



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

20th March, 2014

2014 Term 1

School Photos

Monday 24th March

Geography Competition Years 7-10

Tuesday 25th March

Parent Teacher Interviews

Wednesday 2nd April
5pm-7pm

Moorambilla Workshop

Friday 4th April
1:30-3:30pm

School P & C AGM

Tuesday 1st April
7:30pm
School Library

Year 12

Half Yearly Exams
Monday 7th April -
Friday 11th April

PBL Rewards Day

Yrs 7-8 Tuesday 9th April
Yrs 9-11 Wednesday 10th April

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Behaviour
for Learning**

Respect.

Excellence.

Safety



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Relieving Director of Public Schools NSW

During Weeks 10 and 11 Term 1 (31st March—11th April) I will be Relieving for Paul Loxley as the Director of Public Schools NSW—Western Plains Network. Shane Carter will be Relieving Principal at Cobar High during this time.

Data from Sentral—our new system

Congratulations to 80% of our students who have been exemplary students so far this term. What a wonderful effort from all these students.

Congratulations to the following 6 students in **Year 12** and 8 students in **Year 11** who have as of 11th March achieved greater than **90% attendance** at every class this year:

Year 12: Josephine Anderson, Cori Clark, Kane Garbutt, Atlanta Rorke, Rebekkah Manns and Brinley Obray.

Year 11: Joshua Bain-Smith, Rowan Florance, Ben Jones, Sese Mutero, Robert Patten, Callum Sinclair, Toby Smith and Tahl Thomas.

This is what we expect from all our Senior Students.

Head Teacher Mathematics

There were no suitable applicants for this position again. It will not be advertised again until Term 4. For the remainder of this year Ms Amie Jacklin will continue to act in this position.

Sails

We have just replaced another two sails to maintain the shade in the bottom quad. We will budget for the remainder (3 to go) in next year's budget.



Assisted Travel

We have approval for assisted travel for a student from Nymagee. We have someone willing to do the morning run. We need someone who is willing to travel out on the bus in the afternoon with the student and then return back to town on the empty bus. If you know someone who would be willing, please contact the school. They must have or be willing to obtain a Working With Children Check.

PBL Focus

Week 9—Wear correct school uniform
Week 10— Strive for personal best

Executive Staff:

Principal: Sue Francisco
Deputy Principal: Shane Carter
Head Teacher English: Carolyn McMurtrie
Head Teacher Maths/PDHPE: Amie Jacklin (Rlg)
Head Teacher Science/TAS: Andrew Watts
Head Teacher HSIE: John Carswell
Head Teacher Teaching & Learning: Peter Luck
School Admin Manager: Merryn McIntyre

Year Advisers 2014

Year 6: Lena Dean
Year 7: Doug Armstrong
Year 8: Andrew Coffey
Year 9: Cassandra Locke
Year 10: Daniel Inkley
Year 11: Amber Rook
Year 12: Chris Marshall
SRC Co-Ordinator: Chris Marshall
Girls Adviser: Leanne Carswell

MATHS / PDHPE REPORT

It is a somewhat rare occurrence for a student to be seen lingering around a Mathematics staff room. Children avoid Mathematics in any way possible. However, with a new Head Teacher and several new Classroom Teachers, the Maths/PE Staff room is shaping up to be the place to be this year at Cobar High. With a fresh outlook and youthful exuberance, we are thus far achieving great things in both Mathematics and PDHPE this year.

Amie Jacklin has taken up the position as Head Teacher in Mathematics and PE this year, with big shoes to fill. However, she couldn't be more excited and is constantly heard around the staff room, stating things such as "This is going to be the best year ever for Cobar, and PE and Maths will be leading the way."

Furthermore, with new Mathematics Classroom Teachers, Brock Ford and Matt Klopper, the students are rushing to fill the front rows of their Maths Classes.

This is no more apparent than in the Year 7 classrooms, where students have spent the beginning of the year learning about Whole Numbers, with a broad new range of things they have not encountered before High School. While students often have trouble envisioning the concept of negative numbers, this year's cohort have shown great mathematical maturity in learning the subject matter.

