Term 1

Basketball / Dubbo
Wednesday 11th March

Year 12
Half Yearly Exams
30th March - 2nd April

SRC Term 1 Disco
Wednesday 18th March
6:30pm - 9:30pm
School MPC

Girls Open Netball / Dubbo
Thursday 19th March

Parent / Teacher Interviews
Wednesday 25th March

Last day Term 1
Thursday 2nd April

Term 2

Staff Return
Monday 20th April
Students Return
Tuesday 21st April
**School Zone Flashing Lights**

Several weeks ago we received notification from the RTA that flashing lights were to be installed on the speed signs along Woodiwiss Avenue. Last week this became a reality.

This is truly a great concept with the potential to save many lives and to help avoid unnecessary accidents. That being said, they are only a warning signal. Students must still be cautious when crossing roads, as some motorist still speed regardless. Please use pedestrian crossings where available.

![School Zone Flashing Lights](image)

Motorist please take note of these and other warning signs. We must always remember that children will from time to time make bad decisions when it comes to road safety as they are still developing the skills to make good judgements.

**Breakfast Club**

As a PBL school we constantly review data to inform us of areas causing concern. This has resulted in trialling a Breakfast Club in an effort to reduce some discipline problems that have been occurring during period 2. Survey results indicate that a large number of our students do not have breakfast which could be an underlying factor with student behaviour. We all know what we’re like when we are hungry!

Breakfast Club will operate in the Top Quad from 8:15am on Wednesday and Friday mornings. A huge thank you to the following staff for organising and supervising this activity—Lyndsay Thomas, Wendy Thomson, Matt Klopper, Jon Baggs-Green, Chris Marshall, Sue Donaldson and Doug Armstrong.

**Talk and Act Positively**

The above statement is one of Cobar High School’s expectations in our PBL universal matrix. These expectations, that were developed by the entire school community, underpin what we strive for everyday - positive behaviour.

Unfortunately we have a number of students that are not adhering to these expectations. Far too often we have seen negative behaviours such as name calling (some very disgusting, very offensive), swearing, abusive language (directed at students and staff), threats (directed at students and staff) and physical altercations (fights, dangerous pushing/shoving and inappropriate grabbing) to name a few.

Please let it be known that these types of behaviour will not be tolerated at Cobar High.

These behaviours compromise the safety of all members of our school community. People can, as a result, suffer from a number of short or long term injuries. These can include physical injuries (cuts, abrasions, bruising, broken bones/teeth, loss of sight/hearing, disfigurement/scars) and psychological injuries (depression, feeling scared, feeling lonely or alone). Worse still death.

It is paramount that we work together to stamp out these behaviours in order to maintain a productive, caring learning environment. I urge parents, students and community member to report any incidents to the school so we can attempt to do so.

If students see someone at school being given a hard time, report it and by all means in a safe and responsible manner, stand up to them. Make it known that it’s not right to behave in this manner.

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**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

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**Year Advisers 2014**

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
CHS Knockout Cricket Competition

On Thursday the Open Boys Cricket team travelled up to Bourke to play the first round of the Combined High School Knockout Cricket Competition. Cobar High School won the toss and elected to bowl first. Strong bowling performances from James Anderson with figures of 2 wickets for 35 runs off 8 overs, Kody Martin with figures of 1 wicket for 26 runs off 7 overs and Ben Anderson with figures of 2 wickets for 25 runs off 2 overs helped to restrict Bourke High School to 264.

In response, Cobar High School was bowled out for 55 runs with Wyatt Proudlove top scoring with 15 runs. Special mention must be made to our two Year 12 players, Toby Black and Josh Bain-Smith who have represented the school in the CHS Cricket Knockout Competition for the last time. All players are to be commended on their outstanding effort and sportsmanship on the day.

