust covering the forgotten treasures on the over-crowded shelves. Or it might have been the thin fingers of light reaching into the dim, freezing room from gaps in the run-down brick walls. It might have been the overpowering stench of artificial lavender that made Audrey's eyes water. A wrinkled woman sat hunched over a paperback book behind an ancient table at the back of the shop, turning the pages with a claw-like hand. Her beady black eyes matched the frigid atmosphere, and her dried-prune mouth was puckered into a disapproving scowl. Audrey shivered as she wedged her curvy figure through the tiny space between each shelf. Bang! A carved wooden bowl that had been on the shelf now lay on the floor, dust settling around it. The old lady's head snapped up. Audrey gulped. "I'm sorry...I'll just..uhh.. put this back," Audrey stammered, as she gingerly picked up the artifact"*

Excerpt from Year Nine student, Cadence Pang writing piece - 'DOLL'

Congratulations to Cadence who placed 3rd in the Furphy Writing Awards for 2021.

Established in 1992, the awards have grown in popularity and now receives hundreds of entries each year.

The awards are a way for young people to express themselves, which has been more important than ever with many events being cancelled due to the coronavirus pandemic.

"I wrote this story last year because we were studying Frankenstein in Year 9 which is a horror story where the dead come alive," Cadence said.

"I'm very fortunate – I didn't expect to place.

"I've actually entered for quite a few years now and was shortlisted a couple years ago which inspired me to keep going."  
Cadence has always enjoyed reading

"I always read books instead of using technology growing up," she said. She was looking forward to taking part next year and encouraged other young people in Cobram to get involved.

"Even if you don't win it's still an experience and see what you can achieve," Cadence said.

= Story Credit: Shepparton News

To read this year's stories, visit: [www.furphystory.com.au](http://www.furphystory.com.au)





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## DAYS OF FOUNDATION

*Congratulations!*

What a wonderful day to be back onsite at School just in time to celebrate our 100 Days of Foundation last Tuesday!

The students looked fantastic all dressed up, whilst enjoying their class party and presentation of their certificates! The Foundation teachers also loved dressing up as students!

It's days like this that remind us how much we appreciate the little things. Seeing so many excited faces and acknowledgement of such a great milestone for our youngest students at the school was truly heartwarming. Well done everyone!







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## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Junior School

**1/2R** have been working hard over recent weeks with students finishing their writing and moving independently into read to self.

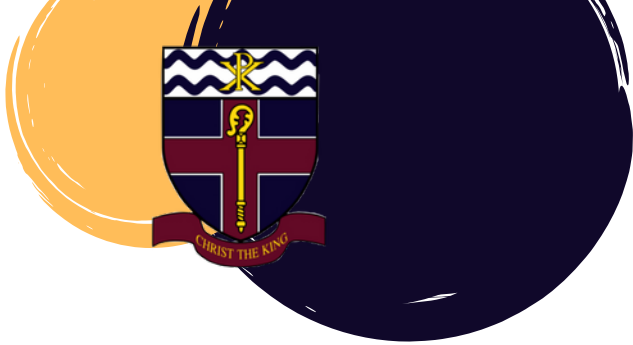
Ms Rooney is pictured here listening to Bronte read and assessing her fluency and comprehension. While Mrs V is working in the quiet breakout room with a small group focusing on spelling.

All of our Junior School classes have a full Literacy block every morning during periods 1 & 2.

We value the importance of structuring our blocks so they are the same each day. And whilst these look different at each Year Level in the Junior School, this routine and consistency helps students develop skills, scaffold learning and work to their optimal individual learning abilities.







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## CLASSROOM NEWS

### Junior School

**3/4W** created some very special Artworks whilst in Remote Learning recently. Students were asked to create Olympic Rings using items from around the home or from nature, using the correct colours and Miss Willmott was most impressed with some of the very creative designs pictured here!



**Foundation L** enjoy Computers and Library period 5/6 on a Monday this Term. There are always plenty of happy and enthusiastic readers during quiet reading time, just like the student pictured here below! The Library is also open during lunchtime for students to access. Senior School and upper Primary classes also often spend time in the Library, doing research, their own borrowing and to work on assignments or class projects! Mrs Trewin and Ms Bagu look after our Library and all of the books! They are both busy currently preparing for Book Week Celebrations and our Book Fair in a few weeks time!







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AROUND THE *Senior School*



## BADMINTON WINNERS |

Congratulations to Izzy, Leah, Melissa, Ella and Ally who secured the Hume Region Year 7 Girls Badminton Championship at Wangaratta earlier this week!

The girls dominated their first match against Rutherglen, and after defeating our sister school, Cathedral College Wangaratta, in a hard fought encounter, the team came away with a 6-2 134/96 victory!

Well done, girls! A ray of sunshine during these trying times for everyone! Go Team CAGS!



## YEAR 7 FARM TO YARN |

With great anticipation and patience, our 5/6 Agriculture students and Year 7 Farm to Yarn students have been waiting for our cotton plants to burst.

This week, finally, they did! Year 7 have also been making clay dishes, imprinting them with natural leaves, flowers and seed pods, then painting them to use to hold trinkets such as jewellery.



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## AROUND THE *Senior School*

### BLAZER PRESENTATIONS | YEAR ELEVEN

Whilst we had to delay this very important event due to Covid again this year, we had great delight in finally being able to present our Year Eleven cohort with their School Blazers in Week 3.

Thank you to Mr Kennedy and James for organising this event and being able to share it online for parents and the rest of our School who would normally be invited to the ceremony.

As Mrs White reiterated, the School Blazer is a symbol of the business end of your schooling and represents the business-like and serious work ahead of you.

