

COBDEN SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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



A community of learners where wellbeing and relationships encourage ākonga to be confident, engaged and caring critical thinkers.

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GRADUATE PROFILE 2025

OUR VISION

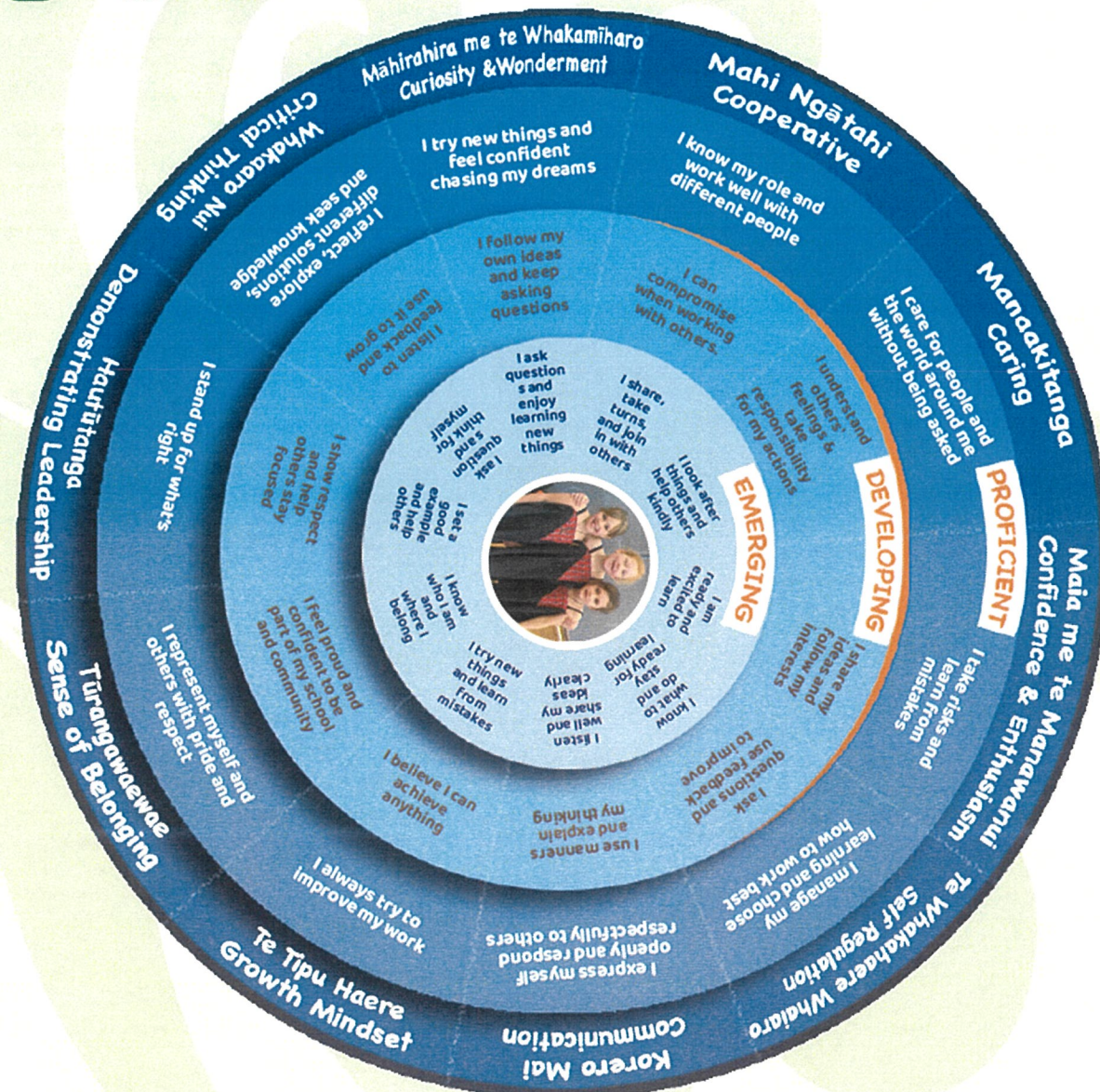
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OUR VALUES

Manaakitanga – We care

Mahi ngatahi – we cooperate

Korero mai – we communicate



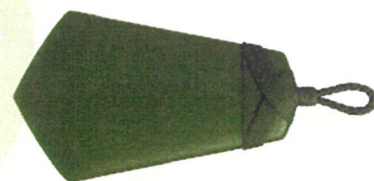
TAUIRA PAI

MĒ MAHI TAHI TĀTOU
MŌ TE ORANGA O TE
KATOA WE SHOULD WORK
TOGETHER FOR THE
WELLBEING OF
EVERYONE

OUR MISSION

We believe to achieve the school vision we need to know, who we are, where we come from and where we belong now and in the future.

