



# NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

29th November, 2012

## Term 4

### Work Experience

Year 10

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Year 7 2013

### Information Evening

Thursday 29th November

6pm

School MPC

### Transition Disco

Monday 3rd December

6:30pm-9:30pm

MPC

### Presentation Day

Monday 10th December

MPC

2pm

## Term 4

### PBL Awards Day

Monday 17th December

**Positive  
Behaviour  
for Learning**

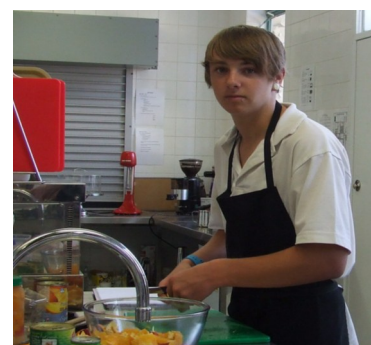
**Respect.**

**Excellence.**

**Safety**



## *Where There's a Will There's a Way*



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## Staffing 2013

The following people have accepted Temporary Teaching engagements for 2013.

Daniel Inkley — English  
Emma Stowe—Science  
Mitchell Adams—TAS  
Nolan Matthews—HSIE.

We are still awaiting the outcome for the permanent positions for Head Teacher Science and teacher MC Class.

## Schools Spectacular

A huge thank you to Amie Jacklin for organising our participation in the Schools Spectacular (see full report on page 4). Also a very big thank you to Merryn McIntyre who did all the behind the scenes work regarding travel and accommodation and Cathy Manns and Karen Lennon who accompanied the students. I have heard nothing but praise and excitement about the trip. I also received an email from a person named Susan Fleming which said **I just wanted to commend the behaviour of your students. They are currently in Sydney for the schools spectacular. I had the privilege of talking to some of them in our local shopping centre, and watching many of them enjoy the Sydney environment. They were all enthusiastic about the spectacular, very polite & so well behaved, that could teach some of our local students a thing or two about behaviour in school uniforms. They are a credit to their parents, staff & school.**

**Thank you for the opportunity**

I have no idea who Susan Fleming is, but I replied to her email thanking her for her comments. The subject of her email was 'Wonderful' which sums it up beautifully.

You will be able to watch the performance on ABC television on December 16<sup>th</sup> at 6pm and again on ABC2 on New Year's Eve.



### 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

## Classes 2013

We are currently working on the organisation for classes in 2013. We will once again be running the select class in each Years 7—10. Students currently in Years 7—9 will be given the opportunity to apply based on their performance this year.

If your student is not offered the opportunity to apply at this time, we will consider applications during 2013. To successfully apply during 2013 students must have demonstrated the qualities and attributes during the year and have competed in the external competitions. The dates and cost of the external competitions will be in the first newsletter in 2013.

## Homework Centre

Wednesday 5th December and Thursday 6th December will be the last sessions for the Homework Centre in 2012. Once again we would like to thank CSA Mine Glencore for their support for this initiative.

## Early Entry to University

Congratulations to the following Year 12 students who were successful in gaining early entry to:

### Charles Sturt University

Alec Burton, (Bachelor of Exercise Science and Bachelor of Business (Marketing))

Rumah Prendergast (Bachelor of Business (Management) and Bachelor of Communication (Public Relations))

Nicola Harbison (Bachelor of Occupational Therapy)  
Courtney Hillier (Bachelor of Education Primary (Wagga) and Bachelor of Education Early Childhood and Primary (Bathurst))

Hayley Black (Bachelor of Nursing)

### University of New England (Courses not provided)

Alec Burton, Nicola Harbison and Caitlin Jones.

What a wonderful result for our 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





*Congratulations and Good Luck  
Class of 2012*





# 2012 School Spectacular

The Sydney Entertainment Centre was inundated with 3500 Students from 314 NSW public schools over the weekend for the *2012 Schools Spectacular*. For the first time in the shows 29 years Cobar High School was amongst the performers.

12 Students, 1 teacher and 2 parent supervisor from CHS traveled via CountryLink to Sydney last Tuesday to combine with the other 300 students in their segment for rehearsals. Cobar High students, who had been learning the routine via video conference, met the rest of their cast on Wednesday at a rehearsal in Hurstville. On Thursday students had their first glimpse of the Sydney Entertainment Centre and a taste for just how big this production was going to be for the first combined dress rehearsal.

Performing with a live orchestra, pianist and vocalists to the songs 'Conga', 'Do Your Thing' and 'I've Got Rhythm' whilst dancing down the staircase through the audience to the stage, Cobar High School shone in electric blue amongst the 300 other performers in their segment 'Time to Celebrate'.

