

COBDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter 16th February 2024



Kia ora tatou

A warm and hearty welcome to all our new families joining the Cobden School community this year! It's a pleasure to have you with us as we embark on a journey of learning and growth together. To our returning families, welcome back! Your continued presence enriches our school community and we are thrilled to have you with us for another exciting year.

We are delighted to share that our students have commenced the academic year with great enthusiasm and energy. Their positive spirits and eagerness to learn have set a fantastic tone for the upcoming months.

Our swimming pool is up and running smoothly providing our students with a wonderful opportunity to engage in aquatic activities as part of their class routines.

Furthermore, we are pleased to report that our students have been enjoying ample outdoor time during break periods and physical education classes. It's essential for their holistic development to have opportunities for fresh air, physical activity, and social interaction and we are proud to facilitate these experiences within our school environment.

As we dive into the academic year, our school's annual plans are in full swing and we have hit the ground running. The annual plans are now on our website for all to view. One of our key priorities remains ensuring regular attendance among our students. We firmly believe that consistent attendance plays a pivotal role in student progress and achievement and we are committed to supporting each student in their journey towards success.

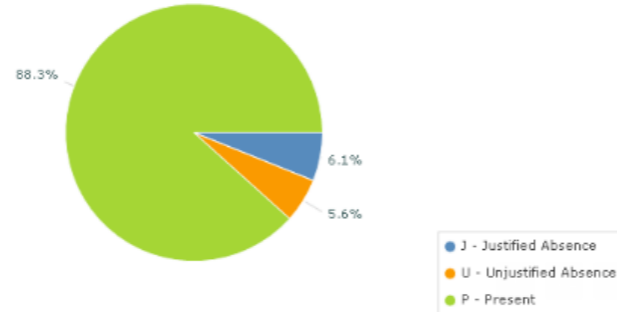
Kia kaha

Noula Markham
Principal

Why do kids need to be at school?

So we can learn and be better in life and we follow our dreams and achieve our life goals.

Mac Year 7



Important Dates 2024 - Also on the Skool Loop Events tab

Term 1

Thursday 22nd February	2.15pm Assembly
Friday 23rd February	Gold Coin Mufti Day - Heart Foundation Big Heart Appeal
Thursday 29th February	Cobden School Swimming Sports - School Pool
Thursday 7th March	2.15pm Assembly
Thursday 21st March	2.15pm Assembly
Friday 22nd March	Cans for Good Mufti Day - Greymouth Food Bank
Friday 29th March	Good Friday - School Closed
Monday 1st April	Easter Monday - School Closed
Tuesday 2nd April	Easter Tuesday - School Closed
Thursday 4th April	2.15pm Assembly
Thursday 11th April	Cobden School Cross Country - Jellyman Park
Friday 12th April	Last day of Term 1

Term 2

Monday 29th April	Term 2 Begins
Friday 17th May	Teacher Only Day - School Closed for instruction.



PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Caring, Co-operation, Communication
This Terms focus - "Korero Mai - We Communicate"

Values Card Winners:

Term 1	Week 2	Sadie & Seth
	Week 3	Amiyah, Mason & Sebastian

As part of a sense of belonging this term, students are encouraged to use open communication about feelings to develop positive relationships.

ROAD SAFETY - PARENTS/CAREGIVERS

Please use the designated carparks around the school to drop off or pick up your children. Keeping our children Safe - **Do not stop in the middle of the road and let your children out.** Thank you to all parents/caregivers for using the pedestrian crossings and following our traffic wardens' instructions.



Thank you to Westland Engineering Supplies for donating this Life Jacket to our Water Safety programme.



SKOOL LOOP
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OUR SCHOOL COMMUNICATION APP

Wanted:
2nd hand toys
for the school shop.



Cobden School Manakura 2024

Congratulations to this years School Leaders Ruhi, Emilie M, Arnabelle, Braxton, Billie-May, Aolele, Lyric & Jax. This week the 2024 Manakura had their first leadership task in which they took Mel Packham (Healthy Active Learning Advisor) and two of her colleagues from Sport Canterbury on a walk around the Cobden neighbourhood. The purpose was to gain student voice about the Cobden community play spaces. From here we will be gathering voice from whanau and the wider community so keep an eye out for upcoming surveys and information gathering. The insights we gain will help us develop a plan to make Cobden even better than it already is.



Mokomoko showing examples of the Cobden School three values: caring, cooperation and communication.



WELCOME TO COBDEN SCHOOL

Kaelyn
Mekai
Arnabelle
Theo
Lucas
Kaiyah
Indie
Sebastian
Lennox
Izaac
Flynn
Ruby
Karson
Petra
August
Arthur