



COBDEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Committed to Students, Committed to Success

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<https://www.cobtech.vic.edu.au/>

Term 2 Week 3

May 2023

We are committed to find and celebrate successful outcomes for students, whether that is in the pursuit of high-level academic achievement, or the development of specific vocational skills.

The values we strive to develop and promote through our interactions with students, parents and other members of our community are Honesty, Excellence, Accountability, Respect and Trust - HEART

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School Council Parent/Student Representatives: Jemma Couch (President) Liz Roberts (Vice President)
Anita La Franchi Rebecca Armistead Mardi Foster Madison Osborne Fleur De Groot

In the spirit of reconciliation, Cobden Technical School acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of this country the Djargurd Wurrung and Kirrae Whurrung peoples of the Eastern Maar nation. We pay our deepest respects to the Elders past, present and emerging, for they hold the memories, the tradition, the culture and identity of the Indigenous peoples of Australia.

From the Principal & Assistant Principal’s Desk

Rohan Keert – Principal & Cass Crevola – Assistant Principal

VCAL Achievement Awards

On Tuesday 2 May, CTS Leading Teacher Narelle Holliday was invited to attend the Victorian Certificate of Applied Learning Achievement Awards at the Deakin Edge Theatre, Federation Square, Melbourne. Narelle is one of 11 VCAL Quality Assurance Panel Leaders across the State who are recipients of the 2022 VCAA Chair’s Award recognising outstanding achievement. The award recognises Narelle’s outstanding contribution and support towards the delivery and promotion of VCAL and applied learning across our region through coordination of the VCAL quality assurance (QA) process, and as a champion of VCAL in our school and community. Congratulations Narelle!



Events and Activities

Dogs in Schools

We have recently had a staff member, Michael Smart, complete training as an Animal Assisted Intervention Handler (Animal Therapy) with his Lagotto breed dog, Raffy. This program enables Michael to work with Raffy to provide animal-assisted wellbeing programs at school. Following some introduction activities last week, Michael is now bringing Raffy into classes with him, where she will work to offer support to students who may benefit from this in order to engage effectively and productively with their school work. We're very fortunate to have a trained handler on staff and look forward to the opportunities that this provides for our students.



ANZAC Commemorative Service

Cobden Technical School was once again very pleased to be the organising school for the 2023 ANZAC Commemorative Service on Thursday 6th April. We have been able to recognise increasing numbers of returned servicemen and women each year, with the flags flying beautifully at the Cobden Cemetery for the weeks preceding ANZAC day. Our students were proud to be involved in the flag raising and in the conduct of the service itself, with students and staff from our local schools also in attendance, along with many community members. We'd like to thank Andrea Stoddart in particular for her continued involvement in organising this important event with our community.

Immersion Days

We hosted over 60 very excited Grades 5 and 6 students from Cobden Primary School and Simpson Primary school for two Immersion Days recently. Accompanied by our student leaders, the primary students took part in Art, Science and Cooking activities for Day 1 and explored the technology subjects offered here at Cobden Tech on Day 2.



Camps

We've been delighted to once again have our students benefit from the Positive Start funding to engage in the Year 7 camp to Torquay last week, setting off amidst the wild and windy weather. With fishing rods in hand - and a few bravely dressed in shorts despite the chilly temperatures - they set off early in the morning. We have loved hearing about all their adventures since their return.

Sports

This is a busy time of year for school sports, with some rescheduled events and a large number of interschool competitions occurring over the coming few weeks. We encourage students to take advantage of these opportunities and would like to remind families to return permission slips as promptly as possible to assist with planning. We'd like to thank Belinda Savage for her work in organising these days, with our gratitude to the many staff who support this program with supervision.

Presentation Ball

Planning is underway for the biannual Presentation Ball. Students in Years 10 and 11 have been given the opportunity to vote on the important planning decisions. Further information will be provided to families shortly and we look forward to this significant celebration event coming up later this term.



Buildings and Grounds

A wide range of improvements and additions have been made to the grounds to support our students being comfortable and active during break times.

Heaters have been installed in the undercover area thanks to a fundraising project by the SRC. Students are able to turn these on during cold days, with a timer turning them off after 15 minutes. These have been a delightful addition to the amenities for students.

To continue to support our students being active and engaged at breaks, we've installed a GaGa Pit, painted additional 4-square courts and completed installation of the 9-square in the air. It's been wonderful to watch the students playing in multi-age groups and friendly, competitive games during breaks - the queues for these games let us know that they've been a terrific success!



