



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

27th June 2013

2013

Term 2

Term 2 ends
Friday 28th June

Term 3

Staff return
Monday 15th July
Students return
Tuesday 16th July

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Term 2 Awards Assembly
Friday 19th July
10:00am

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**University of Wollongong
Hands on Technology**
Monday 22nd July

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**Police Driving Education
Program; Years 11 and 12**
Wednesday 24th July:

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Regional Athletics
Bathurst
Friday 26th July

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English Competition
Wednesday 31st July

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xsel Residential
31st July—2nd August

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Mathematics Competition
Tuesday 13th August

**Positive
Behaviour
for Learning**

Respect.

Excellence.

Safety



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Regional SRC Camp



Congratulations to Bryan Mitchell and Maryanne Blom who have been selected to represent the Bourke School Education Group at the 2013 Western NSW Region Student Representative Council Conference to be held at Wambangalang Environmental Education Centre from the 24th—26th July. This is a great honour for our students and their selection reflects the high quality work that they do as members of Cobar High School Student Representative Council.

Schools Spectacular

Congratulations to our Aboriginal Dance Ensemble who have been selected to perform at Schools Spectacular this year. The following students auditioned: Tayla Toomey; Tayla Pennell; Taylah Good; Meg Black; Holly Cohen; Chloe McMurray and Konnar Martin.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Congratulations to all those students who achieved Rainbow Band this term. This is the highest band that can be achieved and reflects continued behaviour that reflects our expected behaviours of Respect, Excellence and Safety. Over 100 students achieved Rainbow Band this term. What a wonderful effort.

The role that our Student Representative Council has in our PBL is fantastic. We have student representatives on the Leadership Team who regularly attend and give fantastic input. There is also a sub committee within the SRC that organises the reward activity each term for students who

achieve Rainbow Band.

This term they have organised an Amazing Race that has groups of students, with a staff member doing things all over town. This will be held Thursday 18th July (Week 1, Term 3) due to the rain.

Thanks must go to the SRC Adviser, Chris Marshall who gives so much time and effort in guiding and assisting the SRC with all their projects.

Semester One Reports

Reports were issued on Wednesday. Congratulations to all those student who achieved their best. All students need to focus on attending school every day and participating in all learning activities to the best of their ability.

P & C Meeting

The first P & C meeting for Term 3 will be Tuesday 23rd July. Please note that it is different to the usual time of the first Tuesday in the month. The meeting will be held in the Library at 7.30pm.

Year 10 Subject Selection

Emphasising strengths and interests

In Year 10 students are asked to select subjects for Years 11 and 12. Find out who to talk to and other tips to help your teen choose well.

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

Our Subject Selection Information Evening will be held on Wednesday 7th August at 6.30pm in the Performance Workshop.

Term 3

Term 3 commences for students on Tuesday 15th July. I will be taking Long Service Leave from Monday 29th July for the rest of the term. Shane Carter will be Relieving Principal, John Carswell, Relieving Deputy Principal and Benn Wright Relieving HSIE Head Teacher. Doug Armstrong will continue relieving as the Year 9 Advisor.

Enjoy the holidays

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

SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE



Students from Years 9 and 10 have participated in the University of Newcastle's Science and Engineering Challenge. Each student group was provided with an engineering problem and equipment to devise a possible solution. The students had a fantastic day as they worked with their team on problems such as Mission to Mars where they had to design and build a suspension system from the Mars Rover, and Hover Frenzy where students needed to create a hovercraft using

styrofoam and a garbage bag. The highlight of the day was the Gold Rush Bridge built by Tahli Thomas, Kahlie OBray, Courtney Carey and Maryanne Blom. The bridge which was made from balsa wood and masking tape did not bend, buckle or break when tested! The day was a success with all students having a great time, although Cobar High School came a close second to Broken Hill High School. Thank you to the Cobar Rotary Club for organising the event, and Miss Stowe and Miss Hamblin for their help throughout the day.



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

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL 2013

As the sun rose on Ward Oval and the staff and students started to arrive, the PE department and some SRC students had already been hard at work setting up all the events and the canteen for the day.

The SRC had the BBQ going and had Bacon and Egg rolls for all the staff and participants to buy to give them energy for the day.

The day began with Roll Call in age groups and this was when the students found out who the escorting teacher for their age group was going to be for the day.

The first event of the day was the boys and the girls 800 metres event.

Two records were broken in the 800 Metres event with 12 Years Boys – Jakob Brown beating Wade Potter's time from 2006 with a time of 3.10.26.

Also 17+ Boys - Luke Hillier beat Jordan Cranch's 2012 time with a 2.24.15.

After the 800 Metre race the students went with their age groups and started on the other track and field events.

Other Records that were broken on the day included –

14 Years Boys High Jump - Kody Martin equalled Chad Sikora's 2002 height of 1.49 meters.

14 Years Boys Long Jump – Andrew Rourke beat Will Josephson's 2004 record with a 4.98 metres jump.

14 Years Boys 100 metres – Andrew Rorke beat Jesse Cartner's 2000 record with a 12.80 seconds.

13 Years Girls Javelin – Annie Mugugia beat Kasey Dunne's throw with 18.61 metres.



The Age Champions for Cobar High School's 2013 Athletics carnival are –

12 Years Boys – 1st Place Tyson Brille
2nd Place Jakob Brown and Chris Crotty
12 Years Girls – 1st Place Jasey Bruce
2nd Place Shi-Ann Rogers and Alice Potter

13 Years Boys – 1st Place Nick Buckman
2nd Place Brad Tidyman
13 Years Girls – 1st Place Annie Mugugia
2nd Place Hannah Kriz

