2013 Term 1

Richardson/Peachy
Shield / Bourke
Tuesday 26th March

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SRC Disco
Wednesday 27th March
7pm-10pm

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Easter Friday 29th March
Easter Monday 1st April

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Geography Competition
Tuesday 2nd April

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Soccer — Broken Hill
Thursday / Friday
4th & 5th April

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Avondale College
Concert Band & Choir
Friday 12th April

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TERM 1
Last Day Friday 12th April

TERM 2
Staff return
Monday / Tuesday
29th & 30th April
Staff Development Days

Students return
Wednesday 1st May

Where There’s a Will There’s a Way

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Respect.

Excellence.

Safety
Congratulations

Congratulations to Year 9 student Kaitlyn Raffaele who has been selected by the Australian Judo Association to be part of a team who will be competing in Osaka Japan in July. Kaitlyn will be running an Easter Egg Guessing competition to help raise funds for her trip.

Digital Education Revolution

Year 9 students will shortly be receiving a letter and Laptop User Charter prior to being issued with a laptop. It is important that students and parents realise that they are responsible for the costs of any damage caused through negligence. The laptops must be repaired through the Department’s system. Please read the Charter carefully before signing.

Parent Teacher Interviews

It was fantastic to see so many parents at the interviews on Tuesday night. It was the largest number of parents we have seen for some time. Research shows that students who have parents who are involved in their education achieve better results. Well done!!

P & C Meeting

The next P & C meeting is on Tuesday 2nd April at 7.30pm in the Library. It is the AGM so please come along and give your support.

AECG Meeting

The next AECG meeting is on Wednesday 3rd April at 11.30am at St Johns Catholic School.

Completion of Work

All students must complete their work to the best of their ability. If the work is required to be submitted, this must also be done. Congratulations to those students who have been doing this all year. Unfortunately there is a small number of students who have not been completing their work. If you receive a letter regarding non-completion of work, please ensure your student completes it as quickly as they can. If your student requires support to complete the work, the CSA Glencore sponsored Homework Centre operates on Wednesday and Thursday afternoon in the Library from 3.30pm to 5pm. Students can also approach any staff member for assistance. In particular there are a group of staff now based in the Library who can assist your student. If your student is absent for any reason, they should speak with all their teachers to find out what they need to catch up on.

Fitness for the family

Director General of the Department of Education and Communities, Michelle Bridges, talks about how to make fitness a priority for the whole family - and the start of a lifetime habit for your kids. Try out tips to keep your kids healthy, active and out of the pantry.
Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/fitness/fitness-for-the-whole-family

Sue Francisco
Principal

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
This year at Cobar High School we are trialling a new online Mathematics program called My Maths. My Maths replaces Mathletics, which we have used in the past. Students in Years 7-10 will be using My Maths in some of their Mathematics lessons, with work set for them by their classroom teacher.

All students will be able to access the online material, which can be used for revision of concepts covered in class or as preparation for assessment tasks. The material on My Maths covers most of the concepts in the NSW Syllabus for 7-10 Mathematics. The website also has Primary Mathematics topics as well as some Senior Mathematics topics.

To access My Maths students need to go to the Australian My Maths website: http://www.mymathsonline.com.au/

Our Login for Cobar High is: Cobar
Password: Respect

Each student also has their own unique login and password that they use to access the tasks set by their class teacher.
Earlier in the week the Open Boys and Girls Soccer Teams had recorded victories. On Friday 8th March it was time for the touch footy teams to continue the momentum. Cobar High School played Bourke High School in Cobar in the first round of the NSW Combined High Schools Touch Football competition. Cobar defeated Bourke High School in both games on the day.

Cobar Girls started strong with Annie Mugugia scoring early. Annie, the youngest player in the side, played a great game displaying fast footwork and finished the game with 2 tries to her name. Tayla Pennell was also quick to score on the wing before Captain Taylor Gilbert was award her first of 3 tries for the game. Nikki Gilbert played a strong defensive game and put 2 consecutive tries on the board. Taylah Good was one of the stands out for Cobar making good ground as she moved the ball forward and was rewarded with a try. Mykaila Fleming was another standout defensive player making a large number of touches which in turn saved numerous attempts from Bourke scoring.

