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Cobram Anglican Grammar School Newsletter

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

with Mr Keith Willett

Friday, 18 June 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

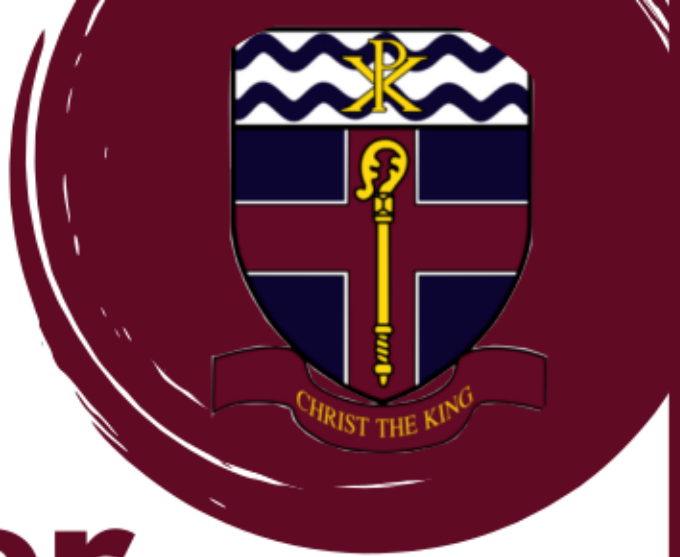
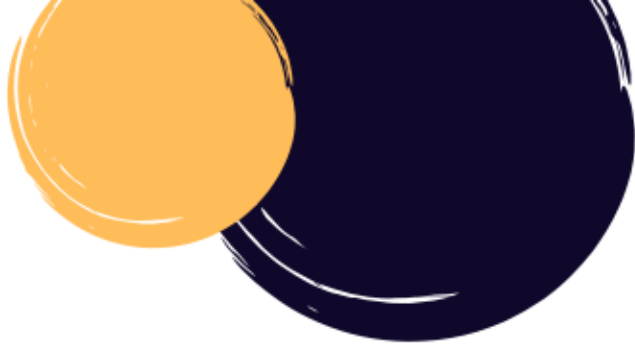
I trust this edition of The Crier finds you and your family well. The week of Friday May 28 to Thursday June 3 once again saw schools across Victoria forced into a snap lockdown due to COVID-19 outbreaks. Whilst I understand that these lockdowns have continued to create challenges for all people I can only comment with appreciation upon the calm and efficient manner that our school community responded to the adjustments required to our day to day schooling.

This next two weeks will see our school conducting two Debutante Balls. Tonight our Year Twelve couples will be centre stage and next Friday evening our Year Ten and Eleven Deb set will be presented. These events have been planned over many months and I thank all involved for their organisation and forbearance in the face of the many adjustments required due to COVID restrictions. I wish all students and partners involved, wonderful evenings of celebration with their families.

Over this past 3 weeks our students from Years Five to Year Ten have attended Cyber Safety workshops presented by Senior Constable Surrey Hunter from the Victorian Police Force. These workshops included discussion around the dangers associated with social media exposure and strategies that young people can employ to ensure that they are 'cyber safe'. These workshops were age appropriate with some very positive feedback coming from both students and staff.

In staffing news, Mrs Hayley Rathbone will be commencing family leave in the next few days and as a school community we wish Hayley and her family every best wish, as they look forward to welcoming a new addition to their family. Next week Mrs Sue Charlton will commence her role as receptionist at Cobram AGS. Sue is very experienced, has built up an impressive resume and we look forward to her becoming part of our team at Cobram AGS.





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It was with a great sense of pride and respect that at the recent Christian Purposes Day conducted in Wangaratta and attended by all ASC staff, Mrs Trish Seccull was recognised for her 20 years of service to this school. There is a detailed article of Trish's service in this edition, however, as part of my report I am privileged to be able to congratulate Trish for her dedicated and passionate service to so many students and families over such a long time.

Regards,

Mr Keith Willett
PRINCIPAL



Leading Senior Constable Surrey Hunter speaks to the Year Five-Ten classes about staying safe on social media.

5/6R bid farewell to Mrs Rathbone as she heads off on Maternity Leave for Term Three.





