



Korowal on the move

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Keeping you informed about our relocation project

Our new school

Meeting with Blue Mountains City Council

Our pre-lodgment site meeting with Byron Tully, principal town planner, was held on 19 November. We will elaborate on particular aspects of our application as a result of advice given at that meeting, and expect to have our development application lodged (DA) within a fortnight.

We were previously unaware that we would require a flora and fauna assessment, so will organise for that to be completed as soon as possible. If necessary, we will submit our development application and include the flora and fauna assessment afterwards. We are not expecting there to be any contentious issues arising from that report because we are not clearing any vegetation.

Environmental consultant

We require the services of an environmental consultant who is qualified to provide us with a flora and fauna assessment of our new school site, which will be included with our development application.

If you can help, please contact Annie Carment ASAP on 47573239 or acarment@bigpond.net.au. We need this assessment to be undertaken very soon.

Communication with neighbours and councillors

We have written to all of the residents who live near the new school and have invited them to a meeting/information session at Oaklands this weekend to discuss our plans and any concerns that they might have. We hope to be able to accommodate their concerns in our application.



After meeting with the residents we will invite all Blue Mountains councillors to a meeting next week to explain our situation, our proposal to council, and our communications with the residents. We have already met with the mayor and with the heads of the relevant sections within council, and have written to all councillors.

We hope that this process of open communication will pre-empt any major problems arising after we have lodged our DA.



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On The Move Office

Cathy Walker is in the "on the move" office on Mondays. Annie Swanton is there on Fridays. Please call in for information or if you would like to help in any way.

Government Funding

Early next year we will apply for **federal government block grant funding** towards the purchase of the property as well as towards the renovations. (These would be separate grants.) There is normally a two-year lead time on block grants, but it is possible to have applications fast-tracked in situations such as ours. If successful, this money could be available next June/July to be spent before the end of 2008.

There is still no specific information from the NSW Government about what will replace the **interest subsidy scheme**. The Association of Independent Schools is actively pursuing the issue and believes that the transition arrangements will be clarified before the end of this year. We are communicating regularly with our local member, Phil Koperberg, about this.

We received a letter from the federal Minister for Education, via our federal member Kerry Bartlett who has informed her of our unique situation. She believes that we are eligible for “up to \$350,000” from the federal government’s **STEA (short term emergency assistance) Program for Schools**. We will apply for funds under that program next week. In case there is a change of government by next week we have informed Bob Debus’ office of this and expect them to be equally encouraging.

Visit to Oaklands by Leanne Kent

On Saturday 17 November Annie Carment and Nancy Oosterhoff led a group of Korowal parents and friends on a visit to our prospective new school site, Oaklands, at Hazelbrook.

Oaklands has a beautiful bush setting with plenty of grassy spaces and an open aspect across bush to the north east. In a previous incarnation, the site was used as the former Hall for Children, with a mixture of older (now heritage listed) and newer buildings, including a large modern hall, ideal for assemblies and theatre.

Though we were not able to tour inside any of the buildings (they are still in use), we walked freely around them, peeked inside and inspected the grounds. The high standard of the upkeep of the property was notable.

A pet rabbit in a garden courtyard caught the children's attention, and we heard the story of its rescue from the national park by the friendly caretaker as he went about his duties.

One of the parents commented that there was ample room for a school community garden, and that the combination of bushland and open spaces, and the spread and variety of the buildings offered numerous different spaces for the children and for learning activities. The place felt open and friendly, almost like it was just waiting for the sound of happy children to fill it.

Thanks to Annie for organising the visit and to Annie and Nancy for their time in escorting us around the site.



Hoo Haa at Hollywood

What a fun night it was! Even the extreme weather couldn't dampen the spirits of the 50 or so people who attended. We raised \$1400!! What an easy way to raise money – food, music and conversation.

Thank you to **all** who contributed to the evening; we couldn't have done it without your help.

We will be holding a dinner like this each term, so if you missed out on this one, make sure you get in early for the next.

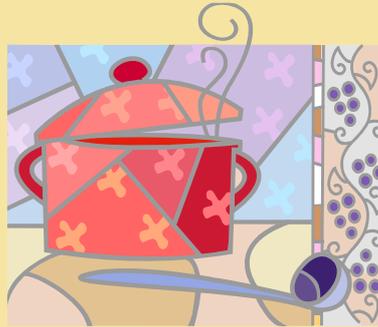
Open-Air Cinema

The date is now set: Saturday 1 March 2008. Put it in your diaries now! The location and the film are still to be decided, but it's really happening!

We are meeting again in the On the Move office on Friday 30 December if you are interested in coming along to a planning meeting. Or, alternatively, email me at aswanton@korowal.nsw.edu.au

Korowal Cookbook

Seeking *your* family's favourite recipes for a Korowal cookbook



Email your recipes to Nicole Christensen
crazychristnsns@aapt.net.au

or

give them to Nicole at school

Please include your family name and children's names and your contact details.
If your recipe is from a published source, please give publication details.

CAROLE HAMPSHIRE

ARTISTS



OBSERVED

BLUE MOUNTAINS ARTISTS CLOSE UP

Artists Observed

\$49.95
available
from the
office

*10% of sales
donated to Korowal.*

*(Offer available for this
school term only, and only
on purchases made at the
"On the move" office.)*

CAROLE HAMPSHIRE'S ARTISTS OBSERVED

28 Nov - 2 Dec 2007

Exhibition & Book Launch

join us for the opening & launch of *Artists Observed:
Blue Mountains Artists Close Up*
On **Saturday 1st December**, 6pm

Opening Talk by Martin Thomas

(Author of *The Artficial Horizon: Imagining The Blue Mountains*)

Plus John Ellison will talk about being
one of the artist in 'Artists Observed'

At Hat Hill Gallery
Blackheath

3 Hat Hill Road, Blackheath, NSW 2785

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Opening hours: 10am-4pm Thursday to Sunday (or by appointment)

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Korowal desk calendar 2008

featuring artworks by Korowal students

\$14.95 ea
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This beautiful desk calendar makes an ideal gift – both stunning and practical.

Light and compact, the calendar is perfect for posting interstate & overseas for Christmas.

Printed on 50% recycled paper & presented in a recyclable case.

All proceeds to Korowal building fund

The Korowal calendar will be produced each year. Each edition will feature a new series of art works by students.

Taruno Larsen, who provided the vision and energy behind this project, wishes to thank the following sponsors: Maurice Cooper, Jeffrey Coner, Michael Dunne, Christopher Fullum and Wendy Monaghan. A very special thank you to Ian Marshall who donated his time and creative energy to the design of the calendar. Many thanks also to Paula Martin, Kath Veel and Nancy Oosterhoff their invaluable assistance.

“With this calendar, we can share our children’s achievements with family, friends and the wider community. Please, all Korowal parents buy a calendar or two—or more—to help our new school flourish.”—Taruno Larsen

The Korowal calendar is on display in the school office.



January

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30	31	01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
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27	28	29	30	31	1	2

Rose Peasey

Yes, I wish to order the Korowal Calendar 2008. My payment is included. (Cash or a cheque made out to Korowal School. To pay by credit card, please contact the school office.)



Name _____ Phone number _____

Please give my order to my child (name) _____ class _____

I will collect my order from the office

I wish to purchase (please tick)

1 calendar @ \$14.95 4 calendars @ \$54.95

2 calendars @ \$29.90 5 calendars @ \$69.90

3 calendars @ \$40.00 6 calendars @ \$80.00

To order more than 6 calendars, please fill in the quantity:

Quantity Total payment