



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

6th March, 2014

2014 Term 1

Touch Football
Monday 17th March

Immunisation
Tuesday 18th March

**Combined High School
Netball**
Thursday 20th March

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

Year 12
Half Yearly Exams
Monday 7th April -
Friday 11th April

**Positive
Behaviour
for Learning**

Respect.

Excellence.

Safety



Where There's a Will There's a Way



**PBL
RESPECT
DAY**



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Homework Centre

CSA Mine Glencore is no longer sponsoring the Homework Centre. Teaching staff are committed to assisting our students and recognise the value of the Homework Centre for those students who utilise it. Staff have committed to staffing the Homework Centre on Thursday afternoons from 3:30pm—5:00pm. There will be two staff members on duty each Thursday. **Homework Centre will begin on Thursday 13th March.** My thanks and appreciation to staff who have volunteered.

Attendance

It is important that students attend school everyday. It is also an excellent life and work skill to develop to be on time for school everyday. There are a number of students who think that it is OK to arrive at school after the official starting time. Important information and announcements are given out at Morning Muster which all students need to hear. Students also miss out on the important start of a lesson if they are late and they disrupt the learning of other students when they arrive to class late. Please ensure that your student is on time for school.

Sentral

Sentral is our new system for recording data in the school. It gives us a wealth of information which enables us to make better decisions. One example is that it gives us the percentage of attendance for each student in each subject. Looking at the **Year 12 attendance, there are only four students who have greater than 80% for all of their classes.** This is a distressing statistic. How can students hope to achieve if they are not attending classes. Please ensure that your student is at school for every lesson every day unless there is a legitimate reason. Employers would not find this statistic satisfactory. Students should be learning life long skills whilst at school.

Cobar High School App

A reminder that there is now a Cobar High School App that can be downloaded to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for **Cobar High School**. Once you have found it press install or download. You can access the newsletter without going to our website and you can send in absence notes. Messages are being sent to the app with up to date information. If you have trouble finding it for your ipad, search in iphone only apps.

P & C Annual General Meeting

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Tuesday 1st April 7:30pm in the Library. All parents are encouraged to attend.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 2nd April from 5—7pm in the MPC. Students will be given booking sheets on Monday 24th March.

Positive Behaviour for Learning Focus

Week 7 10th March—Keep playground clean and tidy.

Week 8 17th March —Use toilets before school, at recess and lunch

These are small things but if everyone is doing them, it will make a huge difference.

New Staff

As mentioned in the last newsletter, our enrolments for 2014 have increased. We have received our staffing for 2014 and will be able to employ another teaching staff member. This will happen in the next few weeks.

Sue Francisco

Executive Staff:

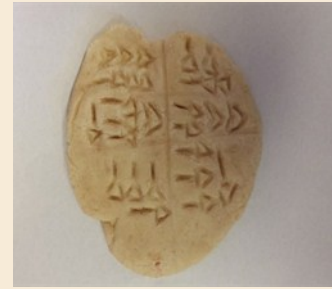
Principal: Sue Francisco
Deputy Principal: Shane Carter
Head Teacher English: Carolyn McMurtrie
Head Teacher Mathematics/PDHPE: Amie Jacklin (Rlg)
Head Teacher Science/TAS: Andrew Watts
Head Teacher HSIE: John Carswell
Head Teacher Teaching & Learning: Peter Luck
School Admin Manager: Merryn McIntyre

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

HSIE REPORT

As part of the National Curriculum Year 7 students have been learning about The Ancient World and the ways in which we investigate the past. Students from 7U were shown an ancient form of writing called cuneiform and asked to use bakers clay and paddle pop sticks to produce their own cuneiform tablet. Students tried to write their first name but found it extremely challenging due to the numerous characters which are used to represent one letter in their names. Students developed an empathy for the challenges which the ancient people faced in communicating with one another.



If you notice your Year 8 student snooping about the house, checking labels on their clothing, country of origin on packaging in the pantry, or place of manufacture on various other goods around the house this may be due to them currently studying the way our world is becoming increasingly globalised. Beware, they may use it as an excuse to shop online, Skype their friends or game online with overseas pals. Sadly, the current situation in the Australia automotive industry and at QANTAS are providing students with contemporary examples of some of the economic impacts of this global process.

9/10 Commerce have been going down the street examining what makes you go into shops. They then investigated what makes you spend your money once you have been lured into the shop.



Year 10 have been studying Australia's involvement in the Vietnam War. Follow the link to see how the history of a famous photo has been doctored. <http://www.smh.com.au/national/truth-comes-for-vietnam-vet-after-department-played-god-with-famous-photograph-20140301-33soo.html>



FIRST ROUND UNDER 15 NETBALL KNOCKOUT COMPETITION

On Friday 21st February, Cobar High School students travelled to Bourke for the first round of the CHS knockout competition. This is the first time Cobar has played in the 15 Year division and we got off to a great start leading 7-2 after the first quarter. Sisters Emily and Abby Carswell teamed up well in the centre court and fed the ball beautifully to shooters Lauren Urquhart and Sara Langfield. Stephanie Mitchell came into GS in the 2nd quarter increasing Cobar's intensity with strong drives towards the ball and great communication. At half time Cobar led 17/4. Katherine Dennis took the C role in the 3rd quarter before dropping back into WA. Niamh Urquhart, Taylah Good, Taylah Pennell and Annie Mugugia shared the defensive roles. The defense end worked tirelessly in a game that was very back and forth. Great rebounding and tips were coming from all the Cobar girls and the determination for the ball was evident with a number of falls on the sandy tennis court surface. All players are congratulated on their sportsmanship and their efforts during what was a hot game in the sun. Leanne Carswell and Mary Urquhart accompanied Cobar on the trip to Bourke and umpired and scored the game. Cobar finished with a winning score of 26-5. Cobar will now take on the winner of Nyngan and Warren.



