

Cobden School Attendance Plan

We want to ensure that all tamariki at Te Kura o Cobden attend regularly, supporting their right to access education and reach their full potential. Our goal aligns with the government's national target: **80% of students attend more than 90% of the time**. This plan outlines proactive and responsive strategies to improve and sustain student attendance.

Clear Expectations for Attendance

- Attendance expectations will be communicated:
- At enrolment.
 - At the beginning of each year and each term.
 - Via newsletters, website, and social media updates.
 - Through individual conversations when necessary.

Roles and Responsibilities

WHĀNAU

- Ensure tamariki attend school unless sick or excused.
- Promote good attendance habits.
- Communicate with the school about absences.
- Support school efforts to improve attendance.

SCHOOL

- Clearly communicate attendance expectations.
- Monitor and record attendance daily.
- Notify parents promptly of absences.
- Help tamariki overcome attendance barriers.
- Share attendance patterns with the Board.
- Report patterns to the Board and follow the STAR framework.

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

- Monitor school attendance data and compliance.
- Support schools with tools and services.
- Coordinate responses for chronic attendance issues.
- Assist with complex cases, including legal steps if needed.

Stepped Attendance Response (STAR)

STEP 1: Good Attendance (≤ 5 days absent/term)

- **Monitor** attendance regularly.
- **Celebrate good attendance** (certificates, rewards).
- **Communicate** with whānau about the importance of attendance.

STEP 2: Worrying Attendance (≤ 10 days absent/term)

- **Contact parents** to discuss absences.
- **Support students** to catch up.
- Offer in-school help (e.g., counselling, food).
- **Send formal notice** if patterns emerge.
- **Track interventions** closely.

STEP 3: Concerning Attendance (≤ 15 days absent/term)

- **Escalate communication** with parents.
- **Hold face-to-face meetings** to understand issues.
- Create a tailored **support plan**.
- **Involve external agencies** if needed.
- **Monitor progress** with regular check-ins.

STEP 4: Serious Concern (> 15 days absent/term)

- **Send formal warning** and meet urgently.
- Launch **multi-agency response**.
- Implement **Intensive Attendance Plan**.
- Consider Ministry/legal action if unresolved.
- Unenrol only as a last resort under guidelines.

STEP 5: Daily Operations

- **Review attendance weekly** in leadership meetings.
- Share trends with staff each term.
- Survey students and whānau yearly to identify barriers.

STEP 6: Community Collaboration

- Work with agencies (e.g., Attendance Services, Oranga Tamariki).
- Join local attendance hui.
- **Share strategies** with whānau and community partners.

Step 7: Communication & Reporting

- Report attendance to the Board each term.
- **Provide updates** via newsletters and website.
- Share student attendance reports with parents at least twice a year.

STEP 8: Review & Improvement

- Review attendance plan and data annually.
- **Collect feedback** from staff, whānau, and students.
- **Update practices** in line with SchoolDocs policy.

KEY TARGET
80% of students
attending over 90%
of the time.

Reduction in students at "concerning" and "serious concern" levels.
Increased whānau engagement and partnership in attendance solutions.

For more see bit.ly/cobden_attendance_plan



At Te Kura o Cobden

Tamariki are expected to attend school every day they are able.

Cobden School's attendance plan has been implemented to improve student attendance and learning outcomes.

COBDEN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

Caring, Co operation, Communication
Manaakitanga, Mahi Ngatahi, Korero Mai



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COBDEN SCHOOL

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Kia ora

Last week, we celebrated the exciting opening of our brand-new tech space—a vibrant, purpose-built area designed to foster creativity, collaboration, and hands-on learning in areas like technology, cooking, and design. A huge thank you to Sam and the team at Tangible Building Solutions Ltd for their outstanding workmanship in bringing this vision to life.

