



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

22nd May, 2014

Term 2

Mid Term Break

Friday 30th May
Monday 2nd June

HSC Enrichment Seminars

Dubbo
5th & 6th June

Queens Birthday Holiday

Monday 9th June

Athletics Carnival

Ward Oval
Friday 13th June

Term 2 ends

Friday 27th June

Term 3

Staff Return 14th July

Student Return 15th July

Parent Teacher Interview

Wednesday 23rd July
5pm-7pm

Year 12 Trial Exams

28th July - 1st August

Careers Expo

12th August

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Moorambilla Voices MAXed OUT Company

Congratulations to the following students who will receive first round offers for MAXed OUT which is the secondary section of Moorambilla Voices.

Year 7: Ryan Anderson, Laine Ellicott, Kelisha Jones.

Year 8: Jakob Brown, Christopher Chitambala, Liam Eade, Escher Luck, Summer Rose Stingemore, John-Wayne Josephson

Year 9: Mark Botten

Year 10: Bryan Mitchell, Blake Toomey, Tyler Whittaker-Goodwin.

Reforms to P&C Federation

The NSW Parliament has introduced legislation to reform the NSW Federation of Parents and Citizens Associations, which has suspended operation pending Supreme Court action. While these reforms will not affect the day-to-day operation of individual school P&Cs, they will introduce a new executive structure which will ensure the Federation operates as a modern and representative body on behalf of school P&C Associations.

Each school's P&C Association will be asked to vote for councillors and delegates who will represent their electorate at the Federation's Annual General Meeting and councillors who will serve on the Federation's Board of Management. More information will be available on the Department's website at <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/gotoschool/a-z/involvement.php>.

Dick McRae

Dick McRae was Deputy Principal at Cobar High School from 1969—1973. He sadly passed away on 9th May at the age of ninety-four. During his time in Cobar he was an active member of the Bowling Club and part of a winning Cub 4's team. Dick had lived in Speers Point since leaving Cobar.

Mid-Term Break

The Department of Education and Communities has asked for a review of this long established organisation. It has been in place in Cobar since Term 3 2003. As part of the process we have to establish continued parent support. To make this as easy as possible, we will use an opt out system. At the end of this newsletter is a form. If you do not support the Mid-term break, please return this form to Cobar High School by Thursday 29th May. The mid-term break has many indirect benefits, one of which is the increase in the number of applications for teaching positions. **If you support the Mid-Term Break you do not need to do anything.**

Homework Centre



I am very pleased to announce that CSA Mine Glencore will once again be sponsoring the Homework Centre. From Wednesday 4th June, the Homework Centre will be operating each **Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 3:30—5pm**. This is to enable students to complete homework and assignments or get extra help with their work.

Sue Francisco

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

HSIE Report T2 2014

The HSIE faculty has been a whirl of activity, as always. 8I has been to the caravan park as part of their unit on Tourism. They investigated where tourists to Cobar come from and tried to establish when the peak tourist flows actually are. Year 7 have been digging into Ancient Egyptian history whilst Year 9 are investigating Communities.

Year 10 History - Vietnam Poems

My Vietnam Sonnet

"Honour and courage", the legends sang.
The mighty ANZAC warriors, fast and strong.
We sailed to Saigon and arrived with a bang!
Expecting a war, how were we so wrong?

We fought all day and all night in the rain
While they came and left, the ghosts of the night
We swore we'd find them, time and again
But they blend in so well it's like we're driving without sight

They fought in their jungles and hid in their towns
Then sat back and watched all the chaos for us
We killed entire forests, watched the water turn brown
"Found the body count of none!" Oh, how the officers would cuss.

When they attacked in full force
We were caught by surprise
The War had then run its full course
Because of the media's harsh lies

Treated like villains, when we made it back home
So we were shunned from our lives, and sent off to roam.
Bryan Mitchell

In My Head

A place in my head-
There is a place I go,
I'm here when I feel alone,
It's a place only I know,
The place reminds me of home.

I don't feel alone,
I'm away from the dread,
I feel in control,
They say it's in my head.

The war I was once fighting,
The reason they're all dead,
The war I am still fighting,
The war that's in my head.

