



COBDEN TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Committed to Students, Committed to Success

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New website for the school.
<https://www.cobtech.vic.edu.au/>
What would you like included?

Term 4 Week 7
November 18, 2019

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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50TH REUNION



Cobden Technical School would like to acknowledge the contributions made by the following businesses who sponsored the supplement in the Western District Newspapers prior to our 50th Reunion weekend:

Camperdown Pharmacy, Cobden Artificial Breeding, Cobden Floors, Cobden Football Netball Club, Cobden Pharmacy, Cobden BP Roadhouse, Curdie Car Care, CW Electrical, Darrian Office & Art Supplies, Denise Butler Marriage Celebrant, Dickinson Electrical Service, Evan Savage Plumbing, KMS Electrical Contracting, Kooler Dairy, LPO Cobden, Martins Hardware, Prossers Panel Beating, Reicha's, Roberts Builders, Rustic Tarts, South West TAFE, Spotlight, TS McQuinn & Son Plumbing, Warrnambool Books, WD News Publications and Westvic Staffing Solutions. These contributions were greatly appreciated.

Cobden Technical School celebrates 50 years of Technical Education



Laying the commemorative stone.

Our thanks go to Michael Steel of Bamford Stone (a past student), for supplying the stone and also for designing it.

We would also like to thank Chris Blake and Greencon for their help in preparing the site.



Some of the movers and shakers of the Reunion weekend.



Current Staff and Students



The First Group of Girls to attend Cobden Tech



Some of the attendees on the Saturday afternoon



The first group of boys to attend Cobden Tech



Retired Teachers



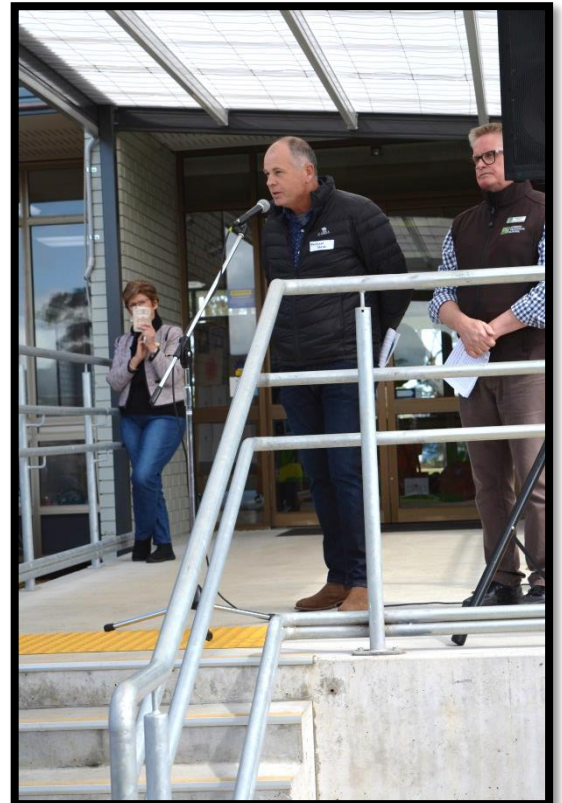
Current and retired staff and past students



Unveiling the stone



Speakers Rohan Keert & Michael Steel



Saturday Night Celebrations



Neicy Robertson, Val Maynard and Faye Smith cutting the cake at the Saturday night celebration



Speeches by Rohan Keert



Wayne Gore & Chris Maynard



Sandra Mitchell speaks on behalf of the first group of girls



Anne McDowell



Jo Brooks



Jo Beard & Jo McInnes



Sabina Robertson & Mary Hay



Michael Smart, Neil Simmonds, Steph Simmonds and Ryan McGluggage



The Time Capsule



Attendees over the two days



Principal

Rohan Keert

Active Play Space

We have just finalised the design for the new outdoor court area between the library and canteen. The layout includes basketball and netball court markings. The surface will be a vibrant blue sports coating. Excavation and concreting will commence in the next couple of weeks. The acrylic surface and installation of basketball towers and netball goals will occur in the new year. We will also upgrade the area with a new 'aquaBUBBLER' drinking fountain.

