



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

13th June 2013

2013

Term 2

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

Staff return

Monday 15th July

Students return

Tuesday 16th July

Term 2 Awards Assembly

Friday 19th July

10:00am

English Competition

Wednesday 31st July

xsel Residential

31st July—2nd August

Mathematics Competition

Tuesday 13th August



Where There's a Will There's a Way



**Positive
Behaviour
for Learning**

Respect.

Excellence.

Safety

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P & C Meeting—Change of Date

Please note that the next P & C Meeting will be on **Tuesday 23rd July 2013**. All parents and guardians are encouraged to attend. Mary Urquhart is the new President of the P & C and Kristi Martin is now the Secretary. Thank you to these people for taking on the positions.

eheadspace

eheadspace is an online counselling service that can be accessed by students, parents and community members. The web address is www.eheadspace.org.au. Dion Richardson, a school support worker for headspace, which is part of the National Youth Mental Health Foundation, has been providing support to the school which will be ongoing.

Stewart House

Stewart House is an organisation that provides support for country students by providing them with a break where they can develop skills that will improve their situation when they return home. If you would like to support this organisation please visit www.stewarthouse.org.au



Ram Band Collection

A big thankyou to the P & C for purchasing more blue ram bands. These are used by staff to give immediate positive feedback to students.

Students need to return these blue bands to their year advisor regularly to be awarded other colour bands which equate to rewards at the end of term rewards day, organised by the SRC.

Please make sure that if your child has bands collected at home that they return them, so the system continues to be successful.

PBL Canteen Lesson

This week a number of classes have been involved in the filming of next weeks lesson of appropriate behaviour in the canteen area. Under the direction of Tracey Young and the filming of Zainab Khan and Andrew Coffey, a blockbuster is guaranteed.

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

Winter Uniform

Below is a picture of students wearing correct uniform. Please ensure your student has the correct uniform on each day, including black leather shoes and a navy jumper. If you are not sure of what is uniform, uniform is on the school website.



xsel

We currently have 5 students participating in the xsel program. The students had a ball last week at their residential in Dubbo, and can be seen below back at it this week. If you are interested in your child participating in this program next year, have a look at the advertisement on page 3.



Punctuality

It is important that we teach the students the skills they need to be successful when they leave school. An essential skill is to be on time. Please help us, help your students, by ensuring that they are at school on time. Late students create a huge amount of clerical work and actually costs the school a significant amount of money on postage. I am sure you would agree that this money could be utilised more efficiently on your child's education.

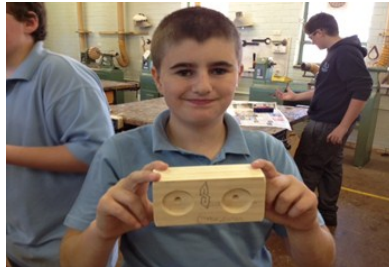
Lateness to school is recorded as a partial absence and is printed on student reports. I would think that a prospective employer would not be very impressed with a report showing even a small number of these absences.

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

SCIENCE / TAS

Students in Year 7 have been busy in Timber this term. 7E and 7I began the topic by making a candle holder to develop the appropriate skills to use the tools and equipment correctly. They are currently working on a handy box that they can store stationery or knick-knacks in. 7A are working on making a bird feeder while 7M have been studying computers this term after already completing their Timber projects in Term 1.



Year 8 has been studying the Human Body this term in Science. Students have been learning the functions of the digestive, central nervous, circulatory and skeletal systems. As part of this unit each student from Year 8 has conducted dissections of sheep organs from each system of the body. The students worked with their group to carefully dissect each organ and locate the specific characteristics of the organ. A true indication of how squeamish students and teachers can be!



Applications for enrolment in xsel Years 8-10

If you have a student that is identified as Gifted and Talented and who can work independently in a virtual environment then the xsel Selective High School might be the option for them.