For the Finale CHS joined the other 3500 students on stage for the final number. Performing amongst the likes of Jack Vidgen was a highlight for the students and they did the community of Cobar proud, not only with the way they performed on stage but how they conducted themselves throughout the entire trip.

The theme of this year's Schools Spectacular "Our Time" is about 'recognising the value of the time we have' explained relieving director Sonja Benson. 'This show celebrates the extraordinary talent, creativity and courage of our young people who have recognised the relevance of this year's theme to their own life'. Cobar High School certainly understood the message; it was "Our Time" to shine, to participate in an amazing opportunity that will be a highlight of our school memories, to put CHS on the map in terms of performing arts and to provide the students with an extraordinary experience in Dance and Performance.

The students performed in Matinee and Evening Performances on both Friday & Saturday in front of crowds in the thousands. A few Cobar locals also made the trip to Sydney to watch and support our students. The show will be televised on December 16<sup>th</sup> on ABC1 at 6pm and again on ABC2 on New Year's Eve.

Student performers: Josie Anderson, Rebekka Manns, Ashleigh Kerr, Bethany Harland, Courtney Carey, Callum Sinclair, Stephanie Cartner, Gabbi Lennon, Emily Carswell, Katherine Dennis, Steffie Mitchell, Tayla Pennell.

Miss Jacklin, Mrs Karen Lennon, Mrs Cathy Manns





# YEAR 10 ACTIVITY WEEK

Monday November 18th to the Friday of November 23<sup>th</sup> was the Year 10 Activity Week. All students rotated through eight different training programs. They were:

Senior First Aid Surf Life Saving NSW with Jon Coby  
Orana Mutual Group with Ian Huxley, Sharon Moore and Sarah Irvine

Red Earth and NRMA with Karen Viant and Tammy Zani  
Centrelink & Medicare with Joy Martin and Shanda Mann from Bourke  
Westrac with Ben Hewkett

Chris Marshall doing "All My Own Work"

OH&S White Card training with Garry Pritchard

Friday the Young Drivers Safety Workshop organised by Gordon Hill with:

## NSW State Emergency Service

Gordon Hill	Local Controller
Michael Davison	Rescue Team Member.
Monty McMullan	Rescue Team Member.
Thomas Platte	Rescue Team Member.
Blake Stevens	Rescue Team Member.

## NSW Rural Fire Service

Chris Flavelle	Supt Far West District Manager
Robyn Flavelle	Insp Far West Operations Officer
Tony Lord	Captain Cobar Head Quarters Brigade.
Shane Jones	Member Cobar Head Quarters Brigade

## NSW Police Force

John Bennett	Sgt Sector Supervisor Cobar Police
Sue Gannon	Snr Const Cobar Police

## NSW Fire and Rescue

Brad Lennon	Station Commander Cobar Fire Station
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## NSW Ambulance

Anita Hodgkinson	Paramedic Cobar Ambulance Station
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The school and community thank these organisations and individuals for taking the time to provide additional and alternative learning experiences for our students.

The Year 10's are now on their Work Experience weeks which started Monday November 26th and end either Friday December 7<sup>th</sup> or for many Friday December 14<sup>th</sup>. Students and parents are reminded that if the student is absent from work, they need to let BOTH the employer and the school know.

Mr. Lee Goodwin  
Careers Adviser CHS



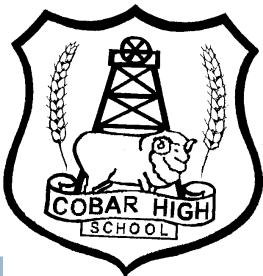
# INVITATION

COBAR HIGH SCHOOL  
INVITES ALL PARENTS  
AND COMMUNITY  
MEMBERS TO OUR  
ANNUAL PRESENTATION  
DAY CEREMONY

MONDAY 10th DECEMBER

2.00pm

Multi-Purpose Centre



PO Box 454  
Wetherell Crescent  
COBAR NSW 2835

Phone: 02 68362705  
Fax: 02 68361142

## Barnardos Circus Arts

Phone 02 68362511  
Or email  
zclements@barnardos.org.au  
ajeffery@barnardos.org.au



### School Holiday Program

Monday 14th to Friday 18th

January 2013

10am - 12noon

@ Youthie

FREE

Places are limited

Register with Zanette or Amanda

# DISCO

Monday 3rd December

School MPC

6:30 - 9:30

Theme

'When I grow Up'



## AGM JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Tuesday 11th December

7:30pm

Cobar Bowling & Golf Club

**ALL POSITIONS ARE OPEN**

**ALL WELCOME**

Your Invited...

