



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

15th August 2013

2013

Term 3

Mid Term Break

Friday 16th August

Monday 19th August

Ronny Gibbs Shield

Wednesday 28th August

Charles Sturt

University Visit

Friday 30th August

School Library / 1pm

State Athletics

Friday 6th September

NAIDOC Activity Day

Thursday 12th September

Cross Country

Friday 13th September

Period 5 & 6

Year 12 Presentation Day

Friday 20th September

10am

Last Day Term 3

Friday 20th September

First Day Term 4

Monday 7th October



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for Learning**

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Last Tuesday students were involved with the PBL introduction lesson outlining what was expected of them in the toilet area of the school. The PBL Mascot was featured in the film showing the expectations of each student at Cobar High in this area.



Another aspect that has been covered is the Playground. As part of showing respect for our school this group of Year 7 students have resolved to keep our playground and school grounds litter free. One lunch time the boys below collected several bin loads of waste they found around the school fence line.



On Tuesday afternoon National Rugby League Legends, Brad Fittler, Nathan Hindmarsh and Mario (The Falcon) Fenech spoke to students about their journey to playing in the National Rugby League Competition. They spoke about; believing, having a dream and setting achievable smaller goals to make it happen. Some photos of their visit to Cobar High School are on Page 5.

Executive Staff:

Rlg Principal: Shane Carter
 Rlg Deputy Principal: John Carswell
 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 12 finish their Trial Examinations today, with only 5 weeks to go till the end of term they are reminded that the next 5 weeks are crucial with finishing off work and revision for their HSC starting on the 14th October.

Last week 7E were involved in a bonding day. They were assisted by senior students and staff in a variety of activities.



Year 11 Hospitality Students completed a week of Work Experience in a number of workplaces in Cobar. Pictured are two students who were photographed during the week at their chosen place of employment, Lilliane Brady Village and The Great Western Hotel.



PBL was recognised today in the school, as it became a purple zone, students and staff dressed in Purple and the SRC provided BBQ, Drinks and Cakes for sale at lunch time. Music featured in the middle quad during the 40 minute lunch break and we were entertained by the Circus troop and students from Cobar High that have been involved during the week with the circus group. See Page 1 for more photos.

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

QuickSmart Update

This term we have added a problem solving component into our QuickSmart program. QuickSmart students are being taught the following problem solving strategy which they can use to solve all sorts of word problems in mathematics.

Step 1: What is the question?

Read the problem and then underline the part that is the question.

Step 2: Sort

Look over the question again and circle any information you need to answer the question.

Step 3: See

Draw a picture of the problem so you can visualise what is being asked

Step 4: Select

What operation (+, -, ×, ÷) do you need to use to solve the problem?

Step 5: Solve

Do the working out to solve the problem.

Step 6: Sense

Have a look at your answer and check to see if it makes sense?

This six step strategy is effective for all sorts of mathematical word problems and all students will soon be learning this strategy in their mathematics classes.

Step 1: Search

What is the question?



Step 2: Sort

What do you need to use?



Step 3: See

Can you draw the problem?



Step 4: Select

What operation do you need?



Step 5: Solve

Solve the problem!



Step 6: Sense

Does your answer make sense?



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

PBL

Vision Statement

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

Cobar High School Year 9 student Tim Johnson participates in the School to Work Program

Over the last few weeks Tim Johnson Year 9 has participated in the School to Work Program. The program is a valuable way to gain insight into a job, workplace or career area and is coordinated through Cobar High School. The program has enabled Tim to develop the necessary work place learning skills and gain more confidence in approaching employers in the future. Stationery Essentials permitted Tim to perform such work related skills as teamwork, communication, initiative, planning and organising in the workplace and we would like to thank them for giving Tim the opportunity of working with them. Tim has been most enthusiastic in his approach and interest in finding out about employment in general and certain occupations.



Calculators

Students are expected to bring calculators to school for all Mathematics lessons. The recommended calculator is the Casio fx82-Au plus. Each calculator model works slightly differently therefore it is important students bring their own calculators and become familiar with how the calculators functions. The Casio fx82-Au plus calculators are available from the school front office for \$23 and each calculator comes with a geometry set.



Year 10 Work Experience

Cobar High School wishes to advise Parents and Community that the school is conducting a one week block of work experience in Term 3, or Term 4. This is called a rolling program and is aimed at providing our Year 10 students with the opportunity of working in, or observing, a job of their choice. If you require any further information about the program, please contact Ms Neyland at Cobar High School
Phone: 02 68362705

Judo-Congratulation Kaitlyn



Kaitlyn Raffaele a Year 9 Student at Cobar High was selected to represent Australia in the Australian Judo Team, that travelled to Japan for a weeks training and competition.

On Monday 29th July Kaitlyn was in Osaka Japan, she competed against the Japanese Judo team. Kaitlyn was placed second winning two silver medals for Australia.



***Rugby League Legends,
(Brad Fittler, Nathan Hindmarsh and Mario Fenech)
visit School to promote the
NRL's Dream, Believe and Achieve Program***



Sistaspeak

Sistaspeak will run in Term 4 we still have a few positions available for any aboriginal girls in Years 7, 8 and 9 who would like to put their names down to participate.

