



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

14th November, 2013

2013

Term 4

**Schools Spectacular-
Sydney**

Monday 25th-Saturday 30th
November

Year 9 Excursion

2.12.13—6.12.13

MADD Night

Monday 9th December

Rainbow Rewards Day

Thursday 12th December

Four Terms

Rainbow Reward

Wednesday 11th &
Thursday 12th December
Dubbo

Presentation Day

Monday 16th December
2pm
School MPC

2013 School Year ends

Wednesday 18th December



Where There's a Will There's a Way



GREEN DAY



**Positive
Behaviour
for Learning**

Respect.

Excellence.

Safety

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Congratulations to the Year 12 Class of 2013. They looked stunning at their Celebration Dinner which was held at the Bowling and Golf Club on Wednesday 13th November.

Year 12 Celebration Dinner

Thank you to the many staff who made the Celebration Dinner a success. Special thanks to Merryn McIntyre who spends a huge amount of time on the organisation, Chris Marshall who always does an excellent job at taking photos and transporting the students, Peter Luck who was the MC for the event and Bianka Jacobson, who as the Year Adviser looked after their welfare and made an excellent speech for the students.

Year Advisers 2014

Congratulations to Amber Rook who will be the Year 11 Adviser and Lena Dean who will be the Year 6 Adviser in 2014. The Year 10 Adviser is yet to be decided.

Presentation Day

Presentation Day is on Monday 16th December at 2pm in the MPC

Year 7 2014 Parent Information Evening

The Parent Information Evening for students currently in Year 6 will be held on Wednesday 27th November at 6pm in the MPC.

Homework Centre

A reminder that the CSA Glencore Cobar Mines sponsored Homework Centre operates every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon in the Library. It is an excellent opportunity for students to use the resources in the library and gain extra assistance from the teaching staff on duty.

PBL Rewards Excursion

Students who have received a Rainbow Band each term will be eligible to attend the excursion to Dubbo where a range of activities will take place. The excursion is planned for 11th & 12th December.

Executive Staff:

Principal: Sue Francisco
Deputy Principal: Shane Carter
Head Teacher English: Carolyn McMurtrie
Head Teacher Mathematics/PDHPE: Megan Hamblin
Head Teacher Science/TAS: Andrew Watts
Head Teacher HSIE: John Carswell
Head Teacher Mentor: Peter Luck
School Admin Manager: Merryn McIntyre

Year Advisers 2013

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



QuickSmart

QuickSmart has now been running for 2 ½ terms and the QuickSmart students' results have been improving each week. In the coming weeks the QuickSmart students will be undertaking assessments which will compare their benchmark results from the beginning of the program to the results they can achieve now. Through focusing on the four operations, problem solving skills and mathematical language, students are able to pick up important mathematical skills they may have missed in earlier years of schooling.



As part of the final QuickSmart report, students were asked to write anonymous comments describing QuickSmart. Below are some of their statements:

"It's about maths and problem solving. It gets hard at times but it is fun most of the time".

"It helps us a lot with our maths".

"It's easier to learn because its small groups and not as noisy like a full class."

"QuickSmart is good, it helps me do other problems in class and I get a lot of confidence".

"I enjoy QuickSmart because of the small groups. I always try my best."

"I think QuickSmart is a great program for your maths and it helps you with (+, -, x, ÷)".

"It's hard at first but you get used to it. I think I have improved on my maths and I really like it."



Parents of students going into Year 7 in 2014

Orientation evening @ Cobar High School,
on 28th November 2013,
CHS Performance Workshop, Commencing
6.00pm

Ready for high school

Just to let you know that the Transition to high school, Ready for High School Checklist is now available in 36 languages.

Search by language: [http://](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/languagesupport/documents/start_ss/rfhsc.php)

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MADD NIGHT

(Music, Arts, Drama, Dance)

Monday 9th December

Cobar High School MPE

All Welcome

NSW public school terms and holidays

Here's a snapshot of NSW public school terms and holidays for 2013 - 2015.

Find out more: <http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/events/vacations.html>



G'DAY USA

INFORMATION EVENING

All parents and students interested in the January 2015 G'Day USA Tour are invited to an Information Evening:

DATE: Tuesday November 19
TIME: 5:30pm
WHERE: Cobar High School Library

The G'Day USA Program provides students with the opportunity to live with an American Host Family for ten days and experience daily life in the United States of America. The tour itinerary also includes four fun-filled days in Anaheim/Los Angeles and three days exploring scenic San Francisco.

Students travel as part of a supervised group with regional school staff as the Group Leaders. Representatives from EWT will be located in the hotels and host city.

This Information Evening will be hosted by a representative from EWT who will explain the program in detail, distribute application documents and answer any questions.

EWT REPRESENTATIVE: Jeniffer Mundy—jennifer.mundy@ewt.com.au or 0448 909 655

Please Detach & Return this slip to the School Office

- ☐ We will attend the G'Day USA Information Evening
- ☐ We are unable to attend, but wish to be contacted with more information about G'Day USA

Student Name: _____ Year/Class: _____

Parent Name: _____ Phone: _____

Word clouds

Has your child made a word cloud yet? It's a great idea for adding to book reports, assignments and even for revision. Cut and paste a big slab of the text into a Wordle for a visual summary of the major themes.

