



Cobdogla Primary School

Parent/Carer Information Book



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Providing a Caring and Challenging Environment

• Respect • Honesty • Responsibility • Personal Best

About Us

Cobdogla Primary School is a vibrant family orientated school. Our current student enrolment is 115, enabling closer relationships amongst students and staff as well as more individualised programs. The School provides quality teaching and learning, as we set high standards and expectations in all aspects of the curriculum. Our dedicated professional staff engage students in research-based approaches to increase growth and raise achievement levels for our students in Literacy and Numeracy.

As a 'Kids Matter/Be You' school, we recognise the importance of mental health and wellbeing and the impact this has on learning and relationships. We aim to keep class sizes small to be able to provide the best possible outcomes for student growth and development. We have created a safe, supportive and challenging learning environment where all students are encouraged to reach their personal best.

We have an onsite swimming pool which is used throughout the warmer months under the supervision of staff. Students also participate in annual swimming lessons with a qualified instructor using our school pool.

Cobdogla Primary School has a Playgroup for younger children. Playgroup sessions are held each Friday morning from 9am.

We are pleased to have Happy Haven OSHC on site for after school care, Pupil Free days and Vacation care. All Kindy and School children welcome.



We provide extra opportunities for student learning through specialist programs such as:

- ◆ Environmental Education (YEL, Garden Plots, Chicken Managers)
- ◆ The Arts (Choir, Instrumental Music)
- ◆ Sport (SAPSASA, Be Active Challenge, Sporting Schools, Hot Shots Tennis, Friday Whole School Walk)
- ◆ LOTE (Specialist Japanese Teacher)
- ◆ Literacy (Morning Literacy Block, Early Phonics Program, Ability Reading Groups, Extension and Intervention programs, Premier's Reading Challenge)
- ◆ Maths (Quicksmart Program)



Enrolment

There will only be one school intake beginning the first day of term one. **If your child turns 5 before May 1st**, they will start school on the **first day of Term One in that year**. If your child turns 5 **on or after May 1st**, they will start school on the **first day of term one the following year**. Parents/Carers are strongly encouraged to enrol children before the commencement of the transition programs.

Timetable

The School day starts at 8:50am and ends at 3:15 pm, with recess at 11:00-11:30 and lunch between 1:00-1:45. At 10:00 all classes have 'Crunch and Sip', a short fruit/drink break.

It is advisable that children arrive at school between 8:30 am - 8:45 am in order to be organised for the day.

Children who arrive prior to 8:30am are expected to enter school grounds and sit quietly in the courtyard until supervision is provided at 8:30am.

Students who are still at school after 3:30pm will be required to wait in the front office or in the library until a Parent/Carer arrives.

Lunch Orders

Students may place a lunch order every Friday, which is provided by a local supplier, using the lunch bags available in the library.

We ask parents to assist with lunch organisation by:

1. Only ordering what is on the school lunch list
2. Enclosing the correct money in a small plastic zip lock bag or envelope to prevent money being lost
3. Every day during terms 1 and 4 ice-blocks are for sale at lunch time

Communication

Interviews give parents the opportunity to have a discussion with the child's teacher. Our comprehensive student reporting framework gives all parents continuous access to their student's progress. Parents are encouraged to communicate or make an appointment with class teachers at any time if they have areas of concern.

Reporting Procedure;

Term 1	Interviews
Term 2	Mid Year Report
Term 3	Interviews
Term 4	End of Year Report

A newsletter is sent home fortnightly (Thursday) via the eldest student in the family. Newsletters can also be forwarded to email addresses or can be viewed on our school website, Facebook Page or School Stream.

Upper school students use diaries for communication and parents check and sign them each week. Other classes have a communication book which is to be used for notes between school and home. Parents are encouraged to contact the school where issues may require immediate action.



School Procedures

Lunch/Recess

There are fridges available in all class areas for students to place their food or drinks in.

During eating time, students are expected to sit down under the veranda. We encourage healthy eating choices and 'nude food'.

No food or drinks are permitted on the oval or the grassed play ground areas.

Clothing

Children are expected to wear the school uniform.

Strong shoes are to be worn. Thongs or similar are not suitable.

When the UV Rating is high, children are expected to wear a hat.

Inclement Weather

When there is heavy rain or the temperature exceeds 38 Degrees Celsius, children will be able to access the Library, Gym or veranda area.

Library

The Library is open for children to borrow or return books, read and participate in quiet activities before school and during lunch.

Parents/Carers are welcome to browse in the library, borrow books or help their child select reading material.

Paved Areas/Yard Play

- Walking between buildings and paved areas is expected
- The playground area is out of bounds before school
- On frequently hot days or windy days, children are not permitted to play where tall trees exist
- Any games deemed to be too rough or potentially dangerous by the yard duty teacher will be modified or halted
- Tackling in football games can only occur when there is supervision by a teacher
- Sports equipment is issued at the start of recess and lunch. Sports gear is not available before or after school.

