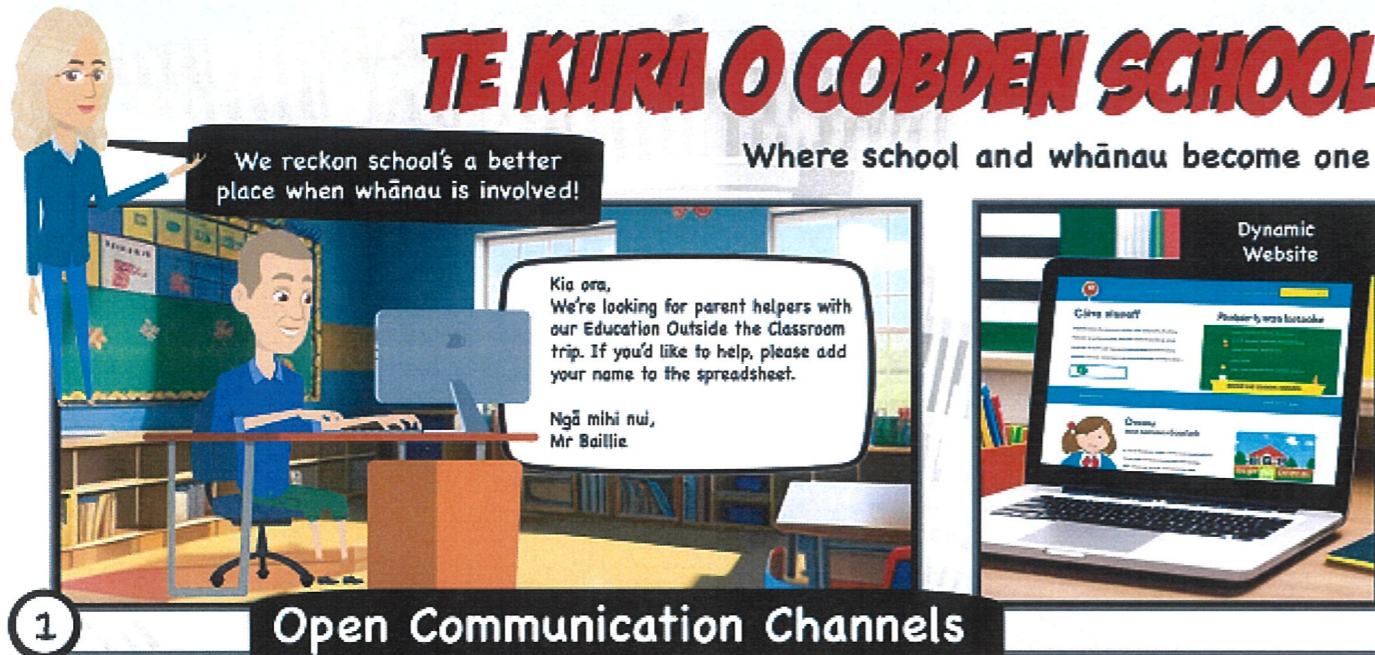


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Where school and whānau become one

