



# Cobar Public School Newsletter

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

Term 4, Week 7

Thursday, 23rd November, 2017

## Principal's Report

A very quiet week this week. It is always that way with almost 55 of our biggest kids away on excursion. Mrs Manns has been providing us with updates on the excursion, and all information to date indicates that the year 5 and 6s are having a fabulous time in Canberra. So far they have visited Parliament House, the War Memorial and Questacon among other destinations. We wish them well for the remainder of the excursion and for a safe journey home.

A quick reminder to please update phone numbers, addresses etc. with the front office if they have changed. Also we understand that some families have court orders of various types and we ask that as these change, if they are relevant to the school, please provide updated copies of these also.

Have a great weekend.

Mr Harvey  
Principal

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

## Year 6 Graduation Dinner

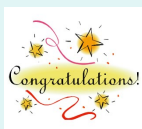
Invitations to all Year 6 students and families were mailed home in Week 4 for Year 6 Graduation Dinner.

**When:** Wednesday 13th December, 2017

**Where:** Cobar Bowling and Golf Club Auditorium

**Time:** 6.30pm to 9.30pm

**RSVP HAS NOW CLOSED.**



## Book Club

Book Club is due Thursday 30th November, 2017 (Week 8). No late orders will be taken. Please make sure your child's name and class is on all the order forms, as well as the envelope.

Thank you for your help with this.

Mrs Whiteman  
Book Club Coordinator



## 2017 Year 6 Parent Information Night

Parent information night for Year 6 students (2017) will be held in the Cobar High School MPC at 6pm on Monday 27th November, 2017.

Mrs Manns

## School Attendance

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

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

## 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.**

*Thank you*

## 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

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CPS

## DATES TO REMEMBER

20-24/11	▶ Zinc Excursion to Canberra
27/11	▶ 2017 Year 6 Parent information night Time: 6pm Where: CHS MPC
30/11	▶ Book Club is due back today
5/12	▶ Year 6 Transition to Cobar High School - Final Transition Day at Cobar High School, Lesson Tasters, House Cup Challenge, BBQ Lunch. 11.20 to 1.40pm ▶ Yr 6 -7 Transition Disco—time to be announced
12/12	▶ CPS Presentation Day @ Golf Club
13/12	▶ Year 6 Farewell @ Golf Club
15/12	▶ Last Day of School for Term 4

## A road safety reminder

When crossing the road at the front of the school -  
please use the School Crossing



## Gold / Copper / Zinc Team Reminder

- ★ Assembly is on even weeks of the term
- ★ Merit award books must be handed in no later than 9am Tuesday of assembly weeks or they will be held over until the next assembly
- ★ Please label student's clothing, lunchboxes, water bottles etc
- ★ No hat no play

## PBL

### Focus of the Week

“Listen to instructions”



## Canteen Roster

Monday, 27th November Help Required	Monday, 4th December Help Required
Tuesday, 28th November Help Required	Tuesday, 5th December Help Required
Wednesday, 29th November Help Required	Wednesday, 6th December Help Required
Thursday, 30th November Help Required	Thursday, 7th December Help Required
Friday, 1st December Help Required	Friday, 8th December Help Required

## GOLD TEAM ASSEMBLY

12.05pm to 1.45pm

Week	Date	Class
6	17.11.17	1/2K
8	01.12.17	1/2C
9	08.12.17	Christmas Concert

## Copper/Zinc Team Assembly

12.55pm to 1.35pm

Week	Date	Class
6	17.11.17	3/4S
8	01.12.17	5/6B
9	08.12.17	Christmas Concert

## Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop opening hours are

Monday  
2.45pm - 3.15pm  
and  
Wednesday  
8.45am - 9.15am.

You can also fill out the uniform order form available on the school website and have your child drop it into the canteen with payment or transfer reference number. The order will be filled and sent home with your child next time the uniform shop is open.

Bank details are on the form if you wish to pay by bank transfer. 2nd hand uniforms are now also available for sale, if you have any old uniforms you don't need any more please drop them off to the canteen or the uniform shop.

How can I go to the Positive Behaviour for Learning Rewards Day at the end of Term 4?



