



# COBAR HIGH SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

WHERE THERE IS A WILL THERE IS A WAY

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## A message from our Principal

**SHANE CARTER**



As we wrap up Term 1, I'd like to take a moment to acknowledge the incredible efforts of our students, staff, and wider school community. It's been a busy and rewarding term, with plenty to celebrate.

A huge thank you to Cobar Shire Council for sponsoring this week's wellbeing speakers. Our Stage 5 and 6 students had the opportunity to hear from Tom Herschell, founder of "Find Ya Feet", who spoke with the boys, and Lucy Bloom, who engaged with the girls. The student response was fantastic, with many walking away inspired and motivated by their messages.

ANZAC Day preparations are in full swing, with a special thanks to Laura Andrew and Cassie Best for their dedication in leading these efforts. We're especially proud of a group of students who have written an original song to commemorate the occasion. This special piece will be performed at the Cobar Community ANZAC Day Ceremony, showcasing the incredible talent and respect our students have for this important day.

In Week 10, we were fortunate to have an NRL visit, which included a referee course for students keen to develop their officiating skills. This training was put to great use in Week 11, when our student referees showcased their talents by officiating at primary school competitions. It was fantastic to see them step up with confidence and skill.

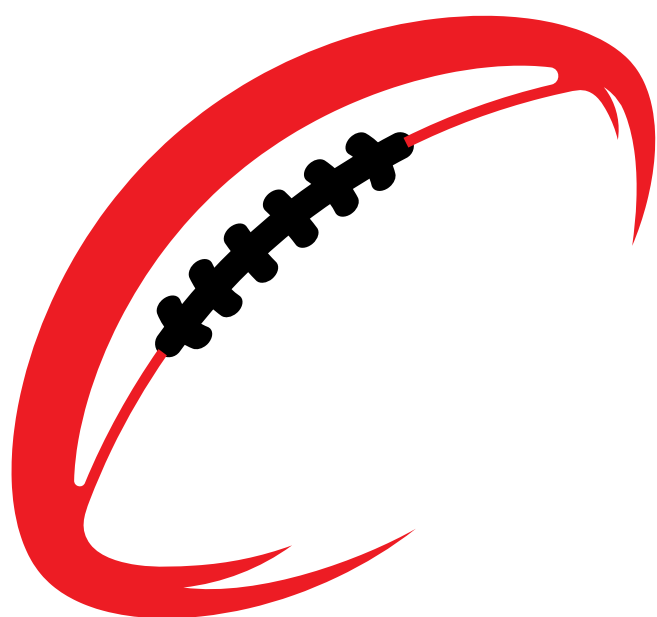
Our Hospitality class has also had a fantastic opportunity to put their skills into practice, making great use of the coffee van. They did an outstanding job catering at the rugby league, perfecting their barista and customer service skills in a real-world setting.

Today, we farewell Ms Katie Ritchie, who has been a valued member of our teaching staff. We thank her for her dedication and contributions to Cobar High School and wish her all the best in her next chapter. Katie, you are always welcome back—so don't forget where we are!

To all our students and families, I hope you have an enjoyable and safe holiday break. We look forward to welcoming everyone back on Wednesday, 30th April, refreshed and ready for Term 2. Enjoy the break!

Shane Carter  
Principal  
Cobar High School





Eighteen students had the opportunity to compete in an Open's Touch Football Gala Day in Orange. Throughout the excursion, they demonstrated outstanding behaviour and upheld the school's expectations of respect, excellence and safety.

Our girls' team displayed excellent teamwork, improving with each game. Their efforts paid off with one victory and two hard-fought draws. The boys' team also played with great determination, adapting well to the addition of two players from small schools. Their strong performance earned them a well-deserved win.

Overall, it was a fantastic day of sportsmanship, collaboration and skill development!

Miss Turner and Mr Plater





# PB4L acknowledgment day rewards



Students participated in a “Total Wipeout” day organised by the SRC for the first PB4L (Positive Behaviour for Learning) reward day.

