



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

1st November, 2012

Term 4

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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PBL Launch

Wednesday 14th November

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School Spectacular

Sydney

20.11.12 - 25.11.12

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Work Experience

Year 10

26.11.12 - 7.12.12

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Presentation Day

Monday 10th December



Where There's a Will There's a Way



**Positive
Behaviour
for Learning**

Respect.

Excellence.

Safety

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Virtual Mathematics Faculty



On Wednesday and Thursday we hosted the Virtual Mathematics Faculty. Cobar High School has been involved since its inception. Mr Harry Langes from Gilgandra HS has led this faculty which has resulted in significant professional learning for all those involved. Mr Langes is taking leave and will no longer be leading the faculty. We wish him all the best for his future.

Safety

I had reason to talk to our students regarding road safety this week. Some students are behaving irresponsibly on pedestrian crossings by stopping in the middle and not allowing cars to pass. Please talk to your students regarding this safety issue.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

We will be formally launching PBL on Wednesday 14th November. See the next page for details and please encourage your students to trade their Rambands every week. If the blue Rambands are not returned, we can't continue to issue them.

Student Representative Council

Students can currently nominate for the Student Representative Council. Please encourage your student to participate. It provides excellent leadership opportunities for students.

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

Davidson Shield

Congratulations to all the students who participated in Davidson Shield this week. We have won it for the first time in many years. Luke Hillier and Sam Best did an excellent job presenting the shield to the students on Morning Muster.

Attendance

It is very important that all students attend school every day. There is an increasing number of students who think it is ok to arrive late to school. We have implemented a process where each student will make up the time they are late at recess that day. Please ensure that your student arrives at school between 8.30am and 8.50am to be ready for Morning Muster at 8.55am.

Completion of Work and Homework Centre

Our expectation is that all students will complete the work set in class. Our PBL expected behaviour of Excellence means that students should complete their work to the best of their ability. To assist with students completing work every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 3.30—5pm there are staff in the Library. The Homework Centre is sponsored by the CSA Mine Glencorp. At the moment we are also running sessions every lunch time for Year 9 students. It is important that students complete all outstanding work, because non-completion of the work could impede their progress to the next level in 2013.

Butterflies for Babies

If you have been wondering why Mr Carswell, Mr Marshall and Mr Wright have been looking a little woolly lately, it is because they will be shaving their heads for Butterflies for Babies. Please support them in raising funds for this excellent cause.

Mid Term Break

The mid-term break will be on Friday 9th and Monday 12th November. If you are travelling away, please drive carefully.

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

Year 9 Excursion Cancellation

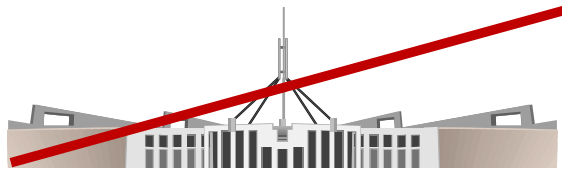
To Year 9 Parents/Students,

It is with regret that I am informing you that the Year 9 Excursion to Canberra which was supposed to be held during Week 8 of this Term has had to be cancelled due to the fact that not enough students returned permission notes and the first deposit before the required date.

This is very disappointing and unfortunate for those students who had returned their permission notes and deposits before the required date.

For those students who have paid the deposit, a refund cheque will be mailed out to you.

Regards
Todd Fugar
Year 9 Advisor



What's it like at High School

Show your teen this video
to ease them into the idea
of High School.

It has great tips on making
friends, getting organised,
planning assignments and
studying.

Go to:

[http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/
gotoschool/highschool/index.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/highschool/index.php)

Bandanna Day

Members of the School SRC sold Bandannas to students and staff at recess and lunch time last Friday. Bandannas cost students \$4.00 each and the \$200.00 received in their sale will be sent to Canteen to help young people with Cancer.



PBL Launch

Wednesday 14th November
12 noon

All Welcome

P & C Meeting

Tuesday
4th December 2012

School Library
7:30pm

All Welcome

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.

