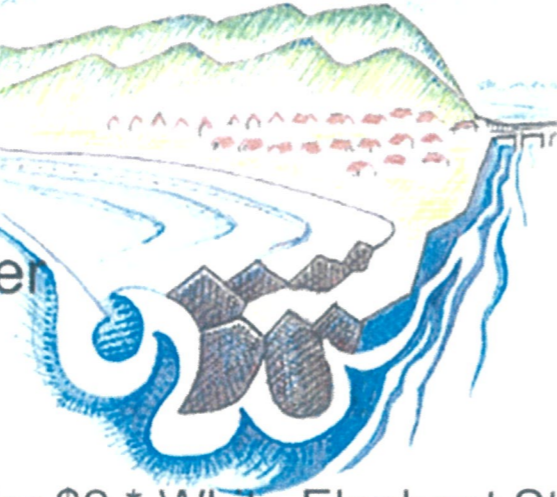


Cobden School Gala

Thursday 4th December
**Gates open from
 4.30pm to 6.30pm**



- * Raffle - Multiple draws for \$2
- * White Elephant Stall
- * Cobden School Calendars
- * The Spud Guy
- * Carnival Games
- * Home Baking Stall
- * West Coast Soft Serve Ice Cream
- * HAROLD!
- * Sunflower seedlings & Plants
- * Buzzy Bean Coffee Van
- * Pick a Bottle
- * Luka's Creations
- * Handmade Cards
- and more.....



We look forward to seeing you all!

The Spud Guy

BASE (choose one)
 S = BAKED SPUD
 K = BAKED ORANGE
 KUMARA
 P = BAKED PUMPKIN

MEAT (choose one)
 C = CURRY MINCE
 T = TOMATO SAVOURY MINCE
 N = NONE

FILLINGS
 1 = GARLIC BUTTER
 2 = CRISPY BACON BITS
 3 = SWEET CHILLI ONIONS
 4 = THREE CABBAGE/CARROT MIX
 5 = THE SPUD GUY'S MAYO
 6 = MILD CHILLI BEAN SCOOP
 7 = TWO CHEESE MIX
 8 = CAPSICUM BITS
 9 = SOUR CREAM SCOOP
 10 = MINI TOMATOES

PRICING
 1-3 FILLINGS \$8
 4-6 FILLINGS \$10
 7-10 FILLINGS \$12



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NEWSLETTER

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 Manaakitanga, Mahi Ngatahi, Korero Mai



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COBDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter 28th November 2025



Kia ora koutou,

As summer approaches, our school is looking wonderful! We're busy finalising progress reports and organising classes for the new year. I've also been looking closely at our school progress data, and it's clear that all the hard work our teachers are doing with our tamariki is definitely paying off. We're seeing great gains right across the school.

Our Swimming pool has been in full use this week, and the students are absolutely loving it. A reminder that swimming is not an optional activity—it is part of our curriculum. New Zealand has some of the highest drowning rates in the world, so we place great importance on ensuring our tamariki learn essential water safety and swimming skills to keep them safe.

Here's a quick update on our team structure for 2026:

- ◆ Team Mokomoko (Years 1–3): Mrs Setters and Mrs Irvine
- ◆ Team Kōwhai • Kōwhai 1 (Years 3–4): Miss Rose
 - Kōwhai 2 (Years 5–6): Mrs Urban
 - Kōwhai 3 (Years 7–8): Mr Baillie

We're looking forward to celebrating the end of the year with you!
Please note these important upcoming events for our school community:

- School Gala: Wednesday 4th December - Gates open at 4.30pm
- Prize Giving: Monday 15th December at 2pm in the Hall

Ngā mihi nui,
Noula Markham
Principal



Cobden School

Important Dates 2025 - Also on the Skool Loop Calendar tab

Monday 1st December	Westland Anniversary Day—Public Holiday—School Closed.
Tuesday 2nd December	Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom.
Wednesday 3rd December	Gala Raffle Ticket Cards need to be returned to the office today.
Thursday 4th December	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Thursday 4th December	Cobden School Gala - Gates open from 4.30pm to 6.30pm.
Friday 5th December	Assembly 12pm Led by Kowhai 2. Whanau can bring their lunch.
Friday 5th December	Gala Raffle Drawn
Saturday 6th December	Greymouth Christmas Parade - Theme "West Coast Christmas"
Tuesday 9th December	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Wednesday 10th December	Whole School Water Day. Bring change of clothes and a towel.
Wednesday 10th December	Year 8 Leavers Dinner
Thursday 11th December	Whole School Big Day Out - Buses to the Hokitika Pool.
Friday 12th December	Movie/Dress up Day at school
Friday 12th December	Reports will be sent home
Monday 15th December	2pm Cobden School Prizegiving in the Hall—School uniform please.
Tuesday 16th December	Last Day of Term 4

Wed 17th to Mon 22nd Dec Greymouth Community Christmas Tree Festival - Vote for our Tree!

2026 Term 1
Monday 2nd February First Day of Term 1 2026

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 Ngatahi - Co-Operation"

"Keep Calm and Carry On"

Values Card Winners:

Term 4 Week 7 Jaxon C & Atticus
Week 8 Izzy, Blake & Alice



As we head into the busy end-of-year season, it's a great time to remember the skills we've been practising around our focus — staying calm and carrying on. Whether at school or at home, taking a moment to pause, breathe, and stay steady can make all the difference as we navigate these final few weeks together.



Rank	Name	School	Time
4	William Tuoloma	Hillevik Christian School	9.03m 29-07:50
5	Kayden Roach	Knights Stream School	8.90m 29-02:50
6	Ethan Devine	Walham School	8.90m 29-02:50
7	Nathan Lampinez	Hurunui College	8.78m 28-09:75
8	Raphelly Belandres	St Joseph's School (Ashburton)	8.45m 27-08:75
9	Eli Gardner	Cobden School	8.28m 27-02:00

Outstanding Effort from Eli at Canterbury Athletics!

Huge congratulations to Eli Gardner, who represented Cobden School with pride at the Canterbury Primary School Athletics Finals in Christchurch!

Competing in the Year 8 Boys Shot Put (4.0kg), Eli delivered an amazing debut performance, throwing 8.28 metres and placing 9th overall against some incredibly tough competition.

What makes this even more impressive? Eli is the youngest in his age group – and he held his own like an absolute champion.

Eli showed determination, focus, and fantastic sportsmanship throughout the day. We are so proud of the way he represented our kura both on and off the field.

Ka rawe, Eli — this is just the beginning!



Mini Ballers Finish Strong!

Our awesome mini ballers wrapped up their final game last week — and what a game it was! The tamariki have shown huge improvement throughout the season, growing in confidence, skill, and teamwork. We are so proud of each and every one of them!

The photo of the four tamariki (our Cobden Cyclones) shows a team that had the most brilliant game — fantastic teamwork, great communication on court, and the way they made sure everyone had a turn at scoring points was so cool to see.

A massive congratulations to Narla and Lexie, who were named our MVPs for the season and each received a basketball for their fantastic efforts. Ka rawe, girls!

What a great season — well done, team!
Thank you to our coaches and parent help.

Library/School Books Amnesty.....

Please have a look around home and return to the office anything that belongs to Cobden School such as library books, class reading books or journals. Thank You.

Thank you for your support!

Gumboot Friday Muftiday for the I am Hope Foundation we raised \$117.40.

West Coast Womens Refuge Muftiday we raised \$117.90