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getting in the way
of getting to school?

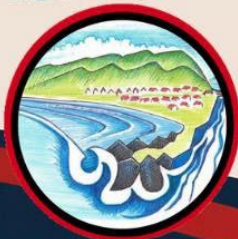
Send them anyway.
We'll figure it out together.

A difficult morning?

Lunch not made?

No school uniform?

Something else?



Talk to us, there might be something we can do to help.

WE'RE FUNDRAISING!



Place your Christmas Cookies Order now!

Cobden School are selling
Christmas Cookie Time
Buckets!

\$23 each with \$2.50 per
bucket sold going to
Cobden School!

Order at the office before
18th November 2026

COBDEN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

23rd October 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 tātou,
Welcome back to what promises to be a busy and exciting final term of the year!
Our teachers are already underway with end-of-year assessments as we prepare to report on student progress and achievement. It is wonderful to see our tamariki settled back into their learning and enthusiastically engaging in the many opportunities offered across our school curriculum.

Swimming is back! With the swimming season now underway, it is fantastic to see our students enjoying the pool again. We are incredibly fortunate to have this valuable facility at Cobden School. Developing water confidence and swimming skills is an important part of our curriculum, and we encourage all students to participate in these lessons.

We value your feedback! We currently have two surveys available on Skool Loop for our whānau to complete. One focuses on our Health Curriculum, while the other seeks feedback on student attendance. Both are important areas of school life, and we encourage all families to take a few minutes to complete these surveys. Your feedback helps us better understand the needs of our school community, celebrate what is working well and identify ways we can continue to improve.

The next eight weeks will be packed with learning opportunities, activities and special events as we head towards the end of the school year. Please keep an eye on our Skool Loop calendar, school notices and newsletters for important dates and information.

We look forward to a positive and rewarding final term as we celebrate the learning, progress and achievements of our tamariki.

Ngā mihi nui,
Noula Markham
Principal



Important Dates 2026 – Also on the Skool Loop Calendar tab

Term 4

Monday 26th October

Thursday 29th October

Thursday 5th November

Friday 6th November

Friday 6th November

Saturday 7th November

Tuesday 10th November

Wednesday 11th November

Thursday 12th November

Friday 13th November

Friday 13th November

Saturday 14th November

Monday 16th November

Wednesday 18th November

Thursday 19th November

Thursday 26th November

Friday 27th November

Monday 30th November

First week of December

Thursday 3rd December

Monday 7th December

Tuesday 8th December

Wednesday 9th December

Wednesday 9th December

Thursday 10th December

Monday 14th December

Tuesday 15th December

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Monday 2nd February 2027

Labour Day – Public Holiday

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

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Gumboot Friday Gold Coin Mufti Day for the I AM HOPE Foundation

Scholastic Book Club Issue 7 – Orders Close

NZ General Election – Voting in the Cobden School Library

Cobden School Board Meeting – 5.30pm in Staffroom

Top Team Games at Cobden School 1.30pm

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

Duffy \$5 Parent Offer orders close

Mokomoko only Assembly - Library

GDC Spring into Summer Gala – Cobden Lagoon

Nimmo Gallery – Cobden School photo ordering page closes.

Cookie Time orders close

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Kowhai only Assembly - Library

Westland Anniversary Day – Public Holiday

Cookie Time Orders arrive at school.

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

Kowhai Beach Safety – Cobden Beach

Cobden School Board Meeting – 5.30pm in Staffroom

Whole School Water Day at Cobden School

Year 8 Leavers Dinner at The Ashley Hotel

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

Whole School trip to the town pool

1pm PRIZE GIVING at the Regent Theatre – Students travelling by Bus

Last Day of Term 4

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 1

Ayra, Mason L, Alli & Kaiyah

Week 2

Kora S & Reign

As we move through our final term of the year, we are encouraging our students to think about how they treat others and the difference a little kindness can make. By using positive communication, showing empathy and recognising how our words and actions affect those around us, we can make a positive difference. These are valuable skills that last a lifetime, and we encourage whānau to keep the conversations going at home, celebrating the little acts of kindness that matter.



Thank you to all who supported our Cobden School Basketball teams this season!

The students all celebrated last week with a Pizza lunch!

Thank you to coaches Anita Smith and Cheyney Anderson.



WELCOME TO COBDEN SCHOOL
Arlen
Kaelyn
Ariana

Kowhai are looking at fossils and how palaeontologists carefully carve them out. Here we have made our own with plaster of paris.



Thank you for your support!

SPCA Gold Coin Muftiday – Come dressed as your favourite animal day. we raised \$115.20 for the Greymouth SPCA.