

Parent/Whānau Info Event



CHANGES TO REPORTING & ASSESSMENT IN 2026

WHAT'S NEW?

WHAT'S CHANGED
IN YOUR CHILD'S REPORT?

 **Date:** Wednesday, 17 June
Time: 3.30 – 4.00pm
Location: School Library

Find out about:

-  New language – Progress Descriptors
-  Visuals showing progress over time
-  What this means for you and your tamariki

 **All whānau welcome!**
Short, friendly session + time for questions.

**YOUR CHILD.
YOUR SCHOOL.
OUR FUTURE.**

 These reporting changes are part of nationwide updates across NZ schools.



Our Cobden School Grandstand has received a makeover! Thank you to Mr Markham and Artist Stacey Dunnachie.

COBDEN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

15th May 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.

A word from the Principal...



Kia ora whānau,

As we move through another busy and positive term, I have been very impressed while visiting classrooms to see how engaged our tamariki are in their learning. It has also been wonderful to observe our older tamariki taking on leadership roles in the playground and including tamariki of all ages in their games and activities. These positive interactions reflect the caring and inclusive culture we value at Cobden School.

We will soon be holding an Assessment and Reporting Hui for whānau to share information about our new reporting processes and what these will look like moving forward. It is really important that whānau take these opportunities to engage with us, ask questions, and work alongside the school to support the learning journey of our tamariki.

Student reports will be going home in the second-to-last week of the term. These will then be followed by 3-way learning conferences in the last week of Term 2, where you, your child, and their teacher can celebrate progress together and set goals for future learning. Please keep an eye on Skool Loop for booking details — we encourage every whānau to be part of these valuable conversations.

I would also like to remind whānau about safety during drop-off times. It is very unsafe to stop on the road to let tamariki out of vehicles. Please take the time to pull into a car park or a safe stopping area to ensure the safety of all tamariki, whānau, and road users around our school.

Ngā mihi nui,
Noula Markham
Principal



Important Dates 2026 - Also on the Skool Loop Calendar tab

Tuesday 19th May	Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom
Thursday 21st May	Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Thursday 21st May	Cobden School Cross Country at the Cobden Lagoon.
Friday 22nd May	Assembly 12pm in the Hall. Led by Mokomoko 1.
	Whanau can bring their lunch to eat with students after Assembly.
Thursday 28th May	Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Monday 1st June	Kings Birthday - Public Holiday - School is closed. No Basketball.
Tuesday 2nd June	Skool Loop Learning Conference Bookings open in the App
Wednesday 3rd June	West Coast Cross Country at Kumara
Thursday 4th June	Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Friday 5th June	Assembly 12pm in the Hall. Led by Kowhai 2.
	Whanau can bring their lunch to eat with students after Assembly.
Tuesday 9th June	Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom
Thursday 11th 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.
Friday 12th June	Scholastic Book Club Issue 4 orders close today.
Wednesday 17th June	"Whanau Assessment and Reporting Hui" 3.30pm Library.
Thursday 18th June	Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Friday 19th 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.
Thursday 25th June	Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Friday 26th June	Cobden School Mid Year reports sent home
Thursday 2nd July	Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Tuesday 30th June	Three-Way Learning Conferences - Early Closure at 2pm.
Wednesday 1st July	Three-Way Learning Conferences - Early Closure at 2pm.
Thursday 2nd July	Three-Way Learning Conferences normal 3pm closure.
Friday 3rd 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
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 2 2026 Week 2 Leroy, Sadie H, Islah-Rose & Olivia
Week 3 Hunter, Brynlie & Kaiyah



It has been wonderful to see our Manakura students showing leadership by organising and running lunchtime activities for younger children. We have noticed students listening carefully, following instructions, and working together, helping to make lunchtime fun and successful for everyone.



Cobden School 2026 Manakura - Sydney, Baxter, Hunter, Ruby, Ruhi, Aurora, Oscar & Madison have all completed their PALS Activity training.



Primary Hockey Festival

Cobden School Hockey Team 2026 - Sydney, Flynn, Noah, Lucas, Lyric, Zarleah, Ruhi & Amiyah all played well at the Hockey Turf on Wednesday. Thank you to Michelle G & Cheyney for Transport and for your help on the day.



Principal's Star Award



Congratulations to **Toby & Kaiyah** Principal Star Award winners at Assembly last week. They enjoyed lunch with the Principal yesterday.

Reminder:

Please make sure your children are not bringing toys to school - In particular things that hang on school bags...



Thank you for your support!
EOTC Sausage Sizzle last week - We raised \$214
Pink Shirt Day Mufti day today - We raised \$128.20