



# NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

17th May 2013

## 2013 Term 2

**Outback Science & Engineering Challenge**  
Tuesday 21st May

**Computer Skills Competition**  
Tuesday 21st May

**Mid Term Break**  
Friday 31st May  
Monday 3rd June

**Science Competition**  
Wednesday 5th June

**Athletics Carnival**  
Friday 7th June

**Queens Birthday Holiday**  
Monday 10th June

**ICAS Spelling Year 7 only**  
Tuesday 18th June

**ICAS Writing**  
Monday 17th June

**Term 2 ends**  
Friday 28th June

**Term 3 starts**  
Staff return  
Monday 18th July  
Students return  
Tuesday 19th July

**Positive  
Behaviour  
for Learning**

**Respect.**

**Excellence.**

**Safety**



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



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### **Sympathy**

Our sympathy is extended to the Madden, Potter, and Manns families on their loss in recent times. It has been a difficult time for their families and the community in general. Thank you to all organisations and individuals who have helped our young people cope with this sad situation.

### **CCTV**

The School Security Unit of the Department of Education and Communities has installed CCTV cameras at the school due to the increasing amount of vandalism that has been occurring at the school. The cameras cover the outside of the school, entrances and walkways and the quadrangle areas. Signs have been placed on the three main entrances to the school as well as around the school. Hopefully these measures will reduce the amount of vandalism that has been occurring.

### **Schools Spectacular**

Unfortunately, this year our audition for the Combined Dance for Schools Spectacular was unsuccessful. We are still waiting to hear if we were successful in the Aboriginal and Disability sections.

### **Improving Literacy and Numeracy National Partnership**

Cobar High School has received funding under this partnership over 2013 and 2014. We will be focussing on Numeracy and in particular on Place Value with some students in Year 8. If identified students can not be placed on the Place Value continuum, Counting as a problem solving process—Early Arithmetical Strategies will be investigated. Thank you to our Head Teacher Mathematics, Megan Hamblin who is organising the testing of the identified students to see where they fit on the numeracy continuum.

#### **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  
Rlg Head Teacher HSIE: Benn Wright  
Head Teacher Mentor: Peter Luck  
School Admin Manager: Merryn McIntyre

### **Congratulations**

Todd Fugar has been successful in gaining an incentive transfer to Tweed River High which will commence at the beginning of 2014.

### **Completion of Student Work**

It is our expectation that students will complete classwork, assignments, homework and assessment tasks to the best of their ability. There are a number of students who currently have outstanding work to complete. Letters have been sent home indicating the work that needs to be completed. Please ensure your student completes their work on time.

### **School Learning and Improvement**

Cobar High School is also part of a state wide project jointly funded by the NSW Secondary Principals Council and the Principal Professional Development National Partnership. The project is looking at how school plans are best developed and the internal and external validation of evaluation processes. This is an exciting project where we will mostly likely be working with Denison College Bathurst and Wee Waa High School. Shane Carter, Peter Luck and Benn Wright join me on the team for the project which will be active in 2013 and 2014.

### **Leading innovative teaching and learning in English and Mathematics in an isolated context, through technology to secure equity of educational outcomes.**

Cobar High applied for and received \$25000 to work with Nyngan High, Broken Hill High, Goodooga Central, Gilgandra High and Denison College Bathurst Campus on this project. Both our English and Mathematics teachers will be working with staff, using technology, from these schools to develop units of work for the new curriculum.

Sue Francisco

#### **Year Advisers 2013**

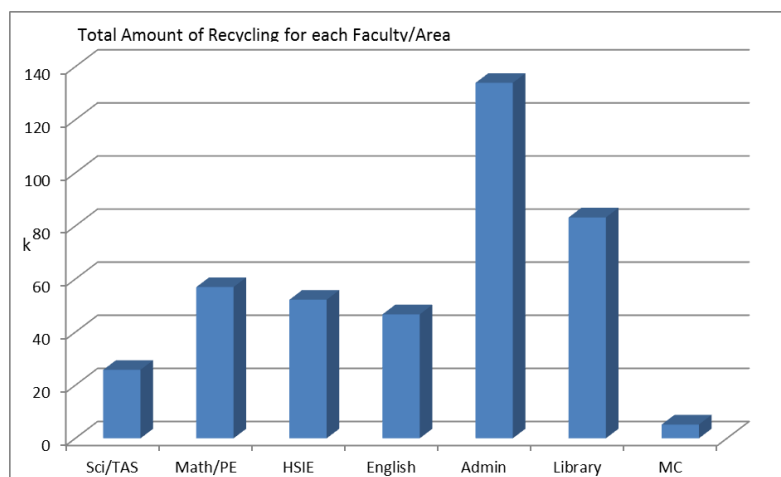
Year 6: Doug Armstrong  
Year 7: Amie Jacklin  
Year 8: Cassandra Locke  
Year 9: Doug Armstrong (Term 2 rlg for Benn Wright)  
Year 10: Todd Fugar  
Year 11: Chris Marshall  
Year 12: Bianka Jacobson  
SRC Co-Ordinator: Chris Marshall  
Girls Adviser: Leanne Carswell



# HSIE

This semester, the MC class led by Sue Donaldson have been responsible for collecting the recycling around the school. As a class, they have weighed the amount of recycling each week and have tabulated the results into Microsoft Excel, incorporating numeracy and graphing skills.

So far this year, 404kg of recycling has been collected, which is more than 120kg that was collected at the same point last year. It is impressive that the school has managed to recycle so much this year, and hopefully continues in its sustainable ways.



