



NEWSLETTER

Cobar High School

19th June 2014

Term 2

Term 2 ends
Friday 27th June

Term 3

Staff Return 14th July
Students Return 15th July

Term 2 Awards Assembly
Friday 18th July
10am

Parent Teacher Interview
Wednesday 23rd July
5pm-7pm

Year 12 Trial Exams
28th July - 1st August

English Competition
Tuesday 29th July

Year 11 2015
Course Information Evening
Wednesday 6th August
6pm
PWS

Careers Expo
Tuesday 12th August

Mathematics Competition
Tuesday 12th August



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Athletics Carnival

Best Wishes

Our best wishes and thanks go to Mrs Baker (Grosser) who will finish teaching at the end of the term to prepare for the birth of their first child. We are looking forward to welcoming an addition to the Cobar High family.

Welcome



Mr Finn commenced at Cobar High on Tuesday 10th June. He has been covering classes on a casual basis. Next term he will replace Mrs Baker.

Virtual Selective High School

From the beginning of next year, xsel will become part of the Virtual Selective High School which is being established as part of the *Rural and Remote Education a blueprint for action*. Students currently enrolled in xsel will automatically be eligible for the Virtual Selective High School. **Students currently in Years 7—9** who wish to apply for placement in the Selective High School can access the application forms from the [xsel website](#) from the 24th June. Applications close on the 29th July.

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

Thank you to the PE Department Ms Jacklin, Ms Jacobson and Mr Marshall for the successful organisation. It was a great day with many students being involved. Check out the great pictures on pages 1, 4 and 5. Congratulations to the Age Champions (page 5) and the winning House Great Cobar.

State Conference

I recently attended the SPC State Conference where Simon Breakspear was one of the key note speakers. He stressed the importance of students challenging themselves and making mistakes when learning because school is a safe place for this to happen. Students will also learn the resilience necessary for the working life. Encourage your students to strive for their best and take risks in their learning so that they can continually challenge themselves and grow in the learning and resilience.

7—10 Reports

Semester 1 reports for students in Years 7—10 will be issued on Thursday 26th June.

Term Dates

Term 2 finishes on Friday 27th June. Students return for Term 3 on 15th July. Enjoy the vacation.

Sue Francisco

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 News

This term we have had the Outback Science and Engineering Challenge and the National Science Competition.

In class students have been learning about organ systems within the human body, motion, how to separate substances and about the periodic table of the elements. To learn more about the organs in the human body Year 8 have been conducting numerous dissections of different body parts including eyes, hearts, lungs and brains. It has been interesting to watch the different reactions that the students have had when they begin their first dissection. It has been encouraging to see the growth in the students understanding of organ systems as they have moved through this topic.

Year 7 have been learning about how to separate different substances and when to use each different technique. They have also just completed a research assignment about different methods used to separate metals from their ores.

Year 11 Biology have recently undertaken a field study task to the Newey Reserve to determine the number of a plant species and the abiotic factors in an area. Data gained in the study will then form a major part of their assessment task in the Local Ecosystems unit. The students not only had to collect data on site but will also have to perform several laboratory tests to test for other factors. A big thankyou to Ms Stowe who organised the field study for the students.

In the TAS department students are completing their Semester One subjects in Years 7 and 8. Their subjects will change at the beginning of Semester 2 with Computers and Woodwork swapping over in Year 7 and in Year 8 Metalwork and Food Technology.

Year 9/10 Woodwork are starting to work through a design project. The students are given a basic structure and then asked to develop modifications to expand and display their skill in wood using different techniques.

In 9/10 Food Technology the students are looking at food equity both in Australia and around the world.



2014 Athletics Day Carnival

On Monday 16th June we held our 2014 Schools Athletics Carnival. Even though the day was cold and overcast the rain held off. Many students dressed up on the day and these colourful and enthusiastic competitors were cheered on by both fellow students, staff and a number of family members. We thank everyone that came down to support and encourage the students and staff, which helped in making it a very successful and thoroughly enjoyable day.

Great Cobar was our 2014 Athletics Champions on 573 points followed by Fort Bourke 558, Chesney 534 and Occidental 435.