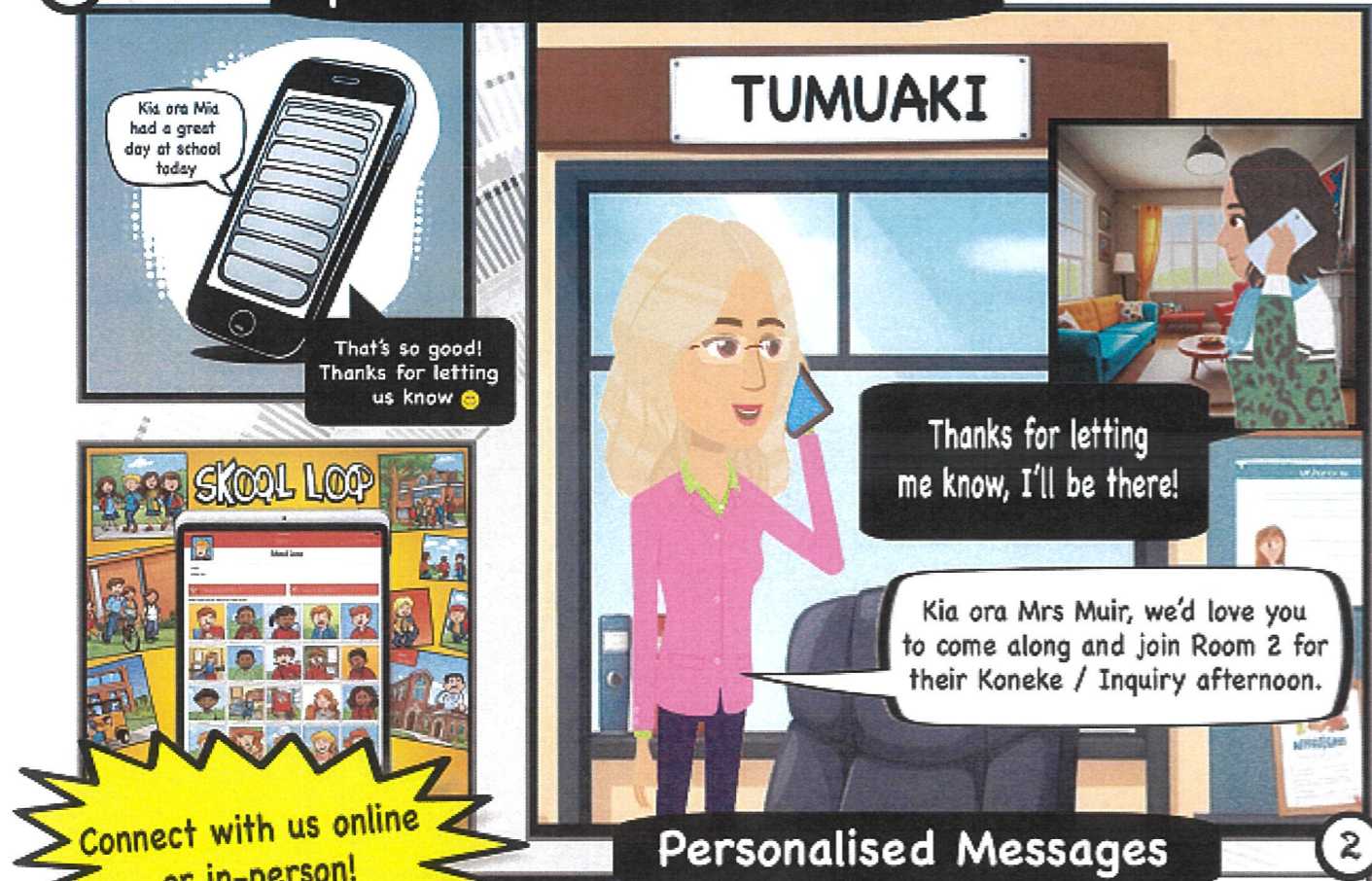


We reckon school's a better place when whānau is involved!

Kia ora,
We're looking for parent helpers with our Education Outside the Classroom trip. If you'd like to help, please add your name to the spreadsheet.
Ngā mihi nui,
Mr Baillie

Dynamic Website

1 Open Communication Channels



Kia ora Mia had a great day at school today

That's so good! Thanks for letting us know 😊

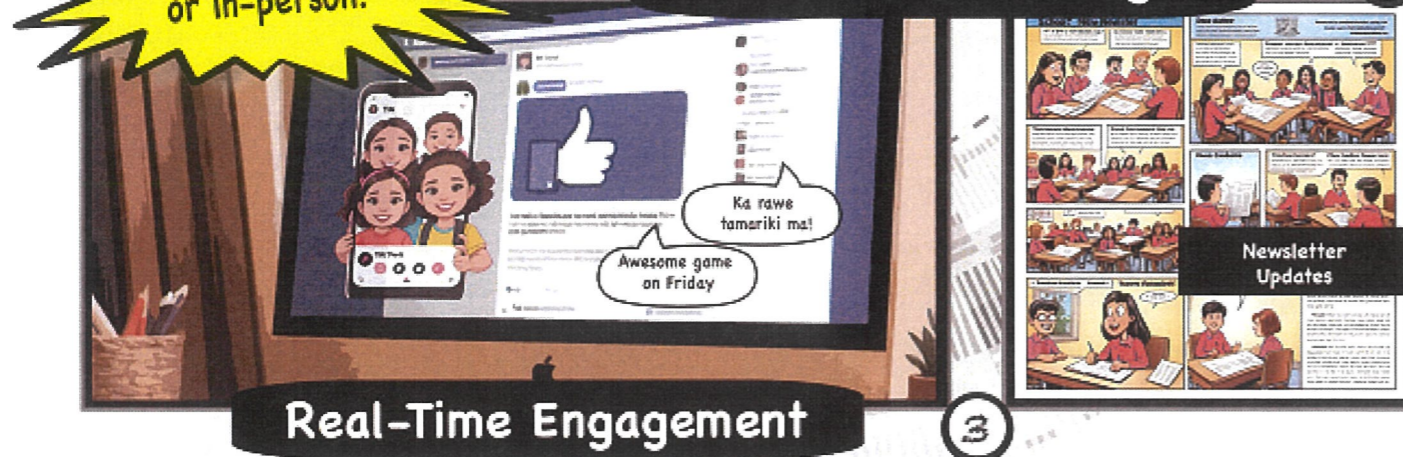
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Thanks for letting me know, I'll be there!

Kia ora Mrs Muir, we'd love you to come along and join Room 2 for their Koneke / Inquiry afternoon.

Connect with us online or in-person!

2 Personalised Messages



Ka rawe tamariki ma!

Awesome game on Friday

Newsletter Updates

3 Real-Time Engagement

COBDEN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

1st May 2026

Caring, Co operation, Communication
Manaakitanga, Mahi Ngatahi, Korero Mai



A community of learners where wellbeing and relationships encourage ākonga to be confident, engaged and caring critical thinkers.

