



COBAINS NEWS

WEDNESDAY, 10th November 2021

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SCHOOL VALUES: *To Accept, Respect, and Try Our Best!*

The Cobains Primary School Community embraces the values of Respect, Accept and Try Your Best. We aim to provide a safe, caring & engaging learning environment that equips children with the necessary skills & knowledge to become positive & active contributors to the local & global community. Our school emphasises the development of Literacy and Numeracy with the integration of Information Technology throughout the curriculum. Cobains Primary School is committed to child safety and upholding the Child Safe Standards.

At Cobains Primary School, we have a zero tolerance to child abuse.

TERM FOUR - NOVEMBER DATES TO REMEMBER!!



Monday 15th, 22nd, 29th	Gymnastics
Thursday 11th	Prep Transition
Tuesday 16th	Prep transition
Tuesday 23rd—Friday 26th	Book Fair in Library
Tuesday 30th	SCHOOL CLOSURE



NOVEMBER
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SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

This term we will be having two pupil free planning days.

The first is on *November 30th* and teachers will be using this time to go through the planning processes required following our review, as well as finalising the reporting structure for the year.

The second day is on *December 15th* and will be used for planning for the 2022 school year.

COVID SAFE BEHAVIOURS AT SCHOOL

As you will be aware, there have been several changes to the requirements for being onsite in a government school. I have listed the main ones below:

Masks: all staff and adults coming onto the school grounds are required to wear masks at all times when inside, unless actually drinking or eating. The only exception to this is when teaching, a mask may need to be removed temporarily to help with communication.

Student mask wearing rules have also changed. All students from grades 3-6 will be required to wear a mask indoors, except when eating or drinking. Mask wearing is also recommended for students in grades F-2. If you are providing your child with a mask to wear at school, please ensure they understand the correct way to handle their mask when putting it on and taking it off. We have also been going through this in the mornings, as well as focusing on social distancing, hand hygiene and the correct way to cough or sneeze into your elbow.

We are also taking advantage of nice weather to complete learning outside throughout the day, as well as having doors and windows open to promote ventilation.

If parents need to come onsite for any reason they need to ensure that they use the QR code to check in and be wearing a mask.

SCHOOL REVIEW

Over the next few weeks our school is undergoing our 4 yearly review. The review is designed to help us determine how we have gone with achieving our goals over the past 4 years, as outlined in our School Strategic Plan and Annual Implementation Plans. It is also the process we go through when setting our goals for the next 4 years.

Part of the school review process involves a meeting with a parent group and our panel members, on the morning of Day 2, which is **30th November, from 8.45-9.15am.**

If you would like to be part of this parent group, please let Sandra know, by texting the school over the next two weeks.

GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics has now started for term 4, with staff and students travelling to Maffra Gymnastics each Monday afternoon. For these sessions, please ensure your child is wearing clothing appropriate for physical activity. If hair is shoulder length or longer, it should be tied up and jewellery, including watches and sleeper earrings, should not be worn. This rule is in place to avoid injuries to students, as hair and jewellery can become caught in equipment.

TRANSITION PROGRAMS

PREP

Last week we had our first transition session for our 2022 Foundation (Prep) students. The next two are scheduled for 11th November from 9-1.30pm and the final session is on 16th November from 9 till 2.30pm. During these transition days, we have also incorporated a transition process for students with additional needs who will be moving classrooms in 2022.

GRADE 6 TO YEAR 7

As these programs are organised through the secondary college each student is attending, we will notify parents of any transition as we hear about.

Those students enrolled in a secondary school should also receive this information directly from them.

There will also be a state wide transition day on December 7 where all students attending a State Secondary School will attend for a full day.

This will involve parents organising transport to and from, or catching a bus if this is how your child will be getting to school next year.

All information about this day will be communicated to parents by their nominated Secondary School.

GRADUATION

Year 6 Graduation will take place on Thursday December 2nd, 2021.

Students and their families will be attending a graduation ceremony onsite at the school, from 5pm, then staff and students will head out for a graduation dinner at Sporting Legends.

More information about this evening will be sent out to our grade 6 families closer to the event.

CONCERT

Our concert has been scheduled for second last week of the year, on December the 9th

I believe we are holding our concert onsite and utilising our outdoor spaces for this.

SCHOOL WEBSITE AND SCHOOL POLICIES

Our Website should be ready by the end of the 2021 school year, with basic information, policies and other links available. Once it is up and running, we will be adding to it as we become familiar with how to use it.

Our school policies are also available to be viewed at the office, in hard copies



Dear Parents and Families:

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. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: Tuesday 23rd of November – Friday 26th of November
Shopping hours: 3pm in the library adjacent to the Green Room until 4pm each day.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases benefit our school.

Sincerely,

Sarah Johnston.



Want \$500 to help you with school costs?



Saver Plus is a financial education program for families and individuals on a tight budget to develop life-long savings habits.

To join Saver Plus, you must:



- ✓ Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card **AND** an eligible Centrelink payment*
- ✓ Be studying yourself **OR** have a child in school (can be starting school next year)
- ✓ Have regular income from work (either yourself or your partner)*
- ✓ Be 18+ years old

*Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible

Here are some of the school costs the \$500 can be used for:



For more information, please contact your local Saver Plus coordinator:


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Saver Plus is an initiative of the Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ and delivered in partnership with local community organisations. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Social Services.

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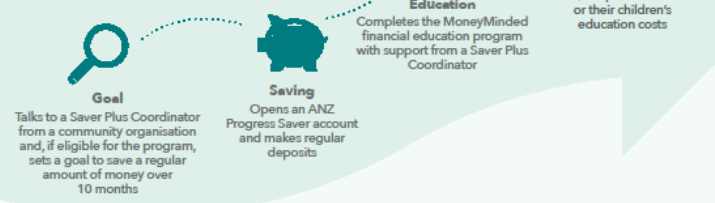


Find out more at saverplus.org.au

What is Saver Plus?

- 🗨️ A free ten-month savings program providing financial education, budgeting and savings tips.
- 👤 Participants receive up to \$500 from ANZ in matched savings for education costs for themselves or their children.
- ✓ Delivered by Brotherhood of St Laurence, The Smith Family, Berry Street and other local community organisations.
- 🏠 Offered in communities across Australia in every state and territory.

A Saver Plus Participant's Journey



Who can join?

- Participants must meet all of the below criteria:
- Be 18 years or over
 - Have a child at school or starting next year, or attend vocational education themselves
 - Have regular income from paid employment (themselves or their partner)*
 - Have a current Health Care or Pensioner Concession Card
 - Be in receipt of an eligible Commonwealth social security benefit, allowance or payment*

Benefits for participants'

- 🌱 **87%** continue to save the same amount or more 3 to 7 years after completing the program
- ✓ **78%** were better equipped for unexpected expenses
- 🌱 **88%** reported increased self-esteem
- 🌱 **80%** had more control over their finances

How did it start?

Saver Plus began in 2003 as a Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ pilot program with 268 participants in three sites across Victoria and New South Wales.

Since then, the program has expanded to all Australian states and territories, reaching more than 45,000 people, making it the largest and longest-running program of its kind in the world.

Since 2003':

- 👤 **45,000+** participants
- 💰 **\$24m+** total amount saved by participants
- 👤 **\$19m+** matched funds paid by ANZ

Find out more

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* Many types of income and Centrelink payments are eligible, please contact your local Coordinator for more information.
 † RMIT University, 2018. A number of Saver Plus program evaluations have been carried out since 2003.
 For more information see anz.com/saverplus

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