



# Fortnightly Newsletter

High school parents please note that school will finish at 1.00pm on Friday 23rd June as staff will be attending an inservice regarding child protection.

## Dates to Remember

14-16/6	Pathways half course exams
15/6	Year 8 English Focus Study Excursion
22/6	Year 7 abseiling
23/6	Year 8 English Focus Excursion to "Hitler's Daughter" Staff Development - PM No classes
27/6	Pathways Physics Excursion to University of Sydney
30/6	Last day of Term 2
25/7	First day of Term 3
31/7 to 7/8	Year 9 Camp
7/8	Mittagundi
31/7 to 16/8	Japanese Visit
1/8	Debate Final Winmalee High School
2/8	Science In The City - Years 8 & 10
12/8	Open Day
6/9 to 9/9	HSC Trials
23/9	Country Fair
31/9 to 1/10	Mt Solitary Trek

## Lost & Found

- Lost - ladies watch  
See Elize for further info.
- Found - 6th June near canteen
- Necklace - please see the office for further information.

## Spare clothing request

- A limited supply of spare dry clothing is kept in sick bay for children who require them from time to time. Please send these borrowed items back to school laundered as soon as possible if your child has used them.

## Canteen Volunteers

- If you are able to offer a day per week, fortnight, month or even term to help in the canteen, this would be gratefully accepted.
- Robyn

## We need host families for Japanese students

Korowal will host a group of students from Japan for two weeks from July 31<sup>st</sup> to August 16<sup>th</sup>. They will be here for an educational and cultural experience, some of which will be shared with our students. The students will be aged between 13 and 16 years and will be attending Korowal school during their visit. They need families who are willing to share their homes with them during the visit.

As a previous host I can say that hosting a student is an enriching experience, and can be the beginning of a longer-term relationship. The organisation and support offered by Alliu is very good, and there is no better way to begin to gain an insight into another culture. Please see the article and information on the last page of this newsletter.

Kath

# General News

## Bus Travel

On an increasingly frequent basis I am being contacted regarding problems with bus transport of students to and from school.

Sometimes there are issues relating to the conduct of our students - which is something I can and do respond to and sometimes they are related to the conduct of drivers or the organisation of bus timetables etc.

If you have a concern about the conduct of bus drivers, or the provision of services I believe you are more likely to get a positive result by contacting the bus company directly.

Some of the ongoing issues with student transport relate to the State Government's tightening of funding for the Student Transport Scheme. This is not an issue that we can get involved in at this stage, unfortunately there is a lot of politics involved in the provision of free transport to students attending non-government schools.

It is important that our students conduct themselves in a courteous and responsible manner - it is a condition of free transport scheme and a basic expectation of the School.

Phil, the manager of the Blue Mountains Bus Company, has always done his best to resolve concerns or incidents and I encourage you to seek his support if you have concerns about your child's bus transport experiences.

Mark Thomas

School Coordinator

## Canteen Committee News

A few people have commented on the changes to the menu this term.

Unfortunately, only 5 volunteers are helping this year (Cally Parkinson, Andrea Obermoser, Linda Brisbane, Margit Baltgailis, Naomi Johnston and myself), and they are all doing at least one day a week or fortnight.

This means Robyn is often alone, with help occasionally from high school students at recess and lunch.

Robyn has therefore had to reduce the amount of fresh "canteen made" food, and instead rely on ready made items from our suppliers. She does however, make fresh soup every day, but may have to change to tinned soup when she has no help.

From my perspective, I run a public school canteen with 500+ students and the Korowal canteen makes a similar amount in daily takings – which shows how busy it can be!!

For recess 90 cheese melts or 70 garlic bread and 70 pasta cups (and more!) are prepared in a 30 minute time frame...

If you can spare one day (10am – 2pm) a term, month, fortnight or week, or are prepared to go on an "emergency contact" list, please call Robyn. Your help will mean more fresh food will be served. (At present, there is no helper at all on Mondays).

