



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

5th April, 2013

2013 Term 1

Avondale College
Concert Band & Choir
Friday 12th April

TERM 1

Last Day Friday 12th April

Term 2

Staff return

Monday / Tuesday
29th & 30th April
Staff Development Days

Students return

Wednesday 1st May

Awards Assembly

Friday 3rd May
MPC
10am

Year 12

Half Yearly Exams

6th - 10th May

Year 7 Excursion

7th—10th May

Immunisation

Years 7 & 10
Monday 13th May
10:30am



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Science Head Teacher

Mr Andrew Watts from Wingham High School was successful in the merit selection process for the Head Teacher Science position. Mr Watts will commence duties at Cobar High School at the beginning of Term 2. Thank you to Mr Wright who has been relieving in the Head Teacher position and Ms Woods for teaching the Science classes whilst the position was being filled.

Farewell

We also bid farewell to our Careers Adviser, Mr Lee Goodwin who is retiring. Thank you for your work whilst at Cobar High and all the best for the future. This position will be filled on a temporary basis by Ms Anna Stuart whilst the process for a permanent replacement takes place.

Long Service Leave

Mr and Mrs Carswell will be taking Long Service Leave for the first five weeks of Term 2. The Relieving Head Teacher position will again be filled by Mr Wright, with a variety of people filling the positions held by Mrs Carswell.

Term 2 Staff Development Days

The first two days of Term 2 are staff development days as the staff work towards the implementation of the new Australian Curriculums in English, Science, Mathematics and History. These syllabi will be introduced for Years 7 & 9 in 2014. **Students return to school on Wednesday 1st May.**

Rambands

Please have your students return the blue rambands on a regular basis. It does not matter if they have them from last year. We need all rambands returned so that we can continue to hand them out to students. Some students are

missing out on receiving rambands because we do not have enough in circulation.

Safety

Aerosol cans are not permitted at school due to safety issues and in particular allergies to them. Please ensure that your student does not bring them to school. If they require to bring deodorant to school, they can use a roll on or stick deodorant. Skate boards and scooters are also not allowed due to students not wearing the required safety gear. If students ride their bike to school, they must have a helmet that is fastened properly and abide by the road rules. Your help in these matters is appreciated.



Uniform

With the cooler weather approaching, please ensure your student continues to wear their correct school uniform. Students may wear the school hoodie, or a plain navy jumper or jacket.

P & C Meeting

At the P & C meeting on Tuesday night, the following people accepted these positions:

President — unfilled

Vice President — Karen Power

Secretary—Mary Urquhart

Treasurer—Karen Lennon.

Thank you to these people for taking up these important roles. Hopefully the President will be filled at the next meeting.

Murdi Paaki Young Leaders

Congratulations to Walleitah Whitton and Dominica Harris who have been selected to attend the Murdi Paaki Young Leaders Program at Lake Burrendong in the next school holidays.

Sue Francisco

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

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

Science/ TAS newsletter report-

If your student has been coming home and pretending to be Horatio from CSI, it might be based on the interest and excitement in the Science labs over the Forensic science studies, Year 8 students have been partaking in this semester. The students have been actively participating in fingerprinting, hair analysis and studying DNA.

Besides emulating Horatio, our budding scientists have also been studying Planets in Year 7, Year 9 and 10 and are applying their developing knowledge in their own IRP's (Individual Research Project) in a scientific field they are interested in. Their teachers are waiting on their results with baited breath.

Just across the quad, the TAS department have been producing goods and wares of a high standard. Ms Brunet and Ms Grosser have been helping students develop their skills in making culinary delights in the Hospitality rooms.

Mr Adams has been leading the keen students in a range of wood, metal, agricultural and construction activities. A new garden is being developed in the Ag plot so hopefully later in the year we will see the gastronomic benefits of this from the students hard toil.

The junior years have been working on electronics and computer skills and have created some fantastic and complex projects, especially our budding Theme Park designers.

We would also like to thank Ms Wood for her fantastic efforts this term and wish her the best in the future.