We will meet again one day, soon
Beyond those big white gates,
Where I really belong,
Sitting with my mates.
Kaitlyn Raffaele

Day by day the unexpected reigns,
This is why we must train.
Protecting our country is what comes first
Even if it means going through the worst.
Although we miss our family dearly,
We must fight for our freedom fearlessly.
Kaitlyn Byrne

Elective History Excursion

As part of a thematic study on the history of crime and punishment the year 9 and 10 History Elective class recently visited the Cobar Police station. The unexpected rain threatened to cancel our field trip, however, Mr Carswell our fearless steering wheel attendant (bus driver) came to the rescue. Our trip was further delayed when Kaitlyn Raffaele our resident animal rescuer returned a beloved dog to its rightful owner. When we finally made it to the Police Station we were greeted by Senior Constable Glossop. Students were given a tour around the Police Station and Kaitlyn Raffaele was the first to volunteer to be locked in one of the holding cells, closely followed by the remaining students. We also had the opportunity to view the old exercise yard and were fascinated by the names of inmates that had been carved into the brickwork. Senior Constable Glossop answered the questions that students had prepared in relation to their own legal rights and responsibilities as children and young people. All students thoroughly enjoyed themselves and are now more informed about the history of crime and punishment in the local area. We would like to thank Senior Constable Glossop and the members of the Cobar Police Station for allowing us to visit.



Year 7 Great Aussie Bush Camp



Early on Tuesday 6th of May the Year 7 students from Cobar High School made the long journey to Tea Gardens to participate in the activities at The Great Aussie Bush Camp. The bus trip kept the students entertained as many versed each other on video games, while others caught up on some needed sleep.

As soon as the bus arrived to the camp, dinner was served and they were off to experience their first challenge, the Giant Swing. Some were apprehensive and reserved about the idea of being released on a swing twelve metres in the air although everyone was encouraged to rise above their comfort zone and work as a team.

Throughout the four days each student participated in a jam packed itinerary of activities including: vertical challenge, snorkeling, sand dunes, abseiling, beach games, lost island, trivia night and movie night.

By Friday morning, the students and staff were worn out and soon it was time to get back on the bus to make the 9 hour journey home.

I would like to thank the Year 7 students who attended the excursion for their excellent behavior during the excursion and representing Cobar High School

Mr Armstrong





Science and Engineering Challenge 2014

The Outback Science and Engineering Challenge was held at the Cobar Youth Centre on Tuesday 20th May. Six High Schools including Cobar High and the two local Primary Schools made up the teams to contest this year's challenge. This year the challenges included building a Mars rover, a balloon powered vehicle, a hovercraft and a catapult amongst many others. While Cobar High didn't win overall they did manage to get 2nd in several challenges including the bridge building competition. The organiser Terry Burns was impressed with the skills and behaviour shown on the day and gave the competition a 17/10 result. I would like to thank all those involved in organising the day especially Gary Woodman for the excellent and professional way the day was organised and run and to the sponsors who made this day possible.



Cobar Agricultural Students visit the Cobar Show

Last Friday stage 5 agriculture went to the Cobar Show with Mrs Muldoon and Miss Stowe. A number of friendly community members spoke to the students about the agriculture industry. Students learned about wool classing, sheep, cattle and weed management in the region.



At the Cobar High School Ag farm students have been growing vegetables, doing a bit of fencing and have welcomed two new lambs to the farm!!



Combined Schools Horse Sports

On Monday 19th May James Stockdale and Tayla Toomey represented Cobar High at the Dunedoo Interschool Horse Sports Day. They competed against 126 riders from the surrounding Public Schools. James and Tayla had a great day and said it was a valuable experience. In Dunedoo, James was placed 3rd in his rider class, 4th in pair of riders, being partnered by Katherine Bolam from Nyngan High.

On Tuesday 20th May they competed in the Mendooran Interschool Horse Sports Day. Tayla was placed 4th in her rider class and 5th in her show jumping, which was a very pleasing result seeing she was riding her new horse, which she has only had for a week. James was placed 2nd in his rider class, 1st in his show jumping, 2nd in keyhole and 5th in bending.

Both riders were pleased with their results seeing there was a large number of riders in each event and the competition was very tough. They were commended for their friendliness and sportsmanship.





**SRC TERM I
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Cobar High School Captains attend Student Leadership Program

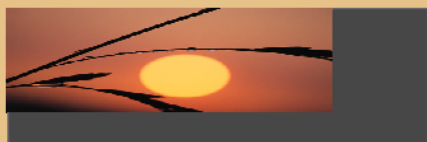
On Wednesday the 7th of May, School Captains Mykaila Fleming and Rebekka Manns, accompanied by Miss McCormack, attended a three day excursion to Sydney to participate in the 2014 Secondary School Student Leadership Program for School Captains. The program offers students the opportunity to develop their knowledge of constitutional and parliamentary proceedings and the role of the Governor. At New South Wales Parliament, students met with Members of Parliament and were given the chance to sit in

on proceedings in the Lower and Upper Houses. Students were then taken to Government House where they were met by Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir, who gave an interesting speech giving students an insight into her life, role as Governor and leaving them with some advice on life that students surely will not forget. Both students found this program a valuable experience and enjoyed seeing the sights of Sydney.



