

# NEWSLETTER

**Cobar High School**

4th September, 2014

## Term 3

### Vaccinations

Monday 8th September

10am

PWS

### Performance

#### High School Musical

Sunday 14th September

Monday 15th September

Tuesday 16th September

7:00pm



### Year 12 Presentation Day

Friday 19th September

10am

MPC

### Last day Term 3

Friday 19th September

## Term 4

Staff and Students return

Tuesday 7th October

### Term 3 Awards Assembly

Friday 10th October

10am

MPC

**Positive  
Behaviour  
for Learning**

**Respect**

**Excellence**

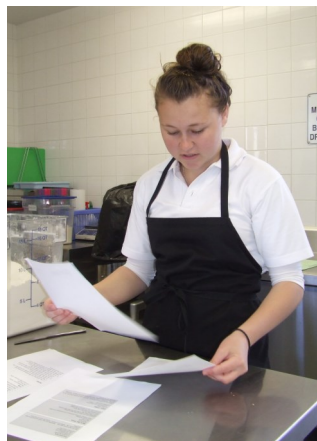
**Safety**



***Where There's a Will There's a Way***



Year 12 Hospitality Students cooking cakes and slices that were sold at the Lilliane Brady Fete.



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### **Congratulations**

Mr Peter Luck was successful at Merit Selection in gaining the Head Teacher HSIE position at Parkes High School from 2015.

### **Community Survey**

Thank you to those people who completed the online survey. It is now closed.

### **High School Musical**

Don't forget to buy your tickets for High School Musical which will be held Sunday 14th, Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th September.

### **NAPLAN Results**

NAPLAN results for students in Years 7 and 9 who sat the tests were sent home with students on Thursday. If you have any questions regarding the information please call to discuss them.

### **Safe Driving**

I am concerned that I have had complaints from community people regarding student's driving. In particular the lack of care taken when exiting the school car park and the speed with which they drive around the school. This is in reference to P Plate drivers. Near misses of both cars and people have been reported.

**Students please take all precautions when driving at any time but in particular near schools. Parents, please discuss this issue with your student if he/she drives to school.**

### **Listen carefully and follow instructions**

This is the current focus of our Positive Behaviour for Learning. A huge thank you to all the business people who participated in the video which will be used as part of the teaching program for this focus. It shows students that this is an important life skill.

### **Year 12 Hospitality Students**

Congratulations to our Year 12 Hospitality students and Ms Muldoon, their teacher on their successful parent luncheon on Tuesday. They are also catering for the main meal for the Cobar Blues Football and Netball Club's Presentation Dinner on Saturday night. It is wonderful to see our students and staff giving back to the community.

### **Subject Selection for 2015**

Year 11 selection is in its final stages and should be completed in the next few weeks. The process for students in Years 9 & 10 to select their electives will commence next week.

### **Completion of Work**

I cannot stress highly enough the importance of completing all class and assignment work. Currently there are a number of students who are in doubt of progressing to the next year due to non-completion of work. All students need to complete work to the best of their ability and on time.

#### **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 Faculty

Once again it has been a very full term for the Science and TAS faculty. The beginning of this Semester saw a few changes in the Science/Tas staff. Mrs Baker left us to have a baby and has been replaced by Mr Finn who has ably taken up the mantle of teaching Years 7 and 8. Ms Stowe has embarked on a teaching career overseas and has been replaced by Mr Chan who has brought a wealth of experience from teaching in schools in Singapore.

National Science Week was in Week 6 and a Science Challenge was introduced for the House Cup. Students were given fifty straws and a metre of tape to build the highest structure. The overall winner was Chesney with a height of 1.94m. Congratulations to all those who took part. As well a Science question was asked at muster each day with a canteen voucher given for the first correct answer. Congratulations to the following students who were first to me with the correct answer: Sandie Mitchell, Jacob Ryan, Taylor O'Keeffe and Jye Robinson. Well done. For everyone at home: How many teeth does a garden snail have?



In the Science faculty the staff is working hard to finalise the programs for the new curriculum which commences next year for Years 8 and 10 and evaluating the programs written for this year in Years 7 and 9. At present students in Year 7 are looking at "Our Earth and the Other Planets" with the students doing an assessment task on travelling around the Solar System. Year 8 are studying "Forces and Energy" and completing their Individual Research Project due at the end of this term. Year 9 have just begun to look at "Chemical Reactions and Equations" while Year 10 are "Rocking the Earth" and looking at "Plate Tectonics". The senior classes are getting ready for big changes across the school with Year 12 getting ready to face the HSC examination after the next holidays. They should now be working hard on reviewing their subject summaries and preparing for their examinations. Year 11 have just completed their Preliminary Examination and next term begin their Higher School Certificate at Cobar High School.

