2013
Term 1

Boys CHS Cricket
Sydney
11th - 14th February

Girls CHS Cricket
Sydney
18th - 21st February

Swimming Carnival
19th February
Students roll call 8.55am at School.

Mid Term Break
Friday 1st March
Monday 4th March

School Photos
Monday 18th March

Parent Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 19th March
MPC
5pm-7pm

Where There’s a Will There’s a Way

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Respect.
Excellence.
Safety
Welcome to 2013

Our new staff for 2013 are:
Front Row: Susan Donaldson (Special Education), Tarnika Wood and Emma Stowe (Science)
Back Row: Robert Phillis (Mathematics), Daniel Inkley (English), Mitchell Adams (TAS) and Nolan Matthews (HSIE).

Homework Centre
The Homework Centre will be operating once again this year beginning on Wednesday 13th February. It will operate each Wednesday and Thursday in term time from 3.30—5pm in the Library. Thank you to CSA Glencore for sponsoring the Homework Centre.

Library—Learning Centre
We have made a number of changes to the Library to enable it to function as a learning centre. One room has become a Senior Study, another room is for students who are studying subjects via distance education. There are now also a number of staff based in the library to provide consistent assistance to students working in the library. Staff based there are:

Peter Luck—Head Teacher Mentor
Ashley McCormack—Librarian
Lee Goodwin—Careers Adviser
Leanne Carswell—Learning and Support Teacher, ESL, Girls Supervisor and Welfare
Lynne Fennamore—Learning and Support Teacher (Tuesday and Thursday).
A range of literacy and numeracy programs will also be operating in the library.

Parents and Cars
If you are driving your student to school, please do not drive onto school grounds. Please park at the curb near one of the gates and drop your student off. Our driveways are too narrow to cope with large amounts of traffic.

Uniform
Please ensure that your student is in correct school uniform every day. Of particular importance is the enclosed black leather shoes. Your student will not be able to participate in a number of subjects if they do not have the correct shoes.

Swimming Carnival
Please note the details of our swimming carnival on page 3. We are no longer permitted to have the arrangements that have previously operated.

Sue Francisco

Executive Staff:
Principal: Sue Francisco
Deputy Principal: Shane Carter
Head Teacher English: Carolyn McMurtrie
Head Teacher Mathematics/PDHPE: Megan Hamblin
Rlg Head Teacher Science/TAS: Benn Wright
Head Teacher HSIE: John Carswell
Head Teacher Mentor: Peter Luck
School Admin Manager: Merryn McIntyre

Year Advisers 2013
Year 6: Doug Armstrong
Year 7: Amie Jacklin
Year 8: Cassandra Locke
Year 9: Doug Armstrong (Term 1 rlg for Benn Wright)
Year 10: Todd Fugar
Year 11: Chris Marshall
Year 12: Bianka Jacobson
SRC Co-Ordinator: Chris Marshall
Girls Adviser: Leanne Carswell
The 2013 Cobar High School Swimming Carnival will be held during the day on Tuesday 19th February, 2013 at the Cobar Memorial Pool.

All students are required to attend school as usual and will then walk to the Cobar Memorial Pool for a 10:00am start.

Students are expected to support the carnival even if they choose not to swim. Absences will need to be explained.

Cobar Girl Guides

**Resumes on Tuesday 12th February 2013 5pm - 6.30pm**

All current & new girls invited to join us. Ages 8-18
Brennan St. (near ward oval)
Contact: Cathy Manns 6836 1206 or 0427 361 206

2013 homework planner

Kids and families run more smoothly when there's a plan. The 2013 homework and study calendar includes key dates and school holidays. You can print it out month by month, or by the whole year. Find out more [here](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/homework-tips/2013-homework-planner)

Parents pool their tips

Ask your child to write all their teachers’ names on their timetables and make a copy for the fridge. Find out more: [here](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/homework-and-study/planning-for-the-future/back-to-school-checklist)
CALLING ALL PARENTS!!!

Are your children about to reach adolescence?
Want some tips about how to best reach out to yours and other people’s kids?
Or just hear some funny experiences about parents navigating the teenage years?

‘FREE’ SEMINAR

Cobar Mental Health Network

are proud to present Maggie Dent;
“international author and parenting expert”

When? Monday 11th February 2013
       6:30pm—8:30pm

Where? Cobar Bowling and Golf Club
       Bloxham Street, COBAR NSW 2835

Why? To gain insight with tips on parenting adolescents

Who is Maggie Dent?

Maggie Dent is an author, a parenting and resilience expert with a special interest in the years of adolescence.
She is a passionate advocate for the healthy, common sense raising of children that strengthen families and communities.

A “FREE “ light supper will be provided

RSVP to Katrina on 0488 699 312 for catering purposes or further information
**Vision Statement**

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

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**What’s On - Week 3 & 4 Term 1**

**Monday 11th February:**  
Maggie Dent Workshop: Periods 5 & 6  
Professional Learning; Dubbo: T Fugar

**Tuesday 12th February:**  
Maggie Dent Workshop: Periods 1 & 2

**Tuesday 19th February:**  
Swimming Carnival; School Roll Call 8:55am  
Pool 10:00am

**Friday 22nd February:**  
Moorambilla Workshop: Periods 5 & 6

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**Vaccine for boys**

In 2013 boys in Year 7 will be offered a vaccine that protects against infections that can lead to cancer. The vaccine is already available for girls.


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**Benefits of team sports**

If you want your child to grow up to be a confident and well-adjusted adult, then team sports may well be the answer. Benefits include learning how to be more resilient, and being less likely to feel isolated. Find out more: [http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports](http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/benefits-of-team-sports)

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**Anaphylaxis information**

If your child is diagnosed at risk of a severe allergic reaction, particularly anaphylaxis, the Anaphylaxis Procedures contain information for schools and parents designed to minimise the risk to students. If your child has an allergy it is important to let us know – see Action steps for parents.