



COBAINS NEWS

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SCHOOL VALUES: *To Accept, Respect, and Try Our Best!*

The Cobains Primary School Community embraces the values of Respect, Accept and Try Your Best. We aim to provide a safe, caring & engaging learning environment that equips children with the necessary skills & knowledge to become positive & active contributors to the local & global community. Our school emphasises the development of Literacy and Numeracy with the integration of Information Technology throughout the curriculum. Cobains Primary School is committed to child safety and upholding the Child Safe Standards.

At Cobains Primary School, we have a zero tolerance to child abuse.



TERM FOUR DATES NOVEMBER / DECEMBER

Monday 29th November	Gymnastics
Tuesday 23rd—Friday 26th	Book Fair in Library
Tuesday 30th November	SCHOOL CLOSURE
Wednesday 1st December	Issue 8 Scholastic Book club
Thursday 2nd December	Year 6 Graduation
Monday 6th December	Gymnastics last session
Tuesday 7th December	State Wide Transition
Wednesday 15th December	SCHOOL CLOSURE
Friday 17th December	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS



NOVEMBER
27th Joel
30 Charlotte H

DECEMBER
7th Isaac T
11th Lily S
13th Andrew M
24th Tahlia H
31st Curtis C

SCHOOL CLOSURE DAYS

This term we will be having two pupil free planning days.

The first is on **November 30th** and teachers will be using this time to go through the planning processes required following our review, as well as finalising the reporting structure for the year.

The second day is on **December 15th** and will be used for planning for the 2022 school year.

BOOK FAIR

Don't forget our bookfair is open every afternoon until Friday, between 3 and 4 pm. EFTPOS is available to pay for any purchases. Students have all had the opportunity to create a wish list, so if you can't visit onsite, you can place your order and pay online. The school receives a percentage of all sales to put towards books for the school library.

GRADUATION

Graduations are now able to take place and our graduation date is set for December 2nd. Students and their families will be attending a graduation at the Leaf, from 5pm, then staff and students will head out for a graduation dinner at Sporting Legends.

COVID RULES

With all of the changes with the rules for wearing masks, vaccination and attending events, so I have made a simple list below of the rules as per our school operations guide for visiting the school end of year events.

1. Masks need to be worn by staff and students from grades 3-6 when indoors at school.
2. All visitors to the school who are 12 and over need to wear a mask when indoors.
3. All visitors to the school need to use the QR code to check-in.
4. All visitors to the school who are entering school buildings will need to show proof of double vaccination by 29th November. This includes:
 - Attending meetings, including SSG meetings, School Council, parent/teacher interviews.
 - To help out with classroom programs.
5. All visitors attending school events which are held onsite, both indoors and outdoors, such as school concerts and graduation ceremony will need use the QR code to check in and show proof of vaccination.
6. When attending school events off school premises, Covid requirements revert to the rules for the venue.
7. When attending a school event offsite, such as graduation, students over 12 years and 2 months do not need to show vaccination proof if they are supervised by a Registered teacher from the school, unless the venue requires this.

COVID GUIDELINES FROM THE EDUCATION GUIDELINE DOCUMENT

All parents, carers and other visitors attending schools, including for drop off and pick up must also adhere to physical distancing, density limits, face mask requirements and practise respiratory etiquette and good hand hygiene.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors not performing work who enter school buildings must check in using the QR code and schools must sight vaccination information, but do not need to collect, record or hold the information.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors who enter school buildings must also have had at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine and must have had two doses of COVID-19 vaccine by **29 November 2021** or have a valid medical exception with the following limited exceptions:

- when attending to administer medical treatment to their own child when the treatment cannot be administered by the school
- when attending to collect their child who is unwell and cannot leave the school building unaccompanied by their parent/carer
- when attending for a momentary period that does not involve any sustained contact with staff or students, for example, to collect a completed art project or similar.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors not performing work need to show evidence of vaccination when entering a school building. This would include activities such as tours and kindergarten transition.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors attending school sites for drop-off and pick-up who do not enter school buildings do not need to comply with vaccination requirements.

