



# Fortnightly Newsletter



Have a safe and happy  
“Winter Holiday”

## Dates to Remember

- 27/6 Pathways Physics  
Excursion to University  
of Sydney
- 30/6 **Last day of Term 2**
- 25/7 **First day of Term 3**
- 26/7 Council Meeting
- 31/7 - 7/8 Year 9 Camp  
Mittagundi
- 31/7 - 16/8 Japanese Visit
- 1/8 Debate Final  
Winmalee High School
- 2/8 Science In The City -  
Years 8 & 10
- 11/8 No School for Primary  
Children
- 12/8 Open Day
- 14/8 - 15/8 Life Education K - 6
- 16/8 Council Meeting
- 22/8 Interviews - Primary  
School Parents
- 6/9 - 9/9 HSC Trials
- 23/9 Country Fair
- 31/9 to 1/10 Mt Solitary Trek

## 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 have already sent 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. 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 .
- You are welcome to view the  
quilt in the office.
- Thanks  
The Fundraising Committee

## Help!! Host families needed.

So there has been no response to our request for host families for visiting Japanese students.

We urgently need to accommodate them from the 31<sup>st</sup> July to 16<sup>th</sup> August. The students are aged from 13 to 16 and will be attending Korowal for the duration of their visit. Please telephone Lyn on 02 9625 0555 or 0418966203 if you can help.

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 AIU 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

## Position Vacant

### Teachers' Aide

We require a teachers' aide to work with students in K,1,2 from the beginning of next term.

The successful applicant will need to comply with current child protection legislation and will be given training for the specific job requirements.

Hours of employment are:  
Monday to Friday 10.25-10.55am

Note that the hours previously advertised have been changed.

Please contact Nancy for further details. Expressions of Interest close Friday, 30th June 2006.

## Meet the New Council

At the AGM in May a new Council was entrusted with the governance of Korowal. Representatives of parents are Vittorio Cintio (Chair), Caroline Summerfield (Company Secretary), Rosemary Dillon and Nick Mansfield. Teacher representatives are Mark Thomas, Nancy Oosterhoff, Barbara Fitzgerald, Kath Veel and Catherine Dignam. There is still a vacancy for a parent on the Council, so if you would like to contribute some time and expertise in a very dynamic and rewarding way, please apply to Hilary at the front office.

*The next Council meeting will be on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July. Visitors are always welcome.*

## Open Day

Our Open Day will be held on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> August, from 10am – 2pm. Please come along! Friends and relations are welcome too! This is a time when we celebrate all your children's work. The classrooms look magnificent! You are encouraged to tour the whole School, so that you can see how the children's work develops from K – 10. Sandwiches, rolls, cake, tea and coffee will be available.

## Country Fair

I am organizing a "win a bottle of something with every ticket you buy" stall. If you have a bottle or jar of something that you think would make a desirable prize, please keep it in a safe place until I let you know when I can start collecting them.

## Fundraising & Social Committee Meeting

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, 27th June at 6.30pm in the Library.  
Thanks, Nancy

## Mount Solitary Trek

There has been a considerable interest in this event which is planned for the first weekend of the spring holidays (30<sup>th</sup> September - 1<sup>st</sup> October). If you are interested please leave your email address with the office and I will contact you next term. - Kath

# General News

## Report from June Council Meeting

There were a couple of important issues discussed at the Council meeting that are worth highlighting.

The industrial landscape has shifted significantly with the imminent implementation of “Work Choices” throughout independent schools.

The Council is mindful of avoiding disruption to the existing excellent relations we have with staff and their Union, whilst the peak body (AIS) representing schools and the Union struggle to reach a new equilibrium in the changing environment.

The Council’s policy will be guided by a desire to maintain the current harmonious balance between the educational needs of our community and the professional and industrial needs of our staff.

The Council continues to be concerned by government attempts to mandate grading in our primary school, as this runs so contrary to our philosophy. We will be encouraging a united approach from parents, asking for a written statement from them, which affirms the school view.

We will also pursue the issue of seeking a whole of school exemption.

As part of this process we will be considering joining the Australasian Association for Progressive and Alternative Education (<http://www.aapae.edu.au/>). This is an association of like-minded schools that have already made submissions to the federal government on this issue.

Vittorio Cintio

Chairperson

## Newsletters via email

Please remember to let the Office know your email address so that we can begin saving paper next term! You may email it to [info@korowal.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@korowal.nsw.edu.au)

## Road Safety Petition

Please return the petition to School by Friday—even if you only have a few signatures.

Thanks,  
Nancy

## 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 - All Staff – Boys Education 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 Thurs 14, Fri 15 Dec	SDD - High School Staff SDD - High School Staff SDD - High School Staff

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

# General News

## Library News

Hi everyone. How time flies! We've made some great acquisitions since my last report, including:

*1000 things you should know about myths and legends* by Vic Parker

*1000 things you should know about planet earth* by John Farndon

*Chasing Charlie Duskin* by Cath Crowley

*Chicken soup for the soul: Stories for a better world*

*The cuddle book* by Guido van Genechten

*Don't call me Ishmael!* by Michael Gerard Bauer

*Double exposure* by Brian Caswell

*Evil star* by Anthony Horowitz

*Foundling* by David Cornish \*

*Grace the glitter fairy* by Daisy Meadows

*How Hedley Hopkins did a dare, robbed a grave, made a new friend who might not have really been there at all, and while he was at it committed a terrible sin which everyone was doing even though he didn't know it* by Paul Jennings