Emergency Procedures

Evacuation

When there is short blasts of the siren, children are evacuated to the oval. Teachers call the roll and the Principal approves return to classes.

Invacuation

When there is a continuous blast of the school siren children are invacuated into a safe area.

Governing Council/SRC

The overall management of the school is guided by the Governing Council, which is an elected body of Parents, a Staff representative and the Principal. Each year some council members retire and new members are elected at the Annual General Meeting (Term 1). Parent representatives are elected for 2 year terms. Council Meetings are held twice per term.

Each year student representatives from each class are elected. The role of SRC members is to promote the views of students and to encourage students to become actively involved in their school.

Assembly

We hold an weekly assembly every Monday morning. Special events, reminders and awards are given.

Whole School Assemblies are held on designated days at 2:40pm. Dates are set at the beginning of each term and advertised in the school newsletter. Each class presents one item. Parents are encouraged to attend.

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**Exceptional Sporting and
SAPSASA Achievement**

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Proud “Kids Matter/Be You” School



Academic Achievements

High Achievement in all aspects of National Testing

Independent Research shows we are a high performing school with a positive school culture



**Strong Literacy Foundations:
90% of Year 1 and 2 students achieved reading benchmarks in 2018!**



General Information

Back to School

Student stationery packs will be ordered by class teachers for the commencement of the new school year. Collection days are generally in the week before school commences.

School Card

Some families may be eligible for financial assistance from the government in the form of School Card. See the Front office for eligibility or for more information follow the link at www.sa.gov.au

Lost Property

Please mark all school clothing with a name, so they can easily be returned to their owners. There is a lost property box located in the staff room.

Road Safety

Parents are expected to deliver and collect children at the Dolan St entrance. Orange witches' hats and crossing flags indicate the area that is used for crossing. For safety, we encourage everyone to use this crossing. Please take note of where the 25km/h Speed limit begins.

Student Absence Record

Please notify the school if your child is absent. Children who arrive late or leave the school are required to complete a yellow report slip at the front office.

Visiting the School

Parents/Caregivers must report to the Front Office and inform staff of their presence by signing the 'visitors book'.

Camps/Excursions

Students are given many opportunities to participate in excursions, sleepovers and camps which enrich their experiences and interactions in the wider community.

General Information

Medication

Staff are only permitted to administer medication under the written direction of a doctor/pharmacist. Please speak to the front office to update and implement any healthcare plans.

Behaviour Management Policy

At Cobdogla Primary School we believe that both the classroom and the yard should be safe and enjoyable places for all children. We help children to learn to play and work co-operatively and to respect the rights of others. Responsible behaviour is encouraged and those who follow the school rules are acknowledged and rewarded. Those who do not choose to follow school rules are given logical and reasonable consequences which encourage them to rethink their actions and choose responsible behaviour in future. Children who display inappropriate behaviour may be given a yellow or red consequence depending on the behaviour concern. Some issues are dealt with using a Restorative Justice framework.

Premier's Reading Challenge

All students in the school are registered in this initiative and are expected to read at least 12 books per year. The aim of this program is to encourage children to discover the joy of reading and to help them build literacy skills. Students who complete the Challenge receive an award.

Choir/Instrumental Music

Students from years 4-7 are given the opportunity to join the Riverland Schools Choir. This involves learning of script routines with a major performance held at the Chaffey Theatre in Renmark.

From year 5, students can access individual music lessons through the Department, please contact the school for more information.

General Information

Homework

Homework is linked with improved learning outcomes as it develops good study habits and independent learning skills. The number of days per week that work will be set will vary with individual teachers. Parents will be advised of homework expectations at the Parent Information Evening, which is held in term 1.

Playgroup

During term time playgroup is held at the school once a week for children 0-5 years. Playgroup meets on Friday mornings in the Multi-Purpose room. Contact the school for details.

Student Wellbeing

Some wellbeing initiatives include:

- A variety of thinking strategies such as mindfulness and relaxation
- Walk and Talk
- Buddies
- SRC support includes lunch time activities and “Come and Sit with me”
- A Pastoral Care Worker (PCW) and ACEO Worker support students and families.

Parent/Carer Involvement

Parents/Carers and community members can be involved in school life in a variety of ways:

- The school has an active Parent Group, which meets every Tuesday morning during “Coffee and Chat” to plan events and discuss school matters
- Joining Governing Council or Sub committees
- Volunteering with classroom activities
- Providing transport for a variety of events
- Helping in the Community Garden

If you would like to volunteer or can support the school in any way, please contact the Classroom Teacher or Principal.



School Grounds



Front Office entry, Dolan Street

Cobdogla Primary



School Facilities





**Please book a tour of the school with Principal David Ness
to find out more and see what we have to offer**

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