

COBDEN SCHOOL Te Kura O Aramahanga

Newsletter Friday 19th March 2021



Kia ora tatou,

There is always some activity happening within the school. We are very committed to accessing quality learning opportunities for the students. This year our emphasis is around "Wellbeing" with a school wide target being to increase attendance to 95% and reduce negative behaviours including "physical against other" and "non-compliance." There are many initiatives that are currently being planned by our teaching staff to support this.

- "Pause Breathe Smile" programme is being implemented school wide to promote wellbeing and resilience.
- Mrs. Urban is organising a walk with her literacy group and is busy organising the Kowhai camp.
- Mr. Davey has been working with a small group of boys using Lego technics to help improve resilience and social skills.
- Mrs. Henderson is one of the prime movers on making our library look modern, and is on the lookout for more chess tournaments for our students.
- Kowhai choice time has been refined so students are doing a variety of activities with the focus being around social skills and developing a stronger growth mindset.
- Miss Gibbens is currently organising a Year 3 Orana Park visit.
- Mrs. Irvine has been coordinating the Life Education visit to Cobden and a special trip for Years 1-2 to Hokitika next term.

On Tuesday night we hosted a Grey District parent evening about online safety for all the schools, it was disappointing that we did not have a better turn out. All caregivers should have received information via email about how to keep children safe online. This week I surveyed Team Kowhai around their online behaviour. This is quite frightening and shows a very similar trend to global trends. Survey Results:

How long are our students spending on devices at home on weekdays?

- 9.1% :1 hour/day
- 30.3%: 1-2 hours/day
- 60.6%: 3 or more hours/day

Where do our students mostly use their internet at home:

- 42.1% in the living room
- 42.1% in their bedroom

Which social media accounts do our students have?

- Snap chat: 31.6%
- Tik tok: 28.9%
- Instagram: 18.4%
- YouTube: 7.9%
- Facebook: 5.3%

Noula Markham
Principal

Cobden School Dates - Term 1 2021

- Tuesday 23rd March - 5pm BOT meeting
- Wednesday 24th March West Coast Swimming Champs
- Thursday 25th March - Top Team Challenge at Cobden School
- Friday 26th March 2.30pm Assembly
- Monday 29th March Kowhai Raffle Cards due back to school
- Wednesday 31st March Cobden School Athletics at ANZAC park
- Thursday 1st April - St John Mufti Day - Gold Coin Donation
- Friday 2nd April, Monday 5th April and Tuesday 6th April Easter: School Closed
- Wednesday 7th April Grey District Athletics



PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

The 3 C's

Caring, Co-operation, Communication

Caring Card Winners:

Week 5 - Alanna Whyte

Week 6 - Baxter Franicevich

*"The way a sapling is nurtured
determines how strong it will grow as a tree."*

Pamphlet/Newspaper Deliverers Wanted for the Cobden Area - Please contact Kathy on 027 783 1768 or email kjbrennan@hotmail.co.nz

SPCA Mufti Day we raised \$91 for the Greymouth SPCA. Thank you!

Wanted: Cereal Boxes for Team Kowhai

Cobden Sports Round up

On the morning of Thursday 25 March from 9.20am - 10.55am, Cobden will be hosting the Top Team Challenge. The Top Team Challenge is a series of interactive team building challenges designed to promote problem-solving, communication and teamwork while being active and having fun. This year we will be competing against St Patrick's school. The teams have a mixture of Yr 3-8 students in them. This is a big event and we need your support to help make the event run smoothly. We need 13 helpers. Helpers need to be at school by 9.00am

We are starting our after school Yr 5&6 Basketball season next week. The Yr 5&6 team has their first game this Monday 22 March. As this is an optional activity outside of school hours, the cost will be \$25.00 per player or \$20.00 per player if more than one family member is playing. This needs to be paid to the office as soon as possible as we pass this onto the Basketball Association. The draw will be put on skool-loop and facebook. It will be an exciting and competitive season.



Congratulations to our swimmers who performed so well at the Greymouth District Swimming Champs.

Cobden Swimmers:
Maddy Baty, Karlie Bullimore, Heidi Newcombe, Belle Kereopa, Charlotte Palenski and Jarna Franicevich.

Michael Davey
Sports Coordinator

Kowhai Camp Easter Raffle - \$2 per ticket - 3 Draws

If there are any Mokomoko students who wish to purchase a ticket in the Giant Easter hamper they can bring \$2 to the office next week. **Drawn Thursday 1st April**
Raffle Cards due back to the office sold or unsold by Monday 29th March.