

COBDEN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

31st July 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.

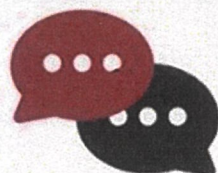
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What an incredible response!

An amazing amount of parents and whānau signed up for
3-WAY CONFERENCES



We know it's not always easy to make it in to school

If you couldn't make it this time, please reach out to your child's teacher and we can make another time to meet with you.

HIGHEST EVER!

This is the first time we've had such a high level of parent engagement.

Ngā mihi nui, thank you!



When schools and whānau work together,
our tamariki thrive.

A word from the Principal...

Kia ora

It has been a positive start to the term, and I want to acknowledge the incredible commitment our students and whānau have shown towards attendance.

Compared with the same time last year, we've seen outstanding improvement. The number of students attending school 90% of the time or more has increased from 40% in term 3 2025 to 74% in term 3 2026. This is a remarkable achievement and reflects the collective effort of our students, whānau and staff. We know that every day at school matters, and these gains are making a real difference to student learning, wellbeing and success.

Last Friday, our school hall sustained significant flood damage. While we've completed an initial assessment, we're still waiting for a more extensive inspection to determine the full extent of the damage and the repairs required. It's incredibly disappointing to see such an important part of our school affected, but we're committed to making the best of the situation. While the hall is unavailable, we'll continue to create opportunities for our students to be recognised and celebrated through team assemblies and other events across the school.

Thank you for your continued support and partnership. Together, we'll continue to ensure Cobden School remains a place where every child can learn, grow and thrive.

Noula Markham
Principal



PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

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This terms focus:

"Manaakitanga - Being an upstander"

Values Card Winners:

Term 2 2026	Week 10	Billie-May, Ayra & Venice
	Week 11	Atticus, Eleanor, Reign & Arthur
Term 3 2026	Week 1	August, Atlas, Ollie C and Ritjah
	Week 2	Missy, Vivienne, Olivia & Alliana

Manaakitanga - Being an Upstander - Making positive choices in challenging situations is an important life skill that takes time, guidance, and practice to develop. This term we will be supporting and modelling strategies that help students recognise and manage their emotions so they can make respectful, thoughtful decisions. Our goal is to empower students to become **upstanders** who show kindness, stand up for what is right, and help create a safe and inclusive school community.



**Mokomoko
Cobden
Library
Scavenger
Hunt**



7 Cobden Students named in West Coast Rep Basketball Teams!

We are super proud to announce that Lyric, Daisha, Ruby and Amiyah have successfully made the U14 A Rep team for West Coast Basketball. Amiyah was named in the development team however she has been snapped up for the A team! Jax, Leroy and Tyler are in the U14 boys Development team for the West Coast Basketball. Congratulations!



Important Dates 2026 - Also on the Skool Loop Calendar tab

Term 3

Wednesday 5th August
Thursday 6th August
Friday 7th August

Monday 10th August

Tuesday 11th August

Thursday 13th August

Thursday 13th August

Friday 14th August

Tuesday 18th August

Wednesday 19th August

Thursday 20th August

Thursday 20th August

Friday 21st August

Thursday 27th August

Friday 28th August

Friday 28th August

Thursday 3rd September

Friday 4th September

Thursday 10th September

Tuesday 15th September

Wednesday 16th September

Wednesday 16th September

Thursday 17th September

Friday 18th September

Friday 18th September

Thursday 24th September

Friday 25th September

Whole School will visit the new Greymouth Library

Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.

No Assembly due to Hall flood. Book Character Parade at 10.15am.

Whanau can come and watch providing it is a sunny day.

Kowhai 2 Shantytown Trip.

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Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.

5.30pm Grey High Open Night for Year 8's at Grey High - Own Transport

Scholastic Lucky Book Club Issue #5 - Orders Close

Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom

Mokomoko 1 & 2 and Kowhai 1 Shantytown Trip.

Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.

Cobden School Cross Country 12pm at the Cobden Lagoon

Teacher Only Day - School is Closed.

Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.

Daffodil Day - Gold Coin Mufti Day - Greymouth Cancer Society

12pm Mokomoko Only Assembly in Room 8.

Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.

12pm Kowhai Only Assembly in the Library.

Rotary Speech Competition - Union Hotel

Wig Wednesday - Gold Coin Mufti Day - Wacky Hair Day

Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom

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No Assembly due to Hall flood.

Kapa Haka Festival - Westport

Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.

Last Day - End of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 12th October

First Day of Term 4

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



Principal's Star Award



Congratulations to
Amiyah & Reign
Principal Star Award winners
at Assembly last term.
They enjoyed a special
lunch this week.

WELCOME TO COBDEN SCHOOL

Nixon
Atlas
Raina
Willow
Kash
Ollie
Zetta
Kora
Jack
Mason
Malachi
Maiya
Jahkiva-Lee

Harold Mufti Day
competition winners
were Sadie H & Ayda.



Red Nose Day!
There were 96
Jaffas in the Jar!
Winners are joint equal
Nirvana & Zanthé with
97 as their guess.
Thank you for all your
support we raised
\$131.00 for Cure Kids.



Thank you to everyone who helped and
supported our Term 2 Sausage Sizzle
fundraiser. In total we raised **\$650.00** for our
Education Outside the Classroom fund!