Term 1
Parent / Teacher
Interviews
Wednesday 25th March
5pm-7pm
....................
Moorambilla Workshop
Friday 27th March
....................
Last day Term 1
Thursday 2nd April

Term 2
Staff Return
Monday 20th April
Students Return
Tuesday 21st April
....................
Term 1 Awards Ceremony
Friday 24th April
10am
....................
Year 7
Great Aussie Bush Camp
28th April - 1st May
....................
School Photos
Tuesday 5th May
....................
NAPLAN - Years 7 & 9
Tuesday 12th May
Thursday 14th May
....................
Mid Term Break
Friday 22nd May
Monday 25th May
....................

Where There’s a Will There’s a Way

Positive Behaviour for Learning
Respect
Excellence
Safety
Parent Teacher Interviews
Term 1 interviews will be held next Wednesday, March 25th between 5:00 and 7:00pm at the Cobar High Multi-Purpose Centre. Students have been issued with a booking sheet and should be now arranging times with their teachers after speaking to their parents. Interview times are limited to 5 minute intervals to allow staff to speak with as many parents/carers as possible.

If you are unable to attend this evening or need more time for discussion please contact the school to arrange another time. Contact can also be made via the Cobar High app. Also if your student has misplaced their booking sheet for some mysterious reason, please do contact us.

These interviews are integral in keeping open lines of communication between the school and parents and therefore your attendance would be appreciated.

Year 12 Examinations
The Half Yearly HSC Examinations are scheduled for Week 10 starting on Monday March 30th. Students will be issued an examination timetable this Friday. It is essential that students take the time to thoroughly read this timetable to identify when their exams are actually on. Students must be on time for their examinations with the correct equipment, ready to work.

Week 9 is an assessment free week to allow students the opportunity to review their work/notes without the added stress of additional assessments. Students must utilise this week to fully prepare themselves for their exams. I would advise, as always, that students attend every lesson during that week to seek teacher feedback/advice on any areas they feel they need help.

These examinations are an important gauge on how students are progressing in the HSC Course and must be taken seriously.

State Swimming Carnival
Good luck to Makaila, Zoe, Lauren, Olivia, Abby and Liam who will represent Cobar High and Western Region in the Combined High Schools Swimming Carnival at the Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre, Homebush next week.

Local Success
Cobar High School have been advised that Kaitlyn Raffaele has achieved her 1st Degree Black Belt. Kaitlyn is the first female of Cobar Dojo to ever achieve this rank in the 15 years of the Cobar Judo Club. She is also the first female member of the Australian Judo Union to be graded to Black Belt. Congratulations Kaitlyn.

Executive Staff:
Co Principals: Sue Francisco / Shane Carter  
Co Deputy Principals: Shane Carter / John Carswell  
Head Teacher English: Carolyn McMurtrie  
Head Teacher Maths: Mary Arnold  
Head Teacher Science/TAS: Andrew Watts  
Co Head Teachers HSIE: John Carswell / Cassandra Locke  
Head Teacher Teaching & Learning/PDHPE: Amie Jacklin  
School Admin Manager: Merryn McIntyre

Year Advisers 2015
Year 6: Matthew Klopper  
Year 7: Lena Dean  
Year 8: Doug Armstrong  
Year 9: Andrew Coffey  
Year 10: Kristie Behan (Rlg)  
Year 11: Daniel Inkley  
Year 12: Amber Rook  
SRC Co-Ordinator: Chris Marshall  
Girls Adviser: Leanne Carswell
Year 9 and Year 10 Commerce - Out and About.

Year 9 and 10 Commerce recently took an excursion to the Cobar Local Court. They had a chance to hear about how the court works as well as sit in the place of the solicitors and magistrate.

Year 9 and 10 Commerce took a tour of the Cobar Police Station this week. They were all locked up in the holding dock and some had their fingerprints inked for good measure.

Batyr Launch

A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in our Cobar High School ‘Batyr EIR Chapter’ launch on Wednesday 18th March at lunch time. All students & staff gathered together in the top quad area to enjoy lunch together with a sausage sizzle, snow cones & music to enjoy.

Our focus for the launch was to sit & talk together whilst enjoying lunch. Our Chapter hope is that we will lead the school in talking more to each other through good and bad times, knowing that more help is available if you need it.

Today, Chapter members moved around the quad area handing out Batyr cards, which we hope will help you realise that help is available out there in our community and/ or just a phone call away!