The Year 12 Hospitality class recently did a luncheon for their parents where they were able to showcase their culinary skills. The students excelled themselves and produced a gourmet experience for those that attended.



Students in Years 7 & 8 have changed their focus in Technology for Semester Two.



A reminder that students must have black leather shoes to participate in any practical subject.

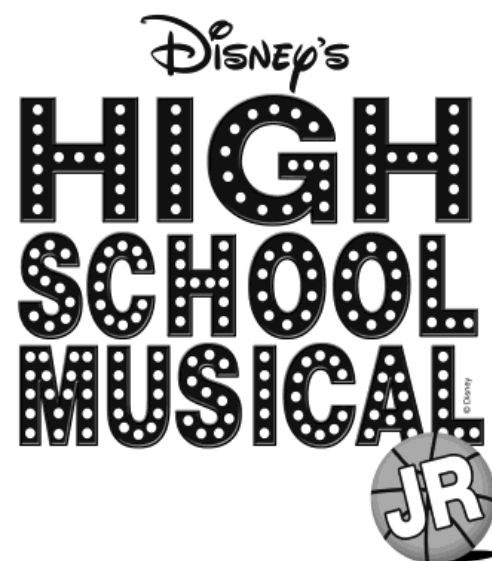
Andrew Watts  
Head Teacher





**Cobar High School**

**Production of**



**Tickets  
on sale at  
CHS NOW!**

**Sunday 14th September, 2014  
Monday 15th September, 2014  
Tuesday 16th September, 2014**

**7:30pm @ CHS MPC  
Doors Open 7:00pm  
No Reserved Seating**

**Adult \$10 Concession \* \$5**

**\*Children Under 16 or  
Full Time Student or  
Adult Concession**

**Book by  
David Simpatico**

**Based on a Disney Channel Original  
Movie written by  
Peter Barsocchini**

**Original Songs by  
Matthew Gerrard & Robbie Nevil;  
Ray Cham, Greg Cham & Andrew  
Seeley; Randy Petersen & Kevin  
Quinn; Andy Dodd & Adam Watts;  
Bryan Louiselle; David N Lawrence &  
Faye Greenberg; Jamie Houston**

**Music Adapted, Arranged and Produced  
by  
Bryan Louiselle**

**By arrangement with Hal Leonard  
Australia Pty Ltd, exclusive agent for  
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## Elective-Music Class take a trip to perform at Cobar Primary School's Dreaming Day

Earlier in the term the Stage 5 Elective Music Class loaded up with ukuleles and percussion instruments, took a stroll down to Cobar Primary School to perform for their Dreaming Day. The day was centred on celebrating our Indigenous Australian Culture and Cobar High students were able to provide an array of Australian songs for the listening pleasure of all in attendance. Our students did a stellar job representing Cobar High School, demonstrating respect for teachers and parents and excellence in their performance. Well done!

Tobiah Elliott  
Music Teacher



## 2014 Cross Country Results

All serious competitors (students that completed the full course) received 1 point towards their Sports House Total with 1st place competitors receiving 5 points, 2nd place receiving 3 points and 3rd place receiving 2 points. Our Cross Country Champion House this year was Fort Bourke with 34 points, followed by Chesney on 32 points, Great Cobar on 31 points and Occidental on 25 points. A very close result with only 3 points between 1st and 3rd, well done to all our serious competitors. Mallick Grentell was the fastest male and Kahlie Obray was the fastest female.



### Age Champions

U/12's  
U/13's  
U/14's  
U/15's

U/16's  
U/17's

### Girls

Aishah Bastian  
Sandie Mitchell  
Julieanna Barrett  
Taylah Good  
Katherine Dennis  
Kahlie Obray  
Atlanta Rorke

### Boys

Braedan Bishop  
Locky Ford  
Rabiou Hachimou  
Quinton Place  
Mallick Grentell  
Josh Bain-Smith





## Ronny Gibbs 7's Netball

Cobar High School attended the Annual Ronny Gibbs 7's Netball Tournament in Bourke on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> of August, with teams in the U/14s and Opens Netball.