David Menton
Cricket Coach

Assessments due Week 7

Year 10: Science
Year 11: Biology
Year 12: PVDI
Visual Arts

Assessments due Week 8

Year 9 & 10: Commerce, Elective History, Food Technology, PASS, Industrial Technology-Timber, Music, Industrial Technology-Metal
Year 11: Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation, PDHPE
Year 12: Community & Family Studies, English Standard, English Studies, Sport Lifestyle & Recreation

Cobar High School Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club kicked off on Wednesday morning with a handful of students enjoying a selection of cereals and toast before heading to morning muster. If students don’t have time to eat at home, then Breakfast Club can provide the benefits of breakfast. Breakfast Club will be trialling two days a week this term with the hope of running more days next term.

Power up with Breakfast Club
When: Mondays and Wednesdays week 6-week 10
Time: 8:15-8:40
Where: Common room

Lyndsay Thomas
Breakfast Club Coordinator
Open Boys and Girls Soccer
Cobar vs. Nyngan on Tuesday, 3 March 2015

Both teams had a cracker of a game, with the boys leading Cobar to a great start.

Three goals scored between Nick Buckman and co-captain Dylan Menadue ensured that the boys were in front with a solid lead, however Coach Klopper became nervous when Nyngan scored two goals in quick succession late during the second half. The boys changed focus to their defensive game and prevented any further goals to ensure a very well deserved 3-2 victory. They now progress to the next round. Well done! After their game, the boys cheered the girls on and offered handy tips from the sideline.

The girls eagerly supported the boys and showed great team-spirit while doing warm-up drills and talking strategy in the shade. Play started at mid-day and the glaring heat from the sun quickly took its toll. A positive attitude, perseverance and a few handy substitutions up our sleeve kept the Cobar spirit alive. The girls were unfortunately two players down after half-time; however the team didn’t give up. A strong attack and defence complimented each other with great keeping by Tara Wilkins and three goals scored by Abby Carswell, Joanna Awuku and Tayla Coveney. Second half was split into two twenty minute sessions to avoid further heat exhaustion and a nail-biting finish ensued, with Cobar’s victory being snatched by a last minute Nyngan goal. Well done ladies!

Lyndsay Thomas
Open Girls Soccer Coach

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:

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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.
NO DEODORANT CANS at Cobar High School.

TERN ONE SRC DISCO

Wednesday 18th March 6:30pm - 9:30pm
School MPC

AECG Meeting

Wednesday 20th May 3:30pm
Cobar Public School

Cobar Junior Rugby League

Rego Day’s
Saturday 14th March
Tom Knight Oval 9:30am to 6pm
Please bring -
Birth Certificate
Photo (if you have a small one or arrange to email)
Your child to sign all papers
Start Date
Sunday 3rd May, Tom Knight Oval, 9:30am start.
Enquires to Simone: 0418 649 050 - President
Crystal: 0448 363 351 - Secretary

Cobar Junior Soccer

Registration Days:

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<td>Youth Centre 5-8pm</td>
<td>Ward Oval Canteen 9-11am</td>
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Cost: $65 for first player, $60 for siblings.

Players must be turning at least 5 years in 2015. All registrations to be completed online by 23rd March

First Game: Saturday 2nd May, Ward Oval.
Enquires to Scott Griffiths: 0458 504412 – President
Mandy Grant: 6836 2979 – Secretary
Email: mandygrant@aapt.net.au

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

THE BAHAMAS

Written by The Bahamas WDP Committee

Jesus said to them
"Do You Know What I have Done To You?"
FRIDAY 6TH MARCH 2015

TIME: 7pm
PLACE: St Paul’s Anglican Church
Everyone Welcome

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**What’s On - Weeks 7 & 8, Term 1**

- **Monday 9th March**: Rural Education Meeting; Sydney: S Carter
- **Wednesday 11th March**: Basketball; Dubbo: B Jacobson, J Green
- **Thursday 12th March**: NSWSDPA Congress; Sydney: S Carter
- **Friday 13th March**: NSWSDPA Congress; Sydney: S Carter

- **Monday 16th March**: Professional Learning, Virtual Maths: B Ford, M Klopper
- **Tuesday 17th March**: Professional Learning, Virtual Maths: B Ford, M Klopper
- **Wednesday 18th March**: SRC Disco  6:30pm –9:30pm School MPC
- **Thursday 19th March**: Girls Open Netball; Dubbo:

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**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

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**Vision Statement**

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