Thank you

Cathie Gorman

## Email

We would like to reduce the amount of paper we use and save on postage, by emailing newsletters to parents who have access to email, rather than sending them with your child (PS) or mailing them (HS) .

Could you please contact the Office with your email address, as soon as possible so that we can introduce this system.

Nancy

# General News

## Afro-American Style Quilt Raffle

On display in the office is a gorgeous Afro-American Style Quilt, in rich warm colours. The patches were made by Year 7/8 Design and Technology classes of 2005. The students pieces were then patchworked and quilted by Greg Somerville.

We will be sending home 6 raffle tickets per student to sell at the special early bird price of \$1 each or 6 for \$5. More tickets can be obtained from the office if anyone's interested. We will continue to sell tickets from next term at \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

This raffle will be drawn at the Country Fair in September . Please return all ticket stubbs (sold, unsold or unwanted) with money collected to the office.

You are welcome to view the quilt in the office. Many thanks to Greg for the beautiful quilting.

Thanks from The Fundraising Committee

## Promoting Good Mental Health and Well-being in Young People

- Being linked into a strong and adaptive family
- Sense of connectedness to community at large
- Presence of a significant role model
- Fostering attitudes of self determination - "You can do it" approach
- Fostering coping mechanisms that lessens self-blame
- Healthy lifestyle and attitudes: good diet, exercise and enough sleep
- Having someone who believes in you
- All of the above are primarily concerned with fostering and promoting resilience in young people

Resilience: "the happy knack of being able to bungy jump through the pitfalls of life." When hardships arise, if a young person has enough elasticised rope around them, this will assist and help them to rebound when things get low. It also maintains their sense of who they are as a person.

"Surviving to Thriving"

Mental Health Community Cultural Development Inservice - attended by Barb & Kirsty

## Term Dates 2006

<b>Term 2</b> 9 weeks	<b>First day of term: Tues 2 May</b> <b>Last day of term: Fri 30 June</b>	Monday 1 May Tuesday 25 April Monday 12 June	SDD - Primary & High School Staff Anzac Day Queens Birthday
<b>Term 3</b> 10 weeks	<b>First day of term: Tues 25 July</b> <b>Last day of term: Fri 29 Sept</b>	Monday 24 July Friday 11 August Saturday 12 August Saturday 23 September	SDD - High School Staff SDD - Primary School Staff OPEN DAY COUNTRY FAIR
<b>Term 4</b> 10 weeks	<b>First day of term: Mon 16 Oct</b> <b>Last day of term: Wed 13 Dec</b>	Thursday 26 Oct Friday 27 Oct	SDD - High School Staff SDD - High School Staff

\* Please note students must not attend school on Staff Development days.

# Primary News

## Earth Journeys

I met this week with members of Earth Partners, who are responsible for providing the Earth Journeys program in schools. Earth Journeys has been developed in response to our obligations as citizens of a World Heritage area. The aim of Earth Journeys is to engender within school students a sense of place, a positive connection with the natural environment and cultural landscapes, and the knowledge, skills and understanding that will foster responsible stewardship of their local area and the earth.

The Earth Journeys team includes Wyn Jones, ecologist; Heather Jones, sculptural artist; Christine Hill-Butler, environmental educator, support artist and Korowal parent; Chris Tobin, Aboriginal traditional owner/artist and dancer, Bronwen Maxwell, creative producer and documentary film-maker; Michael Chirgwin, co- documentary film-maker & post production specialist and Annette Sartor, a DET approved researcher.

We hope to develop a relationship that will enable the Earth Journeys program to be incorporated into our Main Lessons on an annual basis, starting this year with involvement in the K,1,2 Aboriginal Dreaming Main Lesson. Next year Earth Journeys will be part of the 3,4,5 cycle and in 2008, the Year 6 cycle. We are very excited as this approach fits so well with our School philosophy, the current Main Lessons undertaken in K – 6 and the School Council's commitment at our last AGM to raise our consciousness relating to sustainability

## Cubby Building

Many thanks to the teachers and parents who have been busy dyeing and sewing cloths for our children to use outside to create cubbies. We had to abandon cubby-making from sticks and rocks for a variety of reasons but have been aware that this was a much-loved activity. We now have lengths of cloths which the children will be able to use at lunch times to tie – gently, using bows! – to the trees. We are sure that this new-style cubby building will provide the children with plenty of opportunities to develop social skills!



## Koosh Bus

We are very lucky to be serviced by the Koosh bus, which collects our children from School to take them to Koosh for after school activities. Our children are the first to be collected. Children at other schools have to wait to be picked up. As you can appreciate, if our children are not punctual, this creates a ripple effect for children and teachers at other schools.

Class teachers are often unaware of which children are involved on a daily basis and are not able to escort them to the bus. We have had some incidents recently when the Koosh bus has been significantly delayed because of children who have been playing instead of going straight to the bus!

**If your child does use the Koosh bus could you please make sure that s/he knows which days s/he will be catching the bus and explain to him/her the importance of going straight to the turning circle for the bus.**

Nancy

## Year 6 excursion to Canberra

Earlier this year in March, Year 6 enjoyed their annual camp to Canberra. This excursion is partially funded by the Federal Government and it is required we supply the following information below to parents.

Mary-Ann

# National Capital Educational Tourism Project



Australian Government  
National Capital Authority



National Capital Attractions

Dear Parents,

Students from your school will soon be undertaking, or have recently undertaken, an educational tour of the National Capital. Participating in a variety of educational programs will help them gain a better understanding of our history, culture, heritage and democracy.

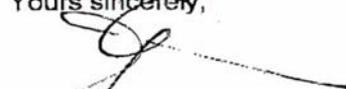
The Australian Government recognizes the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital. To assist you in meeting the cost of the excursion the Government is contributing \$15 per student toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to your school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Department of Education, Science and Training for their support of this program.

Also as part of this initiative students will be participating in projects that utilise the excursion and focus on the study of civics and citizenship. This is important in helping young people understand their rights and responsibilities as Australians.

We hope that this initiative is a rewarding experience for all students.

Yours sincerely,

  
Garry Watson  
Project Team Leader  
~2006~



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# High School News

## Pathways Personal Development Program

Last Wednesday we visited the Brahma Kumaris Raja Yoga Centre on Mount Hay Road in Leura.. This is one of the many experiences we are able to have as part of our Personal Development Program with Years 11 and 12. At the beginning of each year's cycle the students are invited to suggest the direction they would like these sessions to take. These often include visits from Korowal graduates, professionals speaking on their profession, university student council members and administration officers and apprentices. We add the necessary life education programs -Risk Taking Awareness and Rescue Ed road safety, and so forth.

This year there has been a request for guests to share their philosophical and religious beliefs. So far, we have had Pema, a Buddhist nun and parent in the school, and Sona from Brahma Kumaris, speak with us on Meditation and the inner self.

We look forward to the wealth of experiences available to us. If you would like to offer your insight please contact me. We meet on Wednesday mornings at 11.15 for an hour.

Barb

## Co - Curricular Activities

Friday afternoons in the High School are dedicated to co-curricular activities. These are activities which both students and staff engage in for the last hour of the school week, to enjoy shared experiences outside of the more structured syllabus work. At present we are offering silver jewellery, sudoku and cryptic crosswords, Buddhist teachings and meditation, trauma teddies ( knitting ) and homework, warhammer painting, dance, girls painting, and sport.

Previously we have offered boys painting, boys then girls woodwork, film appreciation, cooking, creative writing, theatresports, circus, gardening, maintenance, and bushwalking- to name a few. Some require a small payment for the resources used. They are run by teachers, volunteer parents or members of the community, senior students and outside teachers. It's a hive of activity!

We would like to thank Cindy Smith for her voluntary time and wonderful skill in the lost wax method of silver jewellery making. Cindy has run this session for almost 12 months and will be taking a break in term 3. But don't worry, she will return in term 4.

Barb

## Australia's Biggest Morning Tea

Thanks to Matt and Ippi who organized the Year 11 and 12 students into providing hot milo and cakes for the high school. The effort from all the students, parents and staff raised \$136.00 for the Cancer Foundation fundraiser. Thankyou also to all the students, staff and parents for your cakes and your time.

Barb

## Road Safety

We continue to be concerned about the safety of our students and community members who walk along the footpath which goes from the School entrance to Herbert Street, on the south side of Scott Avenue.

We wish to send a petition to the General Manager of Blue Mountains City Council in an effort to have a safety barrier erected. Please help us by collecting as many signatures as possible on the attached petition and returning it to School by the last day of term.

## University Open Days for 2006

### Australian Catholic University

Canberra Campus	26 August
North Sydney Campus	9 September
Strathfield Campus	9 September

### Australian Maritime College

Newnham Campus	27 August
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Campus tours can be arranged by appointment  
1800 030 277

<b>Australian National University</b>	26 August
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<b>Charles Sturt University</b>	Everyday
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For campus tours/appointments  
& course info 1800 334 733

### La Trobe University

Albury-Wodonga Campus	20 August
Mildura Campus	13 August

<b>Macquarie University</b>	9 September
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### Southern Cross University

For campus tours and special events  
Call 1800 111 890 or (02) 66203975

<b>University of Canberra</b>	26 August
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<b>University of New England</b>	8 September
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### University of New South Wales

Courses and Careers Day	2 September
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Australian Defence Force

Academy, Canberra	26 August
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### University of Newcastle

Callaghan Campus	9 September
Ourimbah Campus	16 September
Port Macquarie Campus	
Information Night	12 September

### University of Sydney

Sydney Uni LIVE! (Courses & Careers Day)  
Camperdown and Darlington Campus

Mallet St Campus

Sydney College of the Arts &

Sydney Conservatorium of

Music	26 August
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### University of Technology, Sydney

UTS Information Day

Broadway Campus	26 August
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UTS Information Evening

Kuring-gai Campus	6 September
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### University of Western Sydney

Parramatta Campus	20 August
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### University of Wollongong

For campus tours & special events

1300 367 869

## Important dates for 2007 University admissions

### Applications

Early August 2006

applications open

Friday 29 September 2006

on-time applications close

Tuesday 31 October 2006

late applications close with \$94 late fee

Thursday 30 November 2006

late applications close with \$106 late fee

Thursday 1 February 2007

final close of applications with \$117 late fee

### NSW HSC

Tuesday 19 December 2006

2006 NSW HSC results e-released by BOS

Wednesday 20 December 2006

UAI's for NSW HSC students e-released by UAC

### Change of preferences

Mid-August 2006 - 4 January 2007

for consideration in Main Round

17 January 2007 - 22 January 2007

for consideration in Late Round

31 January 2007 - 1 February 2007

for consideration in Final Round

### Offers

Friday 27 October 2006

Distance Education offers e-released

Wednesday 6 December 2006

Early Round offers e-released

Wednesday 3 January 2007

Preliminary Round offers e-released

Wednesday 17 January 2007

Main Round offers e-released

Wednesday 31 January 2007

Late Round offers e-released

Wednesday 7 February 2007

Final Round offers e-released



**A very special opportunity for school children to dance to welcome His Holiness the Dalai Lama to Australia in 2007**

The Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts (TIPA) is coming to Australia in July 2006 to celebrate the Australasian Year of Tibet 2006. TIPA was created as an initiative of His Holiness the Dalai Lama's. School children have the opportunity to attend a workshop run by TIPA at Springwood Civic Centre from 2-4:30p.m. on the 15<sup>th</sup> July where they will be taught a traditional Tibetan welcome dance and be one of the dancers to perform for His Holiness The Dalai Lama when he comes to Australia in June 2007. There is also an evening concert on the 15<sup>th</sup> July at Springwood Civic Centre.

