



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

18th October, 2012

Term 4

Davidson Shield

Bourke

Wednesday 31st October

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Mid Term Break

Friday 9th November

Monday 12th November

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Year 12 Farewell

Cobar Bowling & Golf Club

Tuesday 13th November

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School Spectacular

Sydney

20.11.12 - 23.11.12

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Work Experience

Year 10

26.11.12 - 7.12.12

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Year 9 Excursion

26.11.12 - 30.11.12



Where There's a Will There's a Way



**Positive
Behaviour
for Learning**

Respect.

Excellence.

Safety

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New website

As mentioned previously, we have had some issues with our school website. We now have a new site www.cobar-h.schools.nsw.edu.au New information will continue to be added now that it has been established.

Students selected for WEST

Congratulations to Bryan Mitchell Yr 8 & Maryanne Blom Yr 9 who have been chosen to represent the Bourke SEG on the Western Executive Student Team (WEST).



Their duties will include:

Attend and actively participate in the WEST by:

- Participating as needed as a member of the Regional Director's reference group
- Taking up and acting on issues raised by Western NSW students
- Being a member of the Regional Working Party for the 2013 Regional Student Leadership Conference
- Participate in video conferences from school, each month
- Take an active role in student leadership activities at school and SEG levels
- Participate in an excursion as a WEST changeover activity

It is very exciting that we continue to have students involved at this level.

P & C Meeting

Due to Melbourne Cup Day and the Year 12 Farewell Dinner, the next meeting of the P & C will be Tuesday 4th December 7.30pm in the library.

Executive Staff:

Principal: Sue Francisco
Deputy Principal: Shane Carter
Highly Accomplished Teacher: Darren Clarke
Head Teacher English: Carolyn McMurtrie
Head Teacher Mathematics/PDHPE: Megan Hamblin
Head Teacher Science/TAS: Michael Halliger
Head Teacher HSIE: John Carswell
Head Teacher Mentor: Peter Luck
School Admin Manager: Merryn McIntyre

HSC

The Higher School Certificate commenced on Monday 15th October and the last examination at Cobar High is on Thursday 8th November. Best wishes to our students as they undertake this important step in their lives.

SRC Elections

Elections for the Student Representative Council will take place in the next few weeks. School Captains and Vice Captains will also be elected at this time. The new SRC will start operating after the mid term break. School Captains and Vice Captains will also be elected at this time.

Staffing 2013

Our student enrolments numbers indicate that we will have approximately 260 students in 2013.

Congratulations to Ms Hugan who has been successful in gaining a permanent Visual Arts position at Nyngan High for 2013.

Mr Pritchard will be taking 12 months Leave Without Pay. His position will be filled by a temporary contract for the 12 months.

Ms Cathy Francisco will continue maternity leave and her position will be filled by a temporary contract.

We will have a MC class in 2013. This position will be filled on a permanent basis through the staffing services.

We will keep you informed as changes are confirmed.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

We are currently working on transition from playground to class and class to class. The expected behaviours are **Respect** Leave when dismissed; Leave area clean and tidy; Move in an orderly manner; Line up outside classroom.

Excellence Go directly to class; Be prepared to learn; Have a copy of the timetable; Quiet voices

Safety Walking, keep to the left; Careful on stairways; Stay 'in bounds'; Personal space (take care)

Please reinforce these with your students.

Sue Francisco

Year Advisers 2012

Year 6: Amie Jacklin
Year 7: Cassandra Locke
Year 8: Benn Wright
Year 9: Todd Fugar
Year 10: Chris Marshall
Year 11: Bianka Jacobson
Year 12: Rochelle Brunet
SRC Co-Ordinator: Chris Marshall
Girls Adviser: Leanne Carswell



On the 10th of September, Cobar High Year 11 Students accompanied by teachers Miss Jacobson and Mr Ross set out on their last ever excursion as a year group, heading to The Great Aussie Bush Camp to attend the Crossroads program. The bus trip was long, but through a number of pit stops, uno games, movies and music, as well as the Macca's stop they finally made it. Their guides Nathan and Steph met them and soon became great role models and friends to the students.

Over the five days of camp, students attended crossroads sessions on sexual health, relationship, drug and alcohol education, as well as challenging themselves through a number of activities such as a 15m Giant Swing, 10m Leap of Faith and 8m Team Challenge. It tested student's communication, teamwork and decision-making skills. Students should be congratulated on their positive attitudes and participation throughout the sessions.