Only 1 record was broken and this was by Luke Grey in the u/14 Boys High Jump. Luke jumped 1.59m for a new record which had been held by Chad Sikora since 2002 at a height of 1.49m. Well done Luke. A number of other records were attempted with our present pupils just falling short by mm or hundredths of a second.





2014 Athletics Age Champions are:

Girls

U/12	1st	Anisa Ralph
	2nd	Shara Haagsama
U/13	1st	Chloe Polack
	2nd	Bella Coughlan
U/14	1st	Annie Mugugia, Julieanna Barrett
	2nd	
U/15	1st	Taylah Good
	2nd	Niamh Urquhart
U/16	1st	Nikki Gilbert
	2nd	Kahli O Bray
17+	1st	Tayla Coveney
	2nd	Atlanta Rorke

Boys

Braedan Bishop
Haymish McLeod
Braith Good
John-Paul Best
Nicholas Buckman
Luke Grey, Alex Thompson
Quinton Place
Kody Martin
Robert Good
Mallick Grentell
Jacob Ryan
Toby Black

Congratulations to the above students and to all students that participated in the Carnival.



CROSS COUNTRY REPORT

Six Cobar High School students represented Cobar High at the Combined Schools Cross Country held in Wellington on Wednesday 11th August. Although no-one finished in the top six in their age group, which allows them to compete in the State Finals in Sydney later in the year they were all happy with their times. We would like to congratulate these students on their performance and thank the parents that assisted with travel.

POSITIVE PARTNERSHIPS

supporting school age students on the autism spectrum

FREE two day workshop and information sessions for PARENTS/CAREERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

VENUE: DUBBO RSL CLUB

WHEN: Two day workshop

Wednesday 25th & Thursday 26th June 2014

Online registrations preferred: please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au

If you **do not** have access to the internet please contact Mrs Carswell for forms.

Mount Grenfell

10 Year Hand Back Celebrations

Celebrating 10 years since Mount Grenfell Historic Site was handed back to the Ngiyampaa people

SATURDAY 12 JULY 2014
10am- 4pm

◦ Guided tours
◦ Live music ◦ Smoking ceremony
◦ Dancers ◦ Face painting ◦ Market stalls

JOIN IN ONE OF OUR FREE WORKSHOPS INCLUDING:

- Clap Stick Decorating • Emu Egg Carving • Weaving
- Johnny Cakes • Leather Plaiting
- Jewellery Design

National Parks and Wildlife Service
Office of Environment and Heritage
18 Barton Street Cobar NSW
Phone: (02) 6966 8100

A Free bus will depart from Cobar NPWS Office at 18 Barton St at 9am and 11am.
The bus will leave Mount Grenfell Historic Site at 1pm and 3.30pm.

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
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 5th August
7pm**

School Library

All Welcome

***PBL
Vision Statement***

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

AECG Meeting

**Wednesday 6th August
1:00pm**

Cobar Public School
All Welcome

UNIFORMS

With the weather becoming cooler, students are starting to wear their school hoodies or jumpers. Please take the time to put your students name inside.

During the coming season we have a lot of clothing that makes its way to the Lost Property Bin and very little is clearly labelled so we cannot return it to its owner.

**Assessment Schedules
Week 9**

Year 8:	PDHPE-Drug Assignment
Year 11:	English Standard English Studies Mathematics General
Year 12:	Biology Mathematics Mathematics General 2 Mathematics General 1

**Assessment Schedules
Term 3 - Week 1**

Year 11:	PDHPE Work Studies
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What's On - Week 9, Term 2 & Week 1, Term 3

Tuesday 24th June: School Cup-Netball: Dubbo: A Jacklin

Thursday 26th June: Year 12 Science: Dubbo: A Watts

Friday 27th June: Term 2 ends

Term 3

Monday 14th July: School Development Day: Staff Only

Tuesday 15th July: Students Return

Wednesday 16th July: PBL Conference: Dubbo; S Francisco, J Carswell, B Jacobson

Thursday 17th July: Mental Health Seminars: Years 11 & 12

Friday 18th July: Term 2 Awards Assembly: 10am

2014 ATHLETICS AGE CHAMPIONS

