



# Cobdogla Primary School

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Our School Values:    **RESPECT    HONESTY    RESPONSIBILITY    PERSONAL BEST**

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## Last Week Reminders

ATTENDANCE – PLEASE NOTIFY THE SCHOOL IF YOUR CHILD/CHILDREN WILL BE ABSENT THIS WEEK

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| Wednesday 12th, Thursday 13th, Friday 14th December | Year 3/4/5 Camp                                  |
| Thursday 13th December                              | Yr 7 Graduation Dinner at Berri Golf Club Tavern |
| Friday 14th December                                | End of term 2:15pm                               |
| Thursday 24th January 2019                          | School stationery pick up                        |

**School resumes Tuesday 29th January 2019**



## Principal's Message



Dear Parents and Caregivers,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for your support throughout 2018, it is hard to believe the school year has almost ended with Christmas on its way.

This year has been particularly successful with so many highlights and achievements for individual students and the school.

I am impressed with the dedication and community involvement of so many groups.

In particular I would like to acknowledge:

- The wonderful work of the teaching staff at Cobdogla Primary School. Their effort, high expectations and ability to cater for every child has seen the students achieve high growth across many curriculum areas.
- Our SSO group who assist with the day to day management of the school and support students with their learning. They are always prepared to go beyond their role in many ways.
- The Governing Council members and Chairperson Shane Nettle, who have supported the school and made key decisions to ensure the continued growth of the school.
- Our hard working parent group, led by Leanne and Jess who form an integral part of the school, and are always willing to help out.
- Our volunteers who work alongside the students, providing encouragement and support where required and who give so freely of their time.
- The Playgroup committee who have worked very hard to provide great activities for the children attending.
- The Parents and carers of our students who support the teachers and encourage their children to reach their personal best.
- The work of our Groundsperson, Chris Johnson, whose keeps the grounds looking stunning and is always willing to make improvements.

### Farewell

As the school year draws to a close, we farewell a wonderful group of Year 7 students: Bailey Aplin, Jayden Barnett, Ella Britten, Melissa Bulling, Aidan Callow, Hayden Carter, Natasha Dawe, Hayley Drogemuller, Kasey Hutchinson, Maria Koutlis, Alannah Locke, Maddy Ricketts and Izaak Vanderwoude. We wish you all the best with your move onto High School and hope that you always strive to achieve your full potential. We look forward to hearing about your future achievements.

Thank you to the Tsakarellos, Clarke-Henderson, Dougherty, Izaak Vanderwoude, Ricketts, Hutchinson, Dawe, Bulling and Bailey Aplin family who will be leaving our school this year. We have appreciated your assistance and support throughout the years that your children have been attending Cobdogla Primary School.

I would like to wish everyone an enjoyable and safe Christmas break.

Regards,

**David Ness, Principal**



# School News



## 2019 Staffing



This week the school has been able to finalise most staffing arrangements for next year. Congratulations to the following staff that will be working with us in 2019

### Teaching Staff

- ◆ David Ness (Principal)
- ◆ Jo Nettle and Jessica Hucks (Reception)
- ◆ Amy Henwood (Year 1/2)
- ◆ Amber O'Bryan (Year 3)
- ◆ Selection Process (Year 4)
- ◆ Sue Penno (Year 5)
- ◆ Rod Hanna (Year 6/7)
- ◆ Vicki Johnson (Specialist subject teacher)
- ◆ Jessica Hucks (Language)

In 2019, the school is introducing a sixth class. At this stage, the class will run as a straight year 4 group until lunchtime from Monday to Thursday. In this key learning time the focus will be on continuing to achieve high growth for our students in Maths and English. At all other times there will be a year 3/4 and 4/5 class based in their current classrooms. We also welcome Jess Hucks, who will teach the reception class on Thursday and Friday, as well as Japanese on Wednesday.

*We farewell Mary with her move to Adelaide. We will certainly miss having her here. Good luck to Meegan with her Leadership Role at Renmark West Preschool and finally wishing Leanne all the very best as she takes leave to have her baby. We look forward to hearing the news.*

### School Support Staff

- ◆ Michelle Drogemuller (Finance)
- ◆ Monique Gillespie (Classroom Support/Admin)
- ◆ Megan Hembling (Special Education)
- ◆ Terry Ness (Classroom Support)
- ◆ Lauren Duyndum (Classroom Support/Finance)
- ◆ Ann Klingbiel (Classroom Support)
- ◆ Katie Kassulke (Classroom Support/AEW)
- ◆ Alison Suchenko (Classroom Support)
- ◆ Kirsten Kubank (Classroom Support)
- ◆ Brenton Poole (Pastoral Support)
- ◆ Chris Johnson (Groundsperson)
- ◆ Pauline Morrison (Cleaner)

Happy and safe holidays everyone!  
Enjoy this special time with family and friends.  
We look forward to seeing you next year.





## Farewell

*To the staff and families of Cobdogla Primary School. As you are aware, we will be moving to Adelaide next year. I have truly enjoyed my time teaching at Cobby, the students and staff have been a pleasure to work with. To the staff, thank you for being such caring and dedicated educators and friends, you have given our children the best start to their education and I am grateful for all your efforts! The community spirit, support and friendly faces is what makes Cobby so special, what a wonderful school to have been a part of. Our new school has BIG shoes to fill!!! Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! Ya sas! Mary Tsakarellos and Family*

### School Lunches

Just advising that the normal school lunch menu will be available this Friday.

### Happy Haven OSHC

Starting in 2019 at Cobby Primary School. OSHC will be available before, after school and holiday care. See the front office for an information pack.

### URGENT LIBRARY NEWS

There are still some Library books that have not been returned. As it is the end of the year ALL books need to be returned ASAP. Accounts may be sent home for any unreturned books.

### Attachments

- Back to School letter
- Barmera Library Summer Fun flyer

Important Notice