

# THE COBHAM CHRONICLES

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## Swine Flu Outburst

It started from Mexico and it worked itself across the globe. Now it has reached New Zealand and people are starting to panic. People in Mexico are already in lockdown quarantine so what will happen to the people in New Zealand?

Doctors are suggesting to use Tamiflu and hoping that medicine would control the flu for the fear that this will become another pandemic, just like how they feared that SARS (bird flu) would be. But luckily they had the SARS under control. But what if we don't get this new found contagious flu under control?

Teenagers from Los Angeles, who had recently been to Mexico, went on a plane to New Zealand. They spread their flu on the passengers near them unknowingly. Now there are 14 people in New Zealand alone who, by doctors, confirmed that they have the case of Swine Flu and 96 people are under suspicion. The doctors are amazed at how quickly the flu spread; just yesterday there were only 35 cases.



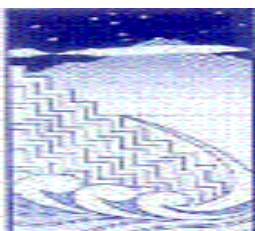
Fortunately, no-one has died from it in New Zealand...yet. People are fearing for the worst. Now, in Auckland airport, they are making sure that passenger that arrives in New Zealand gets a check-up before leaving the airport. 5 people are getting special supervision because they are suspected for the chance of having the flu.

Doctors in Mexico are now advising to wear mouth guards and some people are not allowed to go to work and children are banned from school so that people won't be able to pass it round.

New Zealand is fearing that our economy will be worse if everyone else in the world is scared to come to New Zealand.

So the people all around the world is observing and waiting to see what happens.

By Michelle Ling



## COBHAM INTERMEDIATE.

2010 Prospectus Coming Soon.

# A

# LOCAL

## ***GARDEN CITY CRIMINALS***

47 year old, William Stewart has been on the run since February he has been all around the Selwyn area and has committed numerous crimes. He is said to be to walking places or stealing cars to get around. Donna Wilson, a local from Rolleston quotes, "It is scary knowing he's around the Selwyn area and knowing he started in Rolleston. It is also scary that the police still haven't caught him."

His latest crime was breaking into a farmhouse for a meal. He stole hot pies and coffee and carved a thank you note into the table. It read, "Thanks guys Billy the Hunted One." He did not physically brake in, as in smash a window or break open a door but he let himself in with a key. The farmer quotes 'it was more that he had been watching and seeing where the keys were kept' which he found unnerving.

After that, he stole one of the farm's motorbikes and sped towards Governors Bay early on March 2<sup>nd</sup>. He was spotted in Tai Tapu the day after he was in Governors Bay. The police say he must have some bushcraft skills as it is a long walk over the hills but it is possible some people are helping him isn't it?

By Laura Wilson

## ***THE THREE MUSKATEACHERS!***

Everyone either likes or hates their teacher at school. But room 19 at Cobham Intermediate School have a choice of three. This year they have three teachers in their class! Mrs Busfield teaches the class every Monday and Wednesday, Mrs Rangi-Brown teaches every Thursday and Friday and Mrs Butler teaches every Tuesday.

This is a big difference comparing to last year when they only had one teacher, Mr Withington.

Many students have different views on having three teachers. Reah Somerville, a student in room 19 says 'sometimes it works, sometimes it doesn't but I'm still glad we have our three teachers.'

After a survey of twenty nine students from that class (there are a total of thirty five students) sixteen said they like having three teachers, 3 said they didn't and ten said they sort of like having three teachers.

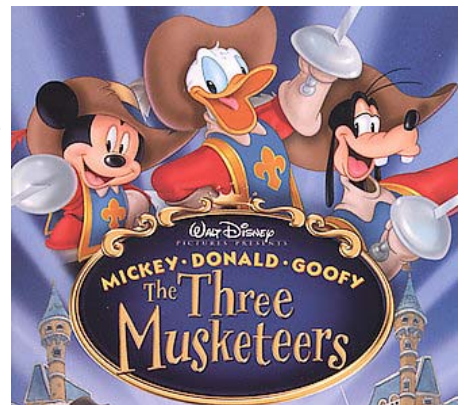
The teachers work together and usually do the same sort of activities just with a less work load.

'This way I don't have to work everyday and I get to spend time with my family' says Mrs Busfield after an exclusive interview. 'Though it's hard sometimes when I want do something that I haven't discussed with Mrs Rangi-Brown or Mrs Butler and it changes the whole plan.'

Not every student thinks having three teachers is ideal. 'Sometimes it's annoying, when we have to wait a couple of days before we get to see another teacher about our work.' Says another student from the class.

'Class is really fun and I'm really glad we have our three muskateachers.

By Natalia Petrovic



# Cobham Computer Group .

## Information out soon.



# B

# NATIONAL

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## ***ANZAC RESTRICTIONS***

The Turkish government is telling people not to come to ANZAC Cove, simply because the Turkish people are scared that the memorable place is going to be tattered soon, because there are lots of tourists every year and they don't want the place they treasure most to be ruined.

