



Korowal On The Move

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This newsletter aims to keep you informed about every aspect of our relocation. **If you have ANY remaining questions or concerns or would like ANY information about ANY aspect of the relocation, please contact Annie Carment on 47573239 or acarment@bigpond.net.au.**

STOP PRESS !!!

We have been awarded \$200,000 in funds under the federal government's "special temporary emergency assistance" program. These funds will be used in the purchase of our new school. (See the time line, below)

REPORT FROM COMMUNITY MEETING 13TH MARCH

Thank you to everyone who came along to our relocation update meeting. The meeting was very well attended and its mood was optimistic and collaborative. There was, however, a realistic appreciation of the huge task of renovation and moving which faces us over the following months.

We plan to hold another update meeting later in the year.

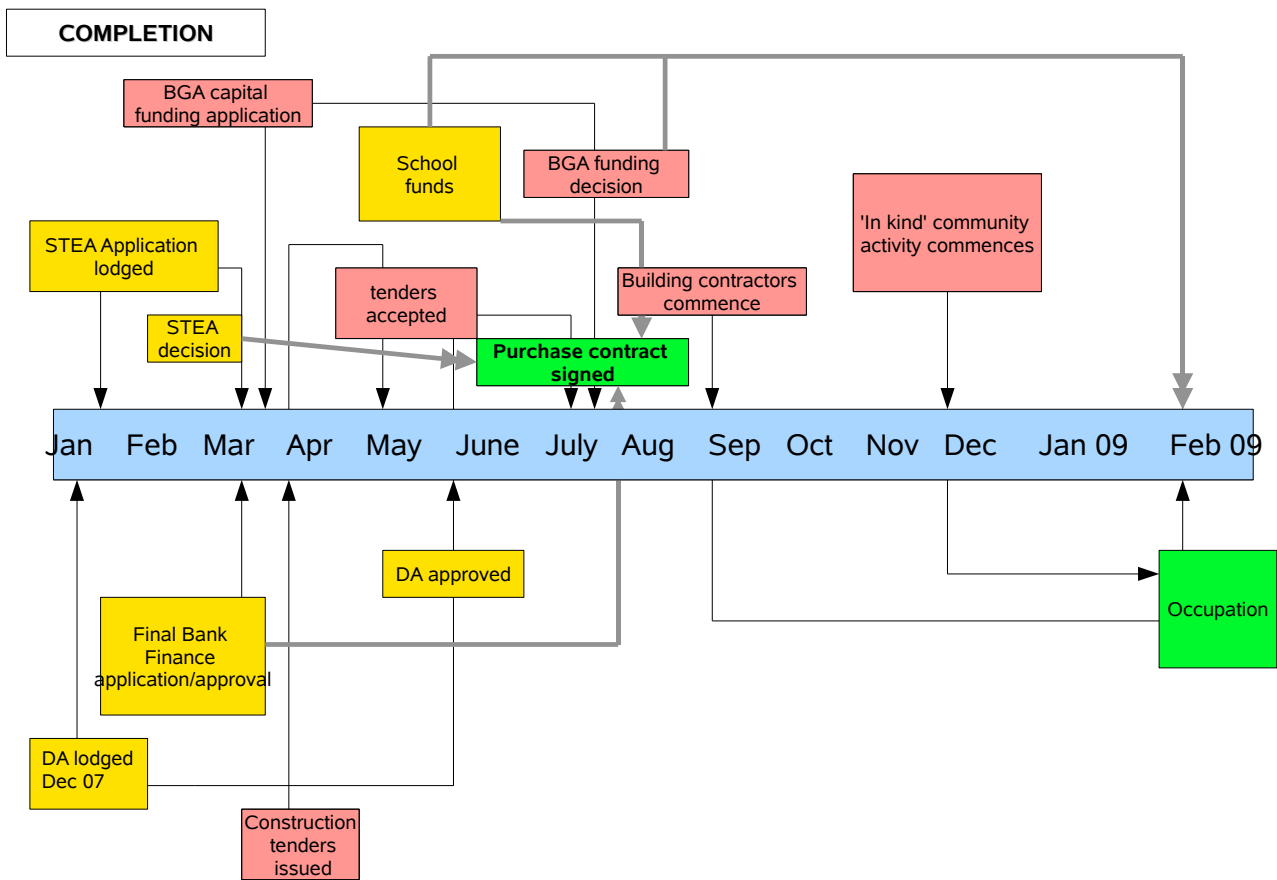
During and after the meeting we received many invaluable offers of assistance and expertise towards our relocation project. We are beginning to build up an impressive community database so that we can swing into action when the time comes to get our new school ready for next year.

For those who were not able to attend the meeting, here is a summary

1) Our promotional DVD about Korowal, which was completed late last year, was screened. It conveys the essence of Korowal beyond that which can be described in a brochure or on our website. (Copies are available in the office for promotional use. The DVD is now included with all copies of the school's prospectus)

2) Vittorio Cintio (chair, Korowal School Council) addressed the strength and unity in the Korowal community and amongst the leadership group (council and executive) which has arisen from the challenge of our relocation. "Community" was a recurring theme of the meeting. The enormous amount of work already undertaken on the relocation project has only been possible because Korowal is such a nurturing, dynamic community. During the next nine months the work required to renovate the new school and move into it will strengthen that sense of community further, because of the sense of ownership and commitment to be gained by all of those students, parents and teachers who become involved with the process of setting up our new home.