Benn Wright



Cobar High School's Metal and Engineering Students have assisted the Rotary Club of Cobar in their Keep Australia Beautiful Grant Project



Last year Mr Garry Pritchard was approached by Mr Gordon Hill to see if our Metal & Engineering students would be interested in putting together some cages which would be placed at strategic locations around Cobar in addition to those cages already in place, to collect aluminium cans. The Rotary Club of Cobar had taken on the project which would keep Cobar clean and also benefit the Brennan Centre. Mr Hill anticipates between 1000 to 1500kgs of cans would be collected in Cobar over the next 12 months and the income of this would go to the Brennan Centre Committee.



The Rotary Club of Cobar had applied for a grant of \$3,600 from the Keep Australia Beautiful Council to help reduce the amount of aluminium cans being discarded in the community and going to land fill. The Club was successful in obtaining this grant which was spent on purchasing the materials to construct steel mesh collection cages to be distributed around Cobar and for the purchase of a box trailer.



The project allowed our students to work on a project that improved the environment as well as providing them with an opportunity to learn basic steel construction skills. Mr Mitch Adams and students at Cobar High School would like to thank Mr Hill and Rotary for the opportunity.



Far West Rugby League Schoolboy Trophy Report

On Wednesday 27th of March Cobar High School participated in the Open's and U/15 Far West Rugby League Schoolboy Trophy.

With late withdrawals by a number of schools the number of teams attending was reduced to Cobar, Broken Hill/Willyama and Wilcannia/Menindee in the Open's division, while the U/15's field was limited to just the 2 sides of Cobar and Broken Hill/Willyama.

Cobar's Open boys team took on the Broken Hill/Willyama side in the first match of the day. Through poor ball control and discipline early on in the game, Cobar quickly found themselves behind on the score board and went into the half-time break down 16-4. The second half was a completely different story to the first, with the Cobar side dominating possession and defending strongly, allowing them to run out convincing winners by a final score of 36-16.

Cobar's best in the match were Hammond Erepan, Jordan Cranch and Brayden Pennell.

Both Cobar and Wilcannia/Menindee went into the final match of the day as winners over Broken Hill/Willyama and knowing that the winner of this match would take home the trophy. Both sides were evenly matched and scores remained tight early on, however, as the match wore on Cobar's ability to control the ball took its toll on the Wilcannia/Menindee teams fitness and defence, allowing Cobar to run in a number of tries in the second half of the match and run out eventual winners of the game by 32-18. Cobar's best in this match were Hammond Erepan, Luke Hillier, Jordan Cranch and Josh Bain-Smith.

With only two sides represented in the U/15's it was decided that they would play three 20 minute games against each other. The first match was tightly contested early on, with Broken Hill/Willyama controlling possession and territory, they were able to get out to an 8-4 lead. In the half, Cobar were able to get a greater share of possession. They fought their way back into the match and scored a number of good team tries with plenty of ball movement. Cobar eventually won the first match 18-8. The best for Cobar in this match were Max Hillier, Andrew Rorke, Kody Martin and Rayne Shipman.

In the second match Cobar were dominant from the start, making repeated line breaks and defending strongly. Broken Hill/Willyama was never in the match and Cobar went out big winners by a score of 28-10. Strongest performers for Cobar in this match were Quinton Place, Andrew Rorke, Kyle Hart and Jesse Potter.

In a shortened final match Cobar were again dominant in attack making line breaks in every set with all players running strongly and enthusiastically despite not having any reserves for the entire day. There were significant improvements in the games of several players as they grew in confidence with each game which was very pleasing to see. Final result in this game was Cobar 20, Broken Hill/Willyama 6.

Cobar's best in this match included Patrick Hallcroft, Andrew Rorke and Bryan Mitchell.

At the end of the day Cobar High was presented with both the U/15's and Open's Far West Rugby League Schoolboy Trophies. Andrew Rorke was also named as the U/15's player of the day.



Netball

The Cobar High School Netball Team travelled to Dubbo on Thursday 21st March to compete in the Western Area Girls Combined High Schools Knockout Competition. The early start combined with hot and windy conditions ensured that the Cobar side had their work cut out for them.

First up Cobar played Dubbo South, who were the eventual winners of the day. Despite a strong start with tight defence from Rebekka Manns, Brinley Obray and Josie Anderson, the Dubbo side were convincing in their 13-6 win.