Please phone 0247 829550 or 0425 226 062 for ticket inquiries.



We're on the web!  
[www.korowal.nsw.edu.au](http://www.korowal.nsw.edu.au)

# Korowal Connections

This section promotes activities and events involving members of the Korowal Community and the broader Blue Mountains community. Korowal School does not specifically recommend any of these activities, nor does it guarantee their quality or the qualifications of their sponsors.

## Lower Mountains Family Support Services

"Talking So Kids Will Listen and Listening So Kids Will Talk"

(Evening Group), Lawson Preschool.

Registration: Lower Mountains Family Support - phone 47395963

## Community Singing

If you enjoy community singing and would like to be involved in this year's Big Sing at the Winter Magic Festival, there will be rehearsals at the Carrington Hotel on Tuesdays 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm. There is no need to contact anybody, just turn up – the more the merrier!

Nancy

## Dreaming of becoming a dancer?

The Australian Ballet School auditions and accepts students from all over urban and rural Australia and overseas. Preliminary auditions are held each year for both the Junior and Senior Programmes in Melbourne, Sydney, Brisbane, Adelaide & Perth, and occasionally in other major cities across Australia. Auditions are open to all young boys and girls with a dream to pursue vocational dancing. Boys and girls aged 9-14 audition for the Junior School and students aged from 15 years audition for the Senior School. Dance experience is not necessary to be accepted into the School as teachers look more for the facility and potential of young people rather than the skills already acquired.

For more information on Auditions and Masterclasses, please contact the Australian Ballet School on 03 96692807 or download an application pack at [www.australianballetschool.com.au](http://www.australianballetschool.com.au) (Auditions by DVD/video are available in certain circumstances - please contact the school for details).

## Australasian "Year of Tibet" 2006

### The Wisdom of Tibet - The Way of Peace

Dinner, Film, Photo and Dance Night at Wentworth Falls School of Arts  
Saturday 1st July.

### Workshops with TIPA

Unique Opportunity to Learn Dance to Welcome His Holiness the Dalai Lama in June, 2007. Sydney 14th July & Blue Mountains 15th July.

### Blue Mountains Tibetan Buddhist Cultural Festival

Monks from the Panchen Lama's Tashi Lhunpo Monastery, Sth India

Sand Mandala, Concerts, Public Talks by Tulku Ngachen Rinpoche, Art Exhibitions, Film Nights, Men-Tsee-Khang Intensive Trainings in Tibetan Medicine and Astrology - Blue Mountains, September to October.

For information: (02) 47 829550 or 0425 226062



# A Unique Opportunity To Make An Overseas Friend



Korowal School will be hosting a visit by a group of Japanese students in a program conducted by Alliu from 31/7/06 to 16/8/06.

Families are invited to share their homes with a Japanese student for approximately 2 weeks on a volunteer basis. A stipend of **\$15per night per student** will be given to each host family to assist with hosting costs.

Host families are asked to provide a bed and meals and most importantly to accept the student as a member of their family. In return host families benefit by learning about the Japanese culture and making friends with a person from another country.

Students will attend a daily program (Monday-Friday) organised and conducted by a *Group Coordinator*. The program includes classes designed to improve their English conversation skills, excursions to local venues of interest, student interaction and cultural activities.

***For further information, please phone  
Lyn on 02 9625 0555 or 0418 966 203***



If you are interested in applying to be a host family, please fill in the attached slip and return it to the school office as soon as possible.

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Yes! I am interested in hosting a Japanese student.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No: (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (Mobile) \_\_\_\_\_