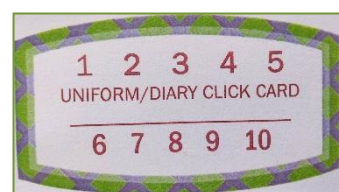
In preparation for the Hampden Specialist School building project, we had a walk-through with the project team and Art teachers from both CTS and HSS recently, which helped to unpack the needs of both schools in the redesign of the Art teaching spaces. We will be sharing details of the development of this project as we make steps in coming months.

Sub-School Report

Sarah Cook – Senior Sub-School Leader & Jen McLennan - Junior Sub-School Leader

It has been a very busy start to the term. We have had cross country, HSSD athletics, Torquay camp and visits from the Simpson and Cobden Primary schools all in the space of a couple of weeks- you can read up on these in dedicated articles.

For the next couple of weeks, we will be focusing on appropriate noise levels in different environments. In each class we have a copy of noise level posters- Level 1 quiet, Level 2 Group, Level 3 Sharing, Level 4 outside. We'll be practicing using these noise levels in class and in the yard to ensure that everyone can enjoy and make the most of their time in- and out of- the classroom.



The weather is starting to cool down, and with the change in weather comes a slight change in uniform. In winter, students are permitted to wear the CTS black beanies only- they can be purchased at the front office. Plain black pants can be worn by students of all genders, but please make sure these are pants and not track-pants or jeans. If extra warmth is required, students can wear stockings or skins underneath. The school jumper is to be worn, but the sports jacket is also acceptable. Black CTS jackets are to be worn outside only.

If students require extra warmth, they are welcome to wear non-visible items of clothing under their uniform- these must be always non-visible, otherwise students will be required to remove them. Hoodies are not acceptable.

We will continue to reward full uniform at mentor sessions with the click cards. Please let the school know if you require any assistance with uniform.

Teaching & Learning Report

Narelle Holliday (Leading Teacher) Sarah Cook (Acting Learning Specialist)

We have had a busy start to term two at school both in and outside the classroom.

The students now have access to additional sports equipment in the yard with the Gar Gar pit and nine square in the air both in action and both activities are popular at recess and lunch.

VET / VM

The VET students continue to move around the cluster for their classes and it has been nice to get to know more of the students that visit our school each Wednesday and Thursday. The VCAL students have all undertaken work placement in Cobden and the surrounding area, and we would like to thank their host employers for their continued support. Some students have moved employers this term and we have received great feedback from their old and new placements about their organisation and work ethic.

SRC

The student leaders, through student voice, decided to support Do it for Dolly as their community project this term. Do it for Dolly Day was today, Friday 12th May. This was a casual clothes day and students collected gold coins for the Dolly Foundation. The SRC also sold donuts at recess and would like to remind people to be kind to each other not only on Dolly Day but every day.



Year 11 Work experience Camp 6-10 August.

The year 11 students have submitted work placement preferences for Camp, and we are working with the local employment networks to get the students a work experience placement in Melbourne for the camp week.

Sports Report

Belinda Savage – Sports Coordinator

Upcoming Events – Term 2

Tuesday 16th May

Monday 29th May

Thursday 1st June

Tuesday 6th June

Wednesday 21st June

Senior Boys Football & Senior/Intermediate Girls Netball

GWR Cross Country in Warrnambool

HSSSD Junior boys' football and Girls Netball

GWR Badminton (Year 9 – 12)

GWR Badminton (Year 7 - 8)

CTS Cross Country - Friday 28th April

Well done to all the students who participated and the staff for making this event a great success. To the wellbeing team for the assistance with fruit and flavoured milk and Wannon Water for the donation of goods for the goody's bags. Congratulations to Glenfyne Gold again winning the Shield.

Glenfyne Gold	142 points
Tandarook Red	125.50 points
Shenfield Blue	113.50 points



A big congratulations to the following aged champions: -

U13 Girls – Akeisha Bishop	Shenfield Blue
U13 Boys – Xander Weel	Glenfyne Gold
U14 Girls – Taliyah Bishop	Shenfield Blue
U14 Boys – Felix Nguena Nguena	Glenfyne Gold
U15 Girls – Alyvia McLean	Shenfield Blue
U15 Boys – Zac Stevens	Glenfyne Gold
U16 Girls – Tabitha Perriss	Tandarook Red
U16 Boys – Kayden Daffy	Shenfield Blue
U17 Girls – Taylor Sanders	Tandarook Red
U17 Girls – Jacoba Henderson	Glenfyne Gold
U17 Boys – Brodie Foster	Tandarook Red
U18-20 Girls – Fleur De Groot	Tandarook Red
U18-20 Boys – Keegan Brandrup	Shenfield Blue



HSSSD Interschool Athletics (at Camperdown) - Monday 1st May

The HSSSD Interschool athletics was finally able to take place on the rescheduled date of Monday 1st May under what seemed like four seasons in one day. The ground was very slippery in the morning making conditions challenging but all students adapted and performed extremely well.