WESTERN STUDIO OF PERFORMING ARTS

## *Solo and Duet Concert*

This Sunday 2nd December at 3pm

Cobar Bowling and Golf Club

Entry: Gold Coin Donation

## Copying and plagiarism

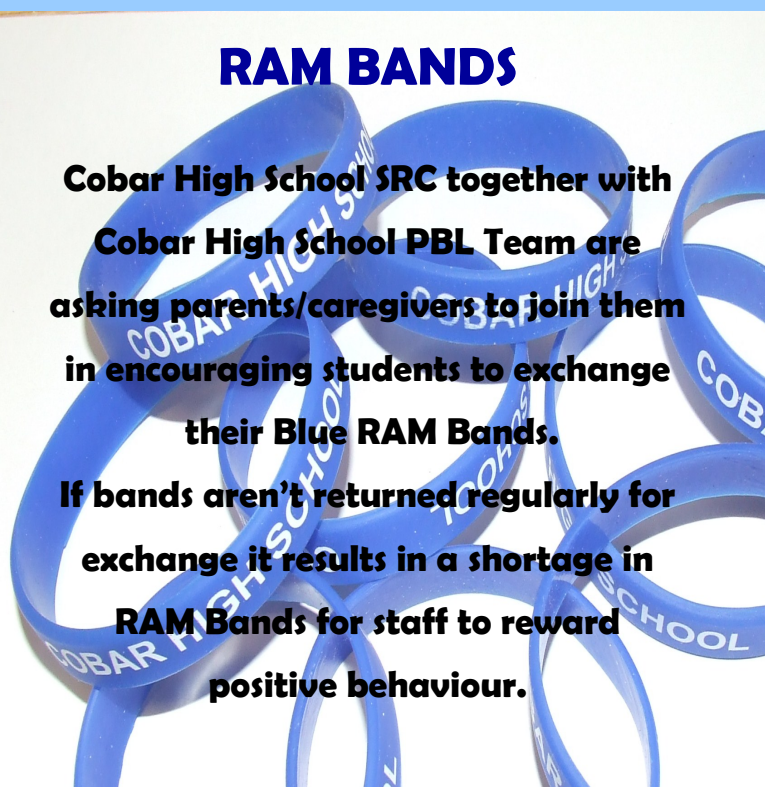
Copying other people's work and presenting it as your own is plagiarism. It's an increasingly common problem in the online world where material can easily be copied and pasted from websites. Students need to acknowledge the ideas of others when they use them in projects, assignments and assessments.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/copycats-beware>

## 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.



**YEAR 7 2013**

## PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT

**THURSDAY 29TH NOVEMBER**

**6PM**

**SCHOOL MPC**

Parents and Caregivers of Students entering Year 7 in 2013 have been invited to attend the Parent Information Evening.

Staff will be available to help provide information and assistance for the transition of students from Primary School to High School.

Information on School Policies & Procedures, Cyber Safety, and the Year 7 Peer Support Tea Gardens Excursion will also be addressed.

Personnel from Brilliams will be on hand to assist with uniforms and Stationary Essential will have information regarding 2013 Book Packages available.



***PBL  
Vision Statement***

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

**Assessments Due  
Week 7**

<b>Year 7:</b>	Maths-Task 6 Technology-Textiles Product/Folio
<b>Year 8:</b>	Maths-Task 6 Technology-Robotics Product/Folio
<b>Year 12:</b>	Music Modern History

St Johns Year 6 Student **Nina Haines** has decided to shave her head to raise money for the Cancer Council which supports all cancers; bowel, breast, skin etc. She said yes it was scary shaving her head, but she couldn't imagine how scary it would be for those with cancer.

If you would like to support Nina and help her raise money for this very worthwhile cause you can go online <http://nsw.cancercouncilfundraising.org.au/DYT1212345>



Or make a donation in the tins located in many local businesses. Nina plans to shave her head in Marshall Street on the 22nd December at 11am so come along if you would like to show her your support-she will appreciate it.

**What's On - Week 9 & 10 Term 4**

Monday 3rd December:	Year 10 Work Experience Transition Disco Year 11 English; Bourke: C Locke
Tuesday 4th December:	Year 10 Work Experience
Wednesday 5th December:	Year 10 Work Experience
Thursday 6th December:	Year 10 Work Experience
Friday 7th December:	Year 10 Work Experience 20/20 Cricket
Monday 10th December:	Presentation Day: 2pm MPC

**P & C Meeting**

**Tuesday  
4th December 2012**  
School Library  
7:30pm  
All Welcome