14 Years Boys – 1st Place Andrew Rorke
2nd Place Quinton Place and Kody Martin
14 Years Girls – 1st Place Taylah Good
2nd Place Niamh Urquhart

15 Years Boys – 1st Place Robert Good
2nd Place Michael Kanavale
15 Years Girls – 1st Place Matilda Power
2nd Place Alex Windt

16 Years Boys – 1st Place Toby Black
2nd Place Brandon Jones
16 Years Girls – 1st Place Brianna Watson
2nd Place Tayla Coveney

17 Years Boys – 1st Place Luke Hillier
2nd Place Jordan Cranch
17 Years Girls – 1st Place Taylor Gilbert
2nd Place Ellie Potter

It was a close fought battle all day with Chesney pulling away towards the end of the day to be placed 1st with:

1st - Chesney – 503 Points
2nd - Great Cobar – 456 Points
3rd - Occidental – 424 Points
4th - Fort Bourke – 401 Points

A fun day was had by all. Congratulations to all that attended. It made it a wonderful day.



SUPPORT / LIBRARY

This year has seen some changes in the school's Library. As well as continuing to provide students and staff with access to information services it is now the location of our Learning and Support Faculty. Working as a one-stop-shop for students who want assistance to be work ready, choosing subjects to maximise their HSC results, or asking for guidance to complete schoolwork, this initiative has improved our ability to meet student needs. It is also the place for teachers to come and work with experienced and trained staff to make adjustments to their teaching programs in order to deliver flexible learning activities that are appropriate for all learners. This year 10% of our students come from a background in which English is not their first language and our ESL support teachers work across the school making sure that these learners are supported in their educational endeavours.

There have been a number of exciting developments in Information Studies this year, with a new focus on Literacy and Numeracy. We have also been running reading groups with Year 8 students, focussed on building their literacy skills as identified by the NAPLAN process. Year 7 classes will commence next term. The daily Quick Smart Maths sessions have also generated a high degree of enthusiasm from participating students – they can actually see a day-by-day improvement in their fundamental numeracy skills. Junior classes are also enjoying competing in general information quizzes about current affairs. Each week the teams are improving as their knowledge and understanding of world events grows.

The University of Wollongong will be conducting a “Hands-On Engineering Technology” Workshop on Monday 22nd July at Cobar High School. The main aims of the Workshop are to:

- Provide students with an opportunity to explore different aspects of Engineering Technology, in a fun hands-on interactive workshop where you will work in groups, and
- Provide students with information on how to pursue higher education and the many alternative pathways into University.

Activities on the day will include testing of beams, driver training on an open-wheeler racer simulator, water flow experiments, milkshake making using pedal power, a cleaner coal experiment and examining the importance of friction.

A number of students attend School Based Traineeships/Apprenticeships over the year. Our student of the term is Atlanta Rorke. Atlanta is currently studying a Certificate III in Children's Services; her school based traineeship is with Cobar Mobile Children's Services Inc. Atlanta is very happy with her work placement and is gaining many valuable skills performing her duties as trainee child care assistant.



The Library also hosts our school's highly successful Homework Centre and we regularly have staff here till 5 o'clock two afternoons a week supporting up to 30 students at a time.

Cobar High Library has truly moved into the 21st century digital age of learning!

DRUG EDUCATION ACTION WEEK

Cobar CDAT Committee members visited Cobar High School last Thursday at lunch time. They spoke to students about Drug Awareness and supplied students with Drug Awareness Information.



KIDS' ACTIVITIES @ YOUR LIBRARY

5-7 YEAR OLDS - 10:30-noon - birdseed hanger & papercraft - hama beads fun - paper-plate birds & groovy glasses

8+ YEAR OLDS - 3:00-4:30 - paper bead necklaces - hama beads fun - Wizard of Oz diorama

\$5.50 per child per session - please book early as numbers are limited - see library staff to save your place

MON 8th	TUES 9th	WED 10th	THUR 11th	FRI 12th
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Participants will also be crafting decorations for the childrens' area of the library

The wonder of maths

Have you discovered TED talks? There are also some great ones especially for curious kids -like this one on "mathemagic". Using daring displays of algorithmic trickery, lightning calculator and number wizard Arthur Benjamin mesmerizes audiences with mathematical mystery and beauty

http://www.ted.com/talks/arthur_benjamin_does_mathemagic.html?source=facebook#.Ua6WsdqLHpR.facebook

How to parent your tween

Find out how to manage your tween's rapidly expanding list of needs and personal demands. It's that weird and wonderful time the experts say occurs between ages nine and 13, but which experience suggests can stretch out to anywhere between ages eight and 15.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/how-to-parent-your-tween>



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 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.

Managing depression

One in four kids over 12 have symptoms of depression. What to look for and how to help. Listen to brain and mind specialist Professor Ian Hickie chat with James O'Loughlin on helping kids beat the blues.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children>

AECG Meeting

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

SCHOOLKIDS BONUS

The second instalment of the Schoolkids Bonus will be paid in July, eligible families who have not updated their child's education details with Centrelink have until the 29th June to do so to ensure they receive the correct payment in July. Eligible families who have updated their child's education details with Centrelink do not have to do anything.

If you need more information, factsheets are available at: schoolkidsbonus@fahcsia.gov.au

Assessments Due Week 1

Year 11: Work Studies
Year 12: Chemistry

Assessments Due Week 2

Year 10: English
Year 11: Community & Family Studies
Year 12: Maths Applied

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.

PBL

Vision Statement

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

What's On - Week 1 & 2 Term 3

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Rotary Speaker: Years 11 and 12: 11:10am

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