Students enjoyed their time on camp and certainly have many memories that they will cherish including pushing Mr Ross in the muddy water at Lost Island, Luke and Sam's sing a long obsession with Taylor Swift, Nayab's ability to believe anything and toasting the marshmallows around the fire at night.

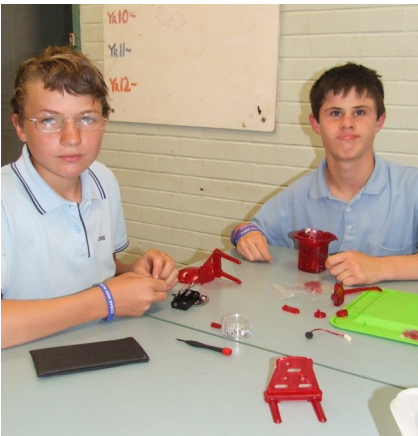
Thank you to all students who attended and made this a memorable experience.

Bianka Jacobson
Year Advisor



ROBOTICS

Students in Year 8 Technology classes have been learning about the use of robotics in fiction and real life. This unit has included constructing and testing robots from kits, which has challenged students to work in teams, using delicate parts and interpreting complex instructions.



VOCATIONAL COURSES

If your child is in Year 10 or 11 next year they may be keen to take up a vocational course while at school. Watch the video to hear Worldskills medal winners talk about how their VETiS courses have worked for them. <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bV4dhWEN50M>

Business Services

Hair Dressing

Metal and Engineering

Sports Coaching

Hospitality

Animal Studies

Year 8 Hooked on Drama



Trades for girls

AUSGRID, with the support of Women NSW, is running a work experience week for high school-aged girls who may be interested in taking up a trade. The week is open to young women 15 years of age or older, currently enrolled in school or TAFE and who want to try their hand at an electrical trade. http://www.women.nsw.gov.au/news/items/ausgrid_joins_campaign_to_boost_the_number_of_women_in_trades

Degrees at TAFE

If your son or daughter is planning on getting a degree at TAFE, they will need to get their applications in by October. Find out about TAFE higher education courses and how to apply: <http://www.highered.tafensw.edu.au/degrees-at-tafe/courses/index.html#.UHZeJ65Nt8E>

P & C Meeting

**Tuesday
4th December 2012**

**School Library
7:30pm**

All Welcome

CHS CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 Work Experience

Work Agreement Contract [**Gold form**] is due now.

All Year 10s have had the opportunity to get their two week work experience organised. The work contract [Gold form] needs to be completed, signed and dated by all parties and **returned** to me by **26/10/12**. I will have two copies made and returned to the student so that they/family and the host employer each have a copy. If there are any difficulties please contact me or have your student see me.

Work Experience is from 26/11/12 to 07/12/12. Students may do the two weeks with one host employer or a week each at two different host employers. Student who are doing the TVET Hairdressing will organise if necessary with employer to attend TAFE on the required days, if other engagements such as Rotary 'Your City', Dance performance or the start of full time employment, please let the school know and we'll adjust the program accordingly.

During the week of 19/11/12 all Year 10s will have a two day Senior First Aid Course provided by Surf Life Saving NSW and funded by the school. The students will also have a Work Place Health and Safety White Card training day. This will earn them their nationally recognised WP&S card. The card will be issued by the end of the week in case it is needed for Work Experience. The card is also required for VET and TAFE courses as well as employment in a number of industries. Letter and permission forms will be distributed before the end of the month. The WH&S student cost is expected to be \$20.00 a savings of a \$175 from the TAFE \$195.00.

Any concerns please contact the school and should you plan to be away during any of these weeks please provide the dates to the school as soon as possible.

Mr. Lee Goodwin
Careers Adviser CHS



Awards Afternoon



Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents in Cobar

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why Roads and Maritime Services has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become a safer drivers.

A FREE Roads and Maritime Services parents' workshop will be hosted by David Riches on Tuesday November 20th at the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club from 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm.