START

I need to collect 10 Merit Awards before Friday 8th December 2017.

I can get a merit award by:

- Collecting ten good eggs.
- Reading at home ten times.
- Attending excursions.
- 100% attendance each term.
- Representing the school in the community.
- Getting one from a teacher at assembly.

I can get a good egg for following the Positive Behaviour for Learning expectations:

ALL SETTINGS	
ALL SETTINGS	Looks Like and Sounds Like
<b>RESPONSIBLE</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use equipment for its purpose</li> <li>Stay in bounds</li> <li>Wear a school hat outdoors</li> <li>Be honest</li> <li>Walk safely around the school</li> </ul>
<b>RESPECTFUL</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Use a polite voice</li> <li>Do as you are asked</li> <li>Keep your hands to yourself</li> <li>Wear school uniform</li> <li>Share equipment</li> </ul>
<b>LEARNER</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Be prepared for learning</li> <li>Participate to the best of your ability</li> <li>Listen to instructions</li> </ul>



All staff at Cobar Public School can hand out good eggs. Teachers are on a mission to give out at least 20 good eggs during the day, 5 each on playground duty and to write up merit award recipients on Sentral.

I can go to the Positive Behaviour for Learning Rewards Day if I bring in my 10 merit awards to school on Friday 8th December for my teacher to check.

**REWARDS DAY**  
**Thursday**  
**14th**  
**December**

# Ernie is on the lookout!

**R**ESPONSIBLE



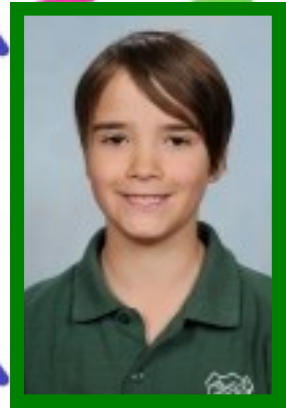
Indirose Saunders

**R**ESPECTFUL



Sophie-Anne Chandler

**L**EARNERS



Eli Hodges

Indirose Saunders from KM has been spotted by Ernie for being responsible. Ernie saw that she uses equipment for its purpose inside the classroom and out in the playground. Indirose always wears her school hat outdoors and knows that it is good to be sun safe.



Ernie has noticed Sophie-Anne in the playground always using a polite voice. She shows respect to everyone she is with by speaking kindly and finding the positive in all situations. Sophie-Anne ensures that everyone she is with feels confident and happy by always using a polite voice and making positive comments to all around her. Ernie is so happy that Sophie is such a respectful learner at Cobar Public School.

Ernie has spotted Eli doing some AMAZING work during writing lessons this term. He has been spotted working collaboratively with other students to produce a well written piece of text. Well done Eli, Ernie is proud of you.



## Congratulations

# THE SALAD MAKERS

A number of inventive young students went on a creative journey last week ... they gathered ingredients including parsley, tomatoes, basil, garlic chives, chilly and broad beans from the garden and went about chopping and mixing to create a tasty salad which they then shared with staff and students.

Nevaeh Hines has been keeping her watchful eyes on the Tom Thumb tomatoes and was around to harvest the first crop of juicy, ripe, red ones! Nevaeh shared them with all her friends in Gold Team.



*WSPA Dance proudly presents*

## Once upon a time...

*Our annual dance performance*

30th November - 10am & 7pm  
1st December - 7pm  
Cobar Bowling & Golf Club

*Come join us for magical night of dance!*

A promotional poster for a dance performance. The background is a light blue gradient with white snowflakes and stars. A black silhouette of a ballerina in a dynamic, high-kick pose is the central focus. At the bottom, there is an image of an open book with many pages. The text is arranged on the left side, and a quote is on the right.

# 2017 Water Testing @ the Newey

## Test #6



Reegan Traynor and Katie Nicholson

Water testing # 6 with the Cobar Shire Council (CSC): The sixth group of young research scientists recorded the following results which will be sent off to the CSC. They observed the differences in environment including the changing shoreline and wildlife in the lowering water level in the Newey.

