



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

3rd April, 2014

2014

Term 1

Moorambilla Workshop

Friday 4th April

1:30-3:30pm

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

Term 1 ends

Friday 11th April

Term 2

Staff Return

Monday 28th April

Students Return

Tuesday 29th April

Term 1

Awards Assembly

MPC

Friday 2nd May

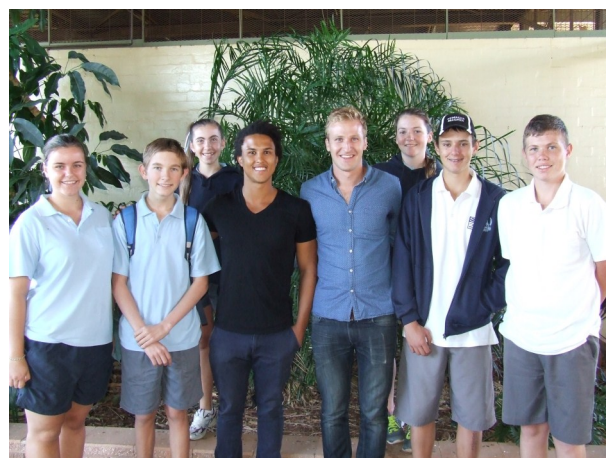
10:00am

Year 7 Excursion

6th - 9th May



Where There's a Will There's a Way



**Positive
Behaviour
for Learning**

Respect.

Excellence.

Safety

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Attendance

If your student has an attendance rate of 80% it means they will miss the equivalent of a whole school year between Years 7—11.

Batyr

Is an organisation that aims to improve the mental health for young people. Last week ex Cobarrite Brian Coleman visited the school inviting students to an information evening. Over a dozen students attended the evening. The next step is up to the students, as the organisation only helps those communities that ask for help.



Parent Teacher Evening

A successful evening was attended by over 80 parents. Most teachers were busy for the entire time, an exciting occurrence. This shows how important a parents involvement is in their child's education and the school's willingness to involve parents in all aspects of school.



Exercise Program

We are currently trialing an exercise program with the 8E class. The students are having 3, 20 minutes exercise sessions per day. The aim is to help them focus on their work in class

PBL Rewards Day

Currently over 100 students have achieved the rainbow band reward this term. These students will participate in a game show and obstacle course reward, completely organised by their SRC next Wednesday or Thursday. Well done to all these students

PBL Focus

Week 11- Stay in bounds

Week 1- Collect and carry 'Out of Class Note'

John Carswell

Rlg Deputy Principal

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

SCIENCE/TAS DEPARTMENT REPORT

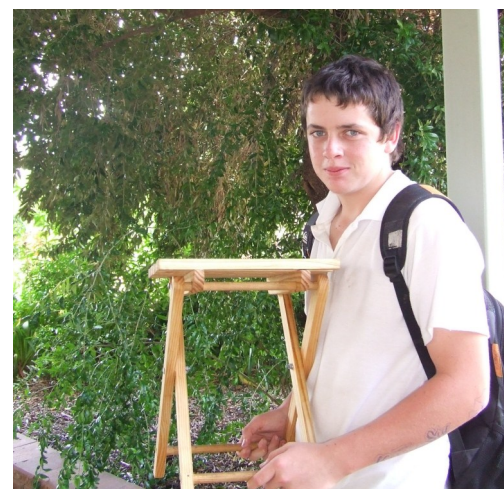
Once again it has been a busy start to the year for the Science and TAS faculty. Firstly I would like to welcome Ms Wendy Thomson to the faculty as a permanent TAS teacher specialising in Food and Textiles Technology. Ms Thomson brings a wealth of experience with her having taught for many years in Queensland.



In the Science faculty the Science teachers have been busy writing their teaching programs for the new curriculum which has begun in Years 7 and 9 this year and will continue into Years 8 and 10 next year. Our focus in these new programs has been to develop a logical and sequential series of steps to develop both the knowledge and skills of the students at Cobar High School.

This week (Week 10) will see the finishing off of the first round of assessment tasks in the junior school with Year 7 sitting for their Matter topic test and Years 8, 9 and 10 already completing theirs. Year 10 meanwhile, have already been issued their next assessment task which is an Individual Research Project (IRP). This week will also see the results of the ESSA test go home to all Year 9 students who sat the test last year. Last year there was a slight improvement on the results from the previous year especially in the area of working scientifically. This year in Mandatory Technology the subjects covered will each go for a semester rather than a term to further extend the development of the student's skills. At present 7D and 7G are both doing Woodwork while 7U are doing Computers and Textiles. In Year 8 the students are either studying Metalwork or Food Technology and they will also change at the beginning of Term 3. The students studying Metal work have enjoyed making their plaques and key rings. They are just starting to learn how to follow a plan, mark out, cut out and bend sheet metal to make a dustpan. Many of the students are finding the measuring and interpreting of a plan to be difficult with most rising to the challenge and developing a new skill set.

