



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

12th September 2013

2013

Term 3

Cross Country

Friday 13th September
Period 5 & 6

Year 11 Crossroads

Cobar High
16th Sept - 18th Sept

Year 12 Presentation Day

Friday 20th September
10am

Last Day Term 3

Friday 20th September

First Day

Term 4

Tuesday 8th October

Term 3 Awards Assembly

Friday 11th October
10am

Mid Term Break

Friday 8th November
Monday 11th November

Year 12

Celebration Dinner

Wednesday 13th November

6pm



Where There's a Will There's a Way



**Year 11
Hospitality Students
Cooking for the
Lilliane Brady Village Fete**

**Positive
Behaviour
for Learning**

Respect.

Excellence.

Safety

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Mobile Phones & other Electronic Devices

Of late there has been a marked increase in the number of students using mobile phones at school. Parents and students are reminded that mobile phones are not allowed at school and students will be asked to hand them in if they are seen. Students failing to follow requests will be treated the same way as any student not following reasonable instructions.



Mobile phones were originally banned in an effort to curb the level of cyberbullying that was occurring on social media sites such as Facebook. Whilst there are still cases of cyberbullying, there has been a drastic reduction. We urge parents to work with the school on this matter. We need total parent/guardian support on topics such as this if we are to be truly an effective school. This includes parents messaging students during the day!

If parents/guardians need students to carry mobile phones for after purposes, arrangements can be made for students to leave them at the front office where

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

they can be picked up at the end of the school day.

Electronic devices such as Ipods, Ipads and laptops, whilst allowed in the school, will also be asked to be handed over if being using inappropriately.

Term 3

A reminder to students that there is still a full week of learning planned for Term 3. It is important that all students take every opportunity to increase their subject knowledge and the last week of term is as good a week as any. So please be prepared for a productive week.

Finally this is the last Newsletter for our Yr 12 2013. We wish them well for their upcoming exams and a long and happy future. The farewell assembly will start at 10am on Friday September 20.

I hope that everyone has a safe and happy holiday. It sure has been a long term and I know that it is always a holiday that people look forward to. We are sure that Mrs Francisco will be very fresh after her break!

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

Cobar High Students shine at 'PBL on Show'

Last Tuesday 4 staff and 4 students attended the Western Region 'PBL on Show' conference in Dubbo. SRC member Bryan Mitchell spoke at the conference opening about the positive differences PBL has made to the students at Cobar High. His articulate and amusing speech was well received with many conference attendees congratulating him on his wonderful speech.



The 4 students (Owen Potter, Kathryn Dennis, Emily Carswell and Bryan Mitchell) then presented one of the 'breakout' sessions. They talked about the integral role the Cobar High SRC has played in developing PBL at Cobar High. The students were impressive, with a number of other schools inviting them to visit their SRC and talk about their involvement. These students were delivering to experienced teaching staff in an unfamiliar environment and were exceptionally good. The students were a brilliant advertisement for our school and achieved excellence.

John Carswell



Learning and Support

The Library is now home to the school's Learning and Support Team. It remains an education hub for students where they can research their Assessment Tasks individually, or to come over as a class group and use our information processing technology to make professional-looking presentations. In addition, it now houses our Careers Information Service, Learning and Support Team, the Teacher Mentor Program, and the new Community Engagement Initiative.

Possibly the most exciting programs run this year have been the Reading Program and the QuickSmart Numeracy Tuition. Working in small groups, select junior classes are being given explicit instruction in the fundamental skills that are needed for success in High School and the world beyond. We have tremendous support across the whole staff for these programs, and both teachers and students are full of praise for the rapid pace at which real progress is being made.

Once again, this is the time of year when many in Year 10 are looking towards the prospect of picking up an apprenticeship. Ms Neyland has been working with those students compiling resumes and preparing for job interviews. She has also been working closely with our Year 12s as they look at their tertiary study options. To this end, a well-attended seminar by CSU recently answered many questions, and assuaged some fears, about what the future may hold. We have also been putting the final touches to the letters of application for those who hope to gain entry to university through one of the early access schemes.

The school's Learning and Support team continues to work across the whole school, helping teachers make adjustments to their teaching programs, and building the capacity of students, to ensure that every child at Cobar High has the opportunity to access a quality education. We have recently been involved in the annual review process with parents and external agencies to make meaningful learning plans and secure funding for those students with significant support needs.

Our Librarian has welcomed the changes in the Library enthusiastically, and this revitalised energy is clear in the increased number of book-borrowers and participants in The Premier's Reading Challenge this year. There has also been a significant improvement in the way students use the Library's services; attendance at Homework Centre continues to be strong, Senior students are productive in their study periods, Distance Ed students are accessing the Video Conference facilities in their supported learning sessions, the Computer Programming Club are making progress in their game design project and lunchtimes continue to be peaceful and enjoyable for all students.