2014 SOCCER SEASON STARTING SOON

Players must be turning at least
5 years in 2014

REGO AT WARD OVAL CANTEENSATUR-
DAY 8TH MARCH 9:30-11:00AM
MONDAY 10TH MARCH 4-6PM
WEDNESDAY 12TH MARCH 4-6PM
SATURDAY 15TH MARCH 9:30-11:00AM

*For any further information or for an emailed
rego form to save time on rego days please*

Rego \$65 (includes player insurance)

Email: mandygrant@aapt.net.au

or call Mandy on (02) 6836 2979



UNDER 18's POOL PARTY
WHERE: COBAR POOL
COST: ENTRY \$3

Children under 10 must be
supervised by a person over 16
FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE AND DRINK

NO ALCOHOL | NO DRUGS | NO PASSOUTS

All Blue Light events are drug and alcohol free and supervised
by Police Officers



www.pycnsw.org.au

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)**

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.

Helping your daughter say no to peer pressure

Your daughter's school friends are her closest confidants and her meanest critics. Experts on teen girl angst share their wisdom on taking the heat out of peer pressure.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/helping-your-daughter-say-no-to-peer-pressure>

Managing risk-taking in teen boys

Today's 'Nintendo' generation of teen boys get to save the world every day on the computer. In the real world, they can be forbidden from going down the road alone.

It's a conundrum parents need to be aware of because without the chance to take part in real adventures, things can become a bit dull – teen boys' desire to explore life can get out of hand if they're not given some space to do it safely.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour/managing-risk-taking-with-teen-boys>



A welcome return in 2014 to the school's computer club. Affectionately known as the Gamers' Educational Entertainment Knowledge Society, these students gather around the warming glow of the computer screen not to **play** games, but to **make** them. In the 3 years we have been meeting, most members have gone from using online click and drag software to far more complex coding, with many now having the fundamentals of 'Python' or 'C++'. The group is developing a 2-D platform scrolling game that takes the player on a journey through time and space. Some students are responsible for character & story design, others the artwork, while the elite coders crunch the actual sigils which the hard drive converts into a thing of pixelated beauty. The 2014 Year 7 cohort has seen several keen and talented members joining the fun.

A particular thank you to **Robert Patten**, who has been introducing students to the basics of Kodu Game Lab. This is available as a free download and is one of the several excellent programs that can start gamers along the yellow brick road.....

Be there, or be regular quadrilateral !

<http://www.kodugamelab.com/>

<http://scratch.mit.edu/>

<https://www.scirra.com/construct2>

<http://www.sploder.com/>

<http://unity3d.com/>

<http://www.yoyogames.com/studio>

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.

Developing resilience

We often hear complaints of "That's not fair!" from our kids when things don't go their way. Teachers talk about how you can help your child develop the skills to bounce back from everyday disappointments.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/developing-resilience-in-your-child>

When older kids struggle with reading

If your child is struggling with reading, it's important to act on it immediately. Find out what you can do to help.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/english/english-tips/when-older-kids-struggle-with-reading>

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE FROM : Ms Jacklin (PDHPE/Maths Staffroom)



2014 FAR WEST ACADEMY GOLF SQUAD TRIALS

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

- Golfers turning 12-18 years of age in 2014 (ie born between 1996-2002)
- Golfers who reside in the Far West region of NSW (ie area bounded by Lake Cargelligo – Lightning Ridge, Trangie -Broken Hill)

Where	Warren Golf Club, Oxley Highway
Time	9:30am – 12:00pm
Cost	FREE

Nominations close **Friday 21 March, 2014**

How to Register

Complete a registration form and return it to:

Far West Academy of Sport
PO Box 409, Warren NSW 2824; or
Email: fwas@communities.nsw.gov.au
Phone: (02) 6847 3638
Fax: (02) 6847 3651



Saturday 22 March, 2014

Transport

Athletes are required to coordinate their own travel to attend trials. The FWAS recommends car pooling where possible.

What to bring

Appropriate golf training clothes, golf clubs, buggy, sunscreen, drinks, hat, sweat towel and tape for strapping if required.

Program Benefits

- Monthly coaching sessions with FWAS Squad Coach
- Opportunity to be involved in JNJG and Golf NSW player pathways
- Education and personal development sessions
- Opportunities to participate in tours and regional tournaments
- Increased opportunities to achieve higher representative honours
- Support from FWAS staff to achieve your goals

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 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.

Assessment Schedules Week 7 & 8

Week 7

Year 11: Biology
Ancient History
Year 12: Photography Visual Arts

Week 8

Year 9: Science
Commerce
Year 10: Science
Commerce
Year 11: Sport Lifestyle & Recreation
Year 12: Music
Sport Lifestyle & Recreation

PBL **Vision Statement**

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

Cobar High School P & C Annual General Meeting

Tuesday 1st April
School Library
All Welcome

What's On - Week 7 & 8 Term 1 2014

Monday 17th March: Touch Football; Nyngan: A Jacklin
Tuesday 18th March: Year 7 and Year 9 Immunisation
Wednesday 19th March: PBL Classroom Training
Thursday 20th March: Combined High Schools Netball: A Jacklin

AECG Meeting

Wednesday 2nd April
1:00pm
Cobar High School
All Welcome