In 9/10 Woodwork the students have been making fold up stools out of timber with most having been nearly completed. They are now beginning the process of marking with the students involved in marking other students jobs to gain an understanding of what a job displaying excellence looks like.



In the senior years Year 11 Industrial Technology is working hard to understand how to correctly develop a folio. In this case it is on different wood joints and using four different types to make a birdhouse. Construction has been making saw horses for use in the development of their carpentry skills and next term are to begin brick and block laying.

A reminder to all parents that it is departmental policy that all students wear the correct footwear when at school. The requirement is that they are leather covered to prevent injury. Students who do not have the correct footwear will be excluded from any practical lessons in the Science and TAS faculty.





NETBALL

Open Netball report

On Thursday 20th March Cobar High School Open Girls Netball Team travelled to Dubbo to compete in the Western region CHS knockout competition. Leaving before the sun came up, it was a long day for the girls in hot conditions. First up Cobar had to face Dubbo Senior College who were warmed-up and ready to go. Cobar were competitive during the first half of the match with Dubbo only having a slight lead into half time. Cobar lacked communication and at times disbelief in their abilities and allowed Dubbo, who were eventual winners of the day, to extend the lead and finish the game victorious 23-10. Broken Hill failed to show up so Cobar received a bye for the second game. The final pool game was against Bourke where Cobar won convincingly 11-1. In the finals Cobar had to play Nyngan in a 40 min match. All nine players got a run during the match and there were only 2 goals in it at half time. Unfortunately, Nyngan pulled away in the third quarter and despite saving our best quarter til last Cobar were unable to come back going down 34-19. Cathy Manns and Larell Obray both spent their birthdays chaperoning the girls and we wish them a Happy Birthday and thank them for driving us.

Cobar High School Open Netball Team:

Emily Carswell, Taylah Good, Gabbi Lennon, Nikki Gilbert, Kahlie Obray, Josie Anderson, Brinley Obray, Rebekka Manns, Brianna Watson.

15s Netball Report

On Monday 24th March, Cobar hosted Nyngan in the second round of the CHS knockout competition. Nyngan travelled to Cobar, after postponing the week prior, for a 2pm start. After taking a chance with the weather it was decided that the game would go ahead at Ward Oval. Cobar's side started the game impressively with accurate shooting from Lauren Urquhart and Steph Mitchell, taking them to a 1 goal lead at the first break. A minor ankle injury to Centre Abby Carswell early in the second quarter saw Katherine Dennis pick-up the Centre position while Abby was treated on the side-line. Emily Carswell fed some beautiful lobbs into the shooting circle and Tayla Pennell applied great pressure to the Nyngan side with her long reach. Niamh Urquhart and Taylah Good worked tirelessly defending Nyngan shooters. It was a very close game with only 1 goal in it for 45minutes of netball. Nyngan had a 1 goal advantage heading into the final quarter but by then Cobar had run out of steam. Annie Mugugia and Sara Langfield worked hard until the end, however Nyngan were too strong in the final 15minutes blowing the score out to 32-24 their way.

Mary Urquhart did a fantastic job as Cobar umpire and Heather Bishop our scorer.

Cobar High School 15s Netball Team:

Lauren Urquhart, Steph Mitchell, Sara Langfield, Emily Carswell, Abby Carswell, Katherine Dennis, Annie Mugugia, Tayla Pennell, Taylah Good, Niamh Urquhart.



Cobar Market Day
Saturday 5th April
9am-2pm @ Drummond Park

Easter Colouring Competition & Games

BBQ, Slushies, Fairy Floss, Fruit & Vege, The Lolly Jar, The Dough Factory, Pretty Please, Gecks Beef Jerky, Lil Troops, Cobar Fun Faces, WSPA Performances

If you would like to book a stall please contact us via our facebook page 'Cobar Market Day' or call us on 0448 365 083.

& much much more !!

The poster features a green background with a yellow and pink plaid border. It includes a cartoon rabbit and several colorful Easter eggs.

Cobar High School P & C

The AGM for the P & C was held on Tuesday night in the Library. The positions for 2014 were filled by the following people:

President: Mary Urquhart

Vice President: Leanne Carswell

Treasurer: Karen Lennon

Secretary: Kristi Martin

Managing depression

One in four kids over 12 have symptoms of depression. Would you know what to look for and how to help? In this podcast, brain and mind specialist Professor Ian Hickie chats with James O'Loughlin on helping kids beat the blues.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/health/managing-depression-in-children>