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A word from the Principal...



Kia ora koutou,

Welcome back to all our students and families, and a very warm welcome to the new students and whānau joining our Cobden School community. It has been a fantastic start to the term, and we have been especially lucky with the beautiful weather, allowing our tamariki to fully enjoy our school environment and outdoor spaces.

We are proud to celebrate our students' success at the Grey and West Coast athletics, with several of our tamariki qualifying—an excellent achievement. The basketball season has also got off to a flying start, and it is great to see strong participation, with four teams representing our school in this year's competition.

Attendance has shown a positive lift, with our first two weeks sitting at 70%, a significant improvement from 53% at the same time last year. I have had many valuable conversations with whānau about the importance of attendance, and it is encouraging to see our community recognising that every day counts.

Ngā mihi nui,
Noula Markham
Principal



Important Dates 2026 - Also on the Skool Loop Calendar tab

Friday 1st May	Basketball Subs are due
Friday 1st May	Cobden School Anzac Remembrance at the Main Gate 2.40pm
Thursday 7th May	Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Friday 8th May	Assembly 12pm in the Hall. Led by Kowhai 3. Whanau can bring their lunch to eat with students after Assembly. Scholastic Lucky Book Club issue 3 orders close.
Friday 8th May	Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Thursday 14th May	Pink Shirt Day - Nationwide Anti Bullying - Gold Coin Mufti Day - Wear Pink
Friday 15th May	Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom
Tuesday 19th May	Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Thursday 21st May	Assembly 12pm in the Hall. Led by Mokomoko 1. Whanau can bring their lunch to eat with students after Assembly.
Friday 22nd May	Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Thursday 28th May	Kings Birthday - Public Holiday - School is closed. No Basketball.
Monday 1st June	Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Thursday 4th June	Assembly 12pm in the Hall. Led by Kowhai 2. Whanau can bring their lunch to eat with students after Assembly.
Friday 5th June	Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom
Tuesday 9th June	Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Thursday 11th June	"Keeping Ourselves Safe" Parent/caregiver meeting 3.30pm Library.
Thursday 11th June	Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Thursday 18th June	Harold - Life Education - Gold Coin Mufti Day - Wear Yellow
Friday 19th June	Assembly 12pm in the Hall. Led by Kowhai 1. Whanau can bring their lunch to eat with students after Assembly.
Friday 19th June	Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Thursday 25th June	Assembly 12pm in the Hall. Whanau can bring their lunch to eat with students
Friday 26th June	Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Thursday 2nd July	Three-Way Learning Conferences - Early Closure at 2pm.
Tuesday 30th June	Three-Way Learning Conferences - Early Closure at 2pm.
Wednesday 1st July	Three-Way Learning Conferences normal 3pm closure.
Thursday 2nd July	Assembly 12pm in the Hall. Led by Mokomoko 2. Whanau can bring their lunch to eat with students after Assembly.
Friday 3rd July	Last Day - End of Term 2
Friday 3rd July	
Term 3:	
Monday 20th July	First Day - Term 3
Monday 20th July	Year 5/6 Basketball starts today, every Monday until 21st September
Friday 21st August	Teacher Only Day - School is Closed.

Disclaimer: Dates and Times are correct at the time of printing but are subject to change.

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Caring, Co-operation, Communication

This terms focus:

"Mahi Ngātahi - Following instructions"

Values Card Winners:

Term 1 2026 Week 9 Roman
Term 2 2026 Week 1 Baron, Caitlin & Brynlie



Following instructions is an important skill that helps children succeed both at school and in everyday life. Research in New Zealand shows that when children learn to listen and follow directions, they build key skills like self-management, problem-solving, and independence. These skills also support their safety, relationships, and confidence as they learn to work with others and navigate new situations.

Cobden School Athletics Update:

Congratulations to Stevie, Kenzie, August, Tyler, Zarleah, Dean and Jax who qualified at our school Athletics to go through to the **Grey District Athletics** on the 21st April.
Congratulations to Tyler, Jax, Kenzie & Stevie who went through to the **West Coast Athletics** on the 28th April.



Above: The last day of Term 1 the students all had fun taking part in our Easter activities
Left: Thank you for your support! We raised \$106.50 for our Hidden Disabilities Mufti Day.



Wanted:
2nd hand toys for the school shop. Please drop at the office.



BOOK CLUB
Rewards your school!
Scholastic Lucky Book Club
Issue 3 is out now!
Every order earns rewards for Cobden school.

Orders Close
Friday 8th May 2026

WELCOME TO COBDEN SCHOOL

Olivia Eva
Brynlie Sadie
Vivienne Mason
Ilah Daisy

ROAD SAFETY - PARENTS/CAREGIVERS - BE ROLE MODELS TO YOUR CHILDREN

Please be a safety role model and show your children the correct way to safely cross the road. Please use the road crossings and designated carparks around the school to drop off or pick up.

Keeping our children Safe

Do not stop in the middle of the road and let your children out.

Do not call your child across the road - encourage them to use the crossings

Thank you to all parents/caregivers for using the pedestrian crossings and following our traffic wardens' instructions.