

4 DAYS STRONG

**BUT LET'S FINISH THE WEEK
STRONGER TOGETHER.**

Our average attendance rate by weekday



COBDEN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

28th August 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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A Word from the Principal

Kia ora Cobden School Whānau,

We’ve now reached the halfway point of Term 3, and like many schools, we were hit hard by winter illness earlier in the term. I’m pleased to report that most of our students are now back, and it’s fantastic to see classrooms full again and learning in full swing.

Looking ahead, excitement is building for the Kapa Haka Festival, now just three weeks away. Our tamariki have been working hard in preparation, and we are looking forward to seeing them take the stage and represent Cobden School with pride.

This term has also seen incredible support from our whānau across a wide range of activities, helping to enrich the experiences of our tamariki and our wider school community. Thank you to everyone who gives their time, energy, and support—your contribution makes a real difference.

I also need to remind everyone about safety during morning drop-offs and afternoon pick-ups. This week, we have received reports of some incredibly unsafe practices around the school at these busy times. Please ensure that you park only in designated parking areas and take the extra time needed to drop off and collect your children safely. The safety of our tamariki must come first, and a few extra minutes or a short walk is a small price to pay to ensure everyone gets to and from school safely. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us keep the area around our school safe.

Looking ahead to next term, Mrs Setters will be heading off on leave as she prepares to welcome her new baby. We wish her and her whānau all the very best for this exciting and special time. While Mrs Setters is away, we are pleased to welcome Mr Smallwood, who will be stepping into her role. We look forward to having him join us and know our tamariki and whānau will make him feel very welcome at Cobden School.

There is plenty to look forward to over the second half of the term, and I’m excited to see our tamariki continue to learn, grow, perform, and make us proud.

Ngā mihi nui,
Noula Markham
Principal



PB4L – Positive Behaviour for Learning

Caring, Co-operation, Communication

This Terms focus: **“Manaakitanga – Being an upstander”**

Value Card Winners:

Term 3	Week 5	Jaxon, Bowie & Sadie H
	Week 6	Bowie & Brynlie

Did you know? Students learn how to manage challenging situations through practice, support, and seeing positive strategies modelled by the adults around them. Every time you notice and praise a calm, kind, or responsible choice, you help strengthen these important skills.



Shantytown - Mokomoko visited shantytown as a springboard for our next big idea, “Our Place.”

Firewise – Escape maze in room 8 – Mokomoko Students learnt about fire safety and to get down, get low and get out fast.



Thank you to our parent help at our recent **Cross Country** at the Cobden Lagoon. 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners will be given certificates at their assemblies.

Important Dates 2026 – Also on the Skool Loop Calendar tab

Term 3

Tuesday 3 rd September	Kowhai 3 – Year 7&8 – Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus
Friday 4th September	12pm Kowhai Only Assembly in the Library. Senior Whanau Only.
Friday 4 th September	\$2 Sausage Sizzle – Basketball Rep Team travel fund
Tuesday 8 th September	Cobden School Photos
Thursday 10 th September	Kowhai 3 – Year 7&8 – Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus
Friday 11 th September	Scholastic Book Club Issue 6 - orders close
Tuesday 15 th September	Rotary Speech Competition – Union Hotel
Wednesday 16 th September	Wig Wednesday – Gold Coin Mufti Day – Wacky Hair Day
Wednesday 16 th September	Cobden School Board Meeting – 5.30pm Staffroom
Thursday 17 th September	Kowhai 3 – Year 7&8 – Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus
Friday 18 th September	Kapa Haka Festival – Westport
Wednesday 23 rd September	Gold Coin Mufti Day – Basketball Rep Team travel fund
Thursday 24 th September	Kowhai 3 – Year 7&8 – Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus
Friday 25 th September	Last Day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 12 th October	First Day of Term 4
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