*If the world were a village: a book about the world's people* by David Smith

*It's not all about you Calma!* By Barry Jonsberg

*Job Guide for NSW/ACT 2006*

*Lost property* by James Maloney

*Macbeth and son* and *My gran the gorilla* by Jackie French

*The magic violin* by Victor Kelleher

*Once* by Morris Gleitzman

*Refugee: the diary of Ali Ismail* by Alan Sunderland

*Share said the rooster* by Pamela Allen

*Sir Thursday* by Garth Nix

*Slaves of Quentaris* and *Swords of Quentaris* by Paul Collins

*To the light* by Pat Flynn

*The true story of Mary who wanted to stand on her head* by Jane Godwin

*Unicorns* by Lucille Penner

*A woman of courage: the journal of Rose de Freycinet on her voyage around the world 1817-1820*

*World's weirdest gadgets* by Mary Packard

*Write your own fantasy stories* and *Write your own mystery stories* by Tish Farrell

\*first in the Monster Blood Tattoo trilogy. The next Harry Potter?

Something for everyone! With the holidays coming up why not stock up on some great reading material for those days of hibernation! (I'm planning some)

A reminder about **library bags**. Sometimes children borrow very heavy books and nearly always their full quota. Plastic bags can disintegrate when put to this test! The library has a stock of bags which are both sturdy and waterproof.

Letters are going out about **overdues**. Some of these go back to 2004 or earlier. They are usually books that others would like to read as well, and replacement costs take away from our pool of funds for brand new and updated materials. Your co-operation would be appreciated.

Thankyou! Carole

# Primary News

## Year 5 Dance

Classes One, Two and Four were treated to a wonderful dance performance by the Class Five students last Friday morning. During P.E. lessons, the students had been working in small groups to create their own dance routine to a piece of music called 'Children'. Each group interpreted the music in their own unique way and the performances were a joyous experience for both the audience and the performers. Congratulations to the students and their teacher David on this dance performance.



# Primary News

## After School Activities

We have received the grant from the Australian Commonwealth Government. Classes will begin in Term 3, on Wednesday and Fridays.

Just in case your child didn't give you my note, groups are as follows:

Years 3 – 6

Wednesdays 3.15pm – 4.15pm

Jessica S, Ruby, Nicholai, Eamon, Maddie, Julian, Daniel, Joel, Jarrod, Jessica O, Olivia, Talisen, Isaac, Lachlan, Uma, Tegan, Matilda T, Alex, Grace, Asha and Tomas.

K, 1 and 2 children

Fridays 1.30pm – 2.30pm

Catherine, Jordan, Callum, Emma, Kalyani, Rommenie, Ethan, Star, Duncan, Johnson, Sarah, Brodie, Nissa, Zakari, Alice, Violet and Blaise.

These classes will begin in week 2 ie Wednesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> August and Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> August. There will be no session on Friday, 11<sup>th</sup> August. Please remember to send your child with a healthy lunch/ afternoon tea and to collect him/her within 10 minutes of the session finishing time.

Thank you, Nancy

## Cubbies

Children in Primary School are learning all sorts of new tasks relating to the cubby building. These include: estimating distances, working cooperatively within a group, tying and untying bows, asking for help at appropriate times and dealing with frustration!!! It is lovely to see the children so engaged.

Here is a some photo:



# High School News

## Farewell Malcolm

Art Teacher Malcolm Harding will be leaving us at the end of this term to return to Sydney for family reasons. A new art teacher will commence next term. For the last eighteen months Malcolm has taught Art and Design and Technology in the High school, working with students from Year 7 to Year 12. His students have responded to his warmth, kindness, depth of knowledge and professional expertise. I have admired his professionalism and integrity, and the way he communicate with students. He is an excellent teacher who always encourages and empowers his students and they have flourished in his care. Malcolm also maintains his own art practice as a painter, and regularly exhibits in Sydney. We will miss him, and wish him all the best for the future. - Kath.

# Korowal Connections

## Holiday Activities at Penrith Library

Penrith library has an energetic, entertaining and educational program for families these upcoming winter-holidays: storytelling, puppet shows, cartooning workshops and more. Please call 47 327890 for further information .

## Play School Concert

Songs, games and stories to tell its — Play School

Tuesday 4th July 2006 at Penrith Panthers World of Entertainment Ph 4720 5555. Bookings essential.

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.

## Mount Tomah Botanic Garden

Get creative these school holidays with sculptor Heather Jones. Make a sculptural book with natural objects and a flower/leaf press to use to decorate your book. Bookings 47 672154.

## Kids to Kangaroos Coaching Clinic - ARL

ARL Development and Penrith Panthers are holding a Coaching Clinic these school holidays for children aged between 5 and 16 years. To register call Melanie or Jason on 47315422.

## Career Education & Employment for Women

Learn about Computers! Expand your career options!  
Study in a friendly and lively environment!

CEEW is designed for women of all ages who have been out of the workplace for some time. The course provides a wide range of subjects for study:

Access to Careers  
Outdoor Recreation  
Language & Study Skills  
Women & Cultural Studies  
Computing Skills  
Job Seeking Skills  
First Aid



CEEW will build confidence and self-esteem. It will provide you with opportunities to upgrade old skills and acquire new ones and point the way to future employment or further study.

The course runs from 9:30 am to 2:30 pm, three days a week.

*This course is exempt from any  
Administration Charge.*

## Enrolment & Information Session

10:00 am Monday 30 January 2005

For further information contact

Blue Mountains College on 4753 2100



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



# 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) \_\_\_\_\_

