

# Parent/Whānau Info Evening

Cobden School

Curriculum Changes 2026



## WHAT'S NEW?

NEW

English and Maths & Statistics – What's New?

- Phonics
- New Maths materials & hands-on learning



Date: Thursday, 26 March  
Time: 5.30pm  
Location: Library

All whānau welcome – come learn, ask questions, and get involved.



- Find out what's changing
- How you can help at home
- Try quick learning activities! *(Fun, super simple – promise!)*



Be in to win a \$100 voucher!

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# COBDEN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

13th March 2026

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



A community of learners where wellbeing and relationships encourage ākonga to be confident, engaged and caring critical thinkers.

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# A word from the Principal...

13th March 2026

Kia ora koutou,

Cobden School has been a hive of activity over the past couple of weeks, with our tamariki embracing opportunities to challenge themselves, develop leadership skills, and learn alongside one another.

We would like to congratulate the students who represented Cobden School at both the Grey Districts and West Coast swimming events. It is always wonderful to see our tamariki striving for their personal best and representing our kura with pride, determination, and sportsmanship.

This week our tamariki also participated in Safe Cycling and Walking sessions, supported by Constable Terri and Constable James. Road safety is an important focus for our school, and we appreciate the partnership with our local police who help ensure our tamariki develop the skills and awareness they need to stay safe in our community.

Our 2026 Manukura leaders recently took part in a leadership training day focused on physical activity and student leadership. These students play an important role in our school by supporting younger tamariki and helping to create a positive and active playground environment. They are looking forward to leading lunchtime games and encouraging participation and connection across the school.

Thank you to our whānau for continuing to support your tamariki to attend school every day and make the most of the learning opportunities available.

Ngā mihi,  
Noula Markham  
Principal



## Important Dates 2026 - Also on the Skool Loop Calendar tab

### Term 1:

Tuesday 17th March  
Thursday 19th March  
Friday 20th March  
Monday 23rd March  
Tuesday 24th March  
Thursday 26th March  
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Friday 27th March  
Tuesday 31st March  
Thursday 2nd April  
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Te Whata Ora - School Based Immunisations at school for the year 7/8's  
Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.  
**Teacher Only Day - School Closed for instruction**  
Hearing and Vision Technician at school  
Cobden School Athletics at Anzac Park.  
Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.  
Parent/Caregiver info Evening - Curriculum Changes 5.30pm Library  
Basketball Sub Deposits are Due  
Cobden School Whare Buddy Group Swimming Competition  
Hidden Disabilities Sunflower Day - Gold Coin Mufti Day - Wear Green  
Kowhai 3 - Year 7&8 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.  
Last Day - End of Term 1

### Term 2:

Monday 20th April  
Monday 20th April  
Monday 20th April  
Tuesday 21st April  
Monday 27th April  
Friday 1st May  
Friday 15th May  
Tuesday 19th May

First Day - Term 2  
Year 3/4 Miniball starts today, every Monday until 29th June.  
Year 7/8 Basketball starts today, every Monday until Sat or Sun 8th/9th August.  
Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom  
**Anzac Day observed. School is closed for instruction. No Basketball.**  
Basketball Subs are due  
Pink Shirt Day - Nationwide Anti Bullying Gold Coin Mufti Day - Wear Pink  
Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom

### Term 3:

Monday 20th July

Year 5/6 Basketball starts today, every Monday until 21st September

**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:

**“Kōrero Mai - Listen Well, Speak Kind and Ask for Help.”**

Values Card Winners:

Term 1 2026    Week 5    Ayra, Kane, Luna & Erika  
                          Week 6    Ishmay, Zanthé, Caitlin, Kaiyah & Ritjah

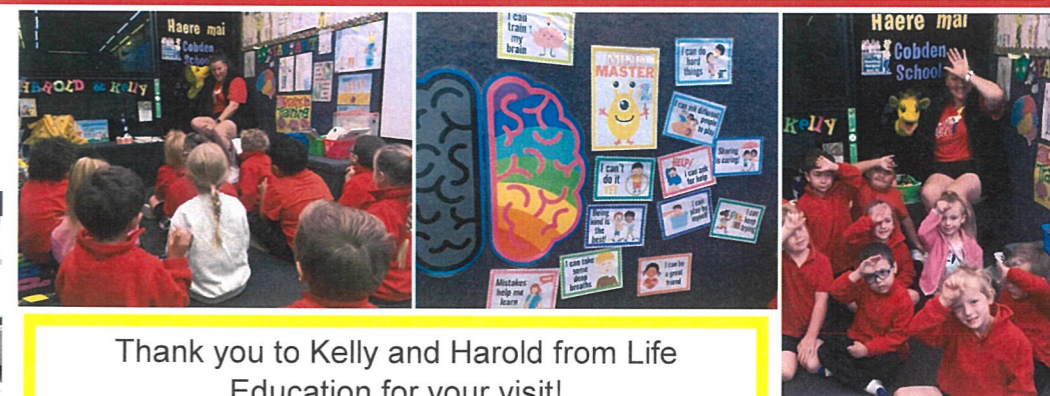
Over the last two weeks we have had some great opportunities to practise our Kōrero Mai focus while learning from visitors. The tamariki listened carefully and asked thoughtful questions during the Life Education sessions, as well as the Police programmes on safe biking (Yr 5-8) and safe walking (Yr 1-4). It was wonderful to see students listening well and speaking respectfully as they learned new skills.



### Principal's Star Award



Congratulations to Emily & Kanel! Principal Star Award winners at Assembly last week. They will be enjoying lunch with the Principal.



Thank you to Kelly and Harold from Life Education for your visit!



Congratulations to Jax, Tyler and Daisha who qualified to go through from the Grey Districts to the West Coast Swimming events.

### Wanted:

2nd hand toys for the school shop. Please drop at the office.

Thank you to all who supported our Cans for Good Mufti Day for the Greymouth Food bank. We collected 120 cans!



Kowhai Students learned about safe Cycling and Mokomoko learned about safe walking and crossing the road with the Police this week.