As the weather warms up we can look forward to the Library maintaining its place as a cool and relaxing respite from the hustle and heat of the playground.



Charles Sturt University Speak to Year 11 & Year 12 Students

Rebecca Morgan from Charles Sturt University came to visit our school on Friday the 30th of August. She spoke to Year 11 and Year 12 students about a wide range of undergraduate programs with a choice of study options, such as, on campus study or study by distance education. Further advice was given on scholarships, loans, subsidies and schemes and how students can access these options. The Year 12 students had many questions about getting into Charles Sturt University, including regional bonus points, early entry scheme and other pathways studies. Students were intrigued to hear about the lifestyle and accommodation options for students at CSU and were very impressed by the state of the art facilities on offer. Rebecca encouraged students to go online to view CSU's online orientation video at www.csu.edu.au/orientation.



'Glam it up Galz'

During weeks 7 & 8, every female student at Cobar High School had the opportunity to participate in the 'Glam It Up Galz' program organised by Cobar Youth Council and Jalam Glossop, our Police/Schools Liaison Officer. Activities included; creating your 'Dream Book', goal setting & learning strategies to achieve those goals and appropriate dress/ make up for different occasions. It was a fantastic opportunity for our girls to participate in the program to develop their knowledge and lifelong skills.





NAIDOC ACTIVITIES



Students participated in an afternoon of fun activities which included, shell work, johnnie cakes, bark petition, aboriginal games, aboriginal bingo, hand painting, reptile exhibition and Wangaaypuwan-Ngiyampaa Language.

For lunch they were given the opportunity to taste emu chipolatas and kangaroo meat balls. A snow cone and bbq sausages was also offered to the less adventurous. Ms Elliott's music classes provided entertainment during the lunch break.

The Aboriginal Team would like to thank all teachers involved, their helpers and a special thank you to Jacqui Lawrence, Reta Ohlsen and Michael Halliger.

From feedback a great day was had by all.



Activities @ Your Town Library

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	17.9.13 11:00-1:00 Local History Out Load	18.9.13 10:30-11:00 Story time and Craft	19.9.13 12:00-1:00 Keyboards & Cursors	
		25.9.13 10:30-11:00 Story time and Craft		
30.9.13 10:30-noon 5-7yr old String Jellyfish 3:00-4:30 8+ yr olds Story box		2.10.13 10:30-noon 5-7yr old Animal bean bags 3:00-4:30 8+ yr olds Paper flower garden		4.10.13 10:30-noon 5-7yr old Halloween mobile 3:00-4:30 8+ yr olds Hama beads fun

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

Friend or frenemy?

What to do when you think your teen's best friend is a bad influence? How do you discourage these friendships without inadvertently driving away your child in the process?

Find out more: <http://>

www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/when-your-teens-new-best-friend-is-a-bad-

PBL Vision Statement

**"Cobar High School
strives for excellence**

**in a
safe and respectful
environment".**

Applications are now open!

Layne Beachley and her Aim for the Stars Foundation, is inviting all Australian females aged 12 – 26 years who need funding to achieve goals in their sporting, academic, community, business, environmental or cultural pursuits to complete their applications online.

Any hard-working female who is committed to pursuing her passion and needs financial support deserves a helping hand and should apply for an Aim for the Stars 2014 grant by 15th November 2013.

For more information/details, check out the website below or talk to Mrs Carswell, Girls Adviser.

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

CHARITY AUCTION AND ENTERTAINMENT NIGHT- COPPER CITY MOTEL - 6:30PM

10 OCTOBER 2013



Featuring: Cobar Shire Council's General Manager, Gary Woodman, Peak Gold's Brett Curtain and Garry Silk from CSA.

Not only fundraising for a good cause, but going for a Guinness World Record attempt.

COMING THROUGH COBAR SOON.

Tickets \$25p/p - Contact Susie at the John Mitchell Pharmacy.



Follow us on facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/cobarathletics>

Cobar Little Athletics will be holding registration days in the library alcove on the following dates:

Saturday 14th September, 10am -12pm

Saturday 12th October, 10am to 12pm

If you are unable to attend one of these days you will be able to join at our first meet on Monday 14th October, 5pm at Ward Oval.

Costs this year are as follows:

Tiny tots & under 6s- \$60

Under 7s to 17- \$80

Children 3 years + (born before September 2010) are welcome to join.

Ronny Gibbs 7s Netball

On Wednesday 28th August the Cobar High Open and Under 14 Girls Netball team headed to Bourke to compete in the Ronny Gibbs Netball Gala Day.

Cobar Opens team consisted of Rebekka Manns, Brianna Watson, Brinley Obray, Atlanta Rorke, Stacie Lehmann, Tayla-Rose Zani, Matilda Power, Nikki Gilbert & Kahlie Obray. Cobar started strong on the grass courts defeating Bourke 10-2 in the first match of the day. They were too good for Warren green in the second match winning 9-3 and beat Brewarrina 7-2 in the third. After a 2 hour break the Cobar side were slow to start in the fourth game against Baradine. With only a slight lead into the second half positional changes didn't help the Cobar side who ended up losing 10-8.