Batyr socks were on sale too! Replacing one sock with one Batyr sock aims to remind us to, help reduce stigma & start having positive conversations around mental health & committing to this goal.

Thank you to Mrs Muldoon & her band of helpers cooking sausages, Mr Marshall & the SRC for their support & assistance. Thank you to members of our Mentals Network who came along to support us today;

Katrina Ward & Steph McDonald from Richmond PRA – local Mental Health workers
Alanna Josephson from Centacare
Zanette Clements from Barnados
Open Basketball Report

On Wednesday 11th of March, 8 girls and 6 boys represented Cobar High School in the annual Combined High Schools Open Girls Basketball knockout competition in Dubbo.

Boys Report:
After just two weeks of training we left Cobar at 6:20 bright eyed and bushy tailed, prepared for the daunting task ahead of us. We arrived at the Dubbo Sports Centre 5 minutes before our first game, but this didn't deter the 10 enthusiastic players who were selected to represent our school. Our first match was up against Gilgandra who beat us convincingly despite the boys best efforts. The same could be said for our match against Dubbo College, but the boys gallantly persevered. Our match against Wellington saw the boys gain more confidence as they narrowed the score margin of the previous two games significantly. But our best result was against Narromine where the boys substantially improved their game. Standouts for the day were Henry Brookman, also known as 'The Three Point Specialist,' and Quinton Place who both showed great skill, determination and sportsmanship.

Girls Report:
The team played matches against Gilgandra, Dubbo College, Narromine and Wellington. In the first match Cobar was defeated by Gilgandra 16-12. It was a close game and for a fairly young Cobar side they did well to hold Gilgandra to a close score line. In the second game, Cobar came up against a very strong Dubbo College team. Cobar started off well with Nikki Gilbert opening up with two 3 pointers, however Dubbo attacked straight back and were unstoppable winning 47-8. The girls have to be commended on never giving up and continuing to put pressure on the ball. In the third game of the day Cobar defeated Narromine 22-11. The girls worked excellently as a team to attack the ball and move it down the court with great baskets from Abby Carswell and Lauren Urquhart, who shot a 3 pointer on the buzzer to finish the game. Nikki Gilbert and Niamh Urquhart played a strong defensive game. In the final game of the day Cobar defeated Wellington. It was a very close match and there was some friendly rivalry between the two teams with former Cobar High School teacher Megan Hamblin accompanying the Wellington side.
The girls finished 3rd overall on the day, narrowly missing out on the next round as the top two teams progressed to Round Two. All girls are to be commended on their exemplary behavior, sportsmanship and spirit in which they played each of their games.

A big thank you must go out to those students who did duty and refereed the other games.
AECG Meeting
Wednesday 20th May
3:30pm
Cobar Public School

Assessments due Week 9
Year 7: Music-Unit Test
PDHPE-Autobiography
Year 8: Music
Science-Forensics
Year 9: PDHPE
Science
Year 10: Australian History
Mathematics
Year 11: Mathematics
Mathematics General
Ancient History

Assessments due Week 10
Year 7: Mathematics
Science-Matter Topic Test
Year 8: Mathematics-Task
PDHPE-Lifelong Physical Activity
Year 9: English
Mathematics
Year 10: English
PDHPE
Year 11: Chemistry
English Advanced / Standard &
English Studies
Work Studies
Year 12: Half Yearly Exams

HOT CROSS BUNS FUNDRAISER!
Proudly supported by Cobar Hot Bake
Help support mainly music by ordering some hot cross buns. Money raised will help go towards more props for the children to use throughout our session.
Name: ____________________________ Contact: ____________________________
$6 per half dozen. Please write how many half dozen you’d like to order!
Fruit buns
Fruitless buns
Chocolate chip buns
Please return order forms and money to either Lauren or Wendy by Tuesday the 24th March.
Lauren: 0448653158  Wendy: 0402027140
Orders ready to be picked up from 68 Bathurst Street Friday the 27th March!
VET STUDENTS

Congratulations to the Year 12 VET Students who received their Statement of Attainment Certificates for work completed in 2014.

Certificate II in Construction Pathways
Tara Wilkins, Blade Hall, Joshua Bain-Smith, Nick Mines, Ben Jones, Jordan Coxon, Toby Black.

Certificate II in Business
Robert Pattern, Brooke Hallcroft
Rowan Florance, Tayla Coveney.

Certificate II in Kitchen Operations
Rowan Florance, Robert Patten.

Certificate I in Engineering
Tara Wilkins, Nick Mines, Joshua Bain-Smith.