Mobile Phone Policy - Rationale

The Victorian Government takes the safe and responsible use of digital technologies, student safety and wellbeing, and the development of social skills and positive behaviour, very seriously. On this basis, the Hon. James Merlino MP, Minister for Education, announced that a new mobile phone policy would take effect from Term 1 2020.

Whilst the Victorian Government acknowledges that we live in a technology-rich world where mobile phones are an important communication tool, research has found that mobile phones can be disruptive in classrooms and open to misuse at school. The unregulated presence of mobile phones in classrooms can undermine students' capacity to think, learn, remember, pay attention and regulate emotion.

At recess and lunchtime, opportunities for students to communicate with each other face-to-face or be involved in physical activity are also valued, rather than students being focused on a mobile phone, particularly when they are using it to engage with social media.

This policy will remove a major distraction from our classrooms, so that teachers can teach, and students can learn in a more focused, positive and supported environment.

Assistant Principal

Cassandra Crevola

Year 7 2020 Orientation

The school was delighted to welcome over 50 students and family members into the Trade Training Centre on Wednesday evening for our official welcome and information session for our newest students. We enjoyed a lovely barbeque and unpacked the mysteries of starting secondary school, with the help of Year 7 students Brodie Foster and Caitlyn Sargood as excellent student ambassadors. We look forward to having our 2020 Year 7s on board on Orientation Day on Tuesday 10th December. Please note that this is a normal school day for other students. Any families or prospective students who are keen for a tour of the school are welcome to contact us to arrange a time to have a wander through our wonderful facilities.

Exams

We congratulate our Year 11 and 12 VCE students, who have been completing their end of year examinations over the past fortnight; our Year 10s will be completing final assessments in the coming weeks. This can be a challenging time for students; for families, it can sometimes be difficult to know how to support students through this process. We encourage families to support students in preparing a timetable for revision times, providing quiet spaces where

students can study without interruption and support with managing stress. Students are also encouraged to speak with their teachers for support throughout this time.

The UpGrade Program

Senior students will shortly be commencing the UpGrade program. Current Year 11 VCE students will commence their 2020 subjects on Monday 18th November for a fortnight. Year 10 students will commence their 2020 program (VCE and VCAL) on Monday 25th November for one week. Classes will continue as normal for Years 7-9. *It is an expectation that all students attend their full UpGrade program.*

16 Days of Activism

Visitors to the school will notice the symbolic placement of orange and white cut-outs of 52 women near the admin office, symbolising the one woman on average who is killed by a current or former partner each week of each year. CTS is using this representation as part of our work in the field of respectful relationships, with students unpacking activities exploring empathy and positive connections in coming weeks.

End of Year Program

Details will follow shortly for students in Years 7-9 about the End of Year program running in Week 11. Families are also invited to our Final Assembly, which will take place on Wednesday 18th December. We encourage families to save this date in their calendars.

Parent's Auxiliary

Thank you

Many thanks to all for your donations of cakes and slices the the 50th Reunion. There were many comments about how great the afternoon tea offerings were. The Auxiliary raised over \$600 which will be put towards equipment for the new active play space beside the library, as mentioned by Rohan, as well as other lunchtime recreation ideas for student use.

Christmas Raffle

After the success of our Easter Raffle, the Parent's Auxiliary would like to follow up with a Christmas Raffle.

COBDEN TECH SCHOOL PARENTS AUX.

- 1st WHEELBARROW & CONTENTS**
- 2nd FOOD HAMPER**
- 3rd FOOD HAMPER**
- Plus many more**



DRAWN—December 18, 2019

Tickets—\$1 each

As you can see, we are hoping to make it one well worth going into, with plenty of prizes. In order to do so, we need donations of non-perishable goods to fill the hampers and wheelbarrow. (Or possibly an extra prize.) Anything you can donate would be appreciated, but please make sure that foodstuffs are not out-of-date.

All students have received a book of tickets to the value of \$10 to sell.

The raffle will be drawn at the Awards Assembly afternoon.

