

Cobar Public School Newsletter

We pay our respects to the Wangaaypuwan Ngiyampaa people on whose land we meet and learn.

Term 2, Week 5

Thursday, 26th May, 2022

Principal's Report

NAPLAN catchup has finished now with all participating students in Years 3 and 5 having completed testing.

Congratulations to our footballers on their victory last week at the Classic Shield in Dubbo. Cobar beat two other public schools and now advance to the next level of competition to be played in Parkes. A big congrats to our students for maintaining their composure in the face of some really poor sportsmanship from an opposing side, and coming out with the wins.

Congratulations also to our 4 students who completed yesterday in the CWA Public Speaking competition in Bourke. Addi, Issy, Tilly and Myah each prepared and delivered speeches on some very interesting topics. Addi spoke about "rain" and received an encouragement award; Issy spoke about "robots"; Myah spoke about "what my pet was thinking" and Tilly spoke about "what's in the box", taking out a highly commended.

There were some fantastic costumes on display yesterday for National Simultaneous Story Day. Mrs Whitey tells us that approximately 2 million people nation wide, were involved in this year's event; the reading of the book *Family Tree* by Josh Pyke. Well done also to all the staff who got in the spirit of the day with some excellent costumes.

As the weather cools off, a reminder that jackets and jumpers are to be in line with school uniform expectations. These items are available through the uniform shop.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Jonathan Harvey
Principal

*We are a school of
Responsible, Respectful, Learners*

Mid Term Break
Friday 27.5 & Monday 30.5.22
CPS is closed on these dates.
Enjoy your weekend.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Administration Office Hours - 8.30am - 3.30pm
School commences at 8.55am—School finishes at 3.05pm

Students are not supervised before 8.30am

Parent Reminder – Student Allergies

Cobar Public School is an 'ALLERGY AWARE' School.
Staff, parents, visitors and students are actively discouraged from bringing nuts and nut based products onto the Cobar Public School site.
Please keep this in mind when packing recess and lunch for your children.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CPS

DATES TO REMEMBER

27.05 to 30.05	▶ Mid-Term Break
31.5	▶ CPS P&C Spring Fair Sub-committee Meeting, 6pm, CPS Staffroom
03.06	▶ CPS Athletics Carnival ▶ Kindy to Year 6
13.06	▶ Public Holiday
14.6	▶ CPS P&C General Meeting & Spring Fair Sub-committee Meeting, 6pm. CPS Staffroom
04.07 to 15.07	▶ School Holidays
18.07	▶ T3 -Staff Development Day
19.07	▶ T3 - Students Return
19.08 to 22.08	▶ Mid-Term Break
09.09	▶ Spring Fair
26.09 to 07.10	▶ School Holidays
11.11 to 14.11	▶ Mid-Term Break
19.12	▶ Last day of School

PBL

Focus of the Week

"walk safely around the school"

'Responsible Respectful Learners'

GOLD TEAM ASSEMBLY

11.55am to 12.30pm

Week	Date	Class
6	No Assembly	Sports Carnival
8	17.06.22	1/2B

Copper/Zinc Team Assembly

12.45pm to 1.25pm

Week	Date	Class
6	No Assembly	Sports Carnival
8	17.06.22	5/6MD

CPS Uniform Shop

If you require uniforms for your child, please come into the front office to complete a uniform order with payment. Or call the school and ask for a uniform order form to be sent home with your child.

Payment for uniforms can be cash, eftpos or cheque

The order will be filled at the earliest convenience.

CPS Newsletter is available:

- via Facebook - Cobar Public School
- CPS website <https://cobar-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/>
- Printed copies can be collected from the CPS Administration Office if you prefer this format.

School Attendance

If you would like more information about attendance, please go to the link below.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/attendance-behaviour-and-engagement/school-attendance>



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

WHOLE SCHOOL

FRIDAY 3RD JUNE

9.30AM

WARD OVAL

PARENTS WELCOME



Compulsory school attendance

Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my Legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age of 17 years. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the NSW Education and Standards Authority for home schooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The Importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child's school principal.

My child won't go to school what should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school's learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child's attendance at school.

- Application to the Children's Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child's attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children's Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children's Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child's full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The NSW Department of Education recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

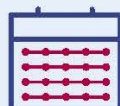
When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per **fortnight**

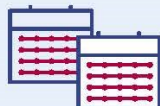

= **4** weeks



= Over **1** year missed

1 day per **week**


= **8** weeks



= Over **2.5** years missed

More information

Further Information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, information and brochures:

Please visit the Department of Education's Policy Library AND The Department's Attendance Matters Website

The school leaving age:

Please visit the Department of Education's Wellbeing and Learning website

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.



