



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

18th July, 2013

2013

Term 3

Term 2 Awards Assembly

Friday 19th July

10:00am

**University of Wollongong
Hands on Technology**

Monday 22nd July

CSA Apprenticeship talks

Library

Lunch

Tuesday 23rd July

**Police Driving Education
Program; Years 11 and 12**

Wednesday 24th July:

Regional Athletics

Bathurst

Friday 26th July

English Competition

Wednesday 31st July

xsel Residential

31st July—2nd August

Mathematics Competition

Tuesday 13th August

Mid Term Break

Friday 16th August

Monday 19th August



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Congratulations

Taylah Blackall who has been selected to perform in the Disability Dance Ensemble at this year Schools Spectacular.

Condolences

Our sympathy is extended to John Carswell and his family on the death of his father.

Get Well

Our best wishes for a speedy recovery to Susan Donaldson who has had a shoulder operation and will be off work for some weeks.

Postponed Again

Our Student Reward Day for Term 2 has been postponed again due to the rain. Hopefully it will be held Thursday 25th July. We won't complain about the rain though!!

P & C Meeting

The next P & C meeting will be held on Tuesday 23rd July at 7.30pm in the Library. All are welcome to attend.

Subject Selection

Students in Year 10 will be doing their subject selections for Year 11 this term. Students should be talking with their teachers and the Careers Advisor regarding what would be suitable choices for them. A booklet will be distributed to students early in the term with possible choices explained in it. There will also be an information evening on Wednesday 7th August in the PWS at 6pm.

Welcome

We currently have two student teachers in the school. Mr Toby Miles who is in HSIE is an intern and will be here for the term. Ms Rachael Ryan is here for four weeks and is in the English faculty.

Attendance

It is important that all students attend school every day and be on time. There is an increasing number of students who think that it is alright to

arrive at school late. Punctuality is a life skill and students should practise it every day. Please ensure that your student is at school ready for Morning Muster which commences at 8.55am.

Relieving Principal

I will be on Long Service Leave from the beginning of Week 3, Monday 29th July. I will return at the beginning of Term 4. Shane Carter will be Relieving Principal, John Carswell Relieving Deputy Principal and Benn Wright Relieving Head Teacher HSIE. Doug Armstrong will continue relieving as the Year 9 Advisor.

Congratulations

Mr Michael Filmer-Smith has been permanently appointed to Cobar High School. This is wonderful news for us that will ensure continuity in our students education.

New Organisation

The beginning of Term 3 has seen a change in structure for the NSW Department of Education and Communities. Cobar High School is now part of the Western Plains Network of Principals. Paul Loxley has been appointed as the Director of Public Schools NSW for this network. It is different for us because our neighbouring schools are not in this network. The other High Schools in the network are Coonabarabran and Gilgandra and there are 8 Central Schools, 17 Public Schools and one Environmental Centre. Nyngan High is in the Lachlan Network whilst Bourke and Brewarrina are in the Connected Communities Network.

Homework Centre

A reminder that the CSA Mine Glencore sponsored Homework Centre operates on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in the library. Each day there are two teaching staff members present who can assist your students. This is a wonderful initiative by CSA Mine Glencore.

Enjoy the term
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 3 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/CAPA

Prac student

My name is Rachael Ryan and I'm currently engaged in a prac placement at Cobar High School. I live in the Tilpa area on a sheep and cattle property and I have six sisters and three brothers. I am the eldest in my family and we range in ages from me down to my little sister who is eighteen months old. We are all home-schooled by our Mum right through school, so up until a few weeks ago when I went on my first prac placement I had never been in a classroom before! I really enjoyed the experience though and look forward to the next four weeks here in Cobar!



Visual Arts

In Year 12 students are busily completing their HSC Body Of Work which will be due for submission in Week 3 this term. The Bodies Of Work which are being developed display a wide range of concepts and styles of artwork. Thank you to Ms Rook for giving up two days of her holidays to open the art room. This allowed students to access resources to continue completing their artworks.

Music

This term Cobar High School is hosting a free concert consisting of a singer/songwriter duo called *The Hottentots*. They are based in the Byron Bay Shire and have travelled the world with their interesting twist on original music. They will be bringing their talents to perform at the Cobar High School Performance Workshop on Wednesday August 21st. Doors will open at 6pm for you to order a food platter upon arrival if you wish, which will be catered by our very own Senior Hospitality Class. There will also be 2 free workshops with *The Hottentots* held during the day at 'The Golfie'; one for songwriting, and one for vocals. These workshops are open to all members of our community and we encourage you to come along and explore your creative inclinations! Please keep an eye out for further details in the coming weeks.

