



# NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

22nd March, 2013

## 2013 Term 1

Richardson/Peachy  
Shield / Bourke  
Tuesday 26th March

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SRC Disco  
Wednesday 27th March  
7pm-10pm

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Easter Friday 29th March  
Easter Monday 1st April

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Geography Competition  
Tuesday 2nd April

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Soccer — Broken Hill  
Thursday / Friday  
4th & 5th April

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Avondale College  
Concert Band & Choir  
Friday 12th April

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TERM 1  
Last Day Friday 12th April

TERM 2  
Staff return  
Monday / Tuesday  
29th & 30th April  
Staff Development Days

Students return  
Wednesday 1st May



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



**Positive  
Behaviour  
for Learning**

**Respect.**

**Excellence.**

**Safety**

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## Congratulations



Congratulations to Year 9 student **Kaitlyn Raffaele** who has been selected by the Australian Judo Association to be part of a team who will be competing in Osaka Japan in

July. Kaitlyn will be running an Easter Egg Guessing competition to help raise funds for her trip.

## Digital Education Revolution

Year 9 students will shortly be receiving a letter and Laptop User Charter prior to being issued with a laptop. It is important that students and parents realise that they are responsible for the costs of any damage caused through negligence. The laptops must be repaired through the Department's system. Please read the Charter carefully before signing.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

It was fantastic to see so many parents at the interviews on Tuesday night. It was the largest number of parents we have seen for some time. Research shows that students who have parents who are involved in their education achieve better results. Well done!!

## P & C Meeting

The next P & C meeting is on Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30pm in the Library. It is the AGM so please come along and give your support.

### Executive Staff:

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

## AECG Meeting

The next AECG meeting is on Wednesday 3rd April at 11.30am at St Johns Catholic School.

## Completion of Work

All students must complete their work to the best of their ability. If the work is required to be submitted, this must also be done. Congratulations to those students who have been doing this all year. Unfortunately there is a small number of students who have not been completing their work. If you receive a letter regarding non-completion of work, please ensure your student completes it as quickly as they can. If your student requires support to complete the work, the CSA Glencore sponsored Homework Centre operates on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon in the Library from 3.30pm to 5pm. Students can also approach any staff member for assistance. In particular there are a group of staff now based in the Library who can assist your student. If your student is absent for any reason, they should speak with all their teachers to find out what they need to catch up on.

## Fitness for the family

Director General of the Department of Education and Communities, Michelle Bridges, talks about how to make fitness a priority for the whole family - and the start of a lifetime habit for your kids. Try out tips to keep your kids healthy, active and out of the pantry.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/fitness-for-the-whole-family>

Sue Francisco  
Principal

### Year Advisers 2013

Year 6: Doug Armstrong  
Year 7: Amie Jacklin  
Year 8: Cassandra Locke  
Year 9: Doug Armstrong (Term 1 rlg for Benn Wright)  
Year 10: Todd Fugar  
Year 11: Chris Marshall  
Year 12: Bianka Jacobson  
SRC Co-Ordinator: Chris Marshall  
Girls Adviser: Leanne Carswell



# Maths News - My Maths Online

This year at Cobar High School we are trialling a new online Mathematics program called My Maths. My Maths replaces Mathletics, which we have used in the past. Students in Years 7-10 will be using My Maths in some of their Mathematics lessons, with work set for them by their classroom teacher.

All students will be able to access the online material, which can be used for revision of concepts covered in class or as preparation for assessment tasks. The material on My Maths covers most of the concepts in the NSW Syllabus for 7-10 Mathematics. The website also has Primary Mathematics topics as well as some Senior Mathematics topics.

To access My Maths students need to go to the Australian My Maths website:


<http://www.mymathsonline.com.au/>

Our Login for Cobar High is: Cobar  
Password: Respect

Each student also has their own unique login and password that they use to access the tasks set by their class teacher.

LOGIN

GO



LATEST NEWS: MyPortal Changes: The MyMaths system improves personal tracking of progress by students....[more](#)

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## MyMaths teachers are confident.

Hundreds of ready made lessons and homework tasks help you to achieve fantastic results.