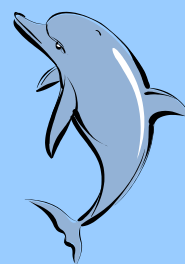
Early bookings are essential, so phone on 0434 964 764 now to reserve your place, or email parentworkshop@optusnet.com.au



Cobar Swimming Club 2012/2013

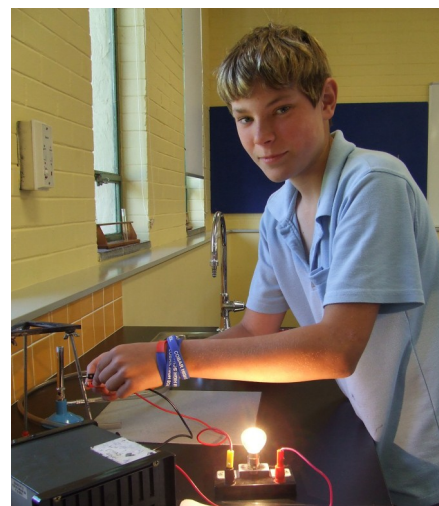
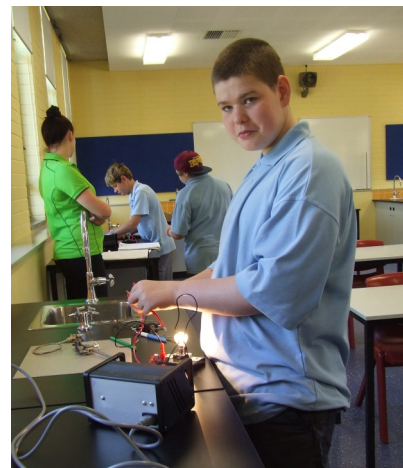
First Swim for the season is Wednesday
24th October 2012

5pm start at the Clubhouse





Year 7 SCIENCE



Barnardos Circus Skills



Where: Cobar Youth Centre

When: Tuesdays Term 4

3:30pm to 5pm

Starts: Tuesday 23rd October 2012

Cost: FREE

Contact Zanette or Amanda on
02 68362511

or

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ajeffer@barnardos.org.au



Barnardos
We believe in CHILDREN

Assessments Due Week 3

Year 7:	Science-IRP Final Report Visual Arts-Art making
Year 8:	Science-Test French-Listening Task
Year 9:	Maths-Test Photographic & Digital Media
Year 10:	Maths-Semester 2 Test Photographic & Digital Media

Assessments Due Week 4

Year 7:	Music-Test
Year 8:	English Music-Test
Year 9:	English-Yearly Exam Science-Yearly Exam Visual Arts-Task
Year 10:	Science-Yearly Exam English-Yearly Exam

Year 8 ESSA

(Essential Secondary Science Assessment)

ESSA testing will be held on
Tuesday 13th November, 2012.

It is a computer based test that requires 80 minutes
to complete.

Year 8 students will begin 'readiness testing', which is
practice for the test from the 10th September, 2012.

ESSA online permission forms will be sent home before the
26th October, 2012.

Addition information for parents/carers of Year 8 students is
available from the ESSA Internet pages at

<http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/7-12assessments/essa/index.php>

PBL **Vision Statement**

***"Cobar High School
strives for excellence in a
safe and respectful
environment".***

What's On - Week 3 & 4 Term 4

Monday 22nd October:	VET Training; Sydney: R Brunet
Tuesday 23rd October:	VET Training; Sydney: R Brunet Exec Network Day; Cobar: M Hamblin, C McMurtrie
Wednesday 24th October:	VET Training; Sydney: R Brunet Curriculum; Sydney: M Hamblin, C Locke, B Wright
Thursday 25th October:	SPC Meeting: S Francisco Exec Network Day; Coonamble: D Clarke, M Halliger VET Training; Sydney: R Brunet Curriculum; Sydney: M Hamblin, C Locke, B Wright
Friday 26th October:	SPC Meeting: S Francisco VET Training; Sydney: R Brunet Curriculum; Sydney: M Hamblin, C Locke, B Wright
Wednesday 31st October:	Maths Virtual Professional Training: Davidson Shield; Bourke: C Marshall, B Jacobson
Thursday 1st November:	Maths Virtual Professional Training: Professional Training; Rosalee Whitely: C McMurtrie, Science
Friday 2nd November:	Professional Training; Rosalee Whitely: C McMurtrie, Science