



# COBAINS NEWS

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 21st 2024

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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.*

### FEBRUARY

Thursday 22nd Rural School Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 27th Parent Information Evening

Wednesday 28th NO PREPS

### MARCH

MONDAY 11th PUBLIC HOLIDAY—NO SCHOOL



### FEBRUARY

6th Madison H

9th Kade B

18 Nellie G

## POWER OUTAGES AND FACILITIES

I would like to thank everyone, once again, for their support during the power and phone outage last Wednesday.

The school recently purchased a generator, so in times when we are experiencing a power outage, we are able to remain open, with toilets and water both working. During power outages however, we do not have access to lights, power, heating or cooling.

Last Wednesday, due to the lack of 4G mobile phone access, we also had no means of communication with parents or other service providers, which is why we offered parents the option of keeping students at home. When the school is open, even during power outages, parents always have the choice of sending children to school and the school will send out messages advising of the facilities affected. If you ever have any questions about school attendance during a power outage, please contact the school for advice.

## SWIMMING SPORTS

The swimming sports day will be held this **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February 2024** at the Sale Outdoor pool.

All students in grades 3-6 will be attending and those who are not comfortable swimming in the 25m and 50m events will have the option to participate in novelty events to earn points for our school. Students will come to school as normal and we will be catching a bus into the pool at 9am. **Please ensure all students are on time.** Students will need to be **collected by parents from the pool at 2.30pm** as there is no bus going back to school. Parents are welcome to attend the event to support their child, however children will need to remain under the supervision of school staff.

**If you are attending and would like to take photographs of your child, please ensure that no other children are in your photos unless you have the permission of their parents.**

## PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

Parent Information evening will be on **27th February from 5 until 7**. This evening includes a presentation from the staff about the programs we run at the school, a chance to visit your child's classroom, have a look around and a sausage sizzle, where you can get to know the other parents and staff at the school. During the staff presentation, children will be supervised in the Art room space. If you are planning to attend, please complete the slip attached, indicating how many adults and children will be attending.

We will be working on 3 Sausages per adult and older children and 2 sausages per younger child.

## **DATES TO NOTE DOWN:**

Foundation students last rest days: February 28<sup>th</sup>. These days are used for assessment and students will be timetabled to come in to school for this. These times and dates were sent out with the Foundation information letter at the end of 2023. If you are unsure what time your child's assessment date and time is at, please contact the school.

## **SCHOOL CONTACT METHODS**

There are a number of ways you can get in contact with the school, as well as a number of ways we can communicate messages to you.

### **CONTACTING US:**

If you need to notify us of an absence you can either text the school phone or use the Compass App. If you don't have access to the Compass App, please contact the school on a Tuesday so that John can talk you through how to do this. Families who are new to the school this year will have received a letter with instructions on how to access Compass.

If you need to provide a large amount of information or send through paperwork, you can use the [cobains.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:cobains.ps@education.vic.gov.au) email.

If you would like to organise a meeting with a staff member, you can either call, text or email the school

## **SENDING INFORMATION TO YOU.**

We send out broad information relevant to the whole school or large cohorts using mainly the newsletter, which is sent out fortnightly on even weeks. Your child will have a hard copy of the newsletter and you will also receive it via compass. It is also posted on our school website and can be accessed this way.

Email is another way we get information out to families, particularly if it is a large amount of information and/or it needs to be sent to a large group of parents. Email is also used if we have attachments to be sent.

The school mobile phone is mostly used when we need to contact individual or small groups of families.

### **COMPASS**

We use the Compass App to send out reminders and messages that we need to get to all parents quickly. This is the most common messaging system we use and is sent to your email address as well as the COMPASS App on your phone. The App is the quickest way to get information. If you do not have the App installed and notifications selected to on, please let us know and we can assist with this.

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## **PARENTS CLUB NEWS**

Parents club is a chance for parents to get together during school hours to meet others, as well as supporting the school through organising and helping out with hot school lunches, fundraisers and other activities.

The time and day are yet to be determined for this year and we generally set this based on the best times for our members. Younger siblings are welcome to come along with parents.

If you are interested in being part of the Cobains Parents Club, please fill in and return the attached slip.

This can be placed in the black notes box next to the office door, or handed to a staff member at the school.

## **PHOTOGRAPHS AND VIDEOS OF STUDENTS**

During the course of each school year, there are occasions where students may be photographed for a number of purposes, such as acknowledging awards or as part of their learning program.

Attached is our annual permission form to enable us to photograph or video each child in your family.

The form outlines what the photos and videos may be used for and has the option of opting out in specific circumstances.

Please complete and return page 3 signed by Friday this week, to enable us to record your preferences against your child's name.