Parents, carers and other adult visitors attending a gathering at school, such as a fete, school play or graduation ceremony, whether indoors or outdoors, need to show evidence of vaccination on arrival.

When parents and carers do not meet vaccination requirements, the school should hold meetings and other discussions (such as Student Support Group meetings) virtually.

CONCERT

Due to the above mentioned rules, to ensure that we are not discriminating against any families with regards to vaccination rules, the concert will now be pre-recorded and a YouTube link will be provided to families to view this after the recording has been completed.

There will also be a link provided for the grade six graduation ceremony at the same time.

THANKYOU

The Cobains Primary School community would like to send a big thankyou to the following people who have volunteered their time to make our school ground a safer place to be:

Geoff and Gayle Lock: for fixing the drink tap and removing a large tree branch that was hanging over our main walk- way. Also, for doing lots of work in our garden throughout the year and maintenance of doors in the buildings.

Bob Tuit and his work crew: for all of their work in our gardens and for making the back pump yard safer by putting down some weed mat and gravel.

Nick Slee: for all of the odd jobs around the school to keep our equipment safe and working properly.

GYMNASTICS

Gymnastics has now started for term 4, with staff and students travelling to Maffra Gymnastics each Monday afternoon. For these sessions, please ensure your child is wearing clothing appropriate for physical activity. If hair is shoulder length or longer, it should be tied up and jewellery, including watches and sleeper earrings, should not be worn. This rule is in place to avoid injuries to students, as hair and jewellery can become caught in equipment.

SCHOOL WEBSITE AND SCHOOL POLICIES

Our Website should be ready by the end of the 2021 school year, with basic information, policies and other links available. Once it is up and running, we will be adding to it as we become familiar with how to use it. Our school policies are also available to be viewed at the office, in hard copies

SCHOOL REVIEW

We are currently in the middle of our school review. Part of the school review process involves a meeting with a parent group and our panel members, on the morning of Day 2, which is 29th November, from 8.45-9.15am.

If you would like to be part of this parent group, please let Sandra know, by texting the school this week. We will need at least 5 parents to take part in this.

NOTE: Parents will need to be Double Vaccinated to attend this meeting.



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SIGN UP NOW TO JOIN THE NIPPERS PROGRAM AT SEASPRAY

Want to be part of the Nippers program at Seaspray Surf Life Saving Club this summer?

If so, it's time to get registered and get along to Aqua Energy to have your Nipper's swimming ability assessed.

Nippers is a beach education program for children aged between five and 13 that introduces participants to life saving. They learn valuable water safety and life saving skills and gain confidence in the surf.

Sessions will be held at 9am on most Sundays in December and on Tuesdays and Fridays from 5.30pm during January.

All participants must have their swimming ability assessed by a qualified swimming instructor. **Assessments will be conducted on Sunday 5 December at Aqua Energy.** Children in the Under Six age group do not need to be assessed.

The assessment times are:

9am: Under Elevens, Under Twelves, Under Thirteens and Under Fourteens

9.30 for a 10am start: Under Sevens, Under Eights, Under Nines and Under Tens

Please enter from the main indoor reception area off Brayakoloong Close. The Guthridge Parade entrance will be closed. Those who are not Aqua Energy members may be asked to pay the entrance fee (\$4.60 for children aged up to 15). Members should bring their membership tag. Aqua Energy requires everyone aged over 16 who enters its facility to be fully vaccinated against Covid-19 and to show their vaccination status via the Service Victoria app, a printout of their vaccination certificate or an official letter from their doctor with evidence of a medical exemption.

Our age managers will be running activities in the outdoor pool after the assessments if time and weather conditions allow.

Before assessment day, please make sure your child or family is registered and the appropriate Seaspray Surf Club membership is paid.

To help us out on the day, please ensure you are clear of your Nipper's age group. Remember, age groups are determined by a child's age on 30 September. That means, a child who turns 10 years old on 1 November will be in Under Ten, as they were nine years old at the end of September. A child who turned 12 years old on September 1 will be in Under Thirteen as they were 12 years old on 30 September.

For more information about Nippers at Seaspray and the season ahead, visit <https://www.seaspraysurfclub.org.au/club-activities/nippers/>.

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