Students had lots of fun with water pistols, capture the flag and other team games. There were lots of wet shoes and lots of fun. Students were also rewarded with home-made pizza made by Stage 5 Food Tech, drinks and chocolates.







Our Opens Girls Soccer team had a fantastic win against Bourke High School, coming away with a 6–2 victory in tough, hot conditions. Goal scorers were Bridgette, Maddie (2), Tanna, Rori and Sosie. A big shout-out to Alora for a great effort in goals – well done, girls!

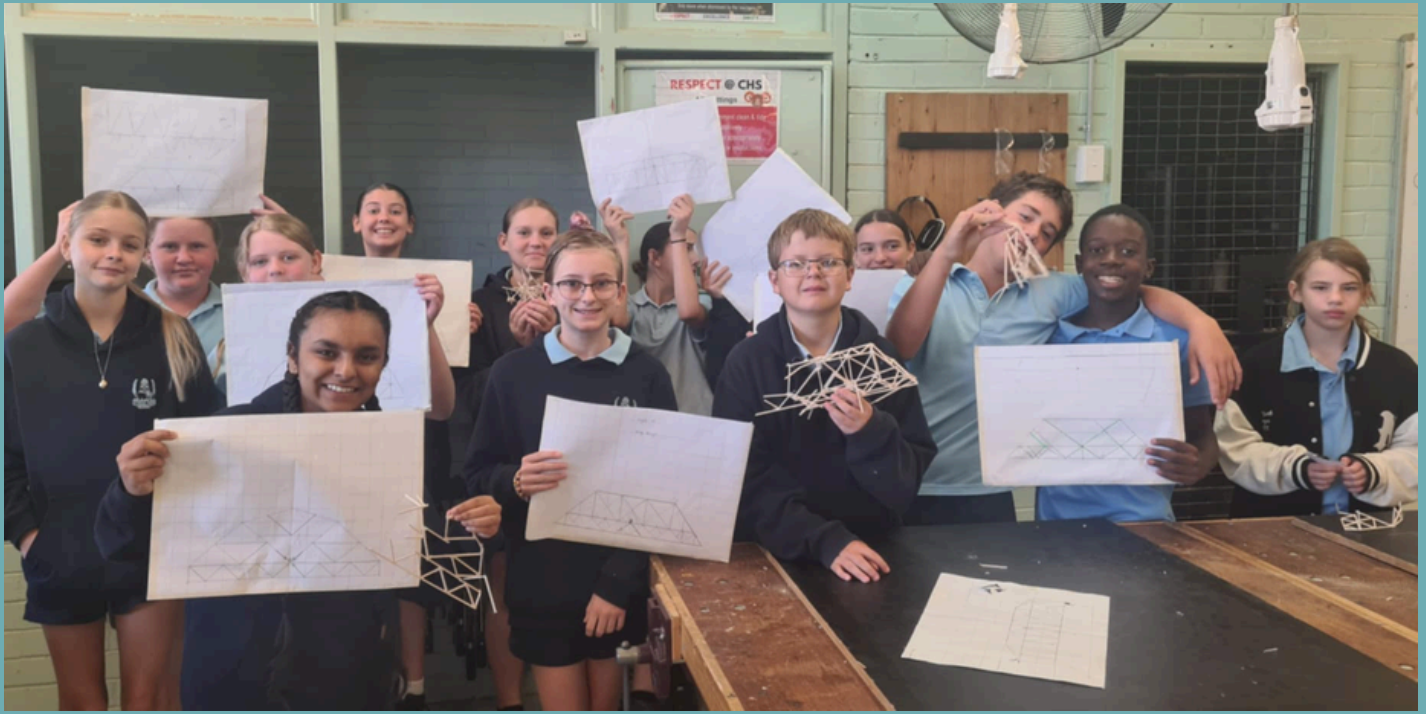




Farewell to Miss Ritchie as you embark on your very exciting adventure, trekking around Australia. You will be missed and your contribution to Cobar High School has been greatly appreciated. We hope we'll see you again soon!

