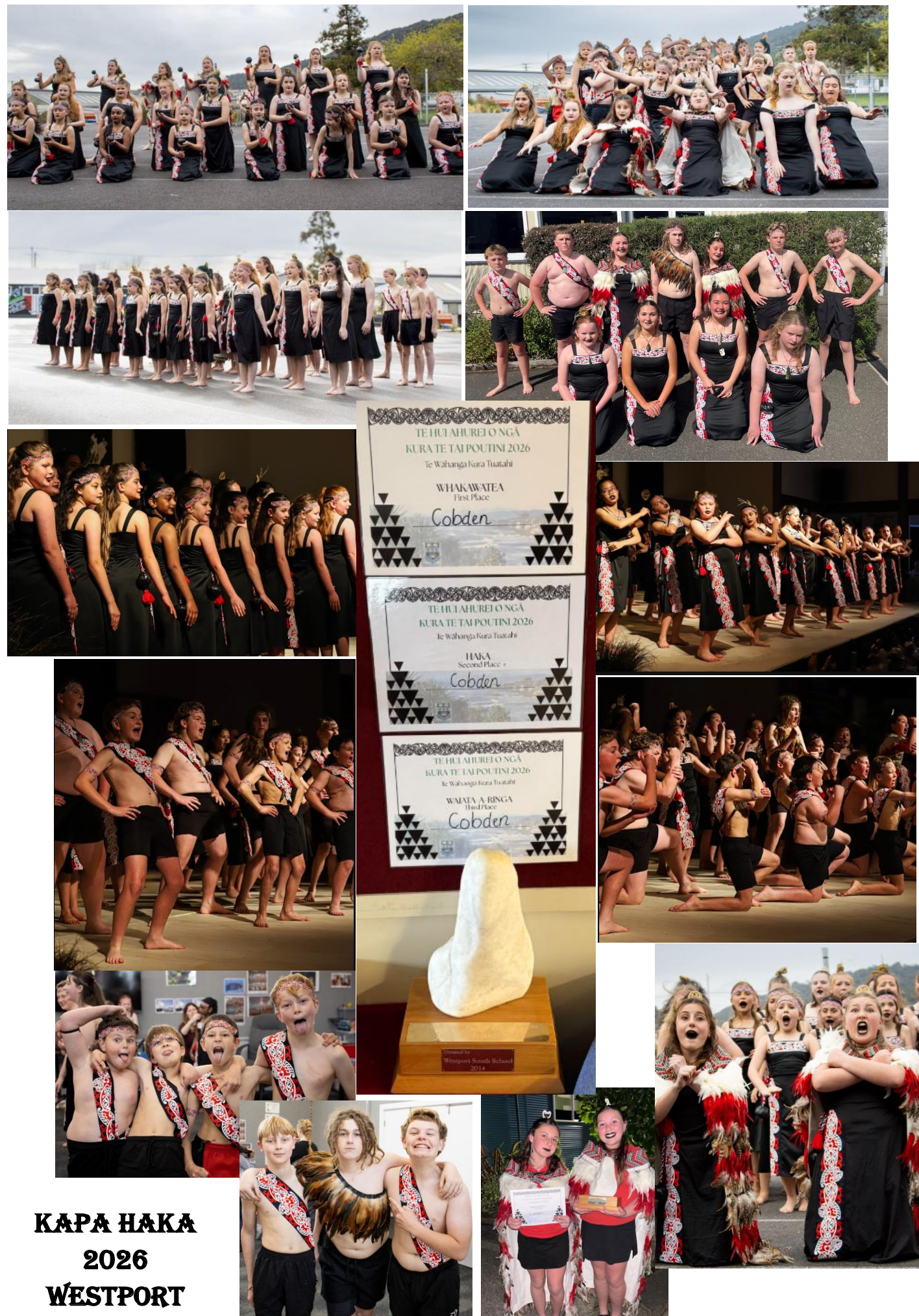




COBDEN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

25th September 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

What a wonderful term it has been—filled with celebrations, sporting achievements, cultural experiences and many opportunities for our tamariki to shine.



A particular highlight was the amazing performance by our kapa haka. Our tamariki represented Te Kura o Cobden with pride, confidence and mana, and their excellent results reflected the commitment and hard work they put into preparing for the festival. A heartfelt thank you to our tutors, staff and whānau who supported our performers—your encouragement and commitment helped make this achievement possible.

We are also delighted with the significant improvement in attendance. This term, 60% of our students attended more than 90% of the time, compared with 40% during the same term last year. Overall, 85% attended at least 80% of the time—up from 71% in 2025. This is a fantastic improvement and reflects the commitment of our students and whānau. Regular attendance makes a real difference to learning, friendships and wellbeing, so thank you for your continued support.

Thank you to our staff, students, whānau and wider community for making this such a successful and memorable term. I wish everyone a safe, happy and well-deserved break.

Ngā mihi nui,
Noula Markham
Principal



Important Dates 2026 – Also on the Skool Loop Calendar tab

Term 3

Friday 25th September Last Day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 12th October

Thursday 15th October

Wednesday 21st October

Thursday 22nd October

Friday 23rd October

Monday 26th October

Thursday 29th October

Thursday 5th November

Friday 6th November

Saturday 7th November

Tuesday 10th November

Wednesday 11th November

Thursday 12th November

Friday 13th November

Saturday 14th November

Thursday 19th November

Thursday 26th November

Friday 27th November

Monday 30th November

Thursday 3rd December

Monday 7th December

Tuesday 8th December

Thursday 10th December

Monday 14th December

Tuesday 15th December

Tuesday 15th December

Monday 2nd February 2027

First Day of Term 4

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

Shake Out – Nationwide Earthquake Drill

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

SPCA Gold Coin Mufti Day – Come dressed as your favourite Animal

Labour Day – Public Holiday

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

NZ General Election – Voting in the Cobden School Library

Cobden School Board Meeting – 5.30pm in Staffroom

Top Team Games at Cobden School

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

Mokomoko only Assembly - Library

GDC Spring into Summer Gala – Cobden Lagoon

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Kowhai only Assembly - Library

Westland Anniversary Day – Public Holiday

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

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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

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

Value Card Winners:

Term 3

Week 9

Samantha, Narla & Kane

Week 10

Alanna & Alli

Did you know?

The holidays are a great time for children to practice Manaakitanga through simple acts of kindness, helping others, and making positive choices at home and in the community. We hope all our students and families enjoy a safe, happy, and well-deserved break!



Well done to the Cobden Comets who have also finished their 2026 season!



Thank you for your support in our recent Fundraising events.

Daffodil Day \$171.70

Wig Wednesday \$114.10

Basketball Rep Team Sausage Sizzle \$258.00

Basketball Rep Team Mufti Day \$131.00