Calendar

TERM 4		EVENT
WEEK 7	DATE	EVENT
Monday	November 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Exam Period Year 11 – 12 upgrade week 1
Tuesday	November 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Exam Period Year 11 – 12 upgrade week 1
Wednesday	November 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Exam Period Year 11 – 12 upgrade week 1
Thursday	November 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 – 12 upgrade week 1 Boys Super 8 Cricket Final - Ballarat
Friday	November 22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 – 12 upgrade week 1 Last day of formal classes for Year 10 Valedictory Dinner
WEEK 8	DATE	EVENT
Monday	November 25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 – 12 upgrade week 2 Year 10 – 11 upgrade week
Tuesday	November 26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 – 12 upgrade week 2 Year 10 – 11 upgrade week Year 9 “You the Man” Performance 7 Session Day
Wednesday	November 27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 – 12 upgrade week 2 Year 10 – 11 upgrade week Fareshare Excursion - Melbourne
Thursday	November 28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 – 12 upgrade week 2 Year 10 – 11 upgrade week Summer Sports Day Years 7 & 9
Friday	November 29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 11 – 12 upgrade week 2 Year 10 – 11 upgrade week
WEEK 9	DATE	EVENT
Thursday	December 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 7 Session Day
WEEK 10	DATE	EVENT
Monday	December 9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council Meeting
Tuesday	December 10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2020 Year 7 Orientation Day Last Day - Rockband Program
Friday	December 13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day of timetabled classes 7 – 9 7 Session Day
WEEK 11	DATE	EVENT
Monday	December 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Year Program
Tuesday	December 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> End of Year Program
Wednesday	December 18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Last day for Students End of Year Awards Assembly 1.40 pm School finishes 3.25
Thursday	December 19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Free
Friday	December 20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Student Free Last Day of Term 4

CTS WEIGHTS GYM UPGRADE RAFFLE

**Thank you to all who supported this fundraising effort.
\$2,613.50 was raised for the new spin-bikes**

1st prize: 2 night's accommodation at Auld's on East Beach, Port Fairy. Check this out on the following web address. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SgVTPue9KOM>



Winner: BRAD WIGGINS



2nd prize: A signed Brisbane Lions Football Jumper.



Winner: JAN SKEYHILL

3rd prize: 2 cinema tickets plus "Meal for Two" at The Hairy Goat in Warrnambool.

Winner: KERRY MCGLADE



4th prize: \$100 Food Voucher at Ritchies IGA stores.

Winner: MARK AITKEN



5th prize: \$100 Fuel Voucher at Matthews Cobden Roadhouse.

Winner: BRENDAN PEACE



Careers

Annette Hickey – Careers Coordinator



Colour Blast - October 20th

Congratulations to Dylan Jeffery who commenced his engineering fabrication apprenticeship last week with host employer **LYNESS STEEL FABRICATORS!**

Are you considering an apprenticeship or traineeship in 2020? Head to our website during our 1000 Jobs in 5 Years Community Campaign to see all the fantastic job opportunities currently available <https://westvic.org.au/jobs-and-careers/job-search/>



As part of the Cobden Spring Festival, Year 12 VCAL students organised a terrific event for the young people of Cobden and surrounds. It is the second year that Colour Blast has been run on the grounds of CTS. Not only were the kids covered in colour at the end of the day, the wet weather provided quite a bit of mud! Over 80 participants had heaps of fun and

left with colourful faces, hair and clothes.

Many thanks to returning students Skye McKenzie and Garry Williams, who played a huge part in the organisation last year. Gemma Kelly, Lachlan Hatherall, Grace Molloy, Jess Parsons and Libby Pringuer assisted on the day by spraying colour over everyone, especially themselves. Special thanks to Mr Simmonds for helping set up the obstacle track for the Colour Blast.

Senior Yr 12 VCAL students – Sam Parsons, Tom Vickers, Ryleigh McVilly, Lachlan Stephenson, Dylan Jeffery.



Melbourne zoo!

Caitlyn & Giaan

Caitlyn

Bags on the bus and we were ready to leave when all of a sudden...Oh no we forgot Giaan!

After a long and humorous bus ride we arrived at the Melbourne zoo where we got led inside to see the seals gracefully and playfully diving and splashing.