Despite a fortnight of higher-than-usual sickness across the school, our tamariki have been making the most of the reasonably good winter weather, enjoying fresh air and outdoor play. We're hopeful the winter bugs are nearly behind us. There are many exciting learning opportunities planned for our tamariki in the weeks ahead, including the inter-school netball challenge, kapa haka, and class trips that will enrich and support in-class learning.

Earlier this week, we informed our school community that the school will be closing early, at 1 pm, on **Tuesday, 19th August**, due to **Paid Union Meetings (PUMs)** being held for staff. These meetings are part of a nationwide initiative organised by the **New Zealand Educational Institute (NZEI)**, allowing union members to discuss important matters related to teaching conditions, education policy, and employment agreements.

As always, we appreciate the continued support of our whānau—it makes all the difference.

Ngā mihi nui,
Noula Markham
Principal



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

Term 3

Monday 11th August	ASB Primary Netball Competition
Tuesday 12th August	Mokomoko Coal Creek Falls Trip
Tuesday 12th August	Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom
Wednesday 13th August	School Photos—Let us know if you are bringing in Siblings
Thursday 14th August	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Friday 15th August	"Westpac Chopper Appeal" - Gold Coin Mufti Day
Friday 15th August	Assembly 12pm in the Hall - Led by Kowhai 1 Room 1. Whanau Lunch
Tuesday 19th August	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Tuesday 19th August	1pm Early Closure. School will close at 1pm for a Teacher Union Meeting
Thursday 21st August	Cobden Lagoon Planting—Whole School
Monday 25th August	Kapa Haka Group performs at Granger House
Thursday 28th August	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Friday 29th August	"Daffodil Day" - Gold Coin Mufti Day for the Cancer Society
Friday 29th August	Assembly 12pm in the Hall - Led by Mokomoko 1. Whanau Lunch
Monday 1st September	Teacher Only Day - School Closed
Tuesday 2nd September	Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.
Tuesday 2nd September	Rotary Speech Competition at the Union Hotel
Wednesday 10th September	"Wig/Wacky Hair Wednesday" - Gold Coin Mufti Day for Blood 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

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"

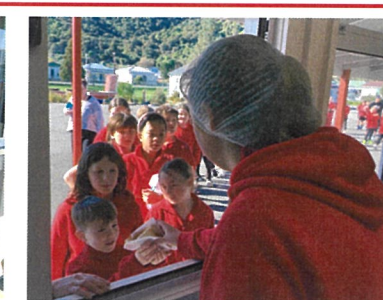
Values Card Winners:

Term 3	Week 2	Keesha, Blake & Kane
	Week 3	Kyrar & Sadie



Manakitanga – Knowing How to Help Myself Did you know?

Letting your child zip up their jacket—even if it takes *forever*—is actually building brain power! Studies show that kids who practice self-help skills like getting dressed, packing their bag, or solving little problems on their own are **more confident, more resilient, and better prepared for learning** later on.



Our Technology Space was officially opened and blessed by Tim Mora on Friday followed by a walk through by the parents after Assembly.

Thank you to the senior girls and Michelle G who cooked a sausage sizzle. Everyone was served through the new servery window.

Our oldest Student, Arnabelle, and our youngest student, Phillip, both cut the official cake.



Thank you
for your support!
Our "Red Nose Day"
Mufti day for Cure Kids
raised \$107.30.



**WELCOME
TO
COBDEN
SCHOOL**
Keesha
Kane
Dakota
Phillip

ROAD SAFETY - PARENTS/CAREGIVERS - BE ROLE MODELS TO YOUR CHILDREN

Please be a safety role model and show your children the correct way to safely cross the road. Please use the road crossings and designated car parks around the school to drop off or pick up.

Keeping our children Safe

Do not stop in the middle of the road and let your children out.

Do not call your child across the road - encourage them to use the crossings

Thank you to all parents/caregivers for using the pedestrian crossings and following our traffic wardens' instructions.

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.

Trophy Return - Its that time of the year again!

Cobden School Trophies received at last years prize giving need to be returned to the office this term.