

# Cobar Public School Newsletter

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

Term 2, Week 9

Thursday, 23rd June, 2022

## Principal's Report

Our soccer teams played Narromine Public School this week. Unfortunately, the boys' team went down 2-1 and the girls' 1-0. Feedback though was that our students again displayed excellent sportsmanship.

Reports have now been completed and will go home next Monday; keep an eye for these in student bags.

The Premier's Spelling Bee for Years 5 & 6 was held today. 14 students competed and congratulations to Vienna Taufao for the win, for the second year in a row, and to Audrey Josephson in second place. Isaiah Mangung had previously taken out first place in the Year 3 & 4 section, with Mya Duell in second place. The winners now move to the next round which will be held online.

The NSW Teacher's Federation has called a 24-hour strike for Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> June (Thursday next week). The school will be non-operational next Thursday.

Have a great weekend everyone.

*Jonathan Harvey*  
*Principal*

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

## Canteen Closed

The canteen will be closed on  
Term 3, Week 1 -  
Friday 22nd July, 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.

## PBL Focus of the Week 'Responsible Respectful Learners'

## 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

23.06	▶ 80s Dance Party Where: Hall \$2 entry
04.07 to 15.07	▶ School Holidays
18.07	▶ Staff Development Day
19.07	▶ Students Return
22.07	▶ Canteen Closed
19.08 to 22.08	▶ Mid-Term Break
09.09	▶ Spring Fair
26.09 to 07.10	▶ School Holidays
10.10	▶ Staff & Students Return
11.11 to 14.11	▶ Mid-Term Break
19.12	▶ Last day of School

## 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.

## 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>

## 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**ENROL  
NOW!**

# **COBAR PUBLIC SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN ENROLMENTS FOR 2023**

**To secure a position in our highly successful Kindergarten Transition Program, 'Smooth Start', call into the school and pick up an enrolment pack by August 18.**

**To be eligible to enrol at CPS,  
students must turn 5 by  
July 31, 2023.**



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**Principal - Jonathan Harvey**



**RESPONSIBLE RESPECTFUL LEARNERS**



# 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


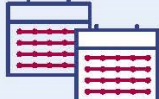
A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

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?

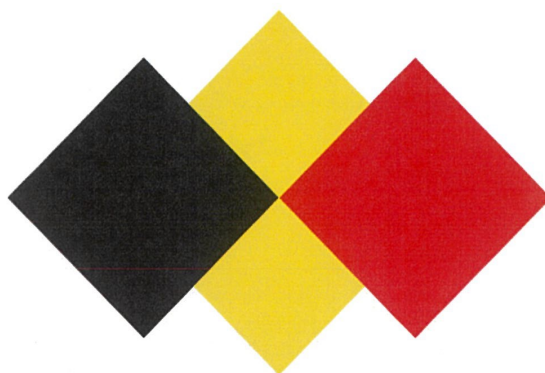
Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on **131 450**. You will not be charged for this service.





GET UP!  
STAND UP!  
SHOW UP!

3-10 JULY 2022



# NAIDOC WEEK 2022

## Join in the celebrations

Thursday 7th July

Drummond park

From 10:00am - 2:00pm

Welcome to Country - Smoking ceremony - Dancers - Ochre facepainting - Boomerang painting - Activities for the kids - Canvas painting - Colouring-in competition - Sausage sizzle - Coffee - Damper cook off! (Make your own and bring it down to be judged)

**FREE COMMUNITY EVENT PROUDLY SPONSORED BY:**