After watching the seals in awe we all got to wander wherever we wanted to.

This isn't where I wanted to go! Why are maps so confusing? We were going to head to the snow leopard but we ended up on the other side of the zoo looking at the gigantic giraffes, dazed by their height.

Hot! Hot! Augh! As I entered the butterfly house, I immediately melted; it was hot as a sunny desert. I felt like I was burning as I admired the vibrant and elegant butterflies fly happily around everyone.

Oh no, how disappointing! As I happily walked over to the otter's cage, I was utterly devastated to realize that I couldn't see the otters happily playing.

Even though I was highly annoyed that I didn't get to see the joyful otters, I still got to see all the extraordinary and unique animals and how I can do my part to help!

Giaan

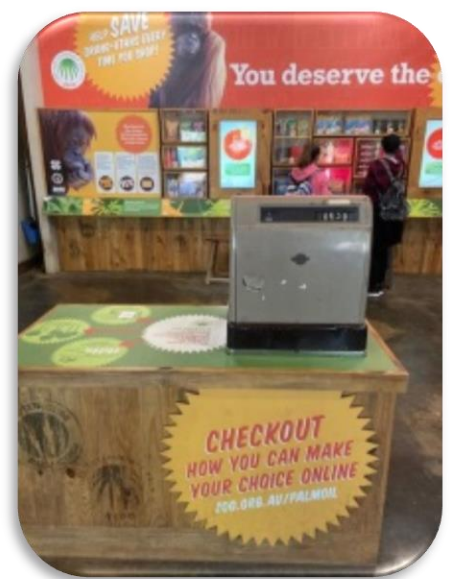
Waking up to my alarm, I jump out of bed before my cat gets the chance to lick my face. My Mum is screaming at me as I rush to get my hair done and chuck my shoes on. I almost missed the bus and had to sit next to the teacher awkwardly.

After a long bus trip and a good ol' salted caramel frappe, we jumped off the bus full of energy to go check out all the animals. Greeted by seals playfully gliding past us as our face are attached to the glass looking out at them.

Trying to work out how to use the map, we try to find the butterfly enclosure. Walking in circles, we finally worked out where we're going and eventually made it. Keira teared up when a butterfly landed on her, after like 20 minutes.

Realising we had to meet up at the big tree, Liz and I speed walked "Kath & Kim style" around the zoo to make sure we saw everything.

Even though I almost missed the bus and didn't get to see the orang-utans, it taught me how I can help the environment and that salted caramel frappes are my bomb!



Netball Victoria Workshops

Jane Hammer - Adolescent Health Nurse

All year 7 to 10 girls enjoyed a series of workshops provided by Netball Victoria over the past three weeks.

The workshops, arranged by Belinda Savage, aimed to encourage team building and being active through various drills and games.

A healthy free lunch was provided each day, thanks to the funding from the choices4change project. This project has a large focus on instilling healthy habits in children, as research shows, healthy children grow up to become healthy adults.



Sport

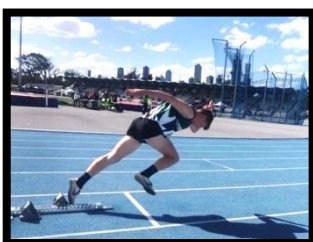
Belinda Savage – Sports Coordinator

Upcoming Events

Thursday November 21
Thursday November 28

Intermediate Boys Super 8 Cricket Final (Ballarat)
Interschool Summer Sports Day – Year 7 – 9

School Sport Victoria State Track and Field Championships - Melbourne



On Friday October 18 at the School Sport Victoria State Track and Field Championships in Melbourne, Saf McVilly competed in the 100m, 200m and 400m events. With some fantastic running and great results coming home with 2 PB's. Well done Saf.

100m	5th in a time of 11.78 (PB)
200m	5th in a time of 23.71 (PB)
400m	4th in a time of 55.43

Equestrian

Congratulations to Jacoba Henderson on winning champion overall at the Interschool Equestrian event held in Warrnambool. This event was Jacoba's first time at competing in the interschool event with four clear rounds in the 75-80 cm show jumping on her horse called "Midnight Madness". Jacoba came up against 38 other students and did a super job coming home with the championship. Well done Jacoba.