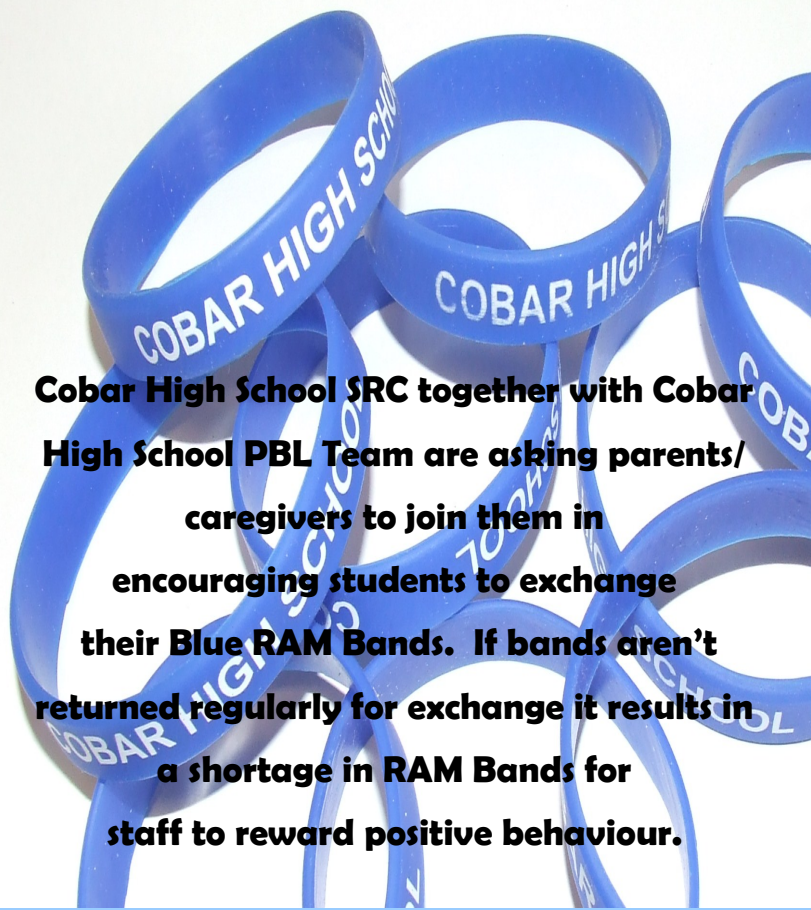
To help parents in supervising learner drivers, Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become a safer drivers.

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



RAM BANDS



Cobar High School SRC together with Cobar High School PBL Team are asking parents/caregivers to join them in encouraging students to exchange their Blue RAM Bands. If bands aren't returned regularly for exchange it results in a shortage in RAM Bands for staff to reward positive behaviour.



The ICPA Cobar Presents:
Megan Mathews
in Concert

An elegant night of classical music and fine wine tasting to delight the senses! Accomplished pianist Megan Mathews will be playing world class pieces such as *Flight of the Bumblebee*, *Moonlight Sonata*, *Claire de Lune* and much more. This type of high calibre event is seldom seen in Cobar and is for ONE NIGHT ONLY - don't miss out! All proceeds go to the Isolated Children's Parents Association.

Date: Saturday the 3rd of November.
Time: Wine tasting at 7pm with nibbles. Show starts at 8pm.
Venue: Cobar Memorial Services Club.
Dress: Your most elegant dress and finest suit.
Tickets: \$20 adult, \$10 child, family \$60 with a maximum of 2 adults.
More information: www.meganmathewsinconcert.webs.com
Tickets available: Country Blinds & Awnings, 21 Barton St, Red Earth Real Estate, 25 Barton St, or phone 0427 026 837.

**PBL
Vision Statement**

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

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.

Additional 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](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/7-12assessments/essa/index.php)

**Assessments Due
Week 5**

Year 7:	HSIE Exam
Year 8:	French-Task HSIE Exam
Year 9:	HSIE Exam English-Writing Tasks
Year 10:	HSIE Exam English-Yearly Exam

**Assessments Due
Week 6**

Year 7:	English-Visual Representation
Year 8:	Visual Arts-Task
Year 12:	Visual Arts

What's On - Week 5 & 6 Term 4

Monday 5th November:	Rural Education Reference Group; Sydney: S Francisco
Tuesday 8th November:	Year 6 Transition: Period 3 & 4
Friday 9th November:	Mid Term Break
Monday 12th November:	Mid Term Break
Tuesday 13th November:	Year 8 ESSA: Year 12 Farewell; Cobar Bowling & Golf Club
Wednesday 14th November:	PBL Launch
Thursday 15th November:	Principals Meeting: S Francisco VET Professional Learning; Dubbo: L Goodwin
Friday 16th November:	Principals Meeting: S Francisco