Year 8 has begun in similar fashion, with indices, area and perimeter filling the majority of their time. While some concepts remain difficult to grasp, the greater portion of Year 8 has taken huge steps to fulfilling their mathematical potential.

Year 9 and 10 also began the year by trying to grasp the notions of indices, and their place in the world. So if your child begins talking about gaining powers, encourage them, don't tell them powers are just for TV shows.

Year 11 and 12 have also had a bright start to the year and continue on their road to the HSC, and, hopefully, gainful employment.

From the PE side of things, students have also been using numbers; this time to calculate their BMI. For those who don't know, the Body Mass Index is a reasonable tool to indicate whether a person is healthy or not, and can be very useful to people of all ages.

Students have also taken part in the Beep test, which is gruelling to say the least. However, many students have shown extreme fitness, and scored very well. Hopefully they can maintain this fitness throughout their schooling, and indeed, lives.

This spike in Maths and PE participation, coupled with our already highly competent PE and Maths team, including the aforementioned, plus Chris Marshall, Bianca Jacobson, Gavin Fogarty and Robert Phillis, are going to make this the best year ever for Cobar.



COBAR HIGH -V- NYNGAN HIGH

OPEN BOYS AND GIRLS TOUCH FOOTBALL

Cobar High School Open Boys and Girls Touch Football teams travelled to Nyngan on Monday 17th March to compete in Round 1 & 2 of the Combined High Schools knockout competition.

The girl's team played Warren in the first round, they started strong with Nikki Gilbert scoring for her team in the first set and impacting again on her second touch of the ball gaining another try. Nikki's third try was disallowed after she stepped over the sideline however Cobar had a comfortable lead 2-Nil at half time. Katherine Dennis, Brianna Watson and Taylah Good all showed some fancy footwork in the second half, each scoring tries. Zoe Carter, Brinley Obray and Makaila Gordon put their bodies on the line, diving for tries which unfortunately were not allowed. Atlanta Rorke and Tayla Pennell also tried hard throughout the game, making numerous tags and having some good runs. Cobar defeated Warren 5-0.

In the second round Cobar played Nyngan who had progressed due to a forfeit from Bourke. Nyngan were too strong for Cobar and scored 4 early tries deep in the pocket. Nyngan lead 5-0 at half time. Cobar had a strong second half matching their opposition 2-2 in tries for the half. Brianna Watson scored early in the second half with a little fake to the right then slid on through. Nyngan eventually won the match 7-2.



The open boys team played Warren in the first round and started off with pace and a try in the first few minutes of the game. The boys continued to show diligence and made good tags to stop some possible tries. Unfortunately they began to feel the heat of the hot day and allowed some easy tries to be scored by Warren. At halftime the score was quite close being 5-3 Warren leading. Cobar went into the second half trying to make up the difference and to get back in the lead, but sadly a few mistakes and Warren went onto a scoring spree with the final score being 10-4.

In the second game against Bourke, the start of the match was quite slower than the previous game, with Cobar going in for two quick tries made from breaking the defence with speed. This was a boost for the Cobar side but quickly came back to reality when Bourke replied with tries of their own. With the half time siren the score was 3-6 Bourke's way. Cobar came into the second half strong by scoring two tries but Bourke wasn't giving up making three breaks down the side line to take the match out with a final score of 5-9.

Cobar High was represented by: Atlanta Rorke, Zoe Carter, Makaila Gordon, Taylah Good, Tayla Pennell, Nikki Gilbert, Brinley Obray, Brianna Watson, Katherine Dennis, Kody Martin, Jacob Ryan, Bryan Mitchell, John Taylor, Quinton Place, Jesse Potter, Lochlan Ford, Henry Brookman, Eschar Luck, Tyson Brilley and Michael Kanavale. Both Cobar teams displayed great sportsmanship on the day and we would like to thank Mr David Gordon for driving the bus.