The U/14's team played matches against Warren, Trangie, Walgett and Bourke. In the first match Cobar defeated Warren 10-2, with all players performing strongly and the shooting combination of Lauren Urquhart and Sara Langfield was exceptional. In the second match Cobar came up against Trangie and were unable to continue their strong performance, struggling to maintain possession and feed the ball into the circle. Cobar were then defeated by Walgett in their third match and finished with a 5 all draw against Bourke in their last game of the day.

The Open's team played matches against Warren, Nyngan, Walgett, Tottenham and Gilgandra. With Walgett running late for the first match of the day, Cobar played a friendly warm up game against Brewarrina. They easily won the game and this allowed the girls to work on plays and gave them confidence heading into the first competitive game against Warren. Cobar played extremely well together as a team and defeated Warren 7-2. Niamh Urquhart and Taylah Good were strong in defence, while Kahlie Obray worked tirelessly through the mid court to feed the shooters. In the second match Cobar came up against a well put together Nyngan side and were defeated 14-1. Cobar then won their next two matches convincingly against Walgett and Tottenham. In their final match of the day they were defeated by Gilgandra 14-4.

Both the U/14's and Open's finished 3<sup>rd</sup> respectively in their pools. All girls are to be commended on their exemplary behaviour, sportsmanship and spirit in which they played each of their games.



## Ronny Gibbs Rugby League

On Wednesday the 27<sup>th</sup> of October Cobar High School took 14 boys to compete in the Under 14's Rugby League Ronny Gibbs Shield. The team consisted of some students with local Cobar Roosters experience and some students who have not had much League experience. The boys played four games, winning two having a draw and a loss. First game we played Bourke winning 4-2 followed by a 4-0 win over Baradine, then going down to Gilgandra by 2 and having a draw with Nyngan Rams. Braith Good, Michael Manns, Luke Grey and Nick Buckman excelled on the day. The boys' effort in coming equal 2<sup>nd</sup> in our pool was pleasing..





## PBL - FOCUS TALK AND ACT POSITIVELY



'Talk and Act Positively' has been the Positive Behaviour for Learning Focus at Cobar High for the last 3 weeks. Police Liaison Officer Craig Skene spoke to all students and answered questions on the consequences of offensive language and behaviour.



All students were also involved in a 'Talk and Act Positively' PBL Class Lesson during this time.

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Year 3 - advanced Year 12

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To help your son/daughter, our school is providing for your use the Careers website **[www.jobjump.com.au](http://www.jobjump.com.au)**

Please go to this site and view the 3 minute introductory video. (Top right corner on the screen).

To go into the website our school password is: **emus**

I have a handy summary on how to use each part of the JobJump website. If you would like one of these please email me at

[megan.nicholson8@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:megan.nicholson8@det.nsw.edu.au)

Please feel free to tell other parents and friends from our school of these services offered by our school and JobJump.

Megan Nicholson  
CHS Careers Adviser

### Assessment Schedules Week 9

Year 7:	Maths PDHPE-Drugs & Risks in Society
Year 8:	Maths Task PDHPE-All about Health-Topic Test
Year 9:	PDHPE Australian History
Year 10:	PDHPE

### Assessment Schedules Week 10

Year 7:	English Music
Year 8:	English Music-Performance
Year 9:	English Music
Year 10:	English Music

**Public Meeting to discuss and plan  
2014 Carols by Candlelight  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> September at 7pm  
in Uniting Church Hall  
All welcome**



*Cobar Combined Churches Association*

### **PBL** **Vision Statement**

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

### **AECG Meeting**

Wednesday 15th October  
12:30pm  
Cobar Public School

### **Cobar High School P & C Next Meeting**

**Tuesday 4th November  
7pm  
School Library  
All Welcome**

### **What's On - Weeks 9 & 10, Term 3**

Tuesday 8th September:	Vaccinations; PWS: 10am
Wednesday 10th September:	Metal Health/Studies Seminars; Cobar Bowling & Golf Club Periods 3 & 4, Years 11 & 12 HSC Music Exam; External Marking: Periods 1-4
Thursday 11th September:	NAIDOC Day SRC Elections
Sunday 14th September:	Cobar High presents High School Musical
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Thursday 18th September:	PBL Reward Day
Friday 19th September:	Year 12 Presentation Day; School MPC: 10am

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