- Applications open in June 2013 for entry into Years 8-10 in 2014
- Students must be able to support their applications with School Reports, NAPLAN results as well as a school recommendations from teachers and the Principal
- Application forms are available to download from the xsel website www.xsel.schools.nsw.edu.au
- For more information on selective high schools in general please go to http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/types.shs_ahs_details.php or contact Carolyn McMurtrie, xsel Support Person at Cobar High School

Figures of speech

How do you explain the difference between metaphors, similes and other literary devices? Is "pigs might fly" an example of an oxymoron, sarcasm, hyperbole....or something else? Here's a cheat sheet for when your kids need help with English homework. <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/eppcontent/glossary/app/resource/factsheet/4090.pdf>

Vocational education at school

Your child can learn a trade while completing Years 11 and 12, giving them more options in the future. Many students now use those years to get a head start on a traineeship, an apprenticeship or other valuable industry experience. Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/vocational-education-at-school>



Blue Light Disco

Cobar Youth Centre
Friday 21st June 2013

5-630pm K- 6
7pm-8:30pm High School

Free Entry

Loads of prizes to give away
& Glow Stuff for sale on the night



CDAT community drug
action team
We're Stronger Together

Cobar Market Day

3rd Saturday of Every Month

Next Market Day 15 June

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



*New to the Market
Day: Vege Stall, Lolly
Stall, cakes, donuts,
hotdogs, car decals,
lots more homemade
goods, plus much
much more.....*

Venue: Drummond Park,
Cobar

Winter Time: 10am to 2.00pm

To book a Stall contact:

Jillian Law

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cobarmarketday@gmail.com

fb: cobar market day

Next month Market Day is 20 July -

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



Captains Visit Government House

On Tuesday the 28th of May school captains Luke Hillier and Kayla Cohen accompanied by Miss Jacobson attended a three day excursion to Sydney to participate in the 2013 Secondary School Student Leadership Program for school captains. The program offers students the opportunity to develop their knowledge of constitutional and parliamentary proceedings and the role of the Governor. At New South Wales



Parliament students met with Members of Parliament and were given the chance to sit in on proceedings in the lower and upper houses. Students were then taken to Government House where they were met by Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, who gave an interesting speech giving students an insight into her life, role as governor and leaving them with some advice on life, the students surely will not forget. Both students found this program a valuable experience and enjoyed seeing the sights of Sydney.

Year 11 & Year 12 Mathematics and Extension Mathematics received visit from Cobar Shire Council

On Thursday 6 June, Karen Walsh and Peter Graf from Cobar Shire Council visited with Year 11 and 12 Mathematics and Extension Mathematics students. Peter and Karen spoke to the students about the possibility of a cadetship with the Council in 2014 for a current Year 12 student who is interesting in studying civil engineering. The Council will be advertising the cadetship later in the year and this visit was an opportunity for students to hear about the type work civil engineers do for council and to ask questions about the cadetship offer. A successful applicant would study part time and work part time for Cobar Shire Council while they complete a degree in civil engineering. This is a great opportunity for those wanting a career in engineering as you gain experience in the industry while you complete your training and also have a paying job.

Thank you Karen and Peter for taking the time to come and talk to students about this opportunity.



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 |
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| 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.

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)

AECG Meeting
Wednesday 7th August
11:30am
Cobar High School
All Welcome

PBL **Vision Statement**

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

Assessments Due Week 8

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| Year 7: | English-Poetry Portfolio |
| Year 10: | Mathematics |
| Year 11: | Biology Chemistry Music 1 |
| Year 12: | Business Studies Music Legal Studies Physics Information Processes and Technology |

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 9

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| Year 7 | Science-Water Assignment |
| Year 8: | English-Speaking Task |
| Year 11: | English Advanced English Standard English Studies Mathematics Mathematics General |
| Year 12: | Biology Mathematics Mathematics General |

What's On - Week 8 & 9 Term 2

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| Monday 17th June: | Writing Competition |
| Tuesday 18th June: | Spelling Competition |
| Thursday 20th June: | PBL Meeting: Cobar C McDiarmid Retirement; Orange: S Francisco |
| Friday 21st June: | C McDiarmid Retirement; Orange: S Francisco Year 11 Hospitality Luncheon |
| Tuesday 25th June: | Basketball; Narromine: T Fugar |
| Friday 28th June: | Last school day for Term 2 |

P & C Meeting

Tuesday 23rd July
School Library
7:30pm
ALL WELCOME