The Sistaspeak program is designed to inspire and motivate young Aboriginal women about the importance of education and to raise awareness about the diverse career paths available to them, focussing specifically on issues of self esteem, careers, leadership and economic independence.

If you would like more information or would like to enrol please contact Brenda Harvey at Cobar High School on 02 6836 2705



Cobar Primary School Dreaming Day

On the 1st of August, three students from our indigenous Reconciliation Team joined me at Cobar Primary School for the 'Dreaming Day' – an activities day celebrating Aboriginal Culture. They participated in the delivery of a workshop introducing students to methods of playing the didgeridoo.

Jeremy McKellar gave a stellar performance on the didgeridoo, whilst Brandon Jones provided his impressive beat-boxing skills. Tara Wilkins was a solid assistant in the organisation of a cup-and-straw activity aimed at teaching the Primary Students how to practice circular breathing – a technique developed for this sacred instrument by our traditional land owners.

Our students demonstrated excellence in their participation and enthusiasm throughout the day. They did an amazing job representing our school, and the traditional culture of our people.

Well done, Jeremy, Brandon and Tara!

Tobiah Elliott
Music Teacher



Cyberbullying - prevention tips for parents

The statistics around cyberbullying are sketchy, mainly because it often goes unreported. What we do know is that the likelihood of children being bullied online or over the phone increases as they get older and use technology more frequently.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/say-no-to-cyberbullying>

How much screen time?

'Screen time' used to mean how many hours you spent watching TV and playing on the computer. However, with the growing number of digital devices on offer today, the question of what screen time means now is far more complex.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/>

Helping your teen study for an exam

Lots of chocolate, last-minute cramming, avoiding the hard questions ... there is a better way for kids to study for their exams.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/helping-your-teen-study-for-an-english-exam>

'GLAM IT UP GALZ' PROGRAM

WEEK 7/8

During Weeks 7 and 8, all female students at Cobar High will be participating in the 'Glam It Up Galz' Program.

The program aims to build confidence and self-esteem of our high school girls. They will learn about the importance of goal setting and strategies to achieve goals. Students will also learn about building a good personal image, appropriate dress and make up for occasions such as job interviews. We are fortunate that it is fully funded by a grant received from the NSW Government.

It is a one day course, being held at the Cobar Cinema.

Students are required to bring their own Recess, Lunch and Drinks for the day.

NO canteen will be available.

Leanne Carswell

Girls Adviser

Cobar Junior Cricket Association



Player Registration Dates for 2013/2014 Season

Wednesday 28th, Thursday 29th August & Wednesday 4th, Thursday 5th September

Where: Cobar Youth Centre

Time: 5pm-6pm

Cost: \$45 1st player, \$35 2nd player and \$30 for all subsequent players in the family
(Born after 1/9/1997 and before 31/12/2008)

For more information contact Roger Mitchell (president) on 68363150

Or Bridgette Jones (secretary) on 68361165

LILLIANE BRADY VILLAGE FETE

10 am on Saturday 31st August 2013

at Lilliane Brady Village

2 Nullamutt Street



Devonshire Tea

Lucky Dips



Hot Dogs

Pick A Ticket



BBQ & Refreshments

Face Painting

Cakes



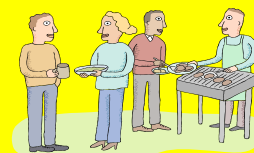
White Elephant Stall

Books

Plants



Chocolate Wheel



Come along for a family outing with lots for the kids to do while you have a browse and something to eat.



Student medical forms

During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms in the mail and will need to fill them out and return them to us as soon as you can.

The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do.

The new forms will help us collect your child's important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we'll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.

We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.



Assessments Due Week 6

Year 8:	English-Visual Representation
Year 9:	English Science
Year 11:	Community & Family Studies English Advanced / Standard and Studies Visual Arts/Photography

Assessments Due Week 7

Year 7:	English-Speaking Task
Year 8:	Music-Performance
Year 9:	Mathematics
Year 10:	Australian Geography
Year 11:	Assessment Free

AECG Meeting

Wednesday 4th September

11:30am

St Johns School

All Welcome

What's On - Week 6 & 7, Term 3

Monday 19th August:	Mid Term Break
Wednesday 21st August:	Singer/Songwriter Workshop; Cobar: T Elliott
Friday 23rd August:	Year 11 2014 Subject Selections due to Deputy Principal
Monday 26th August:	'Glam it up Galz'; Cobar: Year 11
Tuesday 27th August:	'Glam it up Galz'; Cobar: Year 12
Wednesday 28th August:	DP State Conference: 'Glam it up Galz'; Cobar: Year 10 Ronny Gibbs Shield; Bourke:
Thursday 29th August:	DP State Conference: 'Glam it up Galz': 9L 9M xsel Mind Marathon Panania
Friday 30th August:	DP State Conference: 'Glam it up Galz': 9M, 8C xsel Mind Marathon Panania Charles Sturt University Visit; School Library: 1pm

P & C Meeting

Tuesday 3rd September
School Library
7:30pm
ALL WELCOME