FREE COMMUNITY MENTAL HEALTH DISCUSSION

Hope Rising



You're invited to attend a **FREE** community seminar to assist in raising awareness on Depression, Suicide, Loss & Grief.

Learn the signs of depression, dispel the myths of suicide and understand the emotions associated with grief.

**FEATURING; LOCAL GUEST SPEAKERS
BATYR 'BEING HERD' UPDATE**

WHERE: COBAR BOWLING & GOLF CLUB

WHEN: 27TH MAY 2014

TIME: 6:30PM FOR 7PM START - 9PM

LIGHT SUPPER PROVIDED

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TO ASSIST WITH CATERING PURPOSES-**

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Too sick for school?

As the cold weather hits, so do the winter bugs. It's often hard to know whether to send your child to school or let them stay home to recover, especially when that means an adult cancelling work. For safety's sake, if your child seems unwell you should always keep them home from school and seek medical advice.

School A to Z and the NSW Health have created an at-a-glance chart to help answer your questions about common childhood illness and how long sick kids need to miss school. Find it by typing this link into your web browser

www.bit.ly/1hytn2E

AECG Meeting

Wednesday 4th June

1:00pm

Lands Council

All Welcome

Teenager's seeking more independence

Knowing how much freedom and responsibility to give your teenager is difficult, especially if they're your eldest or only child. To become capable adults, teenagers need to learn to make good decisions on their own and have opportunities to show you they can. The Raising Children Network website has a wealth of expert information and guidance for parents of teens and younger children. If your child is testing the boundaries and pushing for more independence, you may find the article '*Shifting responsibility to your child*' worth reading. Go to www.bit.ly/1jCxKhe

Study help for high school

It's often quite difficult for parents to assist their children with their high school homework and study. Even if we have professional experience in the subject area, children tend to find it difficult to take parental advice when it comes to school. (Don't feel bad, teachers' own children do exactly the same thing.)

www.khanacademy.org is an excellent, not-for-profit website which may help your child study and revise tricky concepts in science, maths and the humanities.

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)	Closed	Wed 28 May (Term 2)	\$6.00
Science	Closed	Wed 4 June (Term 2)	\$8.80
Writing	Closed	Mon 16 June (Term 2)	\$18.70
Spelling (Year 7 only)	Closed	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.

Cobar High School
P & C
Next Meeting
Tuesday 3rd June
7pm
School Library
All Welcome

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Vision Statement

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

Assessment Schedules
Week 5

Year 7: HSIE Half Yearly Exam
English

Year 8: HSIE Half Yearly Exam
English

Year 9: Australian Geography
Music
Commerce

Year 10: English
Music
Commerce

Year 11: Community & Family Studies

Assessment Schedules
Week 6

Year 7: Maths
PDHPE-Adolescence & Change Task

Year 8: Science-Half Yearly Exam

Year 9: English
PDHPE

Year 10: PDHPE

Year 11: Industrial Technology
Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation

Year 12: English Standard
English Studies
Modern History
Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation

What's On - Week 5 & 6, Term 2

Wednesday 28th May: History Competition: Years 8 & 10

Thursday 29th May: DP Conference; Narromine: S Carter
Russian Romantics Orchestra Visit

Friday 30th May: Mid Term Break

Monday 2nd June: Mid Term Break

Tuesday 3rd June: P & C Meeting

Wednesday 4th June: Science Competition

Thursday 5th June: HSC Enrichment Seminars: Dubbo
Xsel Residential

Friday 6th June: HSC Enrichment Seminars: Dubbo
Xsel Residential



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Principal: **Sue Francisco**

Where there's a will there's a way

Respect Excellence Safety

Mid-Term Break

- Mid-Term Break has operated in Cobar since Term 3 2003.
- Timetabled periods are extended by 12 1/2 minutes each. Students and staff have then covered the time on Friday Week 5 and Monday Week 6 when the school is not open. There is no reduction in teaching time, just a reorganisation.
- This has traditionally enabled parents to make appointments and arrange short holidays that coincide with this break.
- It has also enabled young staff to safely travel back to their families and support networks.
- It has also enabled students to rejuvenate and return with a renewed focus on their learning.

If you continue to support the arrangement of the Mid-Term Break there is nothing further for you to do.

If you do not support the Mid-Term Break, please return the slip below to the Front Office of Cobar High School by Thursday 29th May 2014.

Sue Francisco
Principal
20th May 2014

I do not support the Mid-Term Break for the following reason/s.

Name:(please print)

Signature:

Date: