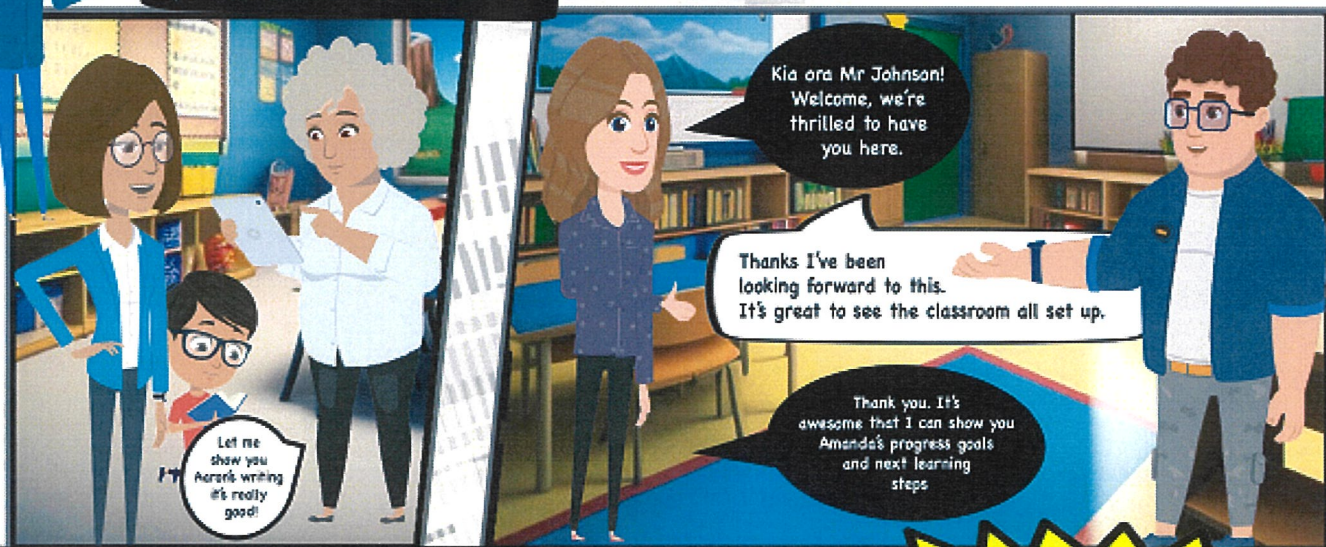


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Newsletter 5th September 2025



Kia ora

As we head into the last few weeks of term, there is a wonderful energy around the school with spring in the air. Our tamariki have been busy both in and out of the classroom. Recently, team Mokomoko and our kapa haka group visited Granger House, where tamariki shared waiata, read with the residents, and even entertained them with some lively square dancing. Our kapa haka group also performed a powerful haka that was deeply appreciated. We are also proud of two students who represented Cobden at the recent speech competition, showcasing confidence and skill.

Kapa haka rehearsals are in full swing as we prepare for the upcoming festival in just over a week. At the same time, our pool building upgrade is nearing completion, marking the end of all planned property projects — an exciting milestone that ensures our facilities continue to support learning and wellbeing for our tamariki.

Looking ahead, our newly elected Board will be finalising the 2026–2028 Strategic Plan, with all consultation feedback carefully considered as we shape the direction of our kura. I will also be sharing the feedback gathered from our community and tamariki — what you said you wanted for our school — through upcoming social media posts, so please keep an eye out for those.

Ngā mihi,
Noula Markham
Principal



Cobden School Important Dates 2025 - Also on the Skool Loop Calendar tab

Term 3

Wednesday 10th September	"Wig/Wacky Hair Wednesday" - Gold Coin Mufti Day for Child Cancer
Thursday 11th September	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Friday 12th September	Assembly 12pm in the Hall - Led by Kowhai 2. Kapa Haka Group performing.
Monday 15th September	West Coast Kapa Haka Festival at Westland High School in Hokitika
Tuesday 16th September	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Tuesday 16th September	Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom
Wednesday 17th September	"SPCA come as your favourite Animal" - Gold Coin Mufti Day
Wednesday 17th September	3.15pm Greymouth High School Year 9 2026—Meeting at Cobden School
Friday 19th September	Last Day of Term 3

Term 4

Monday 6th October	Term 4 Begins
Thursday 9th October	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Tuesday 14th October	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Friday 17th October	"Crazy Hair Day" —Gold Coin Mufti Day for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer
Thursday 23rd October	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Tuesday 28th October	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Tuesday 28th October	Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom
Thursday 6th November	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Friday 7th November	"Gumboot Friday" Gold Coin Mufti Day for the I Am Hope Foundation
Tuesday 11th November	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Wednesday 19th November	West Coast Women's Refuge—Gold Coin Mufti Day
Thursday 20th November	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Tuesday 25th November	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Monday 1st December	Westland Anniversary Day—Public Holiday—School Closed
Tuesday 2nd December	Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom
Thursday 4th December	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Thursday 4th December	Cobden School Gala 4.30pm to 6.30pm
Tuesday 9th December	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Monday 15th December	2pm Cobden School Prizegiving in the Hall.
Tuesday 16th December	Last Day of Term 4

Disclaimer: Dates and Times are correct at the time of printing but are subject to change.

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

Caring, Co-operation, Communication

This terms focus:

"Manakitanga - Caring for Ourselves"

"Knowing how to help myself"

Values Card Winners:

Term 3	Week 6	Noah, Lenny, Alice & Shailee
	Week 7	Karson, Donte & Mason



With the end of term approaching, children may be feeling more tired, which can affect their ability to stay focused and make positive choices during the school day. **Getting enough sleep and rest at home is essential to support their wellbeing and learning.** It also helps them continue practising our focus of *knowing how to help myself by managing emotions and seeking support when needed.*



Mokomoko at Granger House



Thank you for your support!
Our **Daffodil Day** mufti day for the **Cancer Society** raised \$148.10

The **Cobden School Kapa Haka** group took a bus trip to Granger house last week to perform for the residents.

There will be a dress rehearsal at the Cobden School Assembly on Friday 12th September at 12pm. The West Coast Kapa Haka Competition is on Monday 15th September at Westland High School in Hokitika.



Thank you to the team at "Wood is Good" for their information on the "Be Safe, Be Seen" road safety message and an in-class forestry session showing wood as a valuable and sustainable product to New Zealand.



Congratulations to Ruhi and Kaelyn who went through to the Rotary Speech Competitions at the Union hotel this week.



Duffy Books in Homes offer 3 was presented to the students by Duffy Role Model **Justus Leaoeseve** who is a creative director and founder of **Seve Visuals** a media company that focuses on story telling through video. He shared his insights into creativity, business and the benefits that reading has had on his journey. Thank You Justus!

Wanted: Donations of second hand toys and children's clothing for the school shop.
(We are unable to accept electrical items or makeup) **Please drop at the office.**