Year 7 and 8 Girls Woolworths Cricket Blast (Super 8) at Terang on Monday October 21

Well done to Mr. Brett Taylor and the Year 7 and 8 combined girls' cricket team of:-

Giaan Gration, Aliza Dentith, Madison Osborne, Abbey Robbins, Karahliah Rodgers, Tara Watts, Hayley Wilson, Samantha Wilson and Elizabeth Wood.

The girls played four games, winning two of them which placed them in the consolation final with 3rd playing against 4th but unfortunately they were narrowly defeated by Mortlake P-12 College in the final.



Victorian Institute of Sport – Athlete Visit

On Friday October 25, we were very lucky to be able to have a Victorian Institute of Victoria Athlete Penny Smith (Clay Target Shooter) attend at our school and speak regarding her experiences. Penny is 24 years of age and is also a local girl from Bookaar near Camperdown. She recently secured an Olympic quota spot for Australia to compete at the Tokyo games in 2020. Penny was very interesting to listen to talking about where she has come and what challenges she has had to overcome to get to spot on the Australian Team. We thank Penny and the Victorian Institute for her visit and wish her well in the future.



Netball Victoria



A big thank you to Netball Victoria representatives Mel and Maddie for again attending at the School on consecutive Tuesdays October 15, 22 and 29. This event was for all girls in Year 7, 8, 9 and 10. A light, healthy lunch was also provided at the end of each session. The majority of children (around 80%) don't get the hour of daily exercise that is crucial for good health. Being active every day is important and can lay the foundations for a healthy and active life. Netball Victoria representatives were inspiring for girls to try to integrate more movement in their daily life, whilst also offering skills and leadership.

Clay Target Shoot – South West Middle Years Championships Monday October 28

Well done to the following Year 7 – 9 students for competing at the Clay Target Shoot at Lake Gilliear:-

Connor Stares in the “Experienced Category” shot 17/24

Joaquin Wood in the “Novice Category” shot 9

Bailey Foster in the “Novice Category” shot 7

Brodie Foster in the “Novice Category” shot 5

Brodie Eddy in the “Novice Category” shot 4

This event is only open to the Junior Middle Years school students to participate in, and is great for beginners (“novice”) who may not have had previous experience but have displayed competence in firearm safety.



Year 9 and 10 Boys Woolworths Cricket Blast (Super 8) at Terang on Thursday November 7

Congratulations on a great win and thank you to Mr. Brett Taylor and the Year 9 and 10 boy's cricket team of:- Noah Ackerley, Stuart De Bie, Tanner Fratantaro, Harrison Herschell, Joe Hutt, Rhys McLean, Brodie Neale, Jake Proctor and Xavier Vickers



Some great batting and bowling all day saw Cobden win all games.

Cobden Tech 252 defeated Terang College No: 2 166

Cobden Tech 142 defeated Mercy College 134

Cobden Tech 151 defeated Mortlake P-12 111.


And in the final Cobden Tech had a fantastic win by 104 runs against Mortlake P-12 – 215 to 111. The team has now qualified to attend at the final in Ballarat on Thursday November 21.

Victorian Single Action Titles

Congratulations to Ashley Clarke on winning the Victorian Single Action State Titles in the single action cowboy shooting at Little River. The event was over a two day weekend and held in very wet and muddy conditions. Well done Ash.



TO LAUNCH THE
16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM 2019
WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE
PRESENTS






SIMONE O'BRIEN

public speaker
domestic violence survivor
advocate for domestic violence
prevention

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 26
4:00 PM - 4:45 PM
FOLLOWED BY Q&A
WARRNAMBOOL COLLEGE
AUDITORIUM

*free
all welcome
no bookings required*

<https://www.simoneobrien.com.au/>





LOCAL CHARACTERS WANTED!



Western Star are looking for **REAL COBDEN LOCALS** to star in their upcoming commercial that will be aired on **TV / ONLINE** which celebrates the spirit of the town.

Looking for people from all walks of life - young, old, men and women from all backgrounds! Shop owners factory workers, gardeners, sports people and more.