BATYR RURAL OUTREACH PROGRAM

COBAR

where: Cobar Bowling & Golf Club

when: Wed 26 March. 6-9pm

invitation open to all community member - BBQ provided by Cobar Bowling & Golf Club

30

STUDENTS
PER AVERAGE
CLASS IN
AUSTRALIA

7

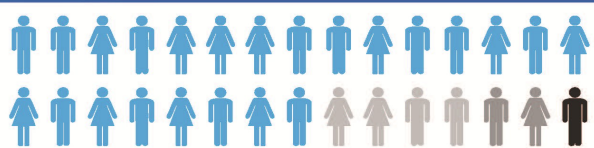
WILL BE
DEALING WITH
A SERIOUS
MENTAL ILLNESS

2

WILL SEEK
PROFESSIONAL
HELP

1

WILL
ATTEMPT
SUICIDE



CHANGING THE STIGMA BY TALKING ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH

what is it?

The Batyr Rural Outreach program is a lived experience speaker story followed by a Q&A discussion panel open to all community members. The Q&A panel will consist of Batyr representatives, a local young person and local mental health professionals.

what's it all about?

We aim to build a happier, healthier generation of young people by educating the community about the first hand benefits of reaching out and seeking help for yourself or your friends. To build a happier, healthier generation of young people by eliminating the stigma around mental health.

testimonials

"The students enjoyed and appreciated Batyr's excellent presentation and felt that they had gained an insight into this important and often neglected issue" - Principal

"It was engaging and gave us an idea of real life experiences" - Student, Year 11

"I found it reliable and practical. It was inspirational" - Student, Year 10

"Great to be able to participate in activities instead of just listening to a talk" - Student, Year 10

"Engaging and humorous" - Student, Year 11

to get more info on the program, contact

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BATYR'S
RURAL OUTREACH
PROGRAMS

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GIVING A VOICE TO THE
ELEPHANT IN THE ROOM

Essay help video

Teachers talk about essay structure and how parents can help, even if they're not familiar with the topic. The package comes complete with a range of useful reference sheets on tasks such as critical analysis, evidence and references.

Find out more: [http://](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/writing-essays)

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Comprehension help at home

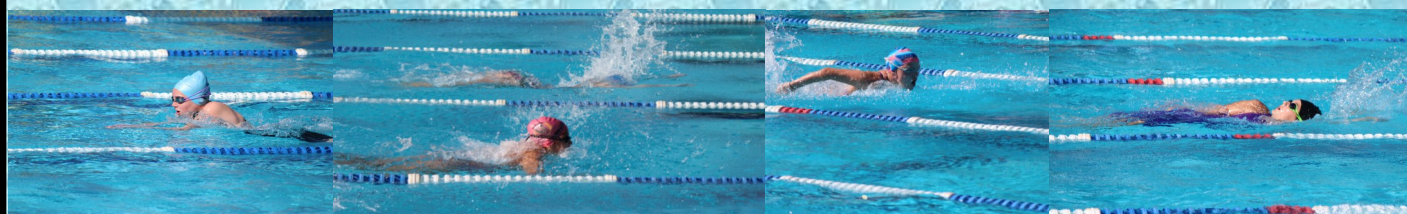
Every subject relies on students having the ability to understand what they're reading and then use the information in a certain way. **Here's how to check your child's comprehension and help them to improve.**

Find out more: [http://](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/reading-comprehension-strategies-you-can)

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Regional Swimming Carnival

We had an outstanding number of students represent Cobar High School (CHS) at the Western Region Swimming carnival in Dubbo on the 6th of March. A total of 11 CHS students competed on the day and displayed great sportsmanship with plenty of cheering and support for each other. It was a fantastic day with nearly all students breaking personal best times. To top off the day we had four students qualify for State. Liam Richardson and Thomas Jones placed 2nd in their 100m Butterfly events. These two boys along with Mason Pennell and Shaun Richardson will be also swimming in the U15s 4x50m relay team in Sydney which placed 2nd in Dubbo to qualify. We also entered a girls all age medley relay and an U14s 4x50m freestyle relay team with the girls receiving reputable results. Well done and thank you to all those students that competed and represented our school. Good Luck to the four boys who will be competing in Sydney in early April! Well done, Liam Richardson, Shaun Richardson, Taylah Good, Lauren Urquhart, Abby Carswell, Thomas Jones, Mason Pennell, Julianna Barrett, Toby Black, Makaila Gordon and Niamh Urquhart.