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IMPORTANT DATES

To remember...

FRIDAY 18th JUNE

Year Twelve Deb Ball

THURSDAY 24th JUNE

Semester One Reports Distributed

FRIDAY 25th JUNE

Year Ten/Eleven Deb Ball

Last Day of Term Two

MONDAY 28th JUNE

School Holidays Commence

TUESDAY 20th JULY

First Day Back – Term Three

TUESDAY 27th JULY

School Photos



COBRAM ANGLICAN GRAMMAR SCHOOL

*Notice of Continued
Enrolment*

**For 2022
Years One to Twelve**

Please ensure all current families submit their Notice of Continued Enrolment for 2022 via the link on Class Dojo for EACH STUDENT (Please note: Year 6 students have already completed this, however additional students in that family will need to be completed.)

This will assist in planning for staffing requirements and subjects for next year, we require this to be completed by the first week of Term Three.

**Thank you,
Cobram AGS Office Administration**



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20 YEARS | MRS TRICIA SECCULL

Service at Cobram AGS

At a recent gathering of teachers from Cobram Anglican Grammar School, Cathedral College Wangaratta and Trinity Anglican College Albury, Mrs Patricia Seccull was presented with her 20 Year Service Award. The Reverend Peter Laurence OAM, CEO of the Anglican Schools Commission made the presentation to Tricia in front of her very proud and respectful colleagues.

Tricia began teaching at Christ the King Anglican College (now Cobram Anglican Grammar School) 22 years ago when the school opened in 2000. At the time of opening, the school had a total of 24 enrolments across 4 classrooms.



Over her time at Cobram AGS Tricia has taught RAVE (Religious and Values Education), PE, Health, Community Service, Maths, English, Humanities, Commerce and VCE Business Management. When prompted for a few brief reflections on her time at Cobram AGS, Tricia offered the following comments.

'I often refer to CAGS as MY school and I state that most proudly. Although its growth was slower than was initially hoped for, CAGS is now recognised in the area as a worthy place of learning, with a sound reputation and I am extremely honoured to have been part of the school from its beginnings.'

'I would like to express how grateful I am to have been entrusted with the important role of educating so many fine young people, the support which has been afforded to me by many parents throughout those years and the professional assistance and encouragement by my employers and colleagues.'

All at Cobram AGS congratulate Tricia for her fine service, not only within school but also the wider community. Congratulations Tricia and thank you for your wonderful contributions.

Tricia is pictured above with her Cobram AGS colleagues, Mr James Noonan and Miss Hannah Forrest who she taught as students at the school and now works alongside.



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ANGLICAN IDENTITY *with Ms Shea Doyle*

Our chapel services this term have been devoted to learning a little about our school hymn 'Be Thou My Vision'.

Students in both the senior and junior schools were given the opportunity to develop their understanding of how the melody and lyrics have been developed over history. I thought I would take the opportunity to share some of that history with you today.

The story begins with St Patrick, who, through unfortunate circumstances was sold into slavery in Ireland when he was a young man. During this time, he became a Christian. On Easter Sunday in 433, in defiance of an order from the local king which forbade the lighting of a flame or candle, Patrick climbed to the top of the tallest hill in the area and lit a fire. He wanted people to see God's light shining in the darkness. As the local people woke early that morning, they were witness to Patrick's act of bravery in order to express his Christian faith. Years later, an unknown composer wrote a melody in honour of Patrick's act. It was called "Slane," after the hill where Patrick lit his fire: Slane Hill.

It is believed the Lyrics of 'Be Thou My Vision' were written in Gaelic by a sixth century Irish poet known as St. Dallan. The poem was translated into English in 1905, some 1500 years after it was written. There is a suggestion the first line "Be thou my vision" was inspired by the fact that St Dallan was blind. Other lyrics remind us that no matter when, day or night Christ can be our guiding light, can always be with us. The middle verse requests that God be a defensive support, a shield to protect us and a place for us to shelter. Another verse introduces the idea of God as an "inheritance" and a "treasure". We already have the riches of God so we need not be waiting for the "riches" of the world, nor for the vanity of "man's empty praise." The final verse reminds us that whatever happens, with Christ and love in our heart we will have joy.