For photographing in specific external events, such as external guest speakers, a separate permission will be sent out to the families of students involved in this event.

## **CHILDSAFE AND SCHOOL POLICIES**

Cobains Primary School policies and procedures can be found on our school website, or a hard copy can be viewed at school, where they are stored in the office. All policies are reviewed according to the Education Department guidelines and updated as needed.

## **SCHOOL COUNCIL**

This year we have 4 parent vacancies on our School Council. School Council plays an important role in providing a parent voice in decisions related to the running of the school. Meetings are generally held on Tuesday evenings, twice per term, however this is negotiated based on the needs of our members. We would like to thank Rochelle Gunther for her time on school council and wish her well.

**School Council Elections** are open from 4.00pm today 21st February until Friday March 1st at 4.00pm

In the event of more nominations than positions, a ballot will be held and closes Friday 15th March 2024 at 4.00pm.

**Parent self nomination forms** are available from the office

## **Term 1 Week 2 Assembly Awards!**

**Congratulations to all our awesome award winners this week!**

### *Learner of the Week for the Green Room (P/1):*

Chase for having a go at everything and always keeping a positive attitude.

### *Learner of the Week for the Orange Room (2/3/4):*

Harley for having your best go at your learning.

### *Learner of the Week for the Blue Room (4/5/6):*

Jacob for putting in a great effort with his reading responses.

**Music Award:** Gus for being so enthusiastic during music.

**PE Award:** Jasmine for participating actively in class discussions.

**Dancers of the Week:** Gus, Ava, and Locky H.

**Art Award:** Nellie for her great reflection about her choice of tool for colouring.

**Science Award:** Abbey for a great start to her creature.

**G.E.M. Award:** Madeline for looking out for others in the playground.

**Principals Award:** Mason for his support of junior students in clubs.

**Full House:** 4/5/6!





## Term 1 Week 3 Assembly Awards!

Congratulations to all our awesome award winners this week!

*Learner of the Week for the Green Room (P/1):*

Payton for a positive attitude and always having a go.

*Learner of the Week for the Orange Room (2/3/4):*

Ben for using his sounds to write words and having a go at everything.

*Learner of the Week for the Blue Room (4/5/6):*

Abbey for being a fantastic leader in the classroom.

*PE Award:* Ben for fantastic ball control during the hockey session.

Esther for showing resilience and trying new things.

*Principals Award:* Lachlan L for the effort he has put in to make good choices.

*Full House:* P/1!



*Grade 6 GRIP Leadership.*

Well done to our grade 6 school leaders for a fantastic day out at GRIP Leadership. We learnt how to step up and be leaders at our school!



*Congratulations to our new preps on a fantastic start to school!*



## E scooters and road rules

It is an offence for any person under the age of 16 to ride an E- scooter and they are not to be ridden on the foot-path at all. Bikes have a similar rule in regards to ages and where they can be ridden.

[E-scooter trial extended over summer : VicRoads](#)

[Road rules for riding a bike in Victoria : VicRoads](#)

Thank you

Regards

**Kim KELL**

**Leading Senior Constable 33415 | Proactive Policing  
Operative | Wellington | Victoria Police**

## Promoting Safety Around Our School

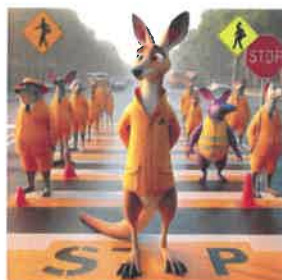
As we continue to prioritise the safety and well-being of our students, staff, and community, it is imperative that we address certain concerns regarding traffic and pedestrian safety around our school premises.

**1. Speeding is Not Acceptable Near a School:** Speeding vehicles pose a significant threat to the safety of our students and pedestrians. We urge all drivers to adhere to the posted speed limits, especially in school zones. Excessive speed reduces reaction time and increases the likelihood of accidents, particularly in areas where children are present. Please be mindful of your speed and drive cautiously, especially during peak drop-off and pick-up times.

**2. Correct Use of School Crossings at All Times:** Our designated school crossings are in place to provide a safe passage for students and pedestrians. It is crucial for everyone to use these crossings correctly and responsibly. Students should be instructed to cross only at designated areas and to wait for the crossing guard's signal before proceeding. Drivers must also be vigilant and yield to pedestrians at all marked crossings.

**3. Crossing the Street Safely:** Teaching children proper pedestrian safety is essential for their well-being. Parents and/or guardians, please take the time to educate your children on safe pedestrian practices, including looking both ways before crossing the street, using crosswalks whenever possible, and making eye contact with drivers before stepping onto the road. Additionally, encourage older students to serve as role models by following these safety guidelines themselves.

