



# Korowal on the move

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## Keeping you informed about our relocation project

### Open Day

Open Day is a once-a-year opportunity to display and celebrate the quality and vibrancy of education at Korowal. Teachers and School Council representatives will be available. Work by every student will be on display. Please come along with your family and friends. Please tell friends and family who might be interested in enrolling students in the future.

There will be a **Korowal on the move information session at 12 pm in the drama room** (not the maths room, as previously advertised) where we will answer questions about the relocation and provide details of our progress. At 11.30 am in the drama room, there will be a Q-and-A session for families wanting to find out about the school.

The **Korowal on the move office** will be open all day. Annie Carment, Annie Swanton and Wendy Monaghan will be available to discuss/provide information about the relocation, and about our fundraising effort. Please call in.

**If you can help with the food on Open Day:** cooking, serving, preparing, cleaning up – please contact Tracy Barrett on 4782 9946.



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### DONATIONS

We have received some generous donations in recent weeks. In our next newsletter, we will publish the new total.

### Korowal on the move office

**Where:**  
Student-support office, primary school

**When:**  
Mondays and Fridays  
9 am to 3.00 pm

#### At the KOM office, you can:

- § ask questions about the relocation
- § collect brochures and forms related to the move & fundraising
- § offer to help with fundraising projects
- § get involved!



### Photographs

Thank you to those people who sent photos. The smiling-faces collage is now completed (you will have seen the result in our Gazette advertisement and our Open Day poster). New photos for the website and for future advertisements are always needed. Please leave photos in the marketing pigeonhole in the staff room, or email to <acarment@bigpond.net.au>.

## Donations to our building fund

### How will donations be used?

Korowal has successfully negotiated a purchase price for the “Oaklands” property. The agreed price will be covered by bank loans. Money donated to the building fund will be allocated to essential renovations and the refit of the buildings and grounds (knocking down walls, fitting-out science labs, upgrading roads and parking, etc.)

We understand that some people may be concerned about donating money before settlement on the property has occurred and before the BMCC has approved the development application. We have addressed this by setting up a facility, which allows you to transfer funds to the school in the form of a **loan** that would only be taken up when the property is secured, and could be refunded to you if this does not eventuate. If you would like to explore this option, please talk to Cindy, our bursar, who is available from Monday to Wednesday.

### Pledges

Have you considered making a financial pledge – a donation for after the purchase is secure and the DA is approved? A pledge is simply a promise to donate money in the future. It is not legally enforceable, but it would be useful for our financial planning to have an idea now of funds that will be donated in future for renovations. If you would like to explore this option, please talk to Wendy in the *Korowal on the move* office on Mondays or Friday mornings, or email her on <wendylm@ozemail.com.au>.

### When might these funds be required?

After contracts are exchanged, which could still be some weeks away, we will submit a development application to the Blue Mountains City Council. Preparation of the DA will take at least a month, and the council could take up to eight months to approve it. Therefore, it is unlikely that funds for the renovations will be needed before 2008.

## Updating our alumni records

Are you in touch with Korowal past-students or families? If so, please help us.

We need to update our alumni list. If you can provide any contact information, please:

- drop into the *Korowal on the move* office (Mon or Fri)
- email Wendy  
wmonaghan@korowal.nsw.edu.au
- phone Wendy on Monday or Friday at school.

## Korowal film

Our short film about Korowal is almost finished.

It will be available on our website, and on DVD for those who request brochures about the school. We will show it at Open Day if it is completed in time.

Thank you very much to Neill Duncan and Joanne McGowan for providing their expertise.



## MAX CARMENT (1918 – 2007)

The first donation to our *Korowal on the move* fundraising campaign was \$5,000 from Max Carment, grandfather of Johnson in year 2 and Luciano in year 9, and of ex-students Carl, Rosie and Talulah. Max died on July 3<sup>rd</sup>, aged 88 years.

His own schooling was severe and short-lived; he left school at fourteen. He realised that Korowal provided his grandchildren with an understanding and happy learning environment, and he was keen to contribute to the future of the school.

Thank you Max.

