

**YOUR SUPPORT
IS MAKING A
REAL DIFFERENCE!**



**ATTENDANCE
IS IMPROVING,**



**LEARNING
IS IMPROVING –**



**AND OUR TAMARIKI
ARE THRIVING.**



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NEWSLETTER

26th June 2026

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



A community of learners where wellbeing, relationships, and joyful learning empower ākonga to be confident, engaged, creative, and caring critical thinkers.

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MATARIKI

Matariki Celebration

Friday 24th July
5.30pm to 7pm

Cobden School Hall

Shared Kai and Dancing!

A word from the Principal...



Kia ora whānau,

As we head into the final week of another busy and rewarding term, I want to thank our students, staff, and whānau for the wonderful support shown throughout the past ten weeks. It has been a big term at Cobden School, with our tamariki making excellent progress in their learning, participating in a wide range of opportunities, and continuing to demonstrate our school values every day.

One area we are particularly proud of is our Term 2 attendance. Compared with the same time last year, we have seen a significant improvement in the number of students attending school regularly. This year, 66% of our students attended school more than 90% of the time, compared with 51% in Term 2, 2025. We have also seen a substantial reduction in the number of students with very low attendance. This is a fantastic achievement and reflects the commitment of our whānau, students, and staff. Regular attendance has a direct impact on learning, and these results are something our whole community should celebrate.

Student reports are being sent home today. As you read your child's report, please keep in mind that schools across New Zealand are now reporting against the new curriculum expectations. These benchmarks are different from those used previously, so you may notice some changes in how your child's achievement is described. We encourage you to read the personalised comments from your child's teacher carefully, as these provide the clearest and most accurate picture of your child's progress, strengths, and next learning steps.

We look forward to welcoming you to next week's Three-Way Learning Conferences. These meetings are a valuable opportunity to celebrate your child's successes, discuss their progress, and work together to support their continued learning. Your partnership makes a real difference, and we appreciate the time you take to be involved in your child's education.

Ngā mihi nui,
Noula Markham
Principal



Important Dates 2026 - Also on the Skool Loop Calendar tab

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| Tuesday 30th June | Three-Way Learning Conferences - Early Closure at 2pm. Bookings Open. |
| Wednesday 1st July | Three-Way Learning Conferences - Early Closure at 2pm. Bookings open. |
| Thursday 2nd July | Three-Way Learning Conferences normal 3pm closure. Bookings Open. |
| Thursday 2nd July | Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus. |
| Friday 3rd July | Assembly 12pm in the Hall. Led by Mokomoko 2. \$2 Sausage Sizzle. Whanau can bring their lunch to eat with students after Assembly. 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 |
| Thursday 23rd July | Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus. |
| Tuesday 28th July | Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom |
| Thursday 30th July | Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus. |
| Friday 31st July | Red Nose Day - Gold Coin Mufti Day - For Cure Kids |
| Thursday 6th August | Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus. |
| Friday 7th August | Assembly 12pm in the Hall. Whanau can bring their lunch to eat with students after Assembly. |
| Thursday 13th August | Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus. |
| Tuesday 18th August | Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom |
| Thursday 20th August | Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus. |
| Friday 21st August | Teacher Only Day - School is Closed. |
| Thursday 27th August | Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus. |
| Friday 28th August | Daffodil Day - Gold Coin Mufti Day - Greymouth Cancer Society |
| Thursday 3rd September | Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus. |
| Friday 4th September | Assembly 12pm in the Hall. Whanau can bring their lunch to eat with students after Assembly. |
| Thursday 10th September | Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus. |
| Tuesday 15th September | Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom |
| Wednesday 16th September | Wig Wednesday - Gold Coin Mufti Day - Wacky Hair Day |
| Thursday 17th September | Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus. |
| Friday 18th September | Assembly 12pm in the Hall. Whanau can bring their lunch to eat with students after Assembly. |
| Thursday 24th September | Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus. |
| Friday 25th September | Last Day - End of Term 3 |

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 2 2026 Week 8 Audrey, Alexis & Erika
Week 9 Blake & Harper



As we head towards the holidays, we encourage families to continue supporting our focus on following instructions through everyday activities such as baking, crafts, games, and helping with jobs around the house. These simple opportunities help children build confidence, independence, and co-operation. We wish all our whānau a relaxing break and hope you enjoy celebrating Matariki with family and friends. Mānawatia a Matariki!

CSIA (Cobden School In Action) Thank you for your support!

EOTC Sausage Sizzle last week - We raised \$174.00

Our last Term 2 Sausage Sizzle is Friday 3rd July following Assembly.



Last week we had a visit from a Westland Milk Products Tanker, Showing students the Milk production process.

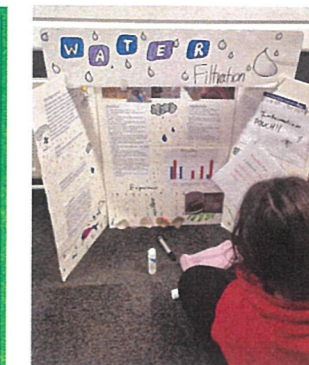


Principal's Star Award



Congratulations to **Billie-May & Harper** Principal Star Award winners at Assembly last week. They enjoyed lunch with the Principal this week.

Kowhai Students have been working hard on their Science boards for the Science Fair on Wednesday 1st July at John Paul 2. We have 8 entries this year.



Our Harold Mufti Day raised \$119.70 for Life Education