Test 16/11/17 Time 8.30am	Location 1	Location 2
Rain recorded in last week	14ml for Cobar	14ml for Cobar
Air Temperature	20°C	22°C
Water Temperature	19°C	19°C
Ph/acidity/alkalinity	7	7
Electrical Conductivity µs	CAL: 1st 1690 2nd 1630	CAL: 1st 800 2nd 790
Turbidity (ntu)	17.2	8
Comments	Rained last night, cool breeze, 'nice' sounds to listen to, 3x pelicans, Newey drying up on the northern side, shallow water, muddy edges	Cloudy, slight breeze, 3x pelicans, lots of ducks on northern side of water, approx. 8x campers, water level reduced, muddy foreshore.

# Gold Team Assembly



# Congratulations

# Copper/Zinc Assembly



# Congratulations





# 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. 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 Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

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.





**If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they'll have missed over a year of school.**

**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 and Communities 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 Department of Education and Communities 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.

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*

**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.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

Learning and Engagement

Student Engagement & Interagency Partnerships

T 9244 512

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## Term 4 Special Canteen Lunch Day

On Friday 1st December the canteen is having a special 3D lunch.

It includes a

**DOG (hotdog), Donut & Drink**

To order your special lunch, fill out the bag sent home with your child or fill out the one below or hop onto flexischools.

Orders and Payment **Must** be in to the canteen by Monday 27th November.

Please note: there will be no other lunch options available on this day.



### **3D Lunch Day**

Friday 1st December-



Name \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

**Hotdog & Donut & Drink For \$8.00**

Select Sauce: Tomato / BBQ /no sauce

Select a drink:

Orange / Apple/ Apple Blackcurrant/

Choc Milk/ Strawberry milk/ Water

Order Due to the Canteen Monday 27th NOV



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### Reporting

Dear Parents / Carers,

Over the past few years, executive staff and teachers have been reviewing the current reporting process in an effort to determine the most effective way to provide you with information about your child's achievement.

This semester you will notice a change to the way reports are set out. We have changed our process from having a grade (A-E), an effort (1-5) and a comment about the subject. The new process will allow us to break down each outcome to show you how your child is performing within that outcome. This will take the place of the comment. The grade and effort part of reporting will remain the same.

On the back of this note is an example of the new format for your information. As you can see, the new format allows teachers to be much more specific in reporting on your child's progress and allow you to easily see where your child may need further assistance. A general comment at the end of the report will still remain the same.

Please note, the sample given on the back is an example only and each stage will have different outcomes. If you have any queries about the new reporting format, please do not hesitate to make contact with myself or your child's classroom teacher through the front office.

Regards,  
Silvana Lennon  
2/11/18

**Example of Semester Two reporting layout for 2017:**



Cobar Public School  
Semester 2, 2017

**English**

Overall Achievement	A	B	C	D	E	Effort	5	4	3	2	1	
Areas of Learning	Outstanding						High	Sound	Basic	Limited		
<b>Reading</b>												
Uses an increasing range of skills, strategies and knowledge to fluently read, view and comprehend a range of texts on increasingly challenging topics in different media and technologies.							✓					
Identifies and compares different kinds of texts when reading and viewing and shows an understanding of purpose, audience and subject matter.							✓					
Responds to and composes a range of texts that express viewpoints of the world similar to and different from their own.									✓			
<b>Writing</b>												
Plans, composes and reviews a range of texts that are more demanding in terms of topic, audience and language.							✓					
Uses a range of strategies, including knowledge of letter-sound correspondences and common letter patterns, to spell familiar and some unfamiliar words.							✓					
Uses effective and accurate sentence structure, grammatical features, punctuation conventions and vocabulary relevant to the type of text when responding to and composing texts				✓								
Thinks imaginatively, creatively and interpretively about information, ideas and texts when responding to and composing texts.							✓					



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STADIUM MOTOCROSS TRI-SERIES ROUND 2



## 25<sup>th</sup> NOV



**B.Y.O ALCOHOL**

**SIGN ON – 1pm**

**RIDERS BRIEF – 2:45pm**

**PRACTICE – 3pm**

**RACING – 4pm**

**SENIOR CLASS – \$10**

**JUNIOR CLASS – \$20**

**EXTRA CLASS – \$10**

**DAY LICENCE – \$75**

**MEMBERSHIP – \$10**

