Term 4

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

Cobar High School

2015

Staff Return
Friday 30th January

Years 7, 11 & 12 Return
Wednesday 4th February

Years 8, 9 & 10 Return
Thursday 5th February

Positive Behaviour for Learning

Respect

Excellence

Safety

Cobar High School

would like to

wish everyone

a

safe and happy

holiday.

NEWSLETTER
Cobar High School
11th December, 2014

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Library Report

Well, the year is getting away from us, no mistake. A busy and successful year it has been too.

Results are coming in from the Literacy and Numeracy classes in Years 7 and 8 and as we analyse the data the overwhelming impression is a sea of green (improvement). What we knew anecdotally is being borne out by the numbers. The majority of students engaged with the lessons and used the strategies taught and so made progress. This progress was as apparent for our high achieving students, as it was for those who need substantial support. While the classroom teachers who developed and delivered the programs deserve praise, the highest accolades rest with our School Learning Support Officers who built supportive relationships with students, provided motivation, explained strategies, maintained records, organised teaching materials and were collaborative, innovative and flexible. All done with a sunny disposition!

Library use has continued to rise in 2014. Despite removing the computer terminals, many students came to the library at lunch time and book borrowing is at a peak. Twice a week we have Homework Centre. It has become a regular sight to see half a dozen teachers and 30 plus students here until 4:30 or 5:00. The senior study space is now being utilised for its intended purpose and students report they are grateful for it. The reality of our remoteness means we have quite a few students who access Distance Education and they use the Library for phone conferences and video conferences. It is exciting to see these students develop the independent learning skills to log into these virtual classes and make the most of their education.

Meanwhile Ms McCormack (aided and abetted by Tayla Coveney) has been conducting a complete stocktake. Using her whizz-bang technical skills she has been able to develop cordless scanning using the school’s wi-fi and her laptop. This has made the process much easier as books can be returned without having to be returned……..It almost seems a pity that the Department is introducing new software.

Last week staff from the Library had a late night session preparing for the year ahead. There will be significant changes, with regard to staff and the way programs are delivered. However, if the effort, dedication and professionalism of the people I have been fortunate enough to work with this year is any indication, all is in good hands.

Peter Luck
79 students who achieved a Rainbow Level for each of the four terms this year participated in a great obstacle course constructed by Mr Marshall and the SRC. It was *mudificent!*

The 125 students who achieved Rainbow Level this term had a great afternoon at the Cobar Memorial Pool.

Well done to the SRC for organising both events.
COBAR HIGH SCHOOL
INVITES ALL PARENTS
AND COMMUNITY
MEMBERS TO OUR
ANNUAL PRESENTATION
DAY CEREMONY

MONDAY 15th DECEMBER
2.00pm
Multi-Purpose Centre
**Year 9 Canberra Excursion**

A number of our Year 9 students have attended an educational tour of Canberra, our national capital this term from, Monday 1st to Friday 5th December, 2014. Students participated in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia’s history, culture, heritage and democracy. Students visited the Australian War Memorial, National Museum of Australia, Federal Parliament House, Old Parliament House, The Australian Mint, Questecon, The Australian Institute of Sport and Telstra Black Mountain Tower. The Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program contributed $30 per student towards travel. This was applied to the individual student costs of the excursion.
**What’s On - Weeks 11, Term 4**

**Monday 15th December:** Presentation Day: MPC, 2pm

**Wednesday 17th December:** Last day of the school year.

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**Christmas Carols 2014**

Sunday 14th December, 2014
Drummond Park
Rotary BBQ and Drinks from 6:30pm
Carols start 7:30pm
Candle Lights available
(Lilliane Brady Village Pink Ladies)
Just bring a chair or rug, sit back and enjoy the night.
Special Guest during the evening Father Christmas.
Alternative venue if wet
Cobar Fitness & Youth Centre.

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**PBL Vision Statement**

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

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**Helping teenagers celebrate safely**

Parties are part and parcel of a teenager's life. While most celebrations go off without a hitch, they can go wrong and get out of hand – particularly if the party is unplanned.

Here are some tips to help ensure your teenager and their friends have fun but remain safe.