English

We encourage you to discuss with your child the following units of work, knowledge and skills which they are learning in their English classes.

Year 7 – A Fantasy unit with a close look at one of the following novels, *The Wizard of Earthsea*, *Artemis Fowl*, *The Lion*, *The Witch and the Wardrobe* or *James and the Giant Peach*.

Year 8 – The Power of Rhetoric, where students study various famous speeches and then deliver their own speech on an issue that they feel strongly about.

Year 9 – A close study of text, context and characterisation from one of the following novels, *Hatchet* or *To Kill A Mockingbird*.

Year 10 – The classic Shakespearean play *Macbeth*.

Year 11 Standard and Advanced – An Area of Study on the concept of Authority displayed in a variety of texts with a particular focus on George Orwell's novels *Animal Farm* or *Nineteen Eighty Four*. While the Studies class are working on writing resumes.

Year 12 Standard and Advanced are nearing their Trial Higher School Certificate exams and will be completing their final modules as well as revising previous knowledge and content in preparation for their exams.

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

Basketball Report

On the 25th of June Cobar High School travelled to Narromine to participate in a boys and girls U/15 basketball round robin against Narromine and Gilgandra High Schools.

The Cobar girls played their first match of the day against Narromine and were resounding winners by a score of 48-8. Cobar's best in this match were Tilly Power, Niamh Urquhart and Kaitlyn Byrne. Unfortunately for Cobar Nikki Gilbert suffered an ankle injury just after half time and was unable to play again on the day, which hurt Cobar's rebounding ability and had a big impact on their ability to defeat Gilgandra.

After a dominant victory in the first game Cobar girls came up against a much tougher opponent in Gilgandra High School. Cobar scored the first points of the game, however this was the only time that they would have lead in the first half. Cobar struggled to penetrate the oppositions defence and were only able to stay in the game through some strong rebounding and points from Niamh Urquhart. Gilgandra led at half time 18-10.

Cobar started the second half strongly, taking away all momentum from Gilgandra through some great defence and with only a few minutes remaining found themselves down by only one point with the score at 20-19. A few late fouls found Cobar in trouble and allowed Gilgandra to come away as eventual winners by a score of 24-19. Cobar's best in this match were Niamh Urquhart, Taylah Good and Tilly Power.

The Cobar High School boys were outclassed thoroughly in their two matches, suffering heavy losses in both games. Firstly to Narromine 38-2 and in their final match against Gilgandra they went down 49-10. Despite the score lines, each of Cobar's boys should be proud of the manner in which they played and the enthusiasm they displayed from the start to finish of each game as they never once gave up. Top players for the boys on the day were Quinton Place, Kody Martin and Nick Buckman.

All students who travelled away on the excursion are to be commended on their efforts, behaviour and sportsmanship which they exhibited throughout the day.

A big thank you also to Brett Hallcroft who drove the bus on the day.



Cobar Market Day

3rd Saturday of Every Month

Next Market Day 20th July

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 home-made 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 17th August

Writing essays made easier

Rather than worrying about an essay for weeks, suggest your child get in some early preparation and have the self-belief that they can do it.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/10-tips-for-writing-an-essay>

Vocational education at school

Many kids now use Year 11 and 12 to get a head start on a traineeship, an apprenticeship or other valuable industry experience. Find out more about vocational education options at school.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/vocational-education-at-school>



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.

Emphasizing 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.schooltoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/year-10-subject-selection>

AECG Meeting

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

Assessments Due Week 2

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

Assessments Due Week 3

Year 12: English Advanced
English Standard
English Studies
Visual Arts

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 2 & 3 Term 3

Monday 22nd July: University of Wollongong; Hands on Technology: MPC
Tuesday 23rd July: CSA Apprenticeship Talks: Lunch time in the Library
Wednesday 24th July: Police Driving Education Program; Bowling & Golf Club: Years 11 and 12
Friday 26th July: Regional Athletics: Bathurst
Rotary Speaker: Years 11 and 12: 11:10am
Tuesday 30th July: SLI Sydney: S Carter, P Luck, B Wright
Wednesday 31st July: English Competition
Xsel Residential; Dubbo:
Science Assistant Course: Cobar High School
Thursday 1st August: SPC Meeting; Orange:
Xsel Residential: Dubbo:
Friday 2nd August: SPC Meeting; Orange:
Xsel Residential; Dubbo:

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