During our Chapel Services, I asked the students to think about 'Be thou my vision' as a prayer, a prayer that Christ could be our vision—our best thought—our presence—our light.

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Naught be all else to me, save that
thou art,
Thou my best thought, by day or by
night,
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my
light,*

*Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true
word,
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord
Thou my great Father, and I thy true
son,
Thou in me dwelling and I with thee
one,*

*Be Thou my battle shield, Sword for the
fight,*

*Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high
tower
Raise Thou me heavenward, O Power
of my power*

*Riches I heed not, nor man's empty
praise
Thou mine inheritance, now and
always
Thou and thou only first in my heart
High King of heaven, my treasure thou
art*

*High King of heaven, after victory won
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright
heaven's sun
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.*



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SPORTS REPORT

with Mr Jon O'Dwyer



Good afternoon everyone,

I hope this edition of the Crier finds you all fit and healthy as the weather cools and COVID tries its best to upset what was promising to be a progressing year, especially on the sporting front!!! Fingers crossed, it will hold steady and allow us to get back involved unrestricted in the not to distant future. Here is the state of play as we go to print on the Cobram AGS sports scene:

SCHOOL BASED ACHIEVEMENT:

- Our Hume Region Cross-country competitors are sitting tight but hopefully training hard for the Hume event, which has now been penciled in for Friday, 23rd July in Benalla (all going well!!!).
- **Casey Chandler** (Year 6) had a huge day on Wednesday, 26th May, where she vied for a spot in the 12 and Under School Sports Victoria State Girls Soccer team in Cranbourne, Melbourne. Casey gave it everything she had and came up just short of making the final squad but what a wonderful achievement to get this far! This was made even more meritorious, especially on her dad's (Brad) behalf. Not only did he get Casey to her trial, he then drove her to Ballarat to catch up with the 5/6's on their excursion/camp and finally returned home so he could play in his Badminton Grand Final!!! Huge effort from all members of the Chandler family!!!
- **Charlotte Woosnam** (Year 7) was able to sneak in her SSV Regional trial for the 12 and Under SSV State Girls Basketball, which was held in Bendigo on Thursday (27th May), which was the day the state shut down was enforced at midnight. She did an exceptional trial, resulting in her being selected for the final phase of the programme and one step away from Team Vic selection!!!! We wish Charlotte all the very best when her next opportunity presents itself!
- Congratulations to all our Cobram AGS students, who participated in the Junior (7-8), Intermediate (9-10) and Senior (11-12) **GMDSSV Interschool** Winter sports days, held on the 20th and 27th of May respectively. **From our participation, the following teams have qualified for the Hume Region finals: Year 7 Girls Badminton, Intermediate Girls Badminton and Senior Girls Badminton teams!!!** We also had one of our Year 7 Girls Netball teams finish in 3rd place overall, whilst the other Year 7 team finished in 5th position.



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SPORTS REPORT CONTINUED

with Mr Jon O'Dwyer

EXTRA CURRICULUM:

- **Harry Paterson** (Year 9) has been selected to participate in the Southern Riverina Cricket Academy for U16's. Congratulations Harry on this fantastic achievement.
- **Lucy Adkins** (Year 7) and **Grace Stillard** (Year 12), both continue to have success on the representative scene for the Murray Netball League's U13 and U17 sides respectively. Lucy and the U13's made it to another semi final in the Albury tournament on Sunday 6th June, whilst Grace's U17 team reached their 3rd final, where they faced off against Albury Gold, who they had beaten earlier in the day, going down 17 - 3. Fantastic effort from both of our netballing superstars!!!!

I do hope everyone has a fantastic break over the semester holidays, keeping fit and healthy even though the weather might not be accommodating of wanting to be out!!!

Let's hope it is onwards and upwards from here and we can go back to a bit of normality in playing sport and being physically fit and active!!!

God bless and take care.

Regards,
Jon O'Dwyer
Head of Sport



A big congrats must go to our Year 7 Girls **Badminton GMDSSV** squad with our A team making it through to Hume region recently!



It was great to see so many happy faces enjoy the **GMDSSV** Winter Sports Day.

Pictured are some of our **Ten Pin Bowlers** and **Netballers**!