The 14/s netball team of Taylah Good, Lisa Ambrose, Emily Carswell, Katherine Dennis, Jessica Nicholson, Tayla Pennell, Gabbi Lennon & Niamh Urquhart played 3 games in the hot conditions. Cobar beat Brewarrina in their first game 6-2 and Warren in the second game 10-7 before going down to Coonamble 5-3. It was a great day despite the heat and all of the Cobar sides displayed sportsmanship. Each player took their turn on the sideline and offered encouragement and support for their team. Well done!



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

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Thursday 12th
September
6.30pm-9:30pm



Young Life Ultimate Wakeboarding Tour!!

MON 30TH SEPT:
LAKE BURRENDONG


TUES 1ST OCT:
NYNGAN

WED 2ND OCT:
CONDOBOLIN

FREE

ADVENTURE Watersports

YoungLife Australia

ADVENTURE Watersports Are you between the ages of 10 - 17?? 

Come and join *Young Life Australia, Adventure Watersports & Josh Sanders* for a day of **WAKEBOARDING, WATER SKIING, TUBING & FUN!!** Each day, a **FREE** BBQ lunch will be provided (BYO lunch if you have dietary requirements).


To participate on the day, you will need to have filled out an indemnity form available from: www.younglife.org.au click on "News & Events" & "Ultimate Wake Boarding Tour" – there will be a form there, as well as more info on the day! Or go to our Facebook page & join our event.

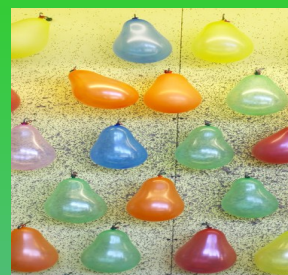
Lake Burrendong: Mon 30th Sept, 10am – 3pm
Bogan River (Nyngan): Tues 1st Oct, 10am – 3pm
Gum Bend Lake (Condobolin): Wed 2nd Oct, 11am – 3pm

More info, contact Heather:
 M: 0411 874 410
 E: heather@younglife.org.au

Young Life Australia aims to build confidence, values & resilience in Australia's young people through significant relationships with adults who model the love of Christ.

http://www.younglife.org.au/upcoming_events.php www.facebook.com/younglifeaustralia/events

 YoungLife Australia



PBL TERM 3 AWARD

STUDENTS ARE REMINDED TO HAND THEIR RAM BANDS IN.

RAINBOW STUDENTS THIS TERM WILL BE ABLE TO ATTEND

SIDE SHOW ALLEY



Cobar Swimming Club

Registration Day
 Wednesday 18th September
 GOLF CLUB Alcove Room (next to restaurant)
 4.30pm – 6pm
 All members old and new welcome
 Club rego payment of \$10 per swimmer required on day of registration
 Online registration payment to be paid at www.nswswimming.com.au before Swimming club commences on 23rd October.



Cobar Market Day

3rd Saturday of Every Month
 Next Market Day 21st September
Jumping Castle, Live Music in the Rotunda, lots of family fun for everyone



New to the Market Day:
 Jelly cakes, spring rolls, bacon & egg rolls, children's clothes, ladies clothes, homemade goods, plus much much more.....

Venue: Drummond Park, Cobar
 Time: 9am to 2.30pm
 To book a Stall contact:
 Jillian Law
 0417 725931
 Next month Market Day is 19th October

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 10

- Year 7: Music-Assessment Task
Science-IRP Final Report
- Year 8: Science-Forces and Energy Test
- Year 9: Elective History
IST
- Year 10: Elective History
IST
- Year 11: Crossroads

AECG AGM

Wednesday 23rd October

11:30am

Cobar Public School

All Welcome

What's On - Week 10 Term 3, Week 1 Term 4

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| Monday 16th September: | Year 11 Crossroads; Council Chambers:
Resource & Infrastructure Training; Dubbo: S Carter |
| Tuesday 17th September: | Year 11 Crossroads; Council Chambers:
Resource & Infrastructure Training; Dubbo: S Carter |
| Wednesday 18th September: | Year 11 Crossroads; Council Chambers:
Resource & Infrastructure Training; Dubbo: S Carter
Davidson Shield: B Jacobson, N Matthews |
| Friday 20th September: | Year 12 Presentation Day; MPC: 10:00am
End of Term 3 |
| Monday 7th October: | Labour Day Holiday |
| Tuesday 8th October: | Start of Term 4 |
| Friday 11th October: | Term 3 Awards Assembly; MPC: 10:00am |

P & C Meeting

Tuesday 15th October
School Library
7:30pm
ALL WELCOME