National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

If your child is currently in Year 3, 5, 7 or 9, they'll sit NAPLAN tests this May. And despite what you may have heard, there's no reason to panic or start an intensive study schedule for your child.

Find out more: [http://](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/all-about-naplan)

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For Sale

Cobar High School
Annual Magazine

VERDIGRIS

a collection of pages
representing 2013

Where: Cobar High School Front Office

DVD: \$5.00 (available now)

Printed Copy: \$15.00 (orders can be placed for these)

Parent Line

NSW

Phone: 1300 1300 52

9am-9pm Monday to Friday

4pm-9pm Saturday & Sunday

info@ParentLine.org

PBL **Vision Statement**

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

Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents in Cobar



Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why Roads and Maritime Services has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become a safer drivers.

A FREE Roads and Maritime Services parents' workshop will be hosted by David Riches on Wednesday April 2nd at the Cobar Bowling and Golf Club from 5.30 pm – 7.30 pm.

SCHOOL CALCULATORS & MATHEMATICS SETS

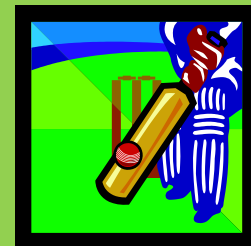
The School Front Office have a new shipment of school calculators and mathematics sets.

The price has increased, they now cost

\$25.00



OPEN BOYS CRICKET VERSUS PARKES



Not quite a walk in the

After Narromine's forfeit, Cobar was drawn to play against Parkes, who had narrowly defeated the Nyngan High School. A four hour bus ride and competitive fixture lay in wait at Parkes' home ground.

The young Cobar lads began their odyssey at the mercy of the cricketing gods. Two senior players and their coach were confronted by a wild goat and its kid when retrieving the team kit at the spritely hour of 6am. Luckily for them, no harm was done. Sleepy-headed and slow-witted they managed to evade the startled animals. This certainly ensured the bus got off to a light-hearted start ahead of the journey that lay ahead. Alas! Just as Cobar neared the (famous) Dish, the heavens opened. Enough goading around! The boys were almost inconsolable but a quick phone call to the opposition coach assured that play would go on. It was only a passing shower.

Sent in to bat, the Cobar lads were valiant from the outset. Sent in, (without having a look at the sticky, rain-affected wicket beforehand), they evaded steeply rising balls; sometimes taking blows to protect their wicket with the goal of a formidable total. Dillon- their leader- batted stoically for 20-odd, pouncing on anything remotely loose (the wet outfield deprived him of 10 runs at least). Bain-Smith threatened to take the game away from the Parkes team, only to be given out for 23 after his fourth consecutive attempt at a lusty blow. Cobar finished all out for 75.

75 was always going to be tough to defend, however, Parkes still had to get them. As the old adage goes, 'runs on the board'. So after a dynamic warm up of ground fielding and catching, the Cobar team, begun at their opposition with a few mind games, namely four extras in the opening two overs. Perhaps they were off-target? Perhaps they were lulling the adversary into a false sense of security? Time would tell of their wiliness. Despite some terrific fielding and bowling from the two greenest members of their squad, Good and Anderson. Cobar fell to their more disciplined and fancied foe, losing by six wickets in the 19th over.

Cobar Highs team: Braith Good, Ben Anderson, James Anderson, Pat Hallcroft, Dillon Menadue, Matt Dillon, Kody Martin, Bryan Mitchell, Jesse Potter, Blake Toomey, Joshua Bain-Smith and Toby Black.

Nolan Matthews
Cobar HS

NAPLAN 2014

Students in Years 7 and 9 will sit the NAPLAN benchmark process in Term 2. While all students are encouraged to participate, it is not compulsory. The data generated through this assessment program provides students, families, and schools with a clear idea of the fundamental literacy and numeracy skills students possess. At Cobar High the school executive use the NAPLAN data to plan for whole school educational programs, and classroom teachers use it to tailor their teaching programs to best suit the learning needs of individual students.