LACHLAN'S BIG HEART

Heart Kids - Victoria

Last year Cobram AGS student, Lachlan Ross set out on a mission to hold a fundraiser to help two organisations that he cares about greatly - HeartKids-VIC and ANZ Fontan Registry.

Lachlan is a heart teen, he is 17 and is completing Year 12 at Cobram Anglican Grammar School, whilst also remaining involved with his local community.

Lachlan, in association with the Katamatite Lions Club, organised a toy drive over Christmas and received an abundance of new toys that he donated to HeartKids to provide to children, siblings, young people and their families impacted by CHD. Lachlan also organised a gold-coin casual clothes day at the school which raised an incredible \$1,183.40!

Due to COVID restrictions, Lachlan and his family had been unable to present the success of their Christmas toy drive and his school fundraising efforts to HeartKids and The Fontan Registry. However this month, Lachlan was able to do so and his clinical care team at The Royal Children's Hospital and The Fontan Registry staff were thrilled to accept his donation to The Fontan Registry and HeartKids.

An amazing effort by Lachlan, his family and our local community for their amazing effort. You are a true role model within our school and are very proud of what you do Lachlan!

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JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT

with Mrs Mary Swoffer

Good afternoon,

I trust this latest edition of the Crier finds you well and you will enjoy reading about all things Junior School!

The weeks seem to be flying by in a flash and it is hard to believe that we are already at the end of Semester One. The students across the Junior School are all working hard on assessment tasks, topic/unit testing and more broadly presentations and evaluations of curriculum.

COVID continues to challenge us as adults as we work and live in what now has become an ever-changing world, guiding and supporting our young people, ensuring where possible that the immediate impact on their lives is kept to a minimum. Here at school we try our very best to keep routines, activities and expectations consistent when onsite and during home learning. It has been a credit to our dedicated teachers and our incredible parents to see that even in the most recent 'circuit breaker' lockdown many of our students were able to maintain these routines at home, sustaining good work habits and completing class work.





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JUNIOR SCHOOL REPORT CONTINUED

with Mrs Mary Swoffer

I was fortunate enough to attend the recent Year Five/Six camp to Ballarat and although our time away was cut short by COVID we made the most of every moment we had away. Camps are a fabulous opportunity for students to develop character and self-awareness through adventure and challenge. Our camps at Cobram AGS are not an add-on to the learning program, but rather an integral part of our curriculum. During the day our students were immersed in a range of activities that connected directly to what they have been learning in the classroom including: Colonial Life, 19th Century migration, Aboriginal People and the goldfields, goldfields technology, the industrial revolution and the environmental impacts of the goldfields. While at night we focused on the social and emotional wellbeing, relationship building, resilience and of course FUN!!

Congratulations to all our Year Five/Six students on their exemplary behaviour and engagement throughout the camp and a big thank you to; Mrs Donna Williams, Mrs Jacinta Robbins, Miss Jess Norris, Mr Jon O'Dwyer and Mr Clint Heywood for their hard work and enthusiasm particularly in the dance off during the Glow in the Dark bowling sessions!

Our Foundation students have been enjoying the regular sessions they have with their Year Six and Year Twelve buddies this Semester and it has been lovely to see the buddies sitting and playing together at recess and lunch. The buddies program is an integral part in developing and maintaining our sense of Community here at Cobram AGS and to have our youngest students already have such a strong sense of belonging is a testament to the success of this program.

Every Wednesday I open the Junior School Computer lab for Lego Club. Our students imagination and creativity is very much on show. These open sessions see students from across the Junior School (Foundation to Year Six) not only create some amazing pieces of work but also interact, encourage and explore with each other. Whilst I have a core group that are waiting for me at the door each week its great to see also those students that find this space infrequently a place to relax and offer some time off the playground,

Our Junior School continues to grow and I warmly welcome our new Term Two families to our school community, with many enquiries and enrolments for 2022 already under way and our Foundation classes very close to full I look forward to many more wonderful stories to share with you through the CRIER in Semester Two.

May God bless you all, take care.