But that is not stopping the New Zealanders who are going there to respect the soldiers and commanders that died in order to retain peace. On April 24th people started arriving in, and on the next day there were many people at the scene to respect the ANZAC soldiers. Surprisingly, there were more tourists than expected and it was mainly because the Turkish told them not to come. Apparently that phrase "Don't come to ANZAC Cove" jogged the people's mind to have to come.

So April 25th will always be a special day to many people forever.

By Michelle Ling.

## ***MURDER TRIAL STILL ON THE CASE***

David Bain is still on trial to see whether or not it was he that murdered the family of six. The judge found out that the police planted some evidence around the house that wasn't even supposed to be on the crime scene.

The people are now pondering *was* it David or was it his father Robin? They say the possibility of Robin being the murderer is quite likely. He was kneeling down on the ground praying ( He was a reverend ) waiting for the police to arrive because he was found raping his daughter, when he was shot. David Bain supposedly came into the scene after he went shopping.

The weapon that was used was David's hunting gun which he had used three days before for shooting rabbits. The police also found an email directed to David saying " You're the only one in this family that deserves to live"

So the people are still wondering weather he is guilt-free or not.

By Michelle Ling



## **Cobham Talent Quest.**

In the hall. Lunch.

# C

# INTERNATIONAL

## Dam-it busted

Within hours more than 90 lives and homes were swept away by a 76 year-old dam which busted near Jakarta, Indonesia on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2009.

Heavy rain showered a large lake close to a low-lying residential area, causing it to overflow and flood over the rim. A few hours later a giant patch of the earth wall collapsed which sent a huge 3 metre wave of water to crash through Cirendeu destroying the whole place.

Indonesian disaster co-ordinating agency spokesman Priyadi Kadono mentioned that chances of finding any survivors were decreasing by the hour "though there's always the possibility that someone is alive, trapped under the rubble."

Meanwhile the search and rescue crew concentrated on providing food and shelter for all of the survivors (1600 people were left homeless). Food was not a problem but they had huge shelter shortages said Kadono. Survivor Abdul Hamid said that all he could do was to stand there and watch all his belongings flood away "so now I can't provide anything for my children and grandchildren coz now I don't own anything."

Eye-witnesses saw this sight and immediately volunteered to help; searching for bodies, distributing food and comforting people. One of the volunteers reported that the family she was trying to comfort only had the grandmother left; all of her children and grandchildren were still missing and she refused to eat anything until all members of her family were found-alive.

Victims are now desperate to receive sponsors such as the World Vision to help repair the damages.

By Emma Sun



## High School Musical Jnr.

Auditions Applications out

# D

## EDITORIAL AND VOX POX

### VOX POX: SHOULD THE COBHAM CROSS COUNTRY BE OPTIONAL?

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Josh Broughton 11yrs old

Yes, because some people find it really hard.

Mrs Busfield 35 yrs old

I think cross country (as well as athletics and swimming sports) should be compulsory because it is not too far to expect this age to run, it encourages fitness and it would be easy to opt out if it wasn't compulsory.

Sean Eustace 12 yrs old

No because it is a good way of teaching fitness and hard training.

Grace Lethbridge

No because then there would basically be no point because hardly anyone would do it.

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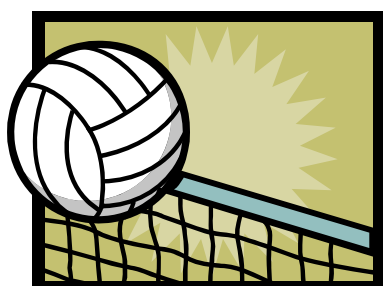
## Celebrity Chess Game.

On courts . Be there.



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# WEATHER



Water Polo Season Starts  
This Friday

# G

# SPORT

## Team angry at lack of communication

**Laura Watson, Christchurch.**

A group of young girls from Cobham Intermediate School are outraged about the lack of communication between them and Action Indoor Sports Hornby. The group have been playing indoor netball there since October the 10<sup>th</sup>, 2008. They recently signed up for the winter season, which starts on May the first. The girls have no idea whether they are playing, because their captain is currently in England. Because the captain is the main contact person, the rest of the team have not been in contact with them. This makes them angry because the website has no teams under the name that their team name is supposed to be.



After the summer season, they changed their team name and their captain. They have no way of finding out because on the website, the categories are Monday social, Tuesday 6's, Tuesday social, Wednesday and Thursday social. They are entered into Friday, yet there are no games on Fridays. This not only makes them angry, but it also confuses them. When they called Action Indoor Sports, they said that they were still doing the draw, and that it would be up by Tuesday the 28<sup>th</sup> of April, yet it wasn't on the website on Thursday. .

The only way to find out? They have to contact Action Indoor Sports, which they have already done, and shouldn't have to, because they already have everybody's details from the summer season. "It is very annoying and confusing, it shouldn't happen. It's not our fault that our captain went away, and they should have contacted one of us." says one of the team members. "They should not say that the draw will be ready, and not put it on the website. It is either that or they haven't even done the draw yet. We really need to know because we have to organise everything, and make sure that everyone knows what time it is." says another player.

The team will have to rush to get organised, and may end up not playing. This would be disappointing for them because it would be silly to miss a game, and lose three points, just because

## Cobham Skate Competition

Monday 7th May