PBL **Vision Statement**

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

Year 12 Half Yearly Exam Timetable

Monday 7th April	Tuesday 8th April	Wednesday 9th April	Thursday 10th April
Maths General 2 9:00am - 11:05am (2hrs, 5mins) Maths 9:00am - 12:05am (3hrs, 5 mins)	English Standard 9:00am - 11:10am (2hrs, 10 mins)	Legal Studies 9:00am - 10:35am (1hr, 35mins) PDHPE (Distance Ed) 9:00am - 10:30am (1hr, 30mins)	Community & Family Studies 9:00am - 11:05am (2hrs, 5 mins) Visual Arts 9:00am - 10:35am (1hr, 35mins)
Biology 1:20pm - 3:25pm (2hrs, 5mins)	Business Studies 12:15pm - 2:20pm (2hrs, 5 mins) Music 12:15pm - 1:20pm (1hr, 15mins)	Chemistry 12:15pm - 2:20pm (2hrs, 5 mins) Modern History 12:15pm - 2:20pm (2hrs, 5mins)	Business Studies 12:15 pm - 2:20pm (2hrs, 5 mins) Students must be at the MPC 15 minutes prior to Exam starting time. All students are expected to be at school on Friday

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)**

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



PBL Lesson

All students and staff (including office staff) participated in a lesson on Wednesday related to the meaning of RESPECT, EXCELLENCE and SAFETY. The school had realised that our old definitions for these words were hard for students to understand so we have changed the definitions. The PBL team, SRC, staff and P&C were involved in their creation.

RESPECT: Thinking about how your actions affect others and acting in a way that does not negatively affect those around you.

Excellence: Doing your best in everything you do and going beyond what is required. This can include school work, sport, extra-curricula activities and behaviour.

Safety: Ensuring that you and those around you are protected from harm.



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.



COBAR JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Last Rego Day

Friday 4th April, Tom Knight Oval,
4:30pm to 6:30pm

Start Date

Sunday 6th April, Tom Knight Oval,
9:30am start.

This will be a large training fun session to start with as all rego forms are not yet handed in. Please bring all forms on Friday if you want to be put into teams in time for Sunday.

Shirts and shorts will be available to try on for sizing. These will be handed out after the school holidays as all forms are not yet handed in.

Enquires to Simone: 0418 649 050 and
Crystal: 0448 363 351

GO THE ROOSTERS !

Charles Sturt University holds a Information Session for Students in Year 11 and Year 12

Professor Andrew Vann (Vice Chancellor) and John Nolan (Community Relations Officer) from Charles Sturt University visited the school on Wednesday 19th March. 33 students from Year 11 and Year 12 attended the information session.



Cobar Junior Netball Association Rego Day



Friday 4th April
4-5 pm
at the Cobar Netball Courts, Ward Oval.
Funnet and Netta (5-10 years) \$50
Junior (11-17 years) \$60
Competition will now be run
Friday afternoons 4:30pm-6pm

AECG Meeting

Wednesday 7th May
1:00pm
St Johns 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
Aust. History (Years 8 & 10 only)		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 11

Year 7:	English PDHPE-Autobiography
Year 8:	English
Year 9:	Music
Year 10:	English Music
Year 11:	Work Studies
Year 12:	Half Yearly Exam

Why active kids are less likely to be cyber bullied

We all know that getting kids off the computer and outside to play is important for their health. But researchers have found kids who do extracurricular activities tend to be safer online, encounter less cyberbullying, and are more resilient to harassment if it occurs.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/cyberbullying/kids-who-are-less-likely-to-be-cyberbullied>

Assessment Schedules Week 1

Year 12:	Legal Studies
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Maths assignment starters

Planning a budget or choosing the most suitable mobile phone plan involves understanding numbers and numeracy. These maths assignment starters will give you a handy start.

Find out more: <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/mathematics/maths-assignment-starters>

What's On - Week 11, Term 1 & Week 1, Term 2,

Monday 7th April:	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
Tuesday 8th April:	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams Professional Learning; Dubbo: L Fennamore Positive Behaviour Training; Cobar: A Motton, S Donaldson, D Inkley, B Jacobson, D Armstrong, L Carswell, M Nicholson
Wednesday 9th April:	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams PBL Rewards Day Years 7 & 8: C Marshall & SRC
Thursday 10th April:	Year 12 Half Yearly Exams PBL Rewards Day Year 9,10 & 11: C Marshall & SRC
Monday 28th April:	Staff Return (Staff Development Day) Professional Learning; Dubbo: A Motton
Tuesday 29th April:	Students return for the Start of Term 2 Professional Learning; Dubbo: A Motton Professional Learning; Sydney: S Francisco
Wednesday 30th April:	Professional Learning; Sydney: S Francisco
Thursday 1st May:	Professional Learning; Sydney: S Francisco
Friday 2nd May:	Term 1 Awards Assembly; MPC: 10am Careers Training; Melbourne: M Nicholson

Cobar High School P & C

Next Meeting

Tuesday 6th May
7pm
School Library
All Welcome