Congratulations to all our students who attended: -

GLENFYNE GOLD	TANDAROOK RED	SHENFIELD BLUE
Olivia Benson	Noah Bignell	Riley Chamberlain
Bradey Fratantaro	Nash Coverdale	Inaminka Merrett McKellar
Jacoba Henderson	Brodie Foster	Tayliah Bishop
Adam Jopling	Tabitha Perriss	Kayden Daffy
Felix Nguena Nguena	Marli Phillips	Immy Eddy
Zac Stevens	Willoughby Perriss	Tom Hutton
Jayden Gass	Nickeya Mason	Jesse Wason
Rhys Sargood	Landyn Muller De Vent	Maddison Newell
Nathan Patulloock	Brodey Muller De Vent	Akeisha Bishop
Xander Weel	Will Krzyzanski	Chali Robbins -
Broly Henderson	Mason Mitchell	Alanna Warden
Phoebe Harris	Aliza Dentith	Cooper Daffy
Tara Watts		Trent Chamberlain
		Keegan Brandrup
		Abbey Robbins -



HSSSD Interschool Cross Country at Camperdown - Monday 8th May

Well done to the following students who attended at the HSSSD Interschool Cross Country at Camperdown on Monday 8th May. The Senior Boys ran a 5 km course and all other age categories ran 3 km. Again performed under wet and slippery conditions but some great results. Well done: -

GIRLS					
12&13 YEARS	14 YEARS	15 YEARS	16 YEARS	17 YEARS	20 YEARS
Akeisha Bishop	Taliyah Bishop		Tabitha Perriss		
Audrey Wilkinson	Olivia Benson				
BOYS					
12&13 YEARS	14 YEARS	15 YEARS	16 YEARS	17 YEARS	20 YEARS
Xander Weel	Felix Nguena Nguena	Zac Stevens	Kayden Daffy	Brodie Foster	Keegan Brandrup
Rhys Sargood	Landyn Muller De Vent	Noah Bignell	Darcy Benson		
Cooper Daffy	Izaac Tate	Adam Jopling			
Nathan Patulloock	Broly Henderson				

Greater Western Region Interschool Cross Country – Monday 29th May

Congratulations to the following students for qualifying to now attend at the Greater Western Region Cross Country to be held on Monday 29th May at Albert Park (new course/venue) in Warrnambool: -

- Xander Weel
- Felix Nguena Nguena
- Kayden Daffy
- Brodie Foster
- Keegan Brandrup
- Cooper Daffy
- Izaac Tate



School Sport Victoria State Lawn Bowls Championships - Tuesday 9th May at Sunbury

Due to the no entry from another region our Senior Boys Lawn Bowls team as runner-up in the Greater Western Region was given the opportunity to participate in the SSV Secondary Senior Secondary Bowls State Final held at Sunbury. It was a fantastic experience for our team of Brodie Foster, Bodhi Crole and Riley Chamberlain, played on an indoor rink. Thank you, Mr. Nixon, again for your assistance and coaching of this Lawn Bowls team and our many teams over the years, your knowledge will be missed.

CTS lost to Maribyrnong College 6 – 7

CTS lost to Doncaster Secondary College 3 -7

CTS lost to Kyabram P-12 College 0 - 7



Colac Gun Club Shoot – Wednesday 10th May

Well done to our Clay Target Shooting team who all performed extremely well at Colac.

6/	DARCY BENSON SB	3-0-3
	KAYDEN DAFFY SB	2-3-5
	LILLYANNA MAHONY SB	-3-3
	NASH CAVERDALE SB	5-4-9

9/	NOAH BIGNELL JB	2-1-3
	JAZIAH MASON JB	3-2-5
	MAX PATON JB	3-4-7
	LENNY DOBBINS JB	4-5-9



Year 7 Torquay Camp

The year 7's headed off to Torquay on Wednesday morning with the threat of rain and thunderstorms hanging over our heads. Luckily, we had clear skies for the duration of camp, allowing us to take full advantage of the activities run by Southern Exposure. Over the three days, we surfed, mountain-biked and kayaked our way around Torquay. On site at our campgrounds, we participated in minute-to-win-it games and board games and took time to kick a footy or pass a basketball in our down time. On the last day, a small group went fishing while the other group went for a beach walk- can you guess which group caught a fish?

