Term 2

HSC Enrichment Seminars
Dubbo
5th & 6th June

Queens Birthday Holiday
Monday 9th June

Athletics Carnival
Ward Oval
Friday 13th June

Term 2 ends
Friday 27th June

Term 3

Staff Return 14th July
Students Return 15th July

Parent Teacher Interview
Wednesday 23rd July
5pm-7pm

Year 12 Trial Exams
28th July - 1st August

Careers Expo
12th August

Where There’s a Will There’s a Way

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Respect.
Excellence.
Safety
**Homework Centre**
Homework Centre is now available Wednesday and Thursday afternoons in the Library from 3:30pm-5pm thanks to the sponsorship of CSA Mine Glencore. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to complete work and get that little bit of extra help. I encourage all students to make use of this.

**Schools Spectacular**
Unfortunately our audition for Schools Spectacular was not successful this year.

**Athletics Carnival**
Our Athletics Carnival is on Friday 13th June at Ward Oval. All students are expected to attend and participate. Parents are welcome to come and spectate.

**Student Behavior at Bus Stops**
I have been contacted by a member of the public concerning some student behavior at bus stops. While it is recognised that the majority of students do the right thing, there is a minority that do not. Please discuss with your student the importance of waiting patiently on the footpath at the bus stop. Students should not enter private property at any time.

**Sydney Symphony Orchestra**
Thanks to Ms Elliott for all her organisation for the orchestra to perform at Cobar High. It was a great opportunity for our students.

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**Long Service Leave**
Ms McMurtrie will be on Long Service Leave from 6th June to the end of term. Ms Locke will be Relieving Head Teacher during this time. Mr Finn, who will be replacing Mrs Baker from next term, has agreed to start on the 10th June.

**Citizenship Awards**
Our current Citizenship Award shields are full. If you would be interested in sponsoring the male and female awards, and have your name or organisation on the shield, please contact the school on 02 6836 2705.

**Secondary Principals’ Council**
Next week I will be attending the State Secondary Principals’ Conference in Bathurst. Mr Carter will be Relieving Principal during this time.

**Positive Reports for Cobar High**
We have been receiving many positive reports regarding Cobar High. The Education Director for the Sydney Symphony Orchestra commented on our students. The implementation of PBL has received recognition as being exemplary, with other schools being told to look how at how we do it. Our school planning, associated structures and implementation have also received commendation.

Sue Francisco

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**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

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**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
Should you ask people on the side of the road what the answer to 1 plus 1 is, you would probably receive a plethora of replies; 2, a window, etc. However, there is one sum we can be sure of; Maths + PE = fun.

This term the Maths/PE staffroom has maintained it’s title of “the place to be”, with students still coming from all over the playground to talk to its’ inhabitants. Each day, our students are taught the quality of mathematics and physical development, and the advantages of such areas in the workforce.

From a PE perspective, sexual education has been the topic of late, with many a year 7 student seen running around giggling, after the submission of their “Dolly Doctor” assignments. Sexual education has remained a prevalent issue in Australian society for decades now, so educating the leaders of tomorrow on such issues is of vital significance.

Year 8 & 9 have also undertaken some important learning in their PE lessons, with tasks on alcohol consumption statistics taking up their time. These comprehension tasks have involved the students reading statistics, and writing appropriate reports.

In the mathematics classroom, measurement and geometry have been the order of the term. Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 have all been completing tasks on area, surface area, similarity and congruence. Our younger students have been working on construction, as well as rates and ratios. All topics which will be helpful for future employment prospects.

Furthermore, the mathematics competition is fast approaching, and all students required to, or hoping to, participate, should get their money in by the 18th of June.
On Thursday 29th May, we were lucky enough to have hosted a performance given to us by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. The conductor took us on a musical journey, introducing all of the different instrument families, and getting the students involved in clapping, singing and even some conducting. Students from Cobar Public and St John’s came along for the ride, as well as a few travellers from Bourke High School. After the performance, members of the orchestra joined us for a BBQ provided by the SRC. Students enjoyed mingling with the musicians, it was a perfect opportunity for our students to ask some questions and learn a little more about the orchestra’s journey touring out west. After lunch, with some time to spare, a few of the musicians decided to revert back to their schooling days and head to class. They chose P.E., and a friendly (but covertly heated) soccer match ensued. The day was a great success, and it was marvellous for the students and teachers of Cobar to experience a music performance of such high calibre being presented in our very own school. I look forward to our next creative venture!

Tobiah Elliott
Each year our students are offered the opportunity to participate in external competitions run by the University of NSW, The Australian Geographical Society and the History Teachers Association of Australia. These competitions provide our students with valuable experience of testing procedures outside our school environment. Dates for 2014 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 Select 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.
**Cobar High School**  
P & C  
Next Meeting  

**Tuesday 5th August**  
7pm  
School Library  
**All Welcome**

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**What’s On - Week 7 & 8, Term 2**

Monday 9th June:  
Queen’s Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 10th June:  
SPC State Conference; Bathurst:  S Francisco

Wednesday 11th June:  
SPC State Conference; Bathurst  
S Francisco

Thursday 12th June:  
SPC State Conference; Bathurst:  S Francisco  
DP State Congress Sydney:  S Carter  
Professional Learning:  A Motton

Friday 13th June:  
DP State Congress; Sydney:  S Carter  
Athletics Carnival  
Professional Learning:  A Motton

Tuesday 17th June:  
Spelling Competition

Wednesday 18th June:  
Writing Competition  
Disco 6:30pm-9:30pm

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**Assessment Schedules**  
**Week 7**

- **Year 9:** Mathematics  
  Elective History
- **Year 10:** Elective History
- **Year 11:** Ancient History
- **Year 12:** Photography

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**Assessment Schedules**  
**Week 8**

- **Year 10:** Mathematics
- **Year 11:** Biology
- **Year 12:** Business Studies  
  Music  
  Legal Studies  
  Community & Family Studies

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**PBL Vision Statement**

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