



# 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, 25th June, 2020

## Principal's Report

Due to COVID there are no regional or state sports events being held this year. We will hold our school athletics on Friday week 3 and hold the Cross Country event on the same day. Both will be for competitors only. High jump is unable to be run this year. Students will still be able to compete to achieve sport champions.

Thanks to those who completed the parent survey. As a whole school staff we have looked at the data and this will be used to help guide future directions.

There were a number of comments about the state of the school grounds. We acknowledge that they are not at their best. There were comments about the lack of grass, trees being cut down and the general state of the grounds.

Trees – all schools in NSW have risk management plans for the trees on their site. Trees are assessed by a qualified tree doctor, arborist, and if the arborist says a tree has to go, then the tree has to go. Years ago numerous trees were planted, with many gum trees being planted in really poorly thought out locations; next to building and in locals where their roots got into our sewerage and water systems. When the toilets get blocked because a tree's roots are in the line, the tree has to go.

We have been unable to use sprinklers or the in ground system for a number of years due to restrictions, and without regular rain, grass dies. It also dies if children constantly kick it up as they play on it daily.

The in ground sprinkler system broke due to the contraction of the ground as the drought has worsened and as top soil has blown away. The in ground sprinkler heads were previously 50mm below ground. They are now above ground following soil loss and have had to be removed for the safety of the students. We have had the sprinkler people come out from Dubbo to quote on a replacement and at this point we are not able to afford to replace it. The oval also requires grading before it can be reseeded or turf laid. We have also had quotes on this and spoken with the Dubbo turf farm to take advice on how best to restore the oval. Their advice is that whether seeded or turfed, the oval would be out of action for at least 12 months to allow it to regenerate. The question then, is where do hundreds of children play whilst not able to access the oval?

Schools have had advice that there will be further easing of restrictions on schools from the start of term 3. Scripture, contact sport and short assemblies can all resume. There remains at this point a restriction on non-essential people coming onto school site. We plan to video the assemblies each fortnight and Live Stream them via Facebook and then host the video to our YouTube channel.

This is the final newsletter for the term so we wish everyone a safe and happy holidays. Please remain vigilant around social distancing and hygiene protocols.

Have a great weekend everyone.

**Mr Jonathan Harvey**  
**Principal**

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## 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

6.7 to 17.7	▶ Term 2 School holidays
20.07	▶ Staff Development Day
21.07	▶ Student s Return
07.08	▶ CPS Athletics Carnival ▶ Cross Country
21.08 to 24.08	▶ Mid-Term Break

## 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>

## Gold, Copper & Zinc Assemblies

Gold, Copper & Zinc Assemblies will recommence as of start of Term 3. However, due to current Covid-19 restrictions around gatherings of people, parents will be unable to attend assemblies until we advise otherwise.

In the meantime, we plan to video the assemblies each fortnight and Live Stream them via Facebook and then host the video to our YouTube channel.

## 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 Admin. Office if you prefer this format.

## Reminders:

- ★ Assembly is on even weeks of the term
- ★ Merit award books must be handed in to class teachers by students no later than 9am, Friday of non-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**

## For Sale

- ★ Library bags \$5.50
- ★ Merit Books \$5.00

Available from CPS Admin Office

## 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.*

# CPS Athletics Carnival & Cross Country 7th August



Due to COVID-19 these events will be run as competitor only more information to follow

**PBL**

*Focus of the Week*

Listen to and follow instructions

# Cobar Public School

## Enrol now for Kindergarten 2021

To be eligible to start school students must turn 5 before the 31st July, 2021.



To secure a spot for your child in our highly successful Kindergarten Transition Program, "Smooth Start", please pick up and return a school enrolment pack by the 20th August 2020.



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