A great time was had by all, and students should be proud of their willingness to participate and give everything a go.

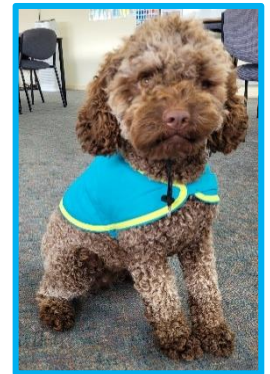
A big thank you to Mr Bouman, Mel Benson, Ingrid Bellman (with her amazing bed-time stories) and Mrs McLennan, and many thanks to Rod from Cobden Coaches for transporting us throughout the camp.



Raffy

Michael Smart – Raffy’s handler

Raffy (15 months old) is a lagotto romagnolo (Italian water dog) and has been AAI (Animal Assisted Intervention) trained with her handler, Michael Smart, through Pawfect Communities. This training has been completed so that Raffy can attend Cobden Technical School with Michael Smart and be present in his classroom.



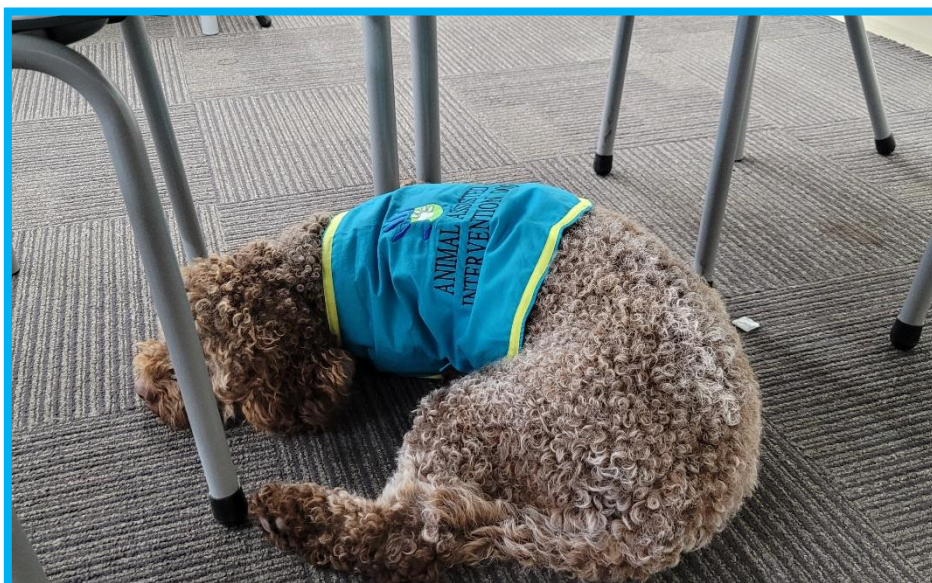
This is being done because animals can satisfy needs for physical, emotional, and social contact without fear of unwanted or threatening involvement with other human beings. The potential outcomes for students involved with Animal Assisted Interventions include, but are not exclusive to:

- improvement in student attitudes and motivation towards academic study,
- improvements in attitudes and motivation towards reading and schoolwork in general
- increased confidence when reading aloud (through ‘read to dog’ programs)
- increased self-esteem and confidence in class
- significant drop in stress hormones such as cortisol, adrenaline and aldosterone
- an increase in “health inducing and social inducing” hormones such as oxytocin, dopamine and endorphins
- as well as higher attendance rates.

Raffy can be considered a wellbeing dog as the focus of her attendance at school is to support calmer classrooms and a learning space more conducive to learning for all students.

So far this year Raffy has attended only one full day, on Tuesday 8 May. On a Tuesday Raffy is in Maths with Year 7, Year 9 and Year 10 students. She was worn out at the end of the day, and slept well when she got home. Michael Smart, as her handler, also has lots of logistical management issues to get his head around to manage and care for Raffy throughout the school day. For this reason, Raffy will attend only on Tuesdays for the next four or so weeks. All going well, we may see Raffy attending for two days a week after that.

If you would like to know more about Raffy’s training through Pawfect Communities, please use the link to access their website: <https://www.pawfectcommunities.com/>



Wellbeing

Rachel Walz – Wellbeing coordinator & Melissa Benson – School Nurse



The cold weather is upon us, shorter days, longer nights. We need to look after ourselves from the inside out. Nutritious foods to sustain our energy. Breakfast to start the day, an energy packed lunch, snacks containing fruit, a hot meal for tea. Making sure we are eating in moderation a mixture of all the main food groups. Cereals, grains, proteins, dairy, fruit, vegetables, meat, poultry, fish and even a sneaky sweet.

As the cold weather rolls in you need to make sure you have a winter uniform to keep you warm. Winter skirt, pants, jumper, or coat. If you are needing some assistance with these items, please contact the front office and they will provide support and point you in the right direction.

Breakfast Club continues on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Friday's. Students are encouraged to come to the canteen to grab a warm toastie, fresh fruit, milk and snacks. A new addition of spaghetti and baked bean brevilles will make an appearance over the colder months. Students can also access a range of cereals, oats and muesli. Often Breaky club is a place for students to come just to have a chat and see a familiar face.

The students have been very busy participating in a range of activities and sporting events. It has been great to see everyone having a go. There are many sporting activities on offer at the school which allows the students to participate and try something new. All students are supported to be active and exercise as part of their wellbeing. The school cross country was held last week and Wannan Water kindly donated prize packs for our students, including their new range of drink bottles.



Exercise is important for our body as well as our mind. Take advantage when the sun is shining to go for a walk, ride a bike, take the family pet to the park.

Alumni Report

Ella Baynes (currently living in Canada)

I'm located in South East corner of Saskatchewan (Maryfield) for one job and just over the border in to Manitoba for my second job. I've been working with sheep and cows assisting in lambing and calving as well as the odd jobs around the farm such as vaccinating, feeding, weighing lambs and moving cattle. When I arrived in Canada the temperature was -20° most days and have had some pretty severe snow storms which required more hours to bed cow pastures for warmth. During my off time I've spent some time snowboarding, watching ice hockey and exploring new areas. I'd definitely recommend travelling abroad as a gap year or even just for the new experiences it offers.



Smile Squad is coming to Cobden Tech

Dear Cobden Tech families,

The Smile Squad team from Barwon Health are coming for their annual dental van visit.

Smile Squad is the Victorian Government free school dental program.

This means all students can get a free dental check-up, preventive services, and treatment at school.

How to access free dental care

We need your consent before we can provide services. Consent is usually provided by a parent or guardian.

Sign up to Smile Squad at: <https://bit.ly/smilesquadvic>

OR use the below QR code:



Please complete and submit the consent form by 2/6/2023

The electronic consent form can be translated into more than 100 languages.

Do I need to attend my child's appointment?

No, you do not need to attend your child's appointment. You can attend if you would like to by contacting Dental Administration on 4215 7625, or you can take your child to the community dental clinic if you prefer.

The Barwon Health Smile Squad team look forward to seeing you soon



Calendar 2023

TERM 2 2023		
WEEK 4	DATE	EVENT
Mon-Fri	15-19 May	➤ Education week "Active Learners: Move, Make, Motivate"
Tuesday	16 May	➤ Senior boys football
Tuesday	16 May	➤ Intermediate girls netball
Wednesday	17 May	➤ Walk to school day
WEEK 5	DATE	EVENT
Monday	22 May	➤ Parent / Student / Teacher interviews (4-6pm)
Tuesday	23 May	➤ GWR Intermediate & Senior girls football (Warrnambool)
Wednesday	24 May	➤ GWR boys netball (Colac)
WEEK 6	DATE	EVENT
Monday	29 May	➤ GWR Cross Country (Warrnambool)
Thursday	1 June	➤ Hampden Cup football (Yr 7-9 boys)
Thursday	1 June	➤ HSSSD netball (Yr 7-8 girls)
Friday	2 June	➤ Uni Myth Busters & a day in the life (Yr 10-11 @ Deakin University)
WEEK 7	DATE	EVENT
Monday	5 June	➤ Dental van
Tuesday	6 June	➤ GWR Badminton (Yr 9-12)







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- *Advice on available supports for you and the person you care for
- *Giveaways and activities for the kids

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DONATION OF TRAIN TRACKS & TRAINS

Our Year 10 Electrical students are building a train track and would appreciate any donation of HO/OO or N gauge train track and trains.



WELLBEING NOTE

Take care of yourself both physically and mentally...

- COLD WEATHER**
Wear appropriate clothing. If you need assistance with winter uniform please contact the school.
- EXERCISE AND REST TO LOOK AFTER YOUR BODY AND MIND.**

- TALK TO A TRUSTED ADULT IF YOU HAVE A CONCERN OR WORRY.**

- GET ENOUGH SLEEP TO ALLOW YOUR BODY TO RESTORE ENERGY.**

- ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES THAT BRING YOU JOY.**

- EAT NOURISHING FOODS TO SUSTAIN YOUR BODIES MOVEMENTS.**


It's important to prioritize taking care of yourself and seeking help when needed