Create a Wordle: <http://www.wordle.net/>

Natural disasters

Is your child studying the science behind natural disasters? The science assignment starter gives interesting links and resources that explain the causes of disasters such as earthquakes, tsunamis and volcanoes.

Science assignment starters: [http://](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/natural-disasters-project)

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XMAS CRAFT @ YOUR LIBRARY

5-7 YEAR OLDS - Xmas stockings & gift tags - lolly reindeers - delicious Xmas nibbles

8+ YEAR OLDS - Xmas crackers - delicious Xmas nibbles - flying angels & holly wreath papercraft

\$5.50 per child per session - please book early as numbers are limited - see library staff to save your place

5-7 year olds

SAT 30th NOV

10:30-noon
5-7 yr olds
Stockings & gift tags

SAT 14th DEC

10:30-noon
5-7 yr olds
Lolly reindeers

THU 19th DEC

10:30-noon
5-7 yr olds
Delicious Xmas nibbles

8+ year olds

SAT 7th DEC

10:30-noon
8+ yr olds
Xmas crackers

THU 19th DEC

3:00-4:30
8+ yr olds
Delicious Xmas nibbles

SAT 21st DEC

10:30-noon
8+ yr olds
Flying angels & holly wreath

Saturday sessions & special Thursday YUMMY food day!

Cobar High School supports the National Self-Detection Program for Scoliosis [NSDP]

How do you detect Scoliosis? Simply look for it! It only takes 30 seconds! Just read the brochure that Year 7 & 9 girls have recently received 'Adolescent Scoliosis Spinal Curvature- The National Self-Detection Program.'

Angus Gray from the Spine Society of Australia states, 'Scoliosis [spine curvature] is an important health problem for adolescent girls and 25 thousand are at risk of developing a significant curve. Three girls per thousand require active treatment [spine brace or surgery]. Because in the early stages the condition is most often asymptomatic, screening in the age range 11-13 years is a sound preventative health measure.'

The brochure given out to Years 7 & 9 girls, is also available for everyone on the website mentioned below, together with more information and forums regarding advice on Scoliosis. www.scoliosis-australia.org

Leanne Carswell
Girls Adviser

Cobar Market Day

3rd Saturday of Every Month

Next Market Day 16th November

*Jumping Castle, Live Music in the Rotunda,
lots of family fun for everyone*



*New to the Market Day: Jelly
cakes, spring rolls, bacon &
egg rolls, children's clothes,
ladies clothes, homemade
goods, plus much much
more.....*

Venue: Drummond Park,
Cobar

Time: 9am to 2.30pm

SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

30 Spectacular Years



PROUD BROADCAST PARTNER

Saturday 30 November



Replay Sunday 1 December

Catch Up  jump-in.com.au



www.schoolsspectacular.com.au



Cobar Junior Rugby League

Junior TOUCH FOOTY



At Tom Knight Oval

Every Thursday Afternoon from 5pm to 6pm

All ages from 5 to 16, Boys and Girls.

Come along and have some fun, learn some new skills
and

improve on some old ones.

Don't forget a Hat, Sunscreen and a drink of Water

This will be run by the Junior League Coaches

For more info please call Crystal on 0448363351 or

Simone on 0418649050

Also check out our Facebook page for more exciting news

COBAR JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Cobar Junior Rugby League INFORMATION SESSION and BBQ For 2014 season

DATE: Sunday 24th November

VENUE: Golf Club

TIME: 12pm

This is an information afternoon for all **Parents** and **Players** to
give their ideas and input into the 2014 season.

We will be giving a short presentation
followed by an open discussion.

There will be a suggestion box available for those who
prefer to write your questions/suggestions down.

Please come and support CJRL.

The more parents and players that can attend the better our
2014 season can be.



Enquires can be made to Simone - 0418 649 050 or Crystal - 0448 363 351

Student medical forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.



Assessments Due Week 7

Year 7: Maths Task
Year 8: Maths Task
Year 12: Music

Assessments Due Week 8

Year 12: Modern History

AECG Meeting

Wednesday 4th December
11:30am
Land Council
All Welcome

PBL Vision Statement

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

What's On - Week 7 & 8 Term 4

Tuesday 19th November: G'day USA Meeting; School Library: 5:30pm

Thursday 21st November: ARCO Training: S Carter

Monday 25th November: School Spectacular; Sydney: A Jacklin, T Toomey
First Aid Training: M Hamblin
White Card Training: M Adams

Tuesday 26th November: School Spectacular; Sydney: A Jacklin, T Toomey

Wednesday 27th November: School Spectacular; Sydney: A Jacklin, T Toomey
Year 7: 2014 Parent Teacher Information Night

Thursday 28th November: School Spectacular; Sydney: A Jacklin, T Toomey

Friday 29th November: School Spectacular; Sydney: A Jacklin, T Toomey
First Aid Training: M Hamblin
White Card Training: M Adams

LOST PROPERTY

**We have a number
of lost hoodies, jumpers,
shorts, shirts etc.**

**If your student has lost any
clothing this semester
remind them to enquire at
the Front Office.**

**Clothing that was labelled
with student's name have
had the clothing returned
to them.**