If you are interested in being involved please send a headshot and a little bit about yourself to: **westernstarcasting@gmail.com**.

**AUDITIONS COMMENCE MONDAY 11TH NOVEMBER.
FILMING TAKES PLACE BETWEEN 9TH - 12TH DECEMBER.**



An open invitation to all new and returning netball players, who intend on competing in the 2020 netball season for the Cobden Football Netball Club, to attend tryouts for 13s, 14s, 15s, 16s and 17s.

Player grading eligibility:

Girls born in 2007/2008 will play in either Under 12, Under 13 or Under 14
Girls born in 2005/2006 will play in either Under 14, Under 15 or Under 16
Girls born in 2003/2004 will play in either Under 16 or Under 17

Please note:

Under 13, 15 and 17s play on Saturdays
Under 12, 14 and 16s play on Sundays

The trial sessions will be held on the following dates at the Cobden Recreation Reserve.

Friday the 22/11/2019

Time: 4:30pm to 6:00pm

Sunday the 1/12/2019

Time: 11:00am to 12:30am

Players are required to attend all trials in their age group.

Registration need to be completed before 20/11/2019 and can be found at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5MYZ8CK>

Players will need to check in 15 minutes prior to trials. Please BYO drink.

For further information or apologies please feel free to contact:

Janelle Smith: 0409423 687

Nadine McNameara: 0488 094 215

Leah Buckle: 0418 505 373

Western District Youth Camp

THE 3 DAY YOUTH CAMP IS ON AGAIN IN 2020

We wish to invite youth
10 to 16 years of age to attend the 3 day
youth camp at Noorat showgrounds.

Topics covered will include:

Cow conformation and judging - Careers in dairying
Show preparation and handling - Animal husbandry
Animal Nutrition - plus much more...

January 7th to 9th 2020

Cost is \$100 per person

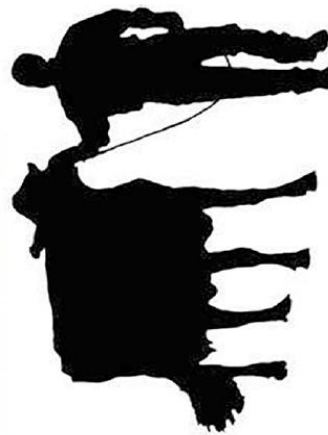
This price includes all activities and all meals.

Camp enrolments due in by November 22nd.

Numbers are limited so enrol today to avoid disappointment

Contact the camp committee for
more details.

Donna Edge	0419 598 143
Fiona Hanks	0438 146 361
Jo Dickson	0407 918 279
David Johnston	0427 954 261
Will Rundle	0438 662 295
Alistar Murfett	0409 218 659



See you there!

*Do you want to learn the
guitar?*

*See Jacob West for Guitar
and Ukulele Lessons in
Camperdown and Terang*



Guitar Lessons

Jacob West
BMus (Contemporary Performance)

www.jacobwestmusic.com.au
experiencejacob@gmail.com



Corangamite Shire presents

Youth Fest!

2019

Friday 29 November
Terang Civic Hall

Doors open 6:30 pm for 7 pm start

Nominate a young person to be featured at YouthFest!
Visit corangamite.vic.gov.au/youthfest

Call 5593 7100, SMS 0439 156 601 or email youthservices@corangamite.vic.gov.au

Cubby House's available
Price on application.
For further information
contact Cobden Technical
School
on 5595 1202

WHAT WOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE AND DO AT THE COBDEN SWIMMING POOL THIS SEASON?

We are asking our local Cobden and surrounding communities, what they would like to do this summer season at our local Cobden swimming pool?

What activities do you think your family, kids and friends would come down the pool and splash around for?

Open to suggestions on activities, games, events, fundraising ideas and anything else you would like to share with the Cobden swimming pool committee.

This pool relies on our local community support and attendance throughout the summer season, so we are asking everyone what they would like to do to beat this summer's heat.

Please comment or inbox anything you would like to see, do or attend at the local Cobden swimming pool. All suggestions will be mentioned at the next committee meeting.