Term 4

Mid Term Break
Friday 7th November
Monday 10th November

Year 12 Farewell Dinner
Wednesday 12th November
Cobar Bowling & Golf Club
7pm

Year 7 2015
Parent Information Evening
School PWS
Wednesday 19th November
6-7pm

PBL Rainbow Rewards
Day
Wednesday 10th December

Year 9
Canberra Excursion
1st-5th December

Presentation Day
School MPC
Monday 15th December
2pm

2014 School Year Finishes
on
Wednesday 17th December

Where There’s a Will There’s a Way

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Respect
Excellence
Safety
Principal School Leadership
This week upon my return from Long Service Leave, I have taken up my appointment as a part-time Principal School Leadership. I will be working in this position on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Shane Carter will be Principal on these days each week, John Carswell Deputy Principal and Cassandra Locke Head Teacher HSIE. This is an exciting time for us as I work with other schools and Principals to continue to improve Public Education.

Hot Weather
We have had some hot weather and it is important that students maintain their hygiene. Please ensure that your student only brings a roll on or pump spray deodorant to school. Aerosol cans cannot be brought to school. It is also important that your student drinks plenty of water during the day. Students are allowed to take water bottles into most classrooms.

Completion of Work
It is important that all students complete work to a satisfactory standard. Most students do this on a regular basis. Unfortunately, there are some students who do not complete the required work. They need to do so in the near future to be eligible to proceed to the next year level. To assist students to complete work, Homework Centre operates every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon in the Library from 3:30—5pm. There are always two staff rostered on but often more staff also attend to assist students. Please ensure that your student is up to date with their work.

School Plan 2015-2017
We are currently in the planning stage for the next three years. There has been input from all groups within the school. There will be more discussion at the next P & C Meeting on Tuesday 4th November at 7pm in the Library.

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Our PBL journey is continuing and whilst some things are constant, such as our expected behaviours of Respect, Excellence and Safety, we are always looking at improving what we are doing. Currently the posters for display in classrooms are being redesigned by the Business Services students with input from students and staff. The SRC are continuing to be very involved and are planning a PBL day on 6th November (see page 4). The SRC involvement is a standout feature of our PBL and is part of the reason that our PBL Implementation is recognised as exemplary. This week we have had a visit from Condobolin HS and in two weeks St Mary’s from Wellington will be visiting to see how we implement PBL. This is a great compliment to the students, staff and parents who are involved in the PBL Leadership Team.
Sue Francisco

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
This term, Year 7 have begun learning about the Water Cycle. In preparation for their report, Ms Thomas amazed the class with her rapping skills, rapping out loud the Water Cycle Rap to 7D. As the weather begins to warm up, the students in Mr Luck’s 7G class have begun to water the trees that were planted last year.

Year 8 have started their new topic on Aboriginal Australians, learning about traditional aspects and their lifestyle. Students have really enjoyed reading and watching Dreamtime stories as well as creating and writing their own. Students have also been constructing a timeline of Pemulwuy’s life as part of their Numeracy Task.

Year 9 have just finished learning about the impacts on the Australian Home Front during WWII and will begin a new topic, looking at the Industrial Revolution.

Year 10 have been completing their Geographical Events, with plenty of students researching the Ebola Outbreak and the crisis in the Middle East. They are also beginning to examine important geographical issues facing Australia.

In LOTE, students have begun to learn about French foods and drink, making them very hungry to do some French cooking later on in the term.

The Commerce class is currently planning a tour around Australia and are involved in the ASX Share Market game.

It is a pleasure to have Ms Lyndsay Thomas in the staffroom this term, bringing fresh ideas and insight to the HSIE Staffroom.

Andrew Coffey
What is Youth Council?
Youth Council is a group of young people that are interested in discussing issues, planning events for the youth of Cobar.
All youth are encouraged to participate as Youth Councilors are expected to represent the diverse range of young people that live in Cobar.

Aims of the Cobar Youth Council
- Represent young people and provide input into decision-making processes of the Cobar Shire Council and other bodies.
- Increase civic participation by our youth community,
- Initiate and coordinate youth related projects and events,
- Act as youth ambassadors to the business and wider community.

Objectives of the Youth Council
- Develop young people’s knowledge of issues that affect them.
- To offer the opportunity for young people in the community to assume more advanced leadership roles such as Youth Mayor and Deputy Mayor.
- To provide representatives with information to distribute to their peers through schools and extracurricular pursuits.
- To provide an opportunity for young people to have their voices heard by Cobar’s representatives and leaders.

What are the benefits of being involved?
- Play a role in improving life for young people in Cobar,
- The chance to work with key decision makers in the community,
- Learn life skills and leadership skills
- The fun factor and the challenge!

NEXT Meeting 4pm on the 22 October 2014 Council Chambers please feel free to attend. Any interested Youth please Call 68362360 (Youthie) if you have any questions.

Hospitality careers
Young people between 13 and 17 can get a taste of what it’s like to work in the hospitality industry and win prizes as part of the Level Up Careers campaign. Find out more: www.facebook.com/levelupcareers.

Career planning for your child
Experts talk about how you can help your child broaden their ideas about work and career paths.
Find out more: http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/development/career-planning-for-your-child

Raising good digital citizens
We’re the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills. That is, how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online.
**Cobar Junior Soccer Club AGM**

Tuesday November 11, 2014
7pm
Golfie Alcove
(meeting room next to restaurant)
All positions vacant

**Public Meeting to discuss and plan**
2014 Carols by Candlelight
Wednesday 5th November at 7pm
in the Uniting Church Hall
All welcome

**Cobar Combined Churches**

**Assessment Schedules**

**Week 5**

- **Year 7:** HSIE-Yearly Exam
- **Year 8:** HSIE-Yearly Exam
- **Year 9:** English, Australian History
- **Year 10:** Australian Geography, English

**Week 6**

- **Year 9:** Music
- **Year 10:** Music
- **Year 12:** Visual Arts, PVDI, Industrial Technology-Timber

**What’s On - Weeks 5 & 6, Term 4**

- **Monday 3rd November:** VSS Training; Sydney: C McMurtrie
- **Tuesday 4th November:** VSS Training; Sydney: C McMurtrie
  School P & C Meeting; School Library: 7pm
- **Thursday 6th November:** SPC Meeting; Sydney: S Francisco
  SRC Rainbow Day; School: SRC Fundraising BBQ
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**PBL Vision Statement**

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

**Cobar High School**

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7pm
School Library
All Welcome