3) Mark Thomas (school co-ordinator) outlined the process of funding the purchase and renovation and presented all of the aspects of this process on a time line and explained which parts of the finance and funding will go towards purchase and which towards renovation. (See below)



4) Annie Carment (relocation project co-ordinator)

Presented a slide show of photographs, plans and maps of the new school buildings and grounds.

Discussed transport arrangements to the new site.

Explained the progress of our development application through Blue Mountains Council.

Outlined the renovation, building and grounds work planned for the new site.

Discussed the potential for fundraising in future years once we own and occupy the site – funding for sustainability (water tanks, solar panels etc), community gardens/ kitchen gardens; heritage preservation, and possibly for the development of trades training facilities, before and after school care and a pre-school. Funding for sustainability and for heritage preservation and kitchen gardens is already being researched and pursued by interested small groups.

Explained that the most difficult period for the school financially will be during the next nine months – before these additional sources of funding become available and during the major renovation and relocation period. During that time we will need every dollar that we can raise or donate to our building fund, and every hour of time that can usefully be contributed to helping with the various tasks associated with moving, building and fundraising.

5) Leanne Kent (parent member of Korowal School Council) outlined the various community fundraising projects which are planned and underway. **See her report below.**

COMMUNITY DATABASE: HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We now have a very useful database of skills, products and time offered towards the relocation.

If you are still planning to fill out the “how you can help” form it isn’t too late. Forward all offers to Cath in the office or via cwalker@korowal.nsw.edu.au

If you are a qualified or experienced trades-person and would like to discuss working on the building project, please contact Annie Carment on 47573239 or acarment@bigpond.net.au.

INTENTION TO REMAIN ENROLLED IN 2009

Cath has collated the results of the “do you intend to remain enrolled” letter which was sent to every family. With two or three exceptions which are unrelated to the relocation, the answer is an overwhelming **YES!**

This information is extremely important for the finalization of our applications for bank finance, and for our application for block grant funding for capital works. It is also very heartening!

THANK YOU.....

To Cindy Babbage, who has offered to co-ordinate the moving part of the relocation process.

To Pieter Oosterhoff, who has begun to assess the heating system at Oaklands.

To Christy Hartledge who has helped with kitchen garden funding

To Leanne Kent who has been working on sustainability funding and establishing our ebay site

To Tracey Barrett, who organised child care and food for the community meeting.

To Mark Carey, who has worked for almost a year preparing our user-friendly new website, which you will see within the next fortnight when you log on to www.korowal.nsw.edu.au

To all those who have offered time and skills on our community database.

THE GARAGE SALE AT OAKLANDS HAS BEEN POSTPONED UNTIL SAT 12TH APRIL. Check the “Gazette” for confirmation.

IT’S NEARLY TAX TIME.....

Donations to our building fund are tax deductible. Every dollar donated will be used for the renovation of our new school. Every dollar counts! You can donate on the website or through the school office.

EVENTS AND FUNDRAISING

Fundraising activities for this critical relocation year are starting to take shape. The Community Meeting on 13 March saw a number of new volunteers willing to work on the range of projects which are gaining momentum, so thank you to all of you! You will be contacted by the relevant coordinator or by the Fundraising and Events Committee in the coming weeks.

In addition to the fundraising/community projects outlined in the last KOM Newsletter, we have a number of great new ideas which people are interested to work on, including...

An Edge/Mt Vic Flicks **cinema night**

A couple of **music gigs**

A **gourmet dinner** event

A **stall at Winter Magic**

The feasibility of a return of the popular **Fireworks Night** is being explored

We are seeking suggestions for fundraising **ideas that involve sponsorship** of the children, similar to the Fun Run, which will also be happening later in the year.

At this stage we are especially looking for

people who would like to be involved in our **30th Anniversary Celebration event**

some exponents of the Six Degrees of Separation to build our **Alumni register**.

There's a group of people keen to work on **sausage sizzles outside Bunning's and K-mart**, so details about these will be published as they firm up, and don't forget the opportunity to have your family's favourite recipes published to share with the world in the **Korowal cookbook**. (There is a collection box for recipes in the school office)

Any time, energy or effort you can give to one or more of the 2008 fundraising projects is really important and highly valued, so if you are able to contribute just a little, or a lot, to one of these events, **the committee's next meeting is on Monday 28 April at 6.00pm in the library**. Or you can contact Vittorio Cintio on 4757 3239 or speak to Cath in the office.

TOO MUCH 'STUFF'? RECYCLE4KOROWAL.... KOROWAL'S PERPETUAL EBAY GARAGE SALE

Donations are starting to come in apace for sale on our ebay site, "recycle4korowal." Items so far include some great children's clothes, with quite a few designer labels, books, exercise equipment, two beds and a garden shed. Thanks to those people who've donated so far. I've spent the weekend taking photos ready for listing and will start to report sales in the next newsletter.

This has to be one of the easiest ways you can contribute financially to our relocation fund. Just drop off your smaller donations at Korowal on any Tuesday during term in the parking area at the West/Bate St entrance (top end of the school) between 2.30 and 2.50pm (just before school finish time) - look for the station wagon with the tailgate open. If you have a larger item, I can arrange to pick it up or even photograph it in-situ and have it picked up from your place when it sells. Call me to discuss it on 4751 2774.

Leanne Kent

We wish to acknowledge and thank Cathy Walker, one of our dedicated office workers, who is now putting together the fortnightly Korowal School Newsletter and the Korowal On The Move Newsletter.

We again thank Wendy Monaghan for working on these publications last year.

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