



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

8th March, 2013

2013

Term 1

Immunisation Year 7

Monday 11th March
10:00am

Basketball

Nyngan
Tuesday 12th April

School Photos

Monday 18th March

Parent Teacher

Interviews
Tuesday 19th March
MPC
5pm-7pm

Netball / Dubbo

Thursday 21st March

Richardson/Peachy

Shield / Bourke
Tuesday 26th March

SRC Disco

Wednesday 27th March
7pm-10pm

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DER Parent Survey

We seek your views on the NSW one-to-one laptop program.

A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state. The evaluation has taken place over 4 years.

Please go to the link below and complete the 2013 survey. It won't take you too long.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DER-NSW-Pr2013?c=8356>

To access the link please enter it into the long address bar at the top of the page of your internet browser (not into a search engine such as Google) and press enter or go – this will take you to the survey.

Individuals cannot be identified in the data.

Evaluation reports to date can be viewed

online: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/how-we-operate/national-partnerships/digital-education-revolution/rrql/research>.

Attendance

It is important that your student attends school on time every day. Student absences can be explained by telephone, note, letter or email. However, your student's absence can only be explained by a legitimate excuse. Excuses such as slept in, it was her birthday, etc are not acceptable reasons for non-attendance. Illness or a family emergency are legitimate reasons. If your student is going to be absent for a number of days for things such as family holidays, medical reasons, you can apply for an exemption for attendance for that time. Please speak to the Front Office to arrange an application.

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

Xsel

Congratulations to Year 9 students Annette Hudson and Gabriella Lennon who have been selected to join Xsel. We now have a total of 6 students in Xsel.

lextend

Congratulations to the following Year 7 & 8 students who have been selected to participate in lextend this year:

Connor Mcleod, Keely Gordon, Emily Carswell, Jessica Nicholson, Thomas Jones, Jakob Brown, Annie Mugugia, Alice Potter, Chyna Whittaker-Goodwin.

Subject Contributions

Subject contributions form an important part in your students learning. All parents have been invoiced. You can pay in full, make regular payments or see the school if there is a problem. We requested Subject Contributions be paid by 27th February. There are still a significant number of outstanding invoices. Please make arrangements to pay as soon as possible.

Year 12 RSA

Year 12 students had the opportunity to complete their Responsible Service of Alcohol. Thank you to Angela Shepherd for her organisation of this.



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



Cobar v Narromine Basketball

Cobar High School took on Narromine High School recently in the first round of the NSW Open Boys Combined High School basketball knockout competition. Both teams seemed evenly matched early on with Cobar getting out to an early lead. Even with Cobar never being behind early in the match, the margin between the two sides never got out to any more than four points. Narromine made a late surge at the end of the first half to tie the game, however a late basket to Luke Hillier meant that Cobar held a narrow two point lead at half time.

The match remained close early in the third quarter, however, foul trouble for key players on the Narromine side meant that Cobar were able to finish the third quarter leading by 6 points. In the fourth quarter Cobar continued to pressure the ball well in defence, forcing Narromine to turn the ball over several times. This allowed to add to their lead and placed more and more pressure on the Narromine side to try and score quick baskets, which they were unable to do. Cobar eventually won the match comfortably by a score of 31-20. Luke Hillier was the stand out player of the match scoring 20 of Cobar's 31 points.



H.S.I.E. Report

Students in HSIE have been doing some exciting things this term. Elective History spent Wednesday afternoon visiting the Cobar Genealogy Society, learning about what the group does and even hearing a few things about their grandparents. Some of the Year Ten students will be using the information from the afternoon to start an investigation that will ultimately allow Mr Carswell to document the gravesites of soldiers from Cobar who fought, died and were buried in Gallipoli.

Down at the farm, Year 7 students have been conducting archaeological digs. As part of this task, they have buried archaeological remains, and then attempted to excavate and interpret their finds. Students have also learnt just how gruesome a body can look after chilling in a swamp or sarcophagus for a couple of thousand years!

Brett Ross





Cobar v Nyngan

On Tuesday the 5th of March Cobar High School's Open Girls Soccer team played Nyngan in the first round of the Area Cup knockout competition.



