

# COBDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter 23 September 2022



Kia ora tatou

As you may know, we receive government funding and staffing to operate our school/ kura which is mostly based on the number of ākongā we have.

There is also some government funding that is targeted. This includes 'Equity Funding'. Currently our Equity Funding is based on how many ākongā we have and our school decile, but from 2023 school deciles will be phased out. The Ministry has a new measure called the Equity Index (EQI)

The EQI helps identify schools and kura that need additional funding and resources to support ākongā. The EQI gives each school a three-digit number which is tied to a funding rate. This number is **not** a measure of quality. It is not reflective of our schools' teaching, culture, ākongā ability or achievement.

The EQI is a complex tool with strict privacy protections. School Boards, Principals and staff will not be provided with any information about ākongā, families or whānau, that has been used to generate their EQI number. This number will be updated every year. For 2023 our number is 515. The average [national] Equity Index number is 463.

The Ministry will also use the EQI when considering other resources, like the School Donations Scheme. This means that eligible schools can opt-in to receive extra funding if they agree not to ask parents and whānau for donations, except for overnight camps. We will be eligible to join the School Donation Scheme.

Another funding change happening next year is that the Ministry is making changes to the Isolation Index. This tells the Ministry how isolated our school is compared to others. It was last changed 20 years ago and, of course, there have been lots of changes to roads and our region in that time.

You can read more about these changes including factsheets at the Ministry of Education's website: [The Equity Index – Ministry of Education](#)

Finally, I would like to thank all our whānau and parents for supporting the school this term. You are all doing an awesome job!

Kia kaha

Noula Markham  
Principal



## Important Dates 2022

### TERM 3

Monday 26th Sept  
Tuesday 27th Sept  
Friday 30th Sept

Queen Elizabeth 2 Memorial Day - Public Holiday  
5.30pm Cobden School Board Meeting  
Last Day of Term 3

### TERM 4

Monday 17th October  
Monday 24th October  
Thursday 27th October  
Friday 4th November  
Tuesday 8th November  
Tuesday 15th November  
Monday 28th November  
Wednesday 30th Nov  
Saturday 3rd December  
Tuesday 6th December  
Friday 9th December  
Friday 16th December

First Day of Term 4 - (Sun Hat reminder)  
Public Holiday - Labour Day  
Kids Can Gold Coin Mufti Day  
RDA Gold Coin Mufti Day  
5.30pm Cobden School Board Meeting  
Red Cross Gold Coin Mufti Day  
Public Holiday - Westland Anniversary Day  
Youth Diabetes - Wear Blue - Gold Coin Mufti Day  
Greymouth Christmas Parade (We have a Float this year)  
5.30pm Cobden School Board Meeting  
Harold Life Ed - Gold Coin Mufti Day  
Last Day of Term 4



## PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

The 3 C's

Caring, Co-operation, Communication  
This Terms focus - "Caring is Key"

Caring Card Winners:

Term 3 Week 7 Jaxson B, Madison A, Zeek, Mila & Ishmay  
Week 8 Hunter & Edie

Cobden School has an exhibition in the Greymouth Art Gallery starting from 30th September. Take your family and friends to the Gallery these holidays.



Our Duffy role model last week was Alistair McIntyre author of "Doug the Digger" books. After a talk with the students, Alistair presented this term's Duffy books to each class. Thank you Alistair!

### MINIBALL

Cobden School's Mini Basketball teams have finished up the season this year with both teams securing a win! Cobden Cool Cats 3 - 0 and Cobden Cobras 11 - 0. I have been beyond proud of both of these teams for the hard work and persistence to improve every week. This was the first year Cobden Cool Cats have played and they did so well learning the rules of the game and learning the skills. The Cobden Cobras have improved significantly in, not only their basketball skills, but also their teamwork, which has resulted in some very exciting games. Awesome work Cobden!

Zara Gibbens - Coach



Reminder that Term 4 is coming up and Sun Hats are Compulsory!

Wide brimmed sun hats to be worn at morning tea, lunch breaks and any outdoor activities.  
Those without a sun hat will be required to sit in the shaded area.  
**Sun Hats can be any colour. (No Caps) Please NAME CLEARLY.**