



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

30th May 2013

2013 Term 2

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

Basketball

Tuesday 25th June

Term 2 ends

Friday 28th June

Term 3 starts

Staff return

Monday 15th July

Students return

Tuesday 16th July

Term 2 Awards Assembly

Friday 19th July

10:00am



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Regional Director Carole McDiarmid



After almost 40 years as an educator, Western NSW Regional Director, Carole McDiarmid will soon step back from leading the west's 195 public schools, almost 40,000 students and more than 4000 staff.

Our school has enjoyed a strong working relationship with Mrs McDiarmid during her time as Regional Director.

Mrs McDiarmid has expressed confidence that our school and the

others in Western NSW are in a strong position to continue to improve educational outcomes and benefits to students under the guidance of our enthusiastic and dedicated staff and through the combined resources of the public school network.

She said our students are advantaged by the region's widely-recognised leadership in innovation and technology, our public schools' strong commitment to social justice through education and our determination to see better outcomes for all students.

Although Mrs McDiarmid will be stepping back as an educational leader, she still plans to stay involved in schools and has already signed on as a 'reading grandma' at her grandson's school.

Mrs McDiarmid is looking forward to the experience on the 'other side of the desk' and urges other grandparents or parents and community members with some spare time to seek opportunities to engage with their local public schools, regardless of whether they have children or grandchildren there as students. As well as offering a rewarding experience, involvement can bring immense benefits to the students.

Counselling Services

The Department of Education and Communities has authorised extra counselling services be available to students in Cobar. Our School Counsellor has been available to students all this week and the same arrangements will remain in place for next week. Your

students can access this service by asking Ms Motton herself, or one of their teachers. Our sympathies are extended to the Shipman family and their friends.

Science and Engineering Challenge

Congratulations to our students who participated in the Challenge last week. Cobar High School came second which is the best result we have had for some time. Thanks to the staff who organised and participated in the event Doug Armstrong, Emma Stowe and Megan Hamblin.

Red for Respect and Biggest Morning Tea

Congratulations to the SRC on their organisation for the Red for Respect and the Biggest Morning Tea. See photos on page 6. I am very proud of the ever increasing role the SRC is having in the school.

P & C Meeting

The next P & C meeting will be on Tuesday night 4th June at 7.30pm in the library. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival is on Friday 7th June at Ward Oval. Parents are encouraged to come and watch their students participate.

AECG Meeting

The next AECG meeting will be held at Cobar Public School on Wednesday 5th June at 11.:30am. All aboriginal parents are encouraged to attend.

New Executive Director

Dail McGilchrist has been named as the Executive Director for our area. She has been the Relieving Regional Director for North Sydney.

Mid-term break

This Friday and Monday is our mid-term break. Students do not attend school. Enjoy the break and I hope all students come back refreshed and ready for the last 4 weeks of term. This term is short, being only 9 weeks.

Sue Francisco

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

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

Year 8 Ratios and Rates

Year 8 has been studying Ratio and Rates this term in Mathematics. Students have been learning how to divide amounts into a given ratio, change amounts by the same proportion and simplify ratios and rates.

As part of this unit of work Miss Hamblin and 8C cooked Honey Joys under the supervision of Miss Brunet. Students were given a recipe for four people and students had to change the ingredients list for either two or three people depending on the number in their cooking group. Thank you Miss Brunet for supervising us!



8A under the guidance of Miss Jacobson were given a similar task to make sherbet. By all reports the lesson was a success and the sherbet tasted great.



QuickSmart

QuickSmart is an intensive numeracy program designed to improve students' numeracy results by focusing on the four operations, addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division. QuickSmart lessons happen three times per week and the program runs for the whole year. Students in 8A are trialling the program this year and after completing base line testing at the end of last term the program is finally up and running. A big thanks to Miss McCormack, Mr Elliot-Smith, Miss Jacobson and Mrs Best for all their help this term in getting the program up and running smoothly.

Megan Hamblin
Head Teacher
Mathematics



'In Concert' Choir Excursion 2013

Every year the Department of Education and Communities' Arts Unit holds 'In Concert'; a combined Secondary Schools performance night at Sydney Town Hall. The night consists of Student Orchestras, a Jazz Band, and a Combined Schools Choir.

This was Cobar High School's second year of participation, and we had 8 students in attendance; Mykaila Fleming, Courtney Carey, Jemima Awuku, Jakob Brown, Holly Cohen, Rourke Lennon, Chenneh Manyathi, and Tenneh Manyathi.

Our students performed alongside 650 students. The Conductor for 2013 was Mr Brett Weymark, who has worked with the likes of The Philharmonic Choir and Musica Viva.