By working together as a community and prioritising safety, we can create a secure environment for everyone. Let us all remain vigilant and committed to ensuring the well-being of our students both in and around the school premises.



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# PLAYERS WANTED

**NAMBROK NEWRY FOOTBALL/NETBALL CLUB**

<b>Football Players:</b> We are looking for boys and girls born between 2011-2015 to play junior football. <b>Free Registration</b>	<b>Netball Players:</b> We are looking for junior and adult females 7 years or older of all abilities. <b>Free Team Fees</b>
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**Free meals for the whole family on Thursday night following trainings.**  
For more information contact Karlie Crapley on 0429-331898

**SALE BASEBALL CLUB**

**COME AND TRY**  
Baseball at Stevenson park,  
Guthridge Parade, Sale.

When?  
Wednesday March 6th.

Juniors (16 and under): 4.30pm  
Seniors: 6pm  
BBQ dinner provided



# Photographing, Filming and Recording

## ANNUAL CONSENT FORM



### Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Cobains Primary School on 51498274.

During the school year there are many occasions and events where staff may photograph, film or record students participating in school activities and events. We do this for many reasons including to celebrate student participation and achievement, showcase particular learning programs, camps/excursions/sports events etc, communicate with our parents and school community in newsletters and on our school website.

This notice applies to photographs, video or recordings of students that are collected, used and disclosed by the school. We ask that any parents/carers or other members of our school community photographing, filming or recording students at school events eg concerts, sports events etc, do so in a respectful and safe manner and that any photos, video or recordings “images” of students other than your own are not taken or publicly posted (eg to a social media account) without the permission of the relevant parent/carer.

If you do not understand any aspect of this notice, or you would like to talk about any concerns you have, please contact our school on 0351498274 or [cobains.ps@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:cobains.ps@education.vic.gov.au).

### A. Use or disclosure within the school community

**Unless you tell us otherwise below**, images of your child may be used by our school within the school community, as described below.

Photographs, video or recordings of students may be used within the school community in any of the following ways:

- in the school’s communication, learning and teaching tools (for example, emails, classroom blogs or apps that can only be accessed by students, parents/carers or school staff with passwords eg Compass, Class Dojo etc)
- for display in school classrooms, on noticeboards etc
- in the school’s newsletter
- to support student’s health and wellbeing eg photographs of pencil grip to assist in OT assessments

### B. Use or disclosure in publications/locations that are publicly accessible

**Unless you tell us otherwise below**, photographs, video or recordings of students may also be used in publications that are accessible to the public, including:

- on the school’s website, including in the school newsletter which is publicly available on the website  
Your child may be identified by first name only in these images (or not named at all).

**We will notify you individually if we are considering using any images of your child for specific advertising or promotional purposes.**



## Privacy

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Photographs, video and recordings of a person that may be capable of identifying the person may constitute a collection of 'personal information' under Victorian privacy law. This means that any images of your child taken by the school may constitute a collection of your child's personal information. The school is part of the Department of Education and Training (**the Department**). The Department values the privacy of every person and must comply with the *Privacy and Data Protection Act 2014* (Vic) when collecting and managing all personal information. For further information see [Schools' Privacy Policy](http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx) (<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/Pages/schoolsprivacypolicy.aspx>).

## Ownership and Reproduction

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Copyright in the images will be wholly owned by the school. This means that the school may use the images in the ways described in this form without notifying, acknowledging or compensating you or your child.

## Opt Out

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Cobains Primary School understands that parents and carers have the right to withhold permission for our school to use photographs, video or recordings of your child (apart from circumstances where the school is not required to seek consent – see *our Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy*).

**If you have read this notice and are comfortable with the school using photos, video or recordings of your child as described above, you do not need to take any further action.**

However, if you have decided that you **do not** want images of your child to be collected or used by our school, **please complete the form below** and return it to the office or to the Principal. Please note that it may not be possible for the school to amend past publications or to withdraw images that are already in the public domain.

I have read this form and I **do not consent** to Cobains Primary School using photos, video or recordings of my child (named below) to appear in the following ways:

- Use within the school community** (eg in the school's communication, learning and teaching tools, on display around the school)
- Use in publications/locations that are publicly accessible** eg on the school's website, in the school's, on the school's social media accounts, in promotional material for the school

*Note:*

- *You may choose to opt out of both or only one type of use.*
- *It may not be possible for the school to amend past publications or to withdraw images that are already in the public domain.*
- *Further information is available in the Photographing, Filming and Recording Students Policy*

<b>Name of Student</b>	
<b>Name of parent/carer</b>	
<b>Signature</b>	
<b>Date</b>	___ / ___ / _____