Nyngan had a relatively young side and played well in the opening minutes, keeping Cobar scoreless after numerous attempts at goal. Nyngan were the first to put

points on the board with a quick break through Cobar's defence. Cobar however soon followed with a goal from Matilda Power and two goals from Ellie Potter. Nyngan though, did not give up and scored just before half time to make it 3-2 Cobar's way going into the second half.



In the second half Cobar worked really well together as a team and defensively held Nyngan to their two goals. Cobar's attack continued to show their skill and determination with Matilda Power, Brianna Watson and Taylor Gilbert all finding the back of the net to give Cobar a 6-2 victory over Nyngan.



All players are to be commended on their sportsmanship. Also a big thank you to former student Baden Smith for umpiring.

Bianka Jacobson

Golden Goal thriller to the good guys

Cobar High School 1 v Nyngan High School 0 at Ward Oval 5th March. The sun was shining, the pitch freshly painted and the lads desperate to get stuck in after the mid-term break. It was a perfect time for a game of European footy. And the earnest was on the Cobar lads after a convincing win by the ladettes in the curtain-raiser match.



So, after a quick warm-up a team was quickly picked and put to the field, only after one of the players had his mother drop off a pair of boots. Cobar initially held the upper hand managing to create a few chances off some good build-up play thanks to Ghanaian superstar, Felix and Hillier senior. However, some good keeping and erratic shooting kept Nyngan in the game at nil all

The second half saw a change in tides. Suddenly Nyngan began to fight back peppering the Cobar Goal. Thanks to some inspirational defending from the back four, especially young Dylan Menadue who was taking on a goliath twice his size, and some terrific shot stops from Bryan Mitchell, the Cobar boys were still in it. After 70 minutes the score remained at nil all. Extra time and golden goal awaited.



After a short break the lads were back into it. And they attacked from the outset forcing Nyngan back. After a few minutes the ball was hoofed forward into the path

of Felix, who managed to net the ball home and win the game for the locals.

A good start to the season. Some quick revisioning of throw-ins and positional roles should serve Cobar well in future rounds.

Final score Cobar HS 1- Nyngan HS 0

Nolan Matthews



DISCO

**Wednesday
27th March
7pm - 10pm
School MPC**

**Theme:
First letter of your name.**

Cobar Junior League Registrations



**Friday 13th and 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.

PBL
Vision Statement

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

Solving equations

Struggling to remember what algebra was all about and need to help your kids with their homework? Take a look at this study sheet for examples:

http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/maths/maths-a-to-z/-/maths_glossary/Rld5/44/algebra

When older kids struggle with reading

Should you let your reluctant teen reader choose magazines over books? If your child is still struggling to read and write, and they're heading into high school, there are ways to get them on the right page. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/when-older-kids-struggle-with-reading>

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.**

All about apostrophes

Not knowing where to place apostrophes can haunt people for their entire lives. Here's an easy guide to help your child understand what they mean, how to use them and get them right, now. Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-a-to-z/-/english_glossary/8Qum/551/apostrophe+denoting+ownership

What's On - Week 7 & 8 Term 1

Monday 11th March:	Regional Principals Meeting; Dubbo: S Francisco Immunisation: Year 7: 10am VET Professional Learning; Sydney: M Adams, R Brunet
Tuesday 12th March:	Regional Principals Conference; Dubbo: S Francisco VET Professional Learning; Sydney: M Adams, R Brunet PBL Reload; Bourke: A Rook Basketball; Nyngan: T Fugar
Wednesday 13th March:	Regional Principals Conference; Dubbo: S Francisco VET Professional Learning; Sydney: M Adams
Thursday 14th March:	Principals Meeting; Dubbo: S Francisco VET Professional Learning; Sydney: M Adams
Friday 15th March:	Professional Learning; Dubbo: C McMurtrie VET Professional Learning; Sydney: M Adams
Monday 18th March:	School Photos
Tuesday 19th March:	Parent Teacher Interviews; School MPC: 5pm-7pm Executive Meeting; Bourke: P Luck, C McMurtrie, B Wright
Thursday 21st March:	Executive Meeting; Gulargambone: M Hamblin, J Carswell, S Carter Netball; Dubbo: A Jacklin

P & C MEETING

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