

Cobar Public School Newsletter

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

Term 2, Week 7

Thursday, 9th June, 2022

Principal's Report

Hopefully the athletics carnival will be able to run this week. Writing this on Wednesday, we are hoping that Thursday dawns bright, sunny, dry and warm. Good luck to all our competitors.

The work on the oval is progressing well, with the turf being laid this week. There have been delays due to the wet weather, but from here on the work should not be weather dependent. Speaking with the contractor, they now have the remainder of the turf to lay, rolling of the turf to bed it in and then fertilising and watering, then a period of time for the turf to take root before students will be able to begin playing on it.

On Monday students in Years 3-6 spent some time in a workshop with the Police Liaison Officer talking about cyber safety and being good cyber citizens. With the growth in young people accessing social media, it is important that they know how to identify inappropriate contact and cyber bullying and have strategies to respond to these. Parents are encouraged to have ongoing conversations with children and their cyber safety.

The Department of Education has recently released update procedures for schools around the management of student health care needs. School staff will be working with parents on an individual basis to update documentation to support the needs of students with diagnosed health care conditions. An important area for parents to be aware of is the management of asthma at school. If a student carries their own inhaler, this must be managed through the department's health care procedures. Staff will be contacting parents of students without health care plans who carry an inhaler to formalise health care procedures for these students per departmental procedures.

Have a great weekend everyone and remember Monday next week is the Queen's Birthday long weekend.

Have a great weekend everyone.

Jonathan Harvey
Principal

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

Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday

Monday 13th June, 2022

Students return,
Tuesday 14th June, 2022

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.

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.

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

13.06	Public Holiday
14.6	CPS P&C General Meeting & Spring Fair Sub-committee Meeting, 6pm. CPS Staffroom
23.06	80s Dance Party Where: Hall \$2 entry
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

GOLD TEAM ASSEMBLY 11.55am to 12.30pm

Week	Date	Class
8	17.06.22	1/2B

Copper/Zinc Team Assembly 12.45pm to 1.25pm

Week	Date	Class
8	17.06.22	5/6MD

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>

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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.

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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: _____

Who Got Spotted this week?



Nash Cartner

Nash has been spotted by Ernie for being the best version of himself in class. Nash is using equipment for its purpose, following the expectations and has had an incredibly settled term. Keep up the good work Nash!

Responsible



Cadence Colling

Cadence has been spotted by Ernie for always using her manners and being kind to others. Ernie spotted Cadence at the Athletics Carnival giving everything a go, and also helping others try their best. What a wonderful role model she will be for our incoming Kindergarten. Well done!

Respectful



Isaac Boland

Ernie has had an eye on Isaac for a while and is loving his sense of enthusiasm in class activities. Isaac has taken a keen interest in maths lessons and is continually trying to challenge himself. Aside from this, Isaac is also settling well into routine and following the class expectations. Keep it up!



Congratulations

SRC PRESENTS



80s DANCE PARTY
Thursday 23rd June

5pm - 6.30pm

In the hall

Prizes for best dressed

Games

\$2 entry

Glow products for sale

\$1 - \$5



Menu

Party Pies - \$2 each

Cocktail Frankfurts - \$2 (4 per serve)

Cupcakes - \$1

Chips - \$1

Sour straps - \$1 per bag

Fairy Bread - 50c

Drinks - \$2



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...

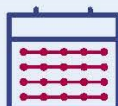
they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight



= **4** weeks

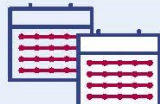


= Over **1** year missed

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

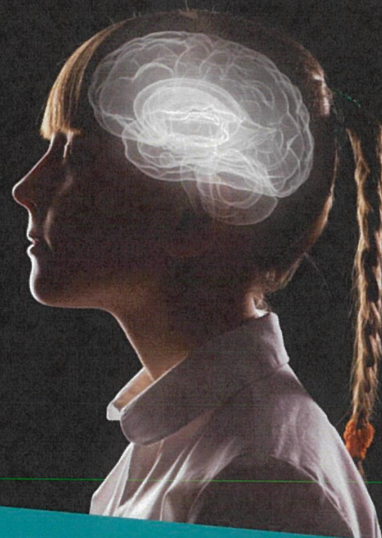
Do you need an interpreter?

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.



Coach 2 Cope: Families and Carers

**Supporting the mental health and
wellbeing of children & young people**



**Are you concerned about the impact mental health
has on the young people in your life?
Would you like to learn simple ways to respond to
them during times of distress?**

EquiEnergy Youth is a charity dedicated to reducing psychological distress, self-harm and the risk of suicide in young people. Our programs aim to connect young people with safe & effective adults with the capacity to effectively respond to them during times of distress and improve mental health outcomes.

As a result of a PhD research project and thousands of hours of clinical experience, Dr Stephen Spencer has developed a simple method to guide adults on how and when to respond to young people in distress to achieve a positive outcome. Steve will coach you on the following;

*A 5 step evidence-based psychological first aid framework (TAR3) for you to follow when responding 'in the moment' to episodes of distress and behavioural challenges. For example, TAR3 is the equivalent of the DR ABC process for responding to first aid.

*Guidance on simple ways you can help young people build coping, resilience and positive help seeking behaviour and the vital role you play in promoting this.

*Context on why child & adolescent mental health occurs and what you can do to improve mental health outcomes for the young people you support.

*Coaching in the use of scripts and engagements strategies to adopt when responding to distress using the TAR3 Psychological First Aid Method.

Live via Zoom – Wednesday the 22nd of June from 6pm to 7pm

(Attendance is complimentary).

Please be quick as spots are limited

Use this link to register via Eventbrite

<https://coach2copefamiliesandcarers.eventbrite.com.au>