Mrs Mary Swoffer
Head of Junior School



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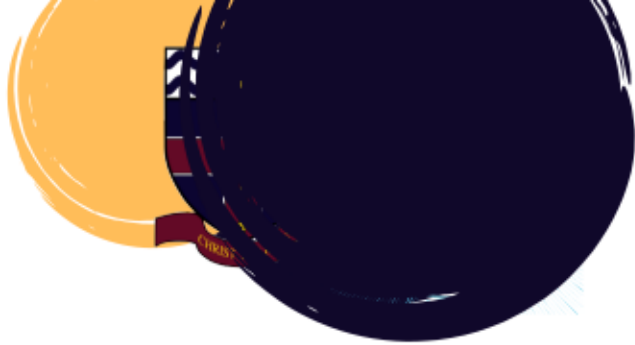
BACK TO SCHOOL

After Lockdown 4.0

It was a true credit to our students, staff and parents to snap into the Victorian Covid lockdown earlier this Term as well as we did. Whilst it brought much trepidation and many unknowns at the time (thinking "here we go again"), everyone handled the situation very well and snapped into some Remote T & L for the week with ease! As the new saying goes, **"Learning Together at Cobram AGS - anywhere, anytime!"**

Thank goodness, here in regional Victoria it didn't last long with everyone doing the right things - there sure were plenty of happy faces when we got back to the classrooms...





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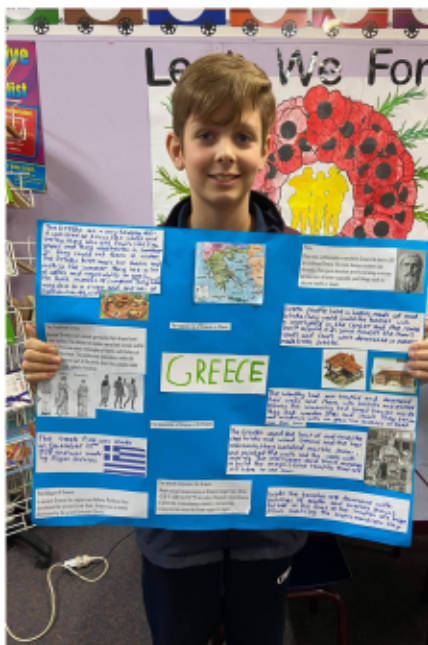
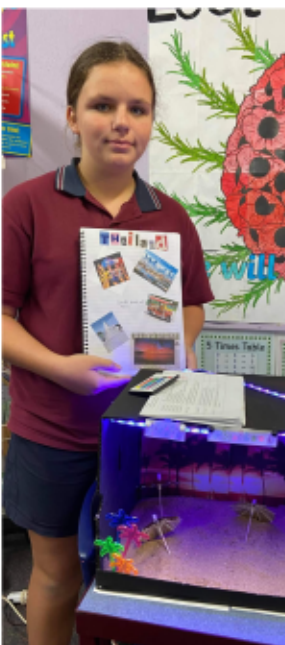
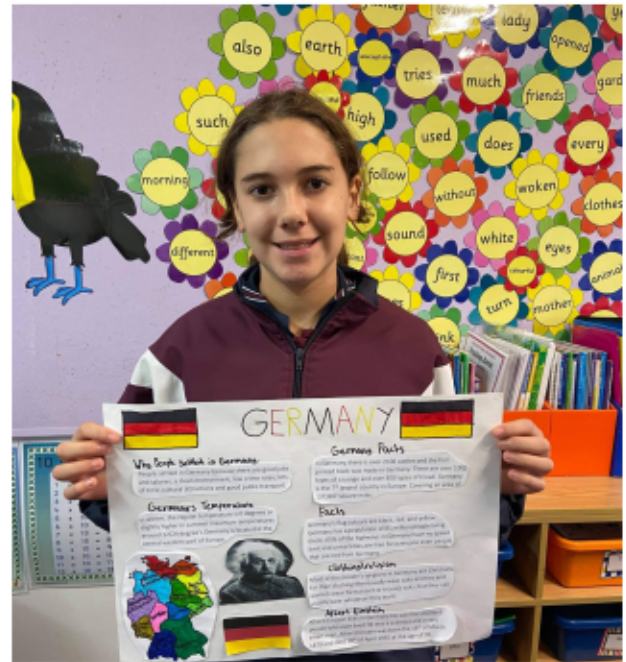
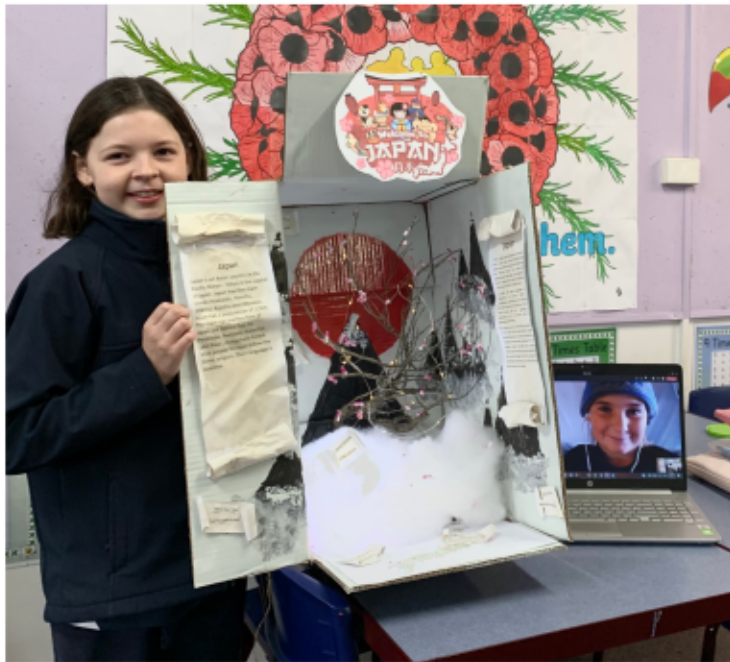
CLASSROOM NEWS