## Welcome to MyMaths

MyMaths is a subscription maths website for teachers and students at all levels and in all types of schools in Australia. It is particularly valuable in those classrooms utilising interactive whiteboards. MyMaths fulfils a need for online content which not only recognises the natural learning levels of students but also provides maths teachers with a tool which differentiates between their stages of understanding.

” Having used MyMaths for several years I can't wait to use it in Australia. Great resources at a great price! ”

HANNAH DASHWOOD  
Monte Sant Angelo Mercy College, NSW

Welcome

Primary

Secondary

Senior

Special

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## Cobar High School



## Touch Football Cobar v Bourke

Earlier in the week the Open Boys and Girls Soccer Teams had recorded victories. On Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March it was time for the touch footy teams to continue the momentum. Cobar High School played Bourke High School in Cobar in the first round of the NSW Combined High Schools Touch Football competition. Cobar defeated Bourke High School in both games on the day.



Cobar Girls started strong with Annie Mugugia scoring early. Annie, the youngest player in the side, played a great game displaying fast footwork and finished the game with 2 tries to her name. Tayla Pennell was also quick to score on the wing before Captain Taylor Gilbert was awarded her first of 3 tries for the game. Nikki Gilbert played a strong defensive game and put 2 consecutive tries on the board. Taylah Good was one of the stands out for Cobar making good ground as she moved the ball forward and was rewarded with a try. Mykaila Fleming was another standout defensive player making a large number of touches which in turn saved numerous attempts from Bourke scoring.



Bourke High School did manage to cross the line once but the damage had already been done. Brianna Watson scored late in the game cementing Cobar's Victory 11-1. Brinley Obray, Kahlie Obray, and Bethany Harland also played strong games.



After a convincing win by the girls in the curtain raiser, the boys were faced with the task of overcoming the boys from Bourke. Cobar started strongly with a couple of tries to Max Hillier. However some poor defensive marking let Bourke back into the game. As opposed to League, Touch requires defenders to mark outside their man deterring them from running around them. This is something that needs to be revised in trainings.

The score ended Cobar HS 14– Bourke HS 9. Max Hillier, Luke Hillier, Jordan Cranch, Hammond Erapen and Jacob Ryan all chipped in with tries.



Cobar High School proceeds to Round 2 of the competition playing an away game against the winner of Nyngan High School and Narromine High School.

Amie Jacklin  
Nolan Matthews







## CRL COACHING & REFEREEING COURSE



On Tuesday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March the Year 11 and 12 Sport Coaching students and Year 10 Physical Activities and Sports Studies students got the opportunity to complete a Modified Rugby League Coaching Course or a Rugby League Refereeing Course. These courses were offered by Country Rugby League and allowed students the chance to develop their coaching and refereeing skills.

Students spent the first part of the day completing the theoretical component of the courses and then in the afternoon they went down to Ward Oval to assist Country Rugby League in running a training session for Cobar Public School and St Johns Primary School ready for the Peachy/Richardson Shield Gala Day next Tuesday.



## SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2013

TERM 1 : LAST DAY OF TERM, FRIDAY APRIL 12

TERM 2 : TEACHERS RETURN MONDAY 29TH APRIL  
STUDENTS RETURN WEDNESDAY 1ST MAY

# DISCO

Wednesday  
27th March  
7pm - 10pm  
School MPC

Theme:  
First letter of your name.

## Cobar Junior League Registrations



Friday 22nd March  
Tom Knight Oval  
4:30pm

You must have 2 copies of players birth  
certificate and 2 passport size photos

Contact Jodie Goonrey for any queries  
mobile 0488 363 120

## Cobar Arts Council AGM

Sunday April 7  
2pm  
Empire Hotel

Sue Cox, President

AECG Meeting  
Wednesday 3rd April  
11:30am  
St Johns Catholic School

## EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS 2013

Each year our students are offered the opportunity to participate in external competitions run by the University of NSW, The Australian Geographical Society and for 2013 an Australian History competition is available from the History Teachers Association of Australia. These competitions provide our students with valuable experience of testing procedures outside our school environment. Dates for 2013 entry fees and competition dates are:

Subject	Entry Fee	Entry Fee due by:	Competition Date
Australian Geography	\$3.00	Still payable for students who have been invoiced with their school fees.	25 March – 5 April, 2013
Australian History (Years 8 & 10 only)	\$6.00	4 April 2013	29 May 2013
ICAS Computer Skills	\$8.80	4 April 2013	21 May 2013
ICAS Science	\$8.80	4 April 2013	5 June 2013
ICAS Spelling (Year 7 only)	\$12.10	4 April 2013	18 June 2013
ICAS Writing	\$18.70	4 April 2013	17 June 2013
ICAS English	\$8.80	20 June 2013	31 July 2013
ICAS Mathematics	\$8.80	20 June 2013	13 August 2013

Payment must be received by the due dates, or if you prefer, several/all entries may be paid in advance. It would be appreciated if correct money (cash or cheque) could be brought to the Administration Office as we do not carry change. All students are invited to participate in any/all of the competitions. If your student is not in a Selective Class, information and return slips may be obtained from Year Advisers or the Front Office. We wish your student well in the competitions and thank you for supporting your child's learning.



# PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS



## Assessments Due Week 9

<b>Year 7:</b>	PDHPE-Circle of Life Music - Unit Test
<b>Year 8:</b>	Music - Unit Test
<b>Year 9:</b>	PASS
<b>Year 10:</b>	Australian History PASS
<b>Year 11:</b>	Mathematics Mathematics General Music
<b>Year 12:</b>	Work Placement

## Assessments Due Week 10

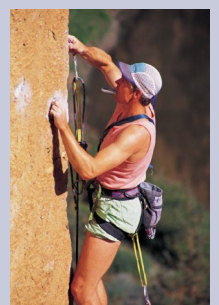
<b>Year 7:</b>	Mathematics-Task 2 Science-Matter Topic Test	
<b>Year 8:</b>	Mathematics-Task PDHPE-Lifelong Physical Activity Science- Forensics	
<b>Year 9:</b>	PDHPE Dance	
<b>Year 10:</b>	PDHPE Dance	
<b>Year 11:</b>	Chemistry English Advanced English Standard: English Studies	<b>Year 12:</b> Business Studies English Advanced English Standard English Studies

## SPORT & RECREATION HOLIDAY CAMPS

The Girls' Empowerment program, held at Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre from 22nd to 26th April, offers a mix of fun, physical activities with sessions that aim to boost the wellbeing and confidence of teenage girls.

Fun outdoor sessions will include activities such as archery, rock climbing, challenge ropes and the flying fox.

Places are limited! Ring Mrs Carswell at the school for more information.



**PBL**  
**Vision Statement**

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

**NAPLAN TESTS 2013**

On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup>, students in Year 7 and 9 will undertake the 2013 NAPLAN tests in: Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), Writing, Reading and Numeracy.

NAPLAN allows the students and parents to see where the individual student is progressing against national standards for all Australian students.

NAPLAN also demonstrates to teachers an individual student's strengths and difficulties.

If you have any concerns please contact Sue Francisco during school hours on 68362705. More information is available at:  
[www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.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.**

**Succeeding in science**

Encouraging your teen to ask questions and helping them find the answers is top of the list in helping them to succeed in science.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-projects/science/helping-your-teenager-succeed-in-science>

**Year 10 subject selection**

In Year 10 students are asked to select subjects for Years 11 and 12. Here are some tips to help your teen choose well.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/year-10-subject-selection>

**What's On - Week 9 & 10 Term 1**

Monday 25th March:	Dance Camp; Dubbo
Tuesday 26th March:	Dance Camp; Dubbo Richardson/Peachy Shield:
Wednesday 27th March:	SRC Disco Schoolboy Trophy: T Fugar Dance Camp
Friday 29th March:	Easter Friday
Monday 1st April:	Easter Monday
Tuesday 2nd April:	Geography Competition; MPC: Period 2
Wednesday 3rd April:	Bourke Schools Education Group; SRC Meeting SEG Staff Induction: S Donaldson, N Matthews, M Adams
Thursday 4th April:	State Swimming; Homebush Soccer; Broken Hill: B Jacobson, N Matthews
Friday 5th April:	State Swimming; Homebush Soccer; Broken Hill: B Jacobson, N Matthews

**P & C AGM**

Tuesday 2nd April  
School Library  
7:30pm  
ALL WELCOME