



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

3rd May 2013

2013 Term 2

Awards Assembly

Friday 3rd May

MPC

10am

Year 12

Half Yearly Exams

6th - 10th May

Year 7 Excursion

7th—10th May

Immunisation

Years 7 & Year 9 Boys

Monday 13th May

10:30am

NAPLAN

Tuesday 14th May -

Thursday 16th May

Outback Science &

Engineering Challenge

Tuesday 21st May

Computer Skills

Competition

Tuesday 21st May

Mid Term Break

Friday 31st May

Monday 3rd June



Where There's a Will There's a Way



**Positive
Behaviour
for Learning**

Respect.

Excellence.

Safety

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New Staff

Welcome to Andrew Watts our new Science Head Teacher, Gavin Fogarty (HSIE and Relief) and Jasmine Neyland relieving in the Careers position for Term 2.



Staff Development Days

Staff were actively engaged in planning for the new syllabi to be implemented for 2014—English, Mathematics, Science and Australian History. Staff, in particular Key Learning Areas worked on those subjects as well as looking at our processes and procedures. There were also two sessions devoted to Positive Behaviour for Learning. Rochelle Brunet presented some interesting data since the implementation of Positive Behaviour for Learning commenced.

Term 1 Awards Assembly

Term 1 Awards Assembly will be held on Friday 3rd May at 10am in the MPC.

Fund Raiser for Madden Family

I was very proud of some of our Senior Students who approached me on Wednesday morning, wanting to hold a fund raiser for the Madden family. They suggested that instead of a morning

tea after the Awards Assembly that they host a BBQ with all the profits going to the Madden family. Tea and coffee will still be provided but please support the students in their endeavour and purchase something from the BBQ after the Awards Assembly.

ANZAC DAY

Thank you to the following students who participated in the ANZAC Day March for either the High School, Cadets, Fire Brigade, Pony Club or Guides.

Year 7—James Martin, Nina Haines, John-Wayne Josephson, Molly Lee, Jasmin Bishop, Summer-Rose Stingemore, Rourke Lennon, Tayla Toomey, Shaun Simpson, Bradley Tidyman, Rowan Martin, Kaddison Negus-Rodman, Brandy Shephard

Year 8 - Steph Mitchell, Katherine Dennis, James Anderson, Andrew Rorke, Jye Robinson.

Year 9—Blake Toomey, Niamh Urquhart, Tayla-Rose Zani, Bryan Mitchell, Holly Walker, Konnar Martin.

Year 10— Kahlie Obray, Tara-lee Wilkins.

Year 11— Mykaila Fleming, Brinley Obray, Cori Clark, Atlanta Rorke, Rebekka Manns, Seth Negus-Rodman.

Year 12— Bronte Lee, Ellie Potter, Georgia Lee, Natalie Watt, Kayla Cohen, Luke Hillier, Taylor Gilbert, Garreth Bridgland.

2013 Moorambilla Voices Program

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in the first round of offers for The 2013 :Moorambilla Voices Program:

Year 7— Bati Mukwindidza, Jakob Brown, John-Wayne Josephson, Summer-Rose Stingemore and Tom Potter

Year 9—Nikki Gilbert

Year 10—Callum Sinclair

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

English

It has been a very busy start to 2013 as the English and CAPA staff prepare for the implementation for the new Australian Curriculum, which is to begin in 2014 for Years 7 and 9 with full implementation for Years 7 to 10 in 2015. Benn Wright, Cassie Locke and myself have been working closely with CLiC to understand the new syllabus and the implications that this has for teaching and learning at a state level and then at a local school level. Benn and Cassie have written two entire units of work which will be published as exemplar units of work for the new curriculum. These units titled 'Journey of the Displaced' and 'My World, Our World' are already being tested on the students at the school and have received positive feedback from staff and students in terms of the quality learning that students have engaged with. The rest of this year will be planning, writing and resource building to support the work that has already begun. It has been fantastic to be at the forefront of the curriculum changes within the country and state and to be seen as innovators with our teaching practice.

A huge thankyou the English and CAPA staff members who tirelessly work behind the scenes to ensure the smooth delivery of curriculum and learning to our students every day.

As I am sure all parents with students in Years 7 and 9 are well aware NAPLAN is just around the corner and students will be sitting these Literacy and Numeracy tests from the 14-16 May, 2013. I encourage parents to support their children in preparing for these tests so that they are familiar with the layout and expectations in literacy and numeracy. This can be done at home by accessing websites such as which have interactive and/or printable material:

<http://www.studyladder.com.au/guides/naplan>

<http://www.smeebu.com/>

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

Carolyn McMurtrie - Head Teacher English/CAPA

Avondale Choir and String Orchestra provide Cobar High School Students a unique experience

"On the last day of Term 1 2013, Cobar High School had the pleasure of hosting The Avondale Choir and String Orchestra for a Midday Concert. Students across the school were invited, and we also had in attendance some invited guests from Lilliane Brady Village. There were over 60 performers, and their popular repertoire of sacred and secular numbers was a treat seldom heard in a local live setting. Avondale tours every year on rotation between Australian Capitals, New Zealand and Fiji. This year they decided to do something a little different and tour Country NSW. "What a unique experience for our kids."