Junior School

Last week the Year 5/6 classes worked really hard on their Inquiry projects about Countries of the World.

Lily presented her project on Japan to her classmates and you will see Aidan on the laptop screen, who was in hospital in Melbourne at the time. He was able to link into the classroom via Microsoft Teams so he could be included in the fun. Reiterating the concept in these latest times, where our Cobram AGS students learn "anywhere, anytime" and be included even if they are away on holidays or sick and can't be in the classroom.

Mr Willett was also very impressed with 5/6L's speeches, well done everyone on some terrific Inquiry work!





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SENIOR SCHOOL REPORT

with Mr Ash Kennedy



As we draw to the close of yet another interrupted school term there are many things to remain excited about in the Senior School. Firstly our two debutante balls are nearly upon us and they continue to be the source of many, and I mean many, enthusiastic conversations among our older students. Good luck to one and all and I look forward to sharing the night with you!

Our Year Nine and Ten students will shortly be selecting their elective pathway subjects for Semester Two. For many this will mean an opportunity to explore different domains to clarify areas of interest/strength before making VCE selections and for others it will be the chance to continue study in an area of passion. As always we will do our best to ensure that students find a place in their subject of choice!

Year Seven Science classes will head down to Thompson's beach for a Science experiment next week which should be great fun for the students and yet another example of our staff ensuring that the curriculum is as engaging as possible.

The Year Nine classes have been enjoying lawn bowls at The Sporties in Barooga which has uncovered some hidden talent. As the Crier goes to press today the two Year Nine classes are going to battle against each other which should be a lot of fun and a great way to experience a sport not ordinarily encountered by many.

Senior School students up to Year Ten participated in the Cyber Safety sessions with Leading Senior Constable Surrey Hunter over the past few weeks. The sessions were a great way to raise awareness of the potential dangers of interacting in the digital world and provided students with some tools to avoid getting caught up in negative behaviours.

We are hopeful that our Year Eight students will be able to finish their camp which was unfortunately cut short due to the introduction of the recent lock down measures. More information to come in this space.

Before I sign off, just a quick reminder that students are required to be in full winter uniform which does not include things like hoodies under jumpers and non school beanies. The school beanies and scarves are available for purchase from the school reception for those that are interested.

Reports will be issued shortly and for some they will serve as a reminder that success goes hand in hand with hard work. It's important that study routines are established and maintained in order for students to achieve their academic goals. The school holidays are only a week away and these routines will be vital for students studying VCE to ensure they make good headway into Units 2 and 4 and don't start Semester Two feeling as though they are already behind!