## In your own words...

Here are some more extracts from the *Korowal in your own words* forms. If you have not already done so, you can fill out the form online at the *Korowal on the move* page on the school's website <[www.korowal.nsw.edu.au](http://www.korowal.nsw.edu.au)>. We will use extracts for our new website, which is currently being prepared.

*family*

Korowal doesn't even feel like a school, because I feel happy and enjoy going there, which is something I have never felt at any other school. At Korowal I feel respected and because of this I want to learn, and I have fun when I learn. That is what I think a school should be.

*It's got a really great range of different people, not just hippies.*

*At this school I have never felt judged or discriminated against.*

*Within the school, I always feel a sense of unity. Because of this environment, I really enjoy my classes and feel interested in learning and getting involved.*

*Korowal is like a bigger, larger, second family.*

*The feelings, thoughts, opinions and abilities of students are respected, understood and acknowledged by teachers.*

*respect*

*freedom*

**Year 10**

The children's minds are opened and their spirits are nourished. I have witnessed the transformation of (my son). His enthusiasm, happiness, confidence, and love of his school have been a HUGE testament to the school. I am so truly grateful that he is at Korowal, and our family is part of this amazing, beautiful community.

I value Korowal's uniqueness, the creative and nourishing environment, and the community itself, which is caring, supportive, and is my family.

*I feel happy and inspired to come to school and see kids of different ages being comfortable and at ease with each other. I also feel that we, as a family, are all included, cared for and supported.*

*I can see that my children take responsibility and understand consequences. They are committed to find resolution of conflict and are very open and well adjusted. They also have an inner joy and curiosity towards learning.*

**F**rom the responses received so far, words keep recurring:  
**respect**  
**family**  
**freedom**  
and  
**safety.**

*safety*

**Parents**

## FRIDAY FUNdraising day

Friday is fundraising day at the *Korowal on the move* office. Annie Swanton is now in the KOM office every Friday between 8:30 and 3:00 pm to coordinate the fundraising events and calendar for Korowal.

If you have already presented ideas to the KOM team, Annie will be contacting you over the next few weeks to see how you are going. Some of the projects put forward so far include:

**ART SHOW**  
**COOK BOOK**  
**CALENDAR AND POSTCARDS**  
**CD**  
**OPEN AIR CINEMA**

**END OF YEAR CELEBRATION**  
**DINNERS**  
**AUCTIONS**  
**TRIVIA NIGHT**

If you would like to find out how you could be involved in any of these projects, drop into the KOM office and see Annie or Wendy. If you have a great idea, but haven't told the KOM team about it yet, either ring Annie on Fridays at the school, or drop in to the KOM office. Alternatively, you can email Annie <annieswanton@mac.com>.

As events are confirmed, Annie will list them in an events calendar, which you will be able to view in the KOM office or online.

### *On the move* compilation CD



We plan to have an *on the move* compilation CD finalised by early October, so that we can distribute it throughout the Mountains in time for the Christmas gift buying season (and so we can all buy copies for our friends and relatives!!)

We are collecting professionally recorded, mixed and mastered tracks from musicians connected with the Korowal community. These would be donated, with all funds going to our *on the move* campaign.

We are not in a position to record or mix tracks, but will remaster the final product so that the sound and quality are consistent. (Recording music from within the school might be a project for the future.)

We already have 12 tracks promised.

If you have suitable material, or contacts, please contact Annie Carment <acarment@bigpond.net.au>. We are not looking for children's music, but we do require that all tracks be "family-friendly".

### Art Exhibition

The planned art exhibition is a wonderful fund-raising opportunity. A number of people have indicated their willingness to donate artworks to sell. This is terrific, but we still need a small committee to drive the project; essentially this means pinning down a venue and date, and co-ordinating publicity.

If you have some experience in community-arts events your skills would be really valued! Contacts with makers and collectors of art would also be useful.

Please contact Annie Swanton at school on Fridays if you can help.

We would like to convene a meeting to get this underway, as soon as possible.



### Online donations

You can now donate to the *Korowal on the move* campaign online. It's easy, and convenient!

Just go to our website [www.korowal.edu.nsw.au](http://www.korowal.edu.nsw.au) and follow the links.

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