

COBDEN SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

20th November 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,

With just three full weeks remaining in the 2026 school year, we are in full swing with our end-of-year preparations! This is always a busy and exciting time as we reflect on the year and look forward to the many special events still to come.

It is certainly a time to celebrate all successes, big and small. Every step forward matters, whether it is progress in learning, improved confidence, stronger friendships, greater independence or demonstrating our school values of Caring, Cooperating and Communicating. We are incredibly proud of the growth our tamariki have made throughout the year.

Our attendance data also gives us reason to celebrate**.** Comparing Term 4 2025 with Term 4 2026, regular attendance (90% or above) has increased slightly from 51% to 53%. While sickness continues to contribute to absences, particularly at this time of year, it is pleasing to see this positive shift. We know that regular attendance makes a real difference to learning, friendships and a sense of belonging.

Now, we need one final push! With just three weeks to go, I am asking every whānau to make school attendance a real priority. If your child is well, please make sure they are at school, on time, every day. These final weeks are not simply about winding down. They are an important opportunity to consolidate learning, strengthen friendships, celebrate achievements and finish the year with pride. Let's work together to get as many of our tamariki to school as possible, every day, right through to the final bell. We have made positive progress, and now is our chance to build on it. Let's finish 2026 strongly, together! Every day counts. Every learner matters. Let's make these last three weeks count!

Thank you to our wonderful staff, tamariki and whānau for everything you contribute to making Cobden School such a special place to learn and grow.

Ngā mihi nui
Noula Markham
Principal

Skool Loop App

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Important Dates 2026 – Also on the Skool Loop Calendar tab

Term 4

Thursday 26th November	Kowhai 3 – Year 7&8 – Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus
Friday 27th November	**Kowhai only Assembly – Library**
Friday 27th November	Scholastic Book Club Issue 8 orders close
Monday 30th November	Westland Anniversary Day – Public Holiday
First week of December	Cookie Time Orders arrive at school – We will phone you to pick up
Thursday 3rd December	Kowhai 3 – Year 7&8 – Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus
Tuesday 8th December	Kowhai 2 & 3 Beach Safety – Cobden Beach
Tuesday 8th December	Cobden School Board Meeting – 5.30pm in Staffroom
Wednesday 9th December	Whole School Water Day at Cobden School
Wednesday 9th December	Year 8 Leavers Dinner at The Ashley Hotel
Thursday 10th December	Kowhai 3 – Year 7&8 – Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus
Monday 14th December	Whole School trip to the town pool
Tuesday 15th December	1pm PRIZE GIVING at the Regent Theatre – Students travelling by Bus
Tuesday 15th December	Last Day of Term 4

2027

Monday 2nd February 2027	First Day of Term 1

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:

"Manaakitanga - Be aware, show you care - Kia mataara, kia manaaki "

Value Card Winners:

Term 4	**Week 5**	**Sadie P & Kash**
	Week 6	**Lexie & Daisy**

We all face little challenges throughout our day, and how we respond can make a big difference. By noticing what is happening around us, taking a moment to think before we react, and choosing kindness and understanding, we can help make someone else's day a little brighter. "Try to be a rainbow in someone's cloud." – Maya Angelou









Mokomoko Swimming: It is great to see the confidence and improvement as we continue our sessions in the pool.

Right: Mokomoko One exploring number concepts through using materials in group work.





Principal's Star Award



Congratulations to
Brynlie
Principal Star Award winner at the Mokomoko Assembly. She enjoyed a special lunch with the principal this week.



Students today are enjoying a visit from the travelling Science Road show team learning about minerals and rocks.

Last week at the Bluelight PCT Challenge our Cobden School team came 3rd with a time of 3.36.96. Well done Baron, Brax, Jax & Daisha. Very close score to the winning team time which was 3.30.81. Thank you to Constables Terri and James.