Sincerely,

Mr Ash Kennedy

Head of Senior School



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AROUND THE *Senior School*



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SENIOR SCHOOL *Year Eight Camp*



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

marketing@cags.vic.edu.au

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COMMUNITY

Noticeboard

Holiday Program 28 June - 11 July



Holiday Program

@Eileen Taylor Kindergarten

5 Hay Avenue, Cobram

Monday 28th June - Friday 9th July 2021

8am - 5.30pm daily

Recreational Program for 4 y.o. Kindergarten & Primary School students

- LIMITED SPACES AVAILABLE -

\$10 per child, per day
(CCS Rebate will apply)

MORNING & AFTERNOON TEA SUPPLIED

B.Y.O. LUNCH & Water Bottle

JACKETS & HATS

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

Contact Kathy/Barb/Amanda

- Phone: Eileen Taylor Kindergarten - 5872 1453

- email: etkaftercare@grpsa.com.au

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Year Seven

2022 DISCOVERY PROGRAM



If you would like to stay up to date about
the Term Three Grade Six visits and transition program
for our 2022 Year Sevens...

Register at www.cags.vic.edu.au/discoveryearseven



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QUIZ

In this edition of The Crier we have put together a fun quiz for students and families to do over the holidays.

If you would like to submit your answers for your chance to win a **\$50 MENTHAS UNIFORM GIFT VOUCHER for the most correct** and be crowned Semester One's "CAGS QUIZ MASTER" make sure you fill out the following pages of the Crier and drop it off into the entry box at the school reception.

Guess Who...

Cobram AGS staff???

ENTRY NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____



1. _____



2. _____



3. _____



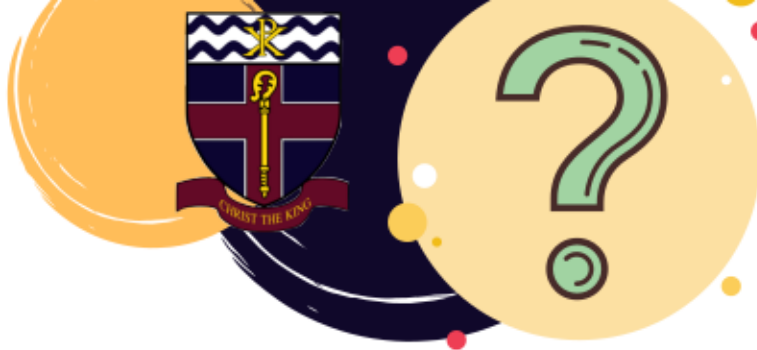
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5. _____



6. _____



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7. _____



8. _____



9. _____



10. _____

Julie's dad had five daughters: June, July, August, and September. What is the fifth daughters name?

A) _____

How can a pocket be empty but still have something that's in it?

B) _____

What occurs once in a minute, twice in a moment, but never in a thousand years?

C) _____

This edition of the CAGS CRIER QUIZ closes Friday 23rd July (first week back in Term Three) so make sure you get your answers completed over the holidays and drop off when you get back to school next term!



HOW WELL DO YOU KNOW COBRAM AGS?

1. What year did Cobram AGS first Prep Class join the school? _____
2. What year did Cobram AGS become part of the Anglican Schools Commission? _____
3. What is Mr O'Dwyer's Middle Name? _____
4. How many students are currently enrolled at Cobram AGS? _____
5. How many buses routes does Cobram AGS have currently? _____
6. What sort of car does Mrs Swoffer drive? _____
7. How many schools are in the ASC? _____
8. What year did the school open? _____
9. Our School Captains are 1. _____ 2. _____
10. Which City is our School Choir travelling to in Term Three to perform in the ASC Schools Concert? _____
12. What does HPV stand for? _____
13. What night is Homework Club? _____
14. Which House won the 2021 Swimming Sports? _____
15. What is the name of this Year's School Production? _____
16. Who was the founding Principal of the school? _____
17. Which current member of staff has been at Cobram AGS the longest?

18. Where did Mr Willett grow up?
a) Koonoomoo b) Boomanoomana c) Coomboona d) Goondiwindi
19. What is the name of the local Cobram business who you buy the school uniform from? _____
20. Where did the Year 5/6 Class go to camp recently? _____