We ventured off mid-morning on Sunday May 12th, and our day was spent experiencing the wonders of public transport with a bus to Dubbo, followed by a train to Sydney. After a long day's travel we finally arrived in Sydney and checked in to our accommodation. Where to next? KFC of course! Our students enjoyed a taste of the city life with bright lights, busy streets and fast food.



Our Monday was jam packed with rehearsals for most of the day. We then squeezed in some shopping before preparing for the big night. 6pm rolled around which prompted a very brisk walk up George St to arrive at Town Hall for the evenings events. The Concert was a great success, Cobar High School received their own introduction and we even had a cheer from the audience. Our very own Sydney-wise Mr Marshall then took us to the Café De Wheels pie cart for dinner. It doesn't stop there! We then took a leisurely stroll down to Darling Harbour to wind down and enjoy the sights of Sydney Town before heading off to bed a very tired bunch.



Tuesday morning saw us dragging our songsters from their slumber at a chilly 6am. We made it onto the train and we were off on our journey home, many returning to a state of sleep for the morning's travels.

I was very proud of our kids' efforts and behaviour through such a busy schedule, they were a pleasure to accompany and they did an excellent job representing our school. I would also like to offer many thanks to the Parents and Carers of our Choir Students; your support is greatly appreciated.



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WEDNESDAY 5TH JUNE
11:30AM
COBAR PUBLIC SCHOOL

How teens are really using Facebook

New research says teens are finding Facebook a "burden" - but they don't want to miss out on the latest updates from their friends. It seems like more of them are using Instagram. Find out more: http://www.huffingtonpost.com/2013/05/21/teens-facebook-pew-study_n_3313812.html

Bouncing back

Does your child bounce back from disappointment, or do they need to learn to be more resilient - and how do you teach them, so they can deal with life's challenges? Watch the video. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/developing-resilience-in-your-child>

Cyberbullying – what the experts say

While research into cyberbullying is still in its infancy, the one thing we do know is the online environment is really just a new setting for age-old issues. Cyberbullying is an extension of face-to-face bullying. It's all about relationships.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/what-the-experts-say>

Cobar Arts Council Inc Presents

A Wine Tasting Evening with ROMAN RUDNYTSKY

Tuesday 18 June 2013

Cobar Memorial Services Club

Doors open at 6.30pm for 7.30pm start

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| Adults: | \$30 |
| Pensioner/Concession: | \$20 |
| Students: | \$15 |

Price includes 2 x 45 minute recitals plus Wine Tasting and nibbles at interval.

Tickets available at the Club/on the door and also via Cobar Arts Council Facebook Page

The opportunity to purchase wines and merchandise





RED FOR RESPECT & BIGGEST MORNING TEA



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 |
|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------|------------------|
| 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".*

**Assessments Due
Week 6**

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| Year 7: | Maths-Task 3 PDHPE-Tuesday 4th Adolescence & Change Task |
| Year 8: | Maths Task Science-Topic Test HSIE-Half Yearly |
| Year 9: | English PDHPE |
| Year 10: | PDHPE |

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 7**

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| Year 9: | Mathematics Dance |
| Year 10: | Dance |
| Year 11: | Legal Studies |
| Year 12: | English Extension 2 English Extension 1 English Advanced English Standard English Studies |

2013 Careers Expo Notice of Cancellation

Cobar High School regrets to inform you that our Careers Expo scheduled for the 13th June 2013, has been cancelled. We would like to thank those companies, etc that showed interest and look forward to future collaborations. We will continue to remain in touch and apologise for any inconvenience that this may cause.

Ms Jasmine Neyland
(rel Careers Advisor)

What's On - Week 6 & 7 Term 2

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| Monday 3rd June: | Mid Term Break |
| Tuesday 4th June: | Bourke Schools Education Group; Executive Meeting: S Carter, P Luck, C McMurtrie PBL; Dubbo: S Francisco, T Fugar, R Brunet |
| Wednesday 5th June: | Science Competition |
| Thursday 6th June: | DP Meeting; Orange: S Carter |
| Friday 7th June: | DP Meeting; Orange: S Carter Athletics Carnival Prof Learning; Orange: M Hamblin |
| Monday 10th June: | Queens Birthday Holiday |
| Tuesday 11th June: | SPC Conference; Sydney: S Francisco |
| Wednesday 12th June: | SPC Conference; Sydney: S Francisco |
| Thursday 13th June: | SPC Conference; Sydney: S Francisco Bourke Schools Education Group; Executive Meeting: J Carwell, A Watts, B Wright |
| Friday 14th June: | MultiLit; Sydney: L Carswell DP State Conference: S Carter |

P & C Meeting

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