Bourke High School did manage to cross the line once but the damage had already been done. Brianna Watson scored late in the game cementing Cobar’s Victory 11-1. Brinley Obray, Kahkan Obray, and Bethany Harland also played strong games.

After a convincing win by the girls in the curtain raiser, the boys were faced with the task of overcoming the boys from Bourke. Cobar started strongly with a couple of tries to Max Hillier. However some poor defensive marking let Bourke back into the game. As opposed to League, Touch requires defenders to mark outside their man deterring them from running around them. This is something that needs to be revised in trainings.


Cobar High School proceeds to Round 2 of the competition playing an away game against the winner of Nyngan High School and Narromine High School.

Amie Jacklin
Nolan Matthews
On Tuesday the 19th of March the Year 11 and 12 Sport Coaching students and Year 10 Physical Activities and Sports Studies students got the opportunity to complete a Modified Rugby League Coaching Course or a Rugby League Refereeing Course. These courses were offered by Country Rugby League and allowed students the chance to develop their coaching and refereeing skills.

Students spent the first part of the day completing the theoretical component of the courses and then in the afternoon they went down to Ward Oval to assist Country Rugby League in running a training session for Cobar Public School and St Johns Primary School ready for the Peachy/Richardson Shield Gala Day next Tuesday.
Each year our students are offered the opportunity to participate in external competitions run by the University of NSW, The Australian Geographical Society and for 2013 an Australian History competition is available from the History Teachers Association of Australia. These competitions provide our students with valuable experience of testing procedures outside our school environment. Dates for 2013 entry fees and competition dates are:

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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 Selective 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.
SPORT & RECREATION HOLIDAY CAMPS

The Girls’ Empowerment program, held at Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre from 22nd to 26th April, offers a mix of fun, physical activities with sessions that aim to boost the wellbeing and confidence of teenage girls.

Fun outdoor sessions will include activities such as archery, rock climbing, challenge ropes and the flying fox.

Places are limited! Ring Mrs Carswell at the school for more information.
**What’s On - Week 9 & 10 Term 1**

**Monday 25th March:**  
Dance Camp; Dubbo

**Tuesday 26th March:**  
Dance Camp; Dubbo  
Richardson/Peachy Shield:

**Wednesday 27th March:**  
SRC Disco  
Schoolboy Trophy: T Fugar  
Dance Camp

**Friday 29th March:**  
Easter Friday

**Monday 1st April:**  
Easter Monday

**Tuesday 2nd April:**  
Geography Competition; MPC: Period 2

**Wednesday 3rd April:**  
Bourke Schools Education Group; SRC Meeting  
SEG Staff Induction: S Donaldson, N Matthews, M Adams

**Thursday 4th April:**  
State Swimming: Homebush  
Soccer; Broken Hill: B Jacobson, N Matthews

**Friday 5th April:**  
State Swimming: Homebush  
Soccer; Broken Hill: B Jacobson, N Matthews

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**PBL Vision Statement**

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

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**NAPLAN TESTS 2013**

On Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th, students in Year 7 and 9 will undertake the 2013 NAPLAN tests in: Language Conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation), Writing, Reading and Numeracy.  

NAPLAN allows the students and parents to see where the individual student is progressing against national standards for all Australian students.  

NAPLAN also demonstrates to teachers an individual student’s strengths and difficulties.  

If you have any concerns please contact Sue Francisco during school hours on 68362705. More information is available at:  

[www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au)

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**Succeeding in science**

Encouraging your teen to ask questions and helping them find the answers is top of the list in helping them to succeed in science.  

Find out more:  


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**Year 10 subject selection**

In Year 10 students are asked to select subjects for Years 11 and 12. Here are some tips to help your teen choose well.  

Find out more:  


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**RAM BANDS**

Cobar High School SRC together with Cobar High School PBL Team are asking parents/caregivers to join them in encouraging students to exchange their Blue RAM Bands.  

If bands aren’t returned regularly for exchange it results in a shortage in RAM Bands for staff to reward positive behaviour.