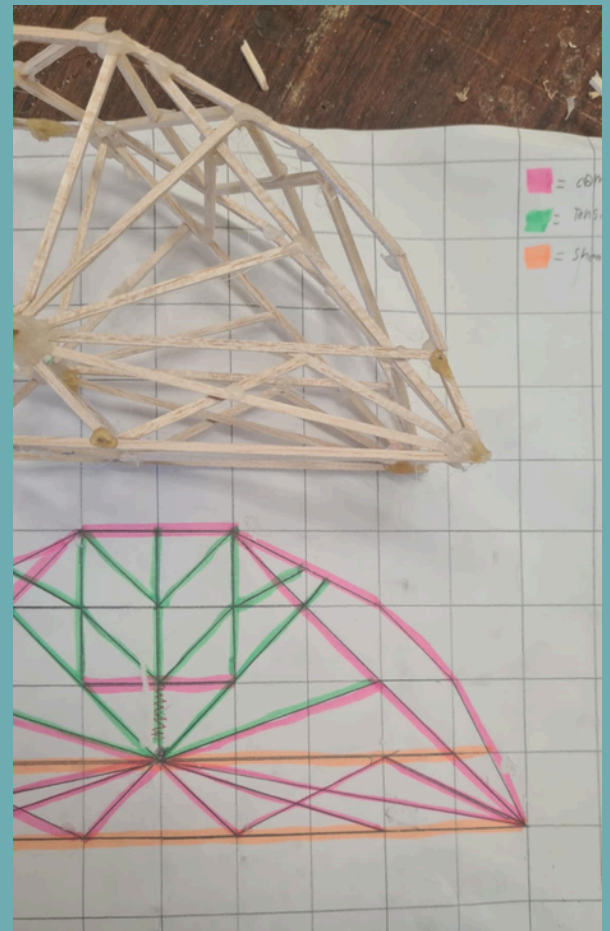






## Stage 4 – Engineering

The Balsa Wood Bridge Challenge was a huge success! Students began the term exploring engineering, focusing on forces and structures. Their task was to design and build a bridge using balsa wood, applying engineering principles to achieve the best strength-to-weight ratio. Congratulations to Mia and Isaiah, whose bridge weighed just 8g and held 3500g (437.5N), and to Gunnar, whose 14.9g bridge held 6200g (436.6N). Despite very different designs and weights, their bridges had a strength difference of only 0.9N – an incredible achievement! Well done, everyone – we're so proud of what you've accomplished!







Year 11 and 12 Hospitality doing an exceptional job catering for the Cobar Shire Council Well-Being Day and running the canteen for the gala day in the coffee van.  
Well done team!







As part of their biennial health and wellbeing day for staff, Cobar Shire Council had guest speakers Tommy Herschell - FindYaFeet, and Lucy Bloom come to Cobar. These amazing presenters offered to present to students at Cobar High School while they were in town. Stage 5 and 6 male students and staff engaged in a powerful workshop with Tommy, who aims to provide a platform for students to tell their story, the skills to own their stuff, and the tools to shift that culture that's been holding blokes back from speaking up for far too long. Stage 5 and 6 female students and staff heard from the vibrant Lucy who spoke about the shift from catastrophising to fantasising as means to building resilience and change perspective. Thank you, Cobar Shire Council, for making this possible.





# *Upcoming Events for Cobar High School*

APRIL

**25**

*Cobar Community  
Anzac Day March*

APRIL

**30**

*First day of Term 2*

MAY

**1**

*School Anzac Service  
10.20am*

MAY

**6**

*Homework Centre  
3.30pm - 5.00pm*

MAY

**6**

*Term 1 Awards  
& SRC Induction*

MAY

**6**

*Batyr Stage 5 Program*

MAY

**7**

*Batyr Stage 6 Program*

MAY

**8**

*Homework Centre  
3.30pm to 5.00pm*

MAY - JUNE

**30 - 2**

*Mid-term Break*