Term 4
Mid Term Break
Friday 6th November
Monday 9th November

Year 12 Farewell Dinner
Tuesday 10th November
7pm
Cobar Bowling & Golf Club

U/15 Netball
Cobar
Friday 13th November

Year 10
Universities Visit
Sunday 15th November-
Friday 20th November

Schools Spectacular
Aboriginal
Dance Ensemble
Monday 23rd November-
Friday 27th November

Year 9 Canberra
Excursion
Monday 30th November-
Friday 4th December

AECG AGM
Change of date
Wednesday 4th November
3:30pm
Cobar Public School
This will be followed by
an ordinary Meeting
All Welcome

Where There’s a Will There’s a Way

Education is our passport to
the future for tomorrow
belongs only to
the people who prepare
for it today.

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Co Head Teachers HSIE: John Carswell / Cassandra Locke
Head Teacher Teaching & Learning/PDHPE: Amie Hill
School Admin Manager: Merryn McIntyre

Thank You
Once again Mr Carter and Mr Carswell very competently filled in whilst I was on Long Service Leave. It is great that I can take time with my family and know that the school is in capable hands. Thank you.

Whooping cough information for schools
There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children. Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies. Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.

- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.

We are very lucky to have such a committed staff. On Friday 16th October, many staff members remained at school to improve the yard and gardens. In particular the area immediately outside the Front Office looks fantastic.

Welcome
Mr Josh Brown has commenced teaching duties at Cobar High School replacing Mr Menton.

AECG Change of Date
Please note the AECG meeting is on Wednesday 4th November 3:30pm at Cobar Public School
Sue Francisco Principal

Year Advisers 2015
Year 6: Matthew Klopper
Year 7: Lyndsay Klopper
Year 8: Doug Armstrong
Year 9: Andrew Coffey
Year 10: Brock Ford
Year 11: Daniel Inkley
Year 12: Amber Rook
SRC Co-Ordinator: Chris Marshall
Girls Adviser: Leanne Carswell
**SCIENCE DEPARTMENT**

**Eruptions at Cobar**
As part of their Science course at Cobar High School the students in Year 10 have been studying plate tectonics, the different types of plate boundaries and the landforms which occur at particular boundary types. One of the most interesting landforms built at convergent boundaries is the explosive volcano. To that end some of the science students made volcanoes out of paper mache and then used a simple chemical reaction to simulate the eruption.

**How we are made up**
Year 9 Science students are studying Reproduction for the first half of this term. To introduce DNA and genetics, students created DNA double helix structures using lollies based on the key they had created.

**Year 8SU Balloon Surfing**
Year 8 Science students are currently studying the Forces topic. Students enjoyed balloon surfing which demonstrated the concept of distributed loads.
Year 10 Experience Cobar's Rich WW1 History

Our Year 10 Self Select English Class had the privilege of listening to Kay Stingemore speak about WW1 veterans from the Cobar area during an English lesson on Monday afternoon. Mrs Stingemore spoke about soldiers’ experiences, battles, conditions and the materials available in the local museum.

Engagement levels were high and students asked questions about prominent families and Cobar during times of war. Many other stories about mining, mining deaths and the general population sparked interesting questions.

It was greatly appreciated that Mrs Stingemore made the time to come and speak to the class, as they are currently studying WW1 poetry. The class gained relevant information about their families and Cobar and they were thrilled that they had the opportunity to hear Mrs Stingemore speak about her research.
Year 11 Construction are at it again with some more school upgrades.

Over the past month Mr Adams and his VET Construction class have been building a new outdoor shade area for PE Classes on the school hockey oval.

These projects give students genuine hands-on Construction experience.
Deodorant

CAREWEST HALLOWEEN DISCO PARTY
Friday 30th October
6PM – 7.30PM
0-12yrs
(0-5 need parent supervision)
8PM – 10PM
12yrs to 17yrs
$2 Entry
At the Youthie

Call Rachel, Michelle or Elaine on 02 6836 1283 at the Carewest office to pre-purchase tickets or buy at the door on the night
SPIDER DRINKS, JELLY CUPS, LOLLIES AND MUCH MORE TO BUY

Circus Fun
Want to try your hand at juggling, hula-hoops, stilts walking and Pyramids?!
Barnardos are offering free circus skills workshops!

When: Wednesdays during November
Dates: 4th, 11th, 18th & 25th
Where: The “Youthie”
Time: 3.30pm to 4.45pm
Ages: 11 years and up

Sign in required at entry, once in, no leaving

For more information please contact Zanette or Amanda @ Barnardos
Tel: 68362511
What’s On - Weeks 3 & 4, Term 4

Monday 2nd November: Virtual Maths Professional Learning: B Ford, M Klopper
Tuesday 3rd November: Virtual Maths Professional Learning: B Ford, M Klopper
Wednesday 4th November: Professional Learning; Dubbo: A Hill, K Behan, D Inkley, D Armstrong
Thursday 5th November: DP Conference: J Carswell
Professional Learning; Dubbo: A Motton
Friday 6th November: Mid Term Break

Monday 9th November: Mid Term Break
Tuesday 10th November: Year 12 Farewell Dinner; Cobar Bowling & Golf Club, 7pm
Wednesday 11th November: Professional Learning; Dubbo: L Carswell
Thursday 12th November: SPC State Assembly; Sydney: S Francisco
Driving Safety Course; Year 10: M Nicholson
Friday 13th November: SPC State Assembly; Sydney: S Francisco
U/15 Netball; Cobar

Assessments Due: Term 4, Week 5

Year 7: HSIE-Yearly Exam
Mathematics

Year 8: HSIE-Yearly Exam
Mathematics Task

Year 9: Elective History
Food Technology
Music

Year 10: Elective History
Food Technology
Music

Assessments Due: Term 4, Week 6

Year 9: English

Year 12: Visual Arts
PVDI

Period Times - Term 3 2015

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Tuesday ends at the end of Period 5

P & C Meeting

Tuesday 3rd November 7pm
School Library
All Welcome

Cobar High School

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