EXTERNAL COMPETITIONS 2015

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 2015 entry fees and competition dates are:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Subject</th>
<th>Entries and Payment to CHS close</th>
<th>Test Date</th>
<th>Entry Fee</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Australian Geography</td>
<td>As per Invoices mailed 5.03.15</td>
<td>23 March – 1 April 2015</td>
<td>$3.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Available only to students in Select Classes)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Australian. History</td>
<td>30 March 2015</td>
<td>27 May 2015</td>
<td>$6.00</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(Years 8 &amp; 10 only)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICAS Digital Technologies</td>
<td>30 March 2015</td>
<td>19 May 2015</td>
<td>$8.80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>(formerly called Computer Skills)</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICAS Science</td>
<td>24 April 2015</td>
<td>3 June 2015</td>
<td>$8.80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICAS Writing</td>
<td>8 May 2015</td>
<td>15 June 2015</td>
<td>$18.70</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICAS Spelling (Year 7 only)</td>
<td>8 May 2015</td>
<td>16 June 2015</td>
<td>$12.10</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICAS English</td>
<td>19 June 2015</td>
<td>28 July 2015</td>
<td>$8.80</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>ICAS Mathematics</td>
<td>19 June 2015</td>
<td>11 August 2015</td>
<td>$8.80</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

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.
Regional Swimming—Dubbo

Congratulations to the students who represented Cobar High School at the CHS Western Region Swimming Championships. We were advised that the sportsmanship shown on the day was outstanding.

Tax File Numbers (TFN)

Cobar High School has received formal notice of the termination of the Secondary Schools Tax File Number (TFN) Program between the Australian Taxation Office and all schools from 31st December 2014.

Why was the program terminated?
The Australian Government is strengthening proof of identity (POI) processes through a standardised national approach for government agencies. The Secondary Schools TFN program does not comply with these guidelines which require sighting and verification of original proof of identity documents.

How can students apply for a TFN?
Applying online and presenting POI documents at a participating Australia Post Office is the fastest and most convenient way for students to get a TFN. More information on applying online can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC27248’

Students who are unable to visit a participating Australia Post office will need to complete the application form Tax file number - application or enquiry for individuals form (NAT 1432). More information about lodging this form can be found at ato.gov.au by searching for ‘QC22604’

Please see Mrs Nicholson if you have any questions or concerns about this process.
COBAR HIGH SCHOOL
VERDIGRIS
MAGAZINE
2014

Magazines are available from the Front Office
Cost
DVD $5.00
Printed Copy: $15.00
(by order only)

Little A’s
Remaining Weeks of Competition
23/3 2nd week of Championships
30/3 3rd week of Championships and PRESENTATION NIGHT at the Golfie (BBQ area)

Cobar High School P & C
Tuesday 5th May, 2015
School Library
7:30pm
All Welcome

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

RESPECT EXCELLENCE SAFETY

What’s On - Weeks 9 & 10, Term 1

Monday 23rd March: Bangara Aboriginal Dance Workshop; Dubbo: A Jacklin
Tuesday 24th March: Concept Mapping: C McMurtrie, D Inkley
Wednesday 25th March: Parent Teacher Interviews; School MPC: 5pm-7pm
Thursday 26th March: Western DP Meeting; Mudgee: S Carter, J Carswell
State Swimming; Sydney
Friday 27th March: Western DP Meeting; Mudgee: S Carter, J Carswell
State Swimming; Sydney
Moorambilla Workshop; School MPC: Years 7 & 8 plus Elective Music
Monday 30th March: Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
Open Boys/Girls Touch Football; Cobar:
Tuesday 31st March: Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
Under 16 League; Cobar: Z Finn
Wednesday 1st April: Year 12 Half Yearly Exams
PBL Rewards
Thursday 2nd April: Year 12 Half Yearly Exams

Period Times - Term 1 2015
Muster 8:55 - 9:00
Period 1 9:00 - 9:55
Period 2 9:55 - 10:50
Recess 10:50 - 11:20
Period 3 11:20 - 12:15
Period 4 12:15 - 1:10
Lunch 1:10 - 1:40
Period 5 1:40 - 2:35
Period 6 2:35 - 3:30
Tuesday ends at the end of Period 5

Cobar High School
PO Box 454       Wetherell Crescent,       COBAR NSW 2835
Phone: 6836 2705       Fax: 6836 1142       www.cobar-h.schools.nsw.edu.au