This year the tests will be on the following dates:

Language Conventions and Writing – 13th May

Reading – 14th May

Numeracy (calculator and non-calculator) – 15th May

Catch-up tests for absent students - 16th May

In the lead-up to NAPLAN students will be completing normal class content that is presented in a manner to assist them to prepare for the tests. For example, their Science teacher may present information about Electricity in a worksheet that is the same format as the NAPLAN Reading test. Their PE teacher may ask them to complete numeracy tasks based on their 'Beep-test results' using a template of the NAPLAN Numeracy test.

If you have any questions concerning the NAPLAN process please contact the school.

Student Attendance

Regular attendance at school is important for students to reach their potential. From time to time students will be absent from school. The school is required to record the reason for any absence.

Acceptable reasons for an absence include;

- Sick leave
- Misadventure or unforeseen events
- Participation in special events not related to the school
- Domestic necessity, such as the serious illness of a family member
- Attendance at a funeral
- Recognised religious festivals or other ceremonial occasions

Please be aware that a note which declares a student is late because they over-slept or their alarm failed to go off may not be accepted as a justified excuse. The school principal may decline to accept a reason provided.

If you have any concerns about school attendance, please contact Mr Shane Carter.

Cobar High School P & C Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 1st April

School Library

All Welcome

AECG Meeting

Wednesday 2nd April

1:00pm

Cobar High School

All Welcome

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS 2014

Each year our students are offered the opportunity to participate in external competitions run by the University of NSW, The Australian Geographical Society and the History Teachers Association of Australia. These competitions provide our students with valuable experience of testing procedures outside our school environment. Dates for 2014 entry fees and competition dates 2014 entry fees and competition dates are:

Subject	Entries and Payment to CHS close	Test Date	Entry Fee
Australian Geography	Thur 13 February 2014 (Term 1)	Mon 24 March – Fri 4 April (Term 1)	\$3.00
Aust. History (Years 8 & 10 only)	Fri 28 March 2014 (Term 1)	Wed 28 May (Term 2)	\$6.00
Computer Skills	Thur 10 April 2014 (Term 1)	Tues 20 May (Term 2)	\$8.80
Science	Thur 10 April 2014 (Term 1)	Wed 4 June (Term 2)	\$8.80
Writing	Thur 8 May 2014 (Term 2)	Mon 16 June (Term 2)	\$18.70
Spelling (Year 7 only)	Thur 8 May 2014 (Term 2)	Tues 17 June (Term 2)	\$12.10
English	Thur 19 June 2014 (Term 2)	Tues 29 July (Term 3)	\$8.80
Mathematics	Thur 19 June 2014 (Term 2)	Tues 12 August (Term 3)	\$8.80

Payment must be received by the due dates, or if you prefer, several/all entries may be paid in advance. It would be appreciated if correct money (cash or cheque) could be brought to the Administration Office as we do not carry change.

All students are invited to participate in any/all of the competitions. If your student is not in a Select Class, information and return slips may be obtained from Year Advisers or the Front Office.

We wish your student well in the competitions and thank you for supporting your child's learning.

HAWAII

SRC DISCO

Wednesday March 26th

6:30 — 9:30pm

School MPC

let's dance

Assessment Schedules Week 9

Year 7:	Music-Unit Test
Year 8:	Music Science-Forensics
Year 9:	PDHPE PASS Elective History
Year 10:	Australian History PASS Elective History
Year 11:	Mathematics PDHPE
Year 12:	English Standard English Studies Community & Family Studies

Assessment Schedules Week 10

Year 7:	Maths Science-Matter Topic Test
Year 8:	Maths Task PDHPE-Lifelong Physical Activity
Year 9:	Mathematics English
Year 10:	PDHPE Mathematics
Year 11:	Chemistry English Standard

What's On - Week 9 & 10 Term 1 2014

Monday 24th March:	School Photo's Professional Learning; Sydney: S Francisco
Tuesday 25th March:	Geography Competition Rugby League Gala Day
Wednesday 26th March:	Schoolboys Trophy Rugby League SRC School Disco
Thursday 27th March:	PBL Training; Broken Hill: B Jacobson, J Carswell G Martin
Friday 28th March:	PBL Training; Broken Hill: B Jacobson, J Carswell G Martin
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