Tihei mauri ora!



COBDEN SCHOOL

Newsletter 17th October 2025



Kia ora tātou,

It's wonderful to have everyone back for what promises to be a fast-paced term! Teachers have begun their end-of-year assessments as we prepare to report on student progress. It's heartening to see students actively engaging in all areas of the school curriculum.

The upgrade of our swimming pool building is nearly complete, and we're excited that our students will soon be able to enjoy swimming again in the coming weeks. We are fortunate to have this valuable resource, and it's essential that all our students gain confidence in the water. Swimming is part of our curriculum, so please encourage your child to participate.

We have a variety of activities planned for students over the next eight weeks. Details about these can be found on our Skool Loop calendar, as well as in notices and newsletters. Please note that Tuesday, 16th of December, marks the end of Term 4, and Term 1 of 2026 will commence on Monday, 2nd of February.

Ngā mihi nui,
Noula Markham
Principal



Cobden School

Important Dates 2025 - Also on the Skool Loop Calendar tab

Term 4

Monday 20th October

Monday 20th October

Thursday 23rd October

Friday 24th October

Monday 27th October

Tuesday 28th October

Tuesday 28th October

Wednesday 29th October

Friday 31st October

Wednesday 5th November

Thursday 6th November

Friday 7th November

Friday 7th November

Tuesday 11th November

Wednesday 19th November

Thursday 20th November

Friday 21st November

Tuesday 25th November

Monday 1st December

Tuesday 2nd December

Thursday 4th December

Thursday 4th December

Friday 5th December

Tuesday 9th December

Wednesday 10th December

Monday 15th December

Tuesday 16th December

Lucky Book Club Issue 7 Orders Close.

Mokomoko Trip to Shantytown.

NZEI Teacher Strike—School Closed

Assembly 12pm led by Kowhai 1 Rm 1. Whanau can bring their lunch.

Labour Day—Public Holiday—School Closed.

Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.

Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom

West Coast Athletics—Anzac Park

Mokomoko Grandparent day. Notice out next week.

Kowhai Punakaiki Trip.

Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.

"Gumboot Friday" Gold Coin Mufti Day for the I Am Hope Foundation

Assembly 12pm Led by Mokomoko. Whanau can bring their lunch.

Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.

West Coast Women's Refuge—Gold Coin Mufti Day.

Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.

Assembly 12pm Led by Kowhai 1 Rm 2. Whanau can bring their lunch.

Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.

Westland Anniversary Day—Public Holiday—School Closed.

Cobden School Board Meeting - 5.30pm Staffroom

Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.

Cobden School Gala 4.30pm to 6.30pm.

Assembly 12pm Led by Kowhai 2. Whanau can bring their lunch.

Kowhai 2 - Be at school by 8.40am for the Technology Bus.

Year 8 Leavers Dinner.

2pm Cobden School Prizegiving in the Hall—School uniform please.

Last Day of Term 4

2026 Term 1

Monday 2nd February

First Day of Term 1 2026

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

PB4L - Positive Behaviour for Learning

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This term's focus:

"Mahi Ngatahi - Co-Operation"

"Keep Calm and Carry On"

Values Card Winners:

Term 4 Week 1 Emma & Shailee
Week 2 Leroy, Missy & Vada



This term the focus is on **Mahi Ngātahi - Stay Calm and Carry on**. Sometimes life throws challenges our way, and when that happens it helps to remember the old saying: "stay calm and carry on." *Staying calm allows us to think clearly, make good choices, and keep moving forward even when things feel tricky. It's a simple reminder that a positive attitude and steady steps can help us overcome just about anything.*



Conservation Week

Students received a visit from the Kea Conservation Trust explaining their Kea protection program and explored the ecological relationships and the impact of human activity on the Kea population.

Notice to Our School Community

Our Board will be hold its **monthly meeting** on **Tuesday, 28 October at 5:30 pm**. During this meeting, we will be discussing **proposed changes to our school's constitution**. All members of our school community are welcome to attend and be part of the discussion.



Students took part in the Nationwide 2025 Shakeout Earthquake drill yesterday. Drop, Cover, and Hold. We also practiced a fire drill this week.



Trophy Return - Its that time of the year again!

Cobden School trophies received at last year's prize giving need to be returned to the office ASAP.



Crazy Hair Day

Thank you for your support! We raised \$110.70 for Leukaemia & Blood Cancer Shave for a cure New Zealand.

WELCOME
TO
COBDEN SCHOOL

Kaelyn O
Toby
Ava
Dean
Izzy
Roman



**Scholastic
Lucky Book Club**
Issue 7 is out now!
Every order earns rewards for
Cobden school. Orders Close
20th October 2025.

Library/School Books Amnesty.....

Please have a look around home and return to the office anything that belongs to Cobden School such as Library books, Class reading books or Journals.
Thank You.