This week we were fortunate to have a guest presenter in the school from Legal Aid, Blake Cansdale. Blake is a Solicitor with Legal Aid New South Wales Children's Legal Service.

He spoke with the Year 8 and 10 girls about the legalities of Cyber bullying and 'Sexting' and presented the information in a very engaging and appropriate manner.

He then presented to Year 11 and 12 Legal Studies and aimed his presentation at core information from the Legal Studies syllabus.

Finally he presented to Year 10 a crime prevention workshop looking at the laws around group offending (joint criminal enterprise) and robbery offences. This was an extremely interesting presentation and the students learnt a lot about how their actions and decisions can hold ramifications for their futures. It was great to have this opportunity to have Mr Cansdale present in our school.

Elsewhere in HSIE, Year 7 have been learning about the Middle Ages and life in those times and Year 8 have been studying the Geographical issues in which Australia has to deal with.

An update on the Carswell's they are currently near Bath, England and in true Mr Carswell fashion, plan on being at Lords for the cricket this weekend.

Benn Wright  
Relieving HSIE Head Teacher



# A W A R D S



# A S S E M B L Y



# T E R M O N E





# Year 7 Great Aussie Bush Camp

With an early start on Tuesday 7th May 42 students accompanied by Miss Jacklin & Mr Ross undertook the long journey to The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Tea Gardens. The trip consisted of 4 DVDs, 3 stops and a few sick travellers (including a teacher!) but after 10.5 hours we arrived safe and sound and excited to explore our new surroundings.

Our first activity was the Giant Swing and had most students overcome their fear of heights and had their first taste of Great Aussie Bush Camp adrenaline.

We awoke early on Wednesday and were straight into the thick of things in the mud obstacle course "lost island" and the "leap of faith". Climbing a telegraph pole and leaping off to catch a trapeze was more than some students were willing to try but those who overcame the fear were pumped and proud of their achievements. We headed to the beach after lunch with the aim of sailing but unfortunately the ocean was smooth and the wind not blowing so sailing boats were swapped for sea kayaks! Sightings of dolphins were made and some fish, crabs and other sea life viewed from those snorkelling. The weather changed and we received a quick shower while packing up the equipment. It was great to see all the students helping, special mention to Dale, Jayden, Joshua, John-Wayne & Lucas. We returned to camp for a BBQ dinner & arcade games night before watching our instructor Lucy perform a fire show.





## *Continue Year 7 Great Aussie Bush Camp*

On Thursday we again had our choice of hot breakfast before getting on the bus and heading in to Hawks Nest and the Sand Dunes. After testing our leg strength and reaching the top of the first dune we were surprised with an awesome view of the coast line and even bigger dunes!

We raced up and ran/tumbled down the sand before using our bodies to create some artwork. After making our way back down we again headed to Jimmy's Beach for a Swim and some games on the sand before lunch. Heading back to Camp we had two big activities ahead, "Abseiling" and "High Ropes". Didn't they test the courage of our students. Hearts were pounding and tears were flowing but Cobar High Students did themselves and their school proud with their ability to test their limits and step out of their comfort zone trying something they feared. Dinner, toasted marshmallows, souvenir shopping and showers were followed by "Movie Night" and our last camp fire was how we finished our last day night at Camp.

We woke early (again) on Friday for brekkie and tent clean up before hitting the road. A big thankyou to John McMahon who happily drove the bus and accommodated us in our need for extra toilet breaks!

A wonderful trip had by all, we can't wait for the next excursion!







# TOUCH / DUBBO



## Year 9 2013 DER Laptop Handout





# Cobar Market Day

3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of Every Month  
Next Market Day 18 May

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



*New to the Market  
Day: Vege Stall, Lolly  
Stall, plus much much  
more.....*

Venue: Drummond Park,  
Cobar  
Time: 9am to 2.30pm  
To book a Stall contact:  
Jillian Law  
0417 725931  
Next month Market Day  
is 15 June

**AECG MEETING  
WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE  
11:30AM  
COBAR PUBLIC SCHOOL**

## 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.

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

## Food Allergy Week 13-18 May

Did you know that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia will develop a food allergy? The Food Allergy Week website has lots of great information, ideas and resources to help you be more allergy aware.

Find out more:

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

# 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.



**PBL**  
**Vision Statement**

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

## 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.

### Assessments Due Week 4

Year 8:	Visual Arts-Art making Task Music-Assessment Task
Year 9:	PASS Science
Year 10:	PASS Australian History
Year 11:	Visual Arts/Photography
Year 12:	Chemistry

### Assessments Due Week 5

Year 8:	PDHPE-Drug Assignment
Year 9:	Elective History Australian Geography
Year 10:	English Elective History
Year 11:	Community & Family Studies Modern History
Year 12:	Modern History Mathematics Applied

## What's On - Week 4 & 5 Term 2

Monday 20th May:	Apollo Exercise; Sydney: S Carter
Tuesday 21st May:	Apollo Exercise; Sydney: S Carter Outback Science & Engineering Challenge: M Hamblin, D Armstrong, E Stowe Computer Skills Competition Cert 4 Training & Assessment: M Adams, B Jacobson
Wednesday 22nd May:	Apollo Exercise: Sydney: S Carter
Tuesday 28th May:	Meet Manager; Dubbo: T Fugar Maths Virtual Faculty: Captains Visit; Sydney: B Jacobson
Wednesday 29th May:	Maths Virtual Faculty: Captains Visit; Sydney: B Jacobson
Thursday 30th May:	Captains Visit; Sydney: B Jacobson
Friday 31st May:	Mid Term Break

### P & C Meeting

Tuesday 4th June  
School Library  
7:30pm  
ALL WELCOME