All of our VCE students are doing an exceptional job in these challenging times and we wish you all well as we move through the second semester of 2021 together as best we can, being the best we can be!

You can view the Blazer Ceremony online via the school website [www.cags.vic.edu.au](http://www.cags.vic.edu.au)







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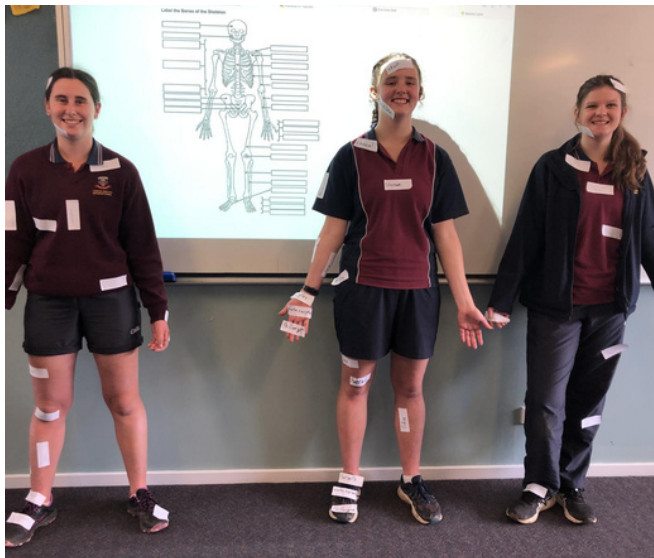
### SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS

#### YEAR 9/10 SERVICE |

Our Service Elective allows students an opportunity to engage in hands-on learning in projects both at school and across our local Community.

Engaging with residents at Irvin House, integrating sport class with students from Cobram & District Special School and spending time supporting our own Foundation classes are some of the activities our Service students have participated in over recent Semesters.

Lockdown 5.0 was no exception, where students were asked to clean out their wardrobe and gather together some unwanted winter clothes that could be donated to local Op Shops. Madison's little brother Nicholas also got in and helped out, as pictured here!



#### YEAR 9/10 HUMAN MOVEMENT

Our new Year 9/10 pathway elective Human Movement is giving students the opportunity to develop their understanding of the musculoskeletal systems and the role they play in movement.

We are looking forward to getting into our new school gym and applying what we have learnt in a practical environment.

The timing couldn't be better after being inspired by the amazing athletes completing at the Tokyo Olympics.

#fasterhigherstronger





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## YEAR TWELVE DEB BALL

*Well worth the wait...*

A wonderful evening was had by all on Friday 18th June at the Yarrawonga Golf Club for our long awaiting Year Twelve Deb Ball, congratulations to all students and their partners!

Thank you to the school P&F and all involved for putting on such a magical night for our Year Twelve group! Who, after many, many months (and 365+) days of waiting patiently, were able to relish in their special evening!



## YEAR TEN & ELEVEN DEB BALL

*A class act!*

Done & dusted....we couldn't be more proud of this amazing group of young people!

Congratulations to the Year Ten & Eleven Débutantes & their partners! The group enjoyed an evening at the Finley RSC on Friday 25th June (after our Admin team had to make the last minute decision to move the location to a NSW venue).

What a wonderful night for our students! Thank you to all involved! A big thank you to Vicky Ackers who trained both the Deb groups who did a wonderful job at preparing the couples for their special nights.



*Cofram*  
**AGS**





If you would like any community notices in our school newsletter please feel free to email us

[marketing@cags.vic.edu.au](mailto:marketing@cags.vic.edu.au)

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CAGS Noticeboard

## Cobram Anglican Grammar School

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### Employment Opportunity



#### Primary Classroom Teacher

FULL TIME | ONGOING

We are seeking a motivated and suitably experienced lower primary classroom teacher to commence in Term 1, 2022.

Applications must be emailed with a cover letter that makes reference to the role description, together with an up to date CV and three (3) current professional referees to:

Mr Keith Willett - Principal  
Cobram Anglican Grammar School  
PO Box 607  
COBRAM Victoria, 3644

For additional information about this position please contact Keith Willett  
[principal@cags.vic.edu.au](mailto:principal@cags.vic.edu.au) or 03-5871 1816

**Applications close: Monday 30th August, 2021 4pm**

The incumbent will be employed under the ASC Victorian Agreement 2016. There is an expectation that the incumbent will develop a sound understanding of the School and demonstrate a commitment to the Anglican faith.

All applicants are to include a cover letter outlining their ability to fulfill the requirements of the position as per the job description and submit an up to date CV.

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40-48 Campbell Road Cobram

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### Employment Opportunity



#### Education Support Officer

PART TIME / FIXED TERM | Mon-Fri 8.30am-3.30pm

We are seeking a suitably qualified person to join our Education Support Team. Ideally, candidates will have completed a certificate qualification or have demonstrated experience in a similar role.

A full position description can be found at [www.cags.vic.edu.au/about-us/employment](http://www.cags.vic.edu.au/about-us/employment)

For additional information please contact Mrs Jemma Kennedy or Mr Keith Willett on (03) 58781 1816. Applications should be emailed to [principal@cags.vic.edu.au](mailto:principal@cags.vic.edu.au)

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## Guess Who...

In the last edition of the Crier we included a Quiz where we asked families to "Guess Who" some of these gorgeous staff members were?

Congratulations to the Heywood Family who guessed the most amount of answers correctly. And is the winner of the \$25 Menthas Uniform Voucher.



1. Mrs Williams



2. Miss Willmott



3. Mrs Robbins



4. Mrs O'Dwyer



5. Mr Willett



6. Mrs Swoffer



7. Mrs Bird



8. Mrs Trewin



9. Miss Bate



10. Mrs Seccull