COBAR **FREE IN-HOME** **COVID-19 & FLU** **VACCINATION** **SERVICE**

30 MAY – 3 JUNE
Mon to Fri
10am to 6pm

Anyone aged 5 and over can be vaccinated against COVID-19

Any Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander person aged 6 months and over are eligible for a free flu vaccine

For more information, call:
Cobar Primary Health Care Centre
(02) 6820 3777

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WESTERN NSW

An Australian Government Initiative



P&C Meetings

Spring Fair Sub-committee

Tuesday 31st May

*General Meeting followed by
Spring Fair Sub-committee*

Tuesday 14th June

6pm in CPS Staffroom

All welcome!

Cobar Public School

Voluntary School Contribution

The Voluntary School Contributions for 2022 have remained the same as last year.

\$25 for one student or \$40.00 for a family.

As in previous years, funds raised will be accumulated over the next twelve months. Cobar Public School P & C will then determine what major capital works project will be supported by these funds.

If electing to contribute, please complete the slip below and return with funds to the Admin. Office. Thank you to those parents and carers who have already elected to contribute for the benefit of our students. Your support is appreciated.

Cobar Public School

Please find enclosed \$25.00/\$40.00 as the 2022 Voluntary School Contribution for my child/children

Student Name: _____ Student Name: _____

Student Name: _____ Student Name: _____

Parent/Carer: _____ Date: _____



COBAR PUBLIC SCHOOL

P and C

SAVE THE DATE



Spring Fair

Friday 9th September

Fireworks

Jumping Castle Side Show Alley

Food Stalls



New Canteen Menu

Starts Monday 16th May.



Cobar Public School Canteen Menu

To place your order go to www.flexischools.com.au to set up an account to order online or order on a clean paper bag.
Print your child's name, class and menu item(s) required.

COLD LUNCHES

Sandwiches/Wraps

• Chicken and Salad	\$6.00
• Ham and Salad	\$6.00
• Tuna and Salad	\$6.00
• Ham and Cheese	\$6.00
• Ham, Cheese and Tomato	\$5.00
• Cheese	\$3.00
• Cheese and Vegemite	\$3.00
• Vegemite	\$3.00

Salads include lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber, beetroot. Sauces: Mayo, tomato, BBQ, sweet chilli, sweet and sour.

DRINKS

Bottled Water	\$2.00
Apple Juice	\$2.00
Orange Juice	\$2.00
Apple and Blackcurrant	\$2.00
Chocolate Milk	\$2.00
Strawberry Milk	\$2.00
Chill J's* - Grape; Raspberry; Apple Cola;	
Apple and Blackcurrant; Orange Passio	\$2.00
Juice Bomb* - Watermelon; Apple Coola;	
Apple Raspberry	\$2.00

SPECIALS

Monday:	Chicken Wrap	\$6.00
	Homemade Pizza	\$5.00
Tuesday:	Macaroni & Cheese	\$5.00
	Chicken Nuggets	\$5.00
Wednesday:	Flame Grilled Chicken Burger	\$6.00
	Fried Rice	\$5.00
Thursday:	Party Pies	\$1.50ea
	Pasta Bolognese	\$5.00
Friday:	Hamburger	\$6.00
	Beef Lasagne	\$5.00



*Flavours will vary

SNACKS - Lunchtime

Slushies* - Blue Lemonade; Cola;	\$2.00/\$1.00
Raspberry; Grape	
Snap Stix* - Blue Raspberry; Sour Grape;	
Sour Raspberry; Watermelon	\$1.00
TNT's* - Blue Raspberry; Watermelon;	
Red Berry	\$1.00
Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00

SNACKS - Recess

Pizza Bread	\$1.00
Garlic Bread	\$1.00
Cheese and Vegemite Scrolls	\$1.00
Cheese and Ham Scrolls	\$1.00
Cheese and Crackers	\$1.00
Protein Balls	\$1.00
Seasonal Fruit	\$1.00
Salad Sticks	\$1.00
Sea Salt Chips	\$1.00
Grain Waves	\$1.00
Jelly Cup	\$1.00
Corn Chips and Salsa	\$1.00

Cobar Public School Canteen is an allergy aware canteen and meets the requirements of the
NSW Healthy School Canteen Strategy. Phone: 6836 2039