After a short break Cobar were back on the court facing Lake Cargelligo. The central school came out firing with simple structure that allowed for easy passage of play into their shooting circle. The Lake side rarely missed a goal and won the match 20-6. Ellie Potter tried hard in a new position, GA, to assist goal shooter Nikki Gilbert who moved well under the post.

Gilbert continued to play well in the shooting circle with Kahlie Obray in the third match of the day against Nyngan. Emily Carswell and Brooke Semmler worked hard in the centre court but Nyngan were too strong and won 13-3.

The final game of the day was played against Dubbo Delroy with Cobar winning convincingly. Grace Proudlove and Taylah Good were successful in a number of positions throughout the match. All of Cobar players were a credit to their school and community, demonstrating good sportsmanship and enthusiasm for the game.

Amie Jacklin



SCHOOL HOLIDAYS 2013

TERM 1 : LAST DAY OF TERM, FRIDAY APRIL 12

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

Assignment starters A-Z

What projects or essays does your child have that are due by the end of term? One of them could be among the School A-Z website's assignment starters – resources designed to point you in the right direction.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/other-subjects-and-assignments>

Buying an e-reader or tablet

E-readers may be a good way to get reluctant readers into books, plus they let you carry your library around with you wherever you go.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/e-book-re-kindle-love-of-reading>

Back by popular demand

Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they're not dangerous. Here's everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits. <http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/environment/headlice/Pages/nitbusters.aspx>



State Swimming

We would like to wish
Sawyer Nicholson good luck for
today and tomorrow as he
represents **Cobar High School**
at Homebush.

Cobar Arts Council AGM

Sunday April 7
2pm
Empire Hotel

Sue Cox, President

AECG Meeting

Wednesday 1st May
11:30am
Lands Council



EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS 2013



Entry fees that were due by the 4th April, 2013 **must be paid by Tuesday 9th April, 2013** if your student is in the Select Classes. Outstanding Invoices have been sent home Thursday 4th April, 2013.

Subject	Entry Fee	Entry Fee due by:	Competition Date
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

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.



YOUTH WEEK 2013



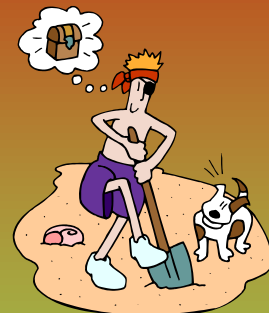
Friday April 5: -6pm-9pm
Expression Session @ the Skate Park
Under lights, music and BBQ

Monday April 8: -6pm-8pm
Trivia & Pizza Night, teams of 4

Wednesday April 10: -4pm-6:30pm
Scavenger Hunt

Friday April 12: -7pm-10pm
Movie Fright Night in the Park

Sunday April 14: -8pm-12midnight
Klub 812 @ Cinema



Assessments Due Week 11

Year 7: English-Portfolio

Year 11: Legal Studies
Work Studies

Year 12: Legal Studies
Information Processes and Technology

Assessments Due Week 1

Year 8: French—Persuasive Test

Year 11: Business Studies

Year 12: Assessment Free Week

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 and 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.



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Vision Statement

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

NAPLAN TESTS 2013

On Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th May and Thursday 16th May, 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.

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.**

Bullying knows no bounds

When cyber bullying hits home - what one mum wishes she'd done differently. Because most cyber bullying happens in the home, parents need to be aware of the technology that young people are using. [http://
www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/
cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/when-cyberbullying-hits-home)

What's On - Week 11 Term 1 / Week 1 Term 2

Wednesday 10th April:	SRC: ANZAC Parade SRC Meeting; Nyngan: C Marshall
Friday 12th April:	Avondale College Concert Band & Choir
Monday 29th April:	Staff Development Day
Tuesday 30th April:	Staff Development Day
Wednesday 1st May:	Students Return
Thursday 2nd May:	ANZAC Assembly: 10:30am School Improvement; Sydney: S Francisco
Friday 3rd May:	Awards Assembly; MPC: 10am Touch Football: A Jacklin, N Matthews

P & C Meeting

Tuesday 7th May
School Library
7:30pm
ALL WELCOME