2013 MOORAMBILLA VOICES



COBAR JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Meeting with Country Rugby League - CRL

Date: **Tonight**
Thursday 2nd May

Time: 6:00pm

Venue: Cobar Bowling & Golf Club
Room 1

AGENDA

- What can Country Rugby League do for Cobar Junior League

More parents + More Support =
More for all our kids

KIDS WELCOME AT MEETING

PBL RAINBOW BAND AWARDS DAY



Congratulations to the 90 Rainbow Award



Sawyer Nicholson

competed in the New South Wales swimming carnival at the Olympic Park Aquatic Centre on April 4th & 5th. Sawyer qualified to race in the 12yrs Boys 50m Freestyle and it was delightful to see "Nicholson - Cobar" lit up on the competitors' board. Competing against the best in the state is no easy task, and although Sawyer did not

qualify for the finals, we are proud of his efforts put forth at this prestigious carnival.



Welcome to
SydneyOlympicPark



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

Assessments Due Week 2

Year 12: Half Yearly Exams

Assessments Due Week 3

Year 7: Music - Assessment Task
Visual Art - Artmaking

Year 8: English - Writing Task

Year 9: Australian History
Photographic & Digital / Visual Arts

Year 10: Science
Photographic & Digital / Visual Arts

Year 12: Work Placement

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.

GET SMART



"Get Smart" operation is a joint attendance initiative between the Department of Education and Training and the NSW Police. The operation takes place once per term and targets students whose school attendance is poor.

It is compulsory that students between the ages of 6 and 17 must attend school each day the school is open for instruction. An explanation (by note, phone call or interview) for any absence, including late arrival, is required by law and must be received by the school within 7 days of the absence.

In Week 3 of this Term as part of the Get Smart initiative, teams of DEC personnel and Police will visit families of children with poor school attendance, encouraging them to maintain regular attendance. During this time they will also be conducting streetbeats where they will be interviewing compulsory school aged students to establish why they are absent from school.

The purpose of the Get Smart initiative is to support students to engage in education, encourage regular attendance and monitor truancy.

If you have any questions or concerns regarding school attendance please contact the school principal.

Many thanks for your support of this initiative.

Attendance Team Bourke

Year 12 Half Yearly Exam Timetable

Students must be at school 15 minutes prior to Exam start time

MONDAY 6 TH May	TUESDAY 7 TH May	WEDNESDAY 8 TH May	THURSDAY 9 TH May	FRIDAY 10 TH May
English Standard Paper 1 8:55 – 11:05 AM (2 hours, 10 minutes) English Advanced Paper 1 8:55 – 11:05 AM (2 hours, 10 minutes) English Extension 1 8:55 – 11:05 AM (2 hours, 10 minutes)	Business Studies 8:55 – 11:00 AM (2 hours, 5 minutes) Hospitality 8:55 – 10:30 AM (1 hour, 35 minutes)	Mathematics 8:55 – 10:30 AM (1 hour, 35 minutes) Mathematics General 8:55 – 10:30 AM (1 hour, 35 minutes)	IPT 8:55 – 11:30 AM (2 hours, 35 minutes) Chemistry 8:55 – 11:00 AM (2 hours, 5 minutes) Modern History 8:55 – 11:00 AM (2 hours, 5 minutes)	Biology 8:55 – 12:00 PM (3 hours, 5 minutes) Physics 8:55 – 11:00 AM (2 hours, 5 minutes)
Music 1:40 – 2:45 PM (1 hour, 5 minutes)	English Standard Paper 2 1:40 – 2:25 PM (45 minutes) English Advanced Paper 2 1:40 – 2:25 PM (45 minutes)	Visual Arts 8:55 – 10:30 AM (1 hour, 35 minutes)	Legal Studies 1:40 – 3:15 PM (1 hour, 35 minutes)	Business Services 1:40 – 3:15 PM (1 hour, 35 minutes)

PBL
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.

Fundraiser for Madden family

Cobar High School students would like to support Stuart & Joan Madden and family in their recent loss.

A BBQ will be held after our Term 1 Awards Assembly this Friday at Cobar High School Multi Purpose Centre.

All students, guests and staff are invited to purchase from the BBQ.

The Awards Assembly commences at 10:00am and generally finishes at approximately 11:00am.

What's On - Week 2 & 3 Term 2

Monday 6th May:	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
Tuesday 7th May:	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams Year 7 Excursion
Wednesday 8th May:	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams Year 7 Excursion
Thursday 9th May:	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams Year 7 Excursion
Friday 10th May:	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams Year 7 Excursion
Monday 13th May:	Year 12 Workplacement Immunisations: Years 7 & 10: 10:30am In Concert Sydney Choir Excursion
Tuesday 14th May:	Year 12 Workplacement NAPLAN
Wednesday 15th May:	Year 12 Workplacement NAPLAN
Thursday 16th May:	Year 12 Workplacement NAPLAN SPC Meeting; Gilgrandra: S Francisco
Friday 17th May:	Year 12 Workplacement SPC Meeting; Gilgrandra: S Francisco

P & C Meeting

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