



# Fortnightly Newsletter

## Korowal Community Values Forum

Saturday 23rd September from 10am - 3pm  
Luncheon and childcare provided

### Dates to Remember

14 - 15 Aug	Life Education K - 6
16 Aug	Council Meeting
22 Aug	Interviews - Primary School Parents
23 Aug	Sustainability Committee
24 Aug	HSC Drama evening 7.30pm
30 Aug	HSC Art Exhibition & Drama performances 6.30pm Sustainability Committee
6 - 9 Sept	HSC Trials
18 - 20 Sept	3,4,5 E Camp, Dubbo
23 Sept	Community Values Forum 10am to 3pm
26 - 28 Sept	3,4,5 J Camp, Dubbo
28 Sept	Yr 12 final camp
<b>29 Sept</b>	<b>LAST DAY TERM 3</b>
31 Sept to	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 patch worked and quilted by Greg Somerville.

Tickets can be obtained from the office for \$2 each or 3 for \$5. This raffle will be drawn at Carols in December.

Thanks  
The Fundraising Committee

### Korowal Values

What are Korowal's values? Why do we do what we do? If this thought has ever crossed your mind then you will be interested in the Values forum being planned for

#### Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September.

With support from the Commonwealth Government Korowal has committed itself to engage its community to clarify the fundamental values being reflected in its customs and practices.

The Commonwealth government has provided the School with a poster entitled "Values for Australian Schooling".

This poster must be displayed in a prominent place in the School (our office) as part of our funding responsibilities.

Next to this poster we would like to display another poster - "Korowal's values". They may or may not be similar to the Government's list however whatever we display must reflect the views of our collective community.

To this end the forum invites parents, students and teachers to participate. Mark Thomas will facilitate the forum.

I will provide more information in upcoming newsletters. Please mark the date in your diaries.



**Australian Government**  
Department of Education,  
Science and Training

I have included the logo in acknowledgement of the financial support provided by the Commonwealth Government to facilitate our forum.

Mark Thomas

# General News



year 8 greeting party



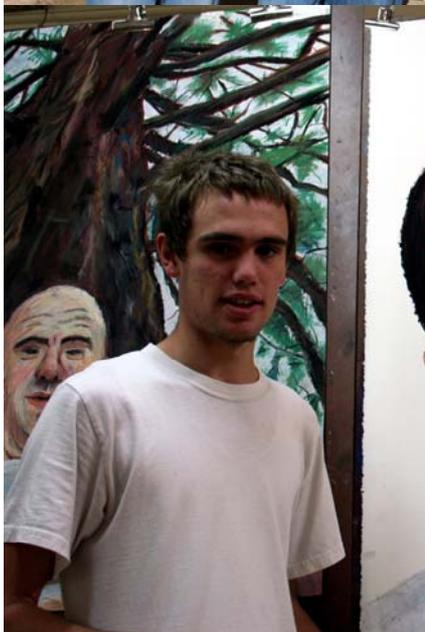
## Open Day

Many, many thanks to everyone who helped make Open Day the vibrant success it was. In particular to Annie for the wonderful ad in the Gazette, which, in the words of one visiting ex-teacher "said come, come, and I did!"

Thanks to the parents who ran the café, engaged visitors in conversations about the school, or brought friends and relatives. And to the many students who helped set up rooms and were here on the day whose presence brought the displays alive, and the Drama and Art students who allowed others to see some of the process of their work.

We congratulate the students and teachers on their wonderful work.

- the Coordinators



ex-students



# General News

## Mandatory Reporting

We have received a wonderful response to our request. Every respondent to date has supported the school in maintaining its current practices.

At a personal level I am very grateful to receive such a positive response.

Mark Thomas

## Sustainability Committee

This week a small group of people met for the first time to discuss the School's position relating to sustainability and possible courses of action. We apologise to those people who had expressed interest, who were not informed about this meeting. We plan to meet each Wednesday this term, in the staffroom, from 5pm –6pm, with the exceptions of Wednesdays 16<sup>th</sup> August and 20<sup>th</sup> September. All interested members of our School community are warmly invited to attend – even an occasional visit is encouraged.

Over the next few weeks we hope to adopt or adapt a management plan, establish and prioritise our goals, set timelines, collect data concerning our current practices and work in such a way that we can measure the impact of our actions.

Our “big picture” ideal is to provide a culture within our school that fosters a commitment towards a sustainable future; where our established practices can lead by example and become the norm for our students and ex students.

Nancy

# High School News

## HSC Countdown: Performances and Exhibition

The deadlines for Drama and Art works are near and the focus and commitment of all concerned is very intense. Our students would like to share their work with you on two evening functions.

The first evening on Thursday August 24<sup>th</sup> will premiere performances by the Korowal HSC Drama company who go by the name of *Wouldwork*. The evening will feature Group devised performances, monologues, short narrative videos, scriptwriting and costume design.

These will be repeated on Wednesday August 30<sup>th</sup>, this time in conjunction with the exhibition of HSC Visual Arts students *Bodies of Work*. There will be refreshments and time to view the art exhibition from 6.30 and performances will begin at 7.30.



## Debating

*Does the media promote a selfish society?*

This was the subject debated by the finalists in the Blue Mountains Debating competition, held at Winmalee High on August the 4<sup>th</sup>. Our senior team, Jesse Walker, Imants Thomas, Jack Godfrey-Baxter and Matthew Ryan presented a convincing case for the affirmative, and rebutted well, but were ultimately runners-up to Penrith High. The adjudicators particularly praised their confident, relaxed style and strong points of argument. Well done guys.

# Primary News

## Tabloid Sports

Well done to David and the Primary School teachers who held an indoor tabloid sports event last Friday. Perhaps if we organised more of these events we wouldn't be so short of rain!!!! Now that the children know how to play the games, we will have another attempt at an outdoor tabloid fun day, but we'll wait until next term.

## Email Addresses

It is satisfying to be able to email newsletters and class letters. Not only do we feel more confident that information reaches our parents, but we are also able to reduce the amount of paper we use and save staff time. If you have an email address, but haven't sent it in yet, it's not too late!!!

Many thanks to those people who have given us their addresses and of course we realize that not everybody has access to email.

## Interviews

We shall be sending home notes soon with your allocated time. We have tried to meet all requests – if you do not have the exact time you asked for, we have made it as close to that time as possible.

Remember that you are welcome to wait in the Pink Room – children may be left there for the duration of your interview. We ask that you remind them to stay in that room and to put away anything that they have played with. Thanks!

I shall be gonging the gong to signal the beginning and end of the interview times – can't think of a more subtle way to ensure that we all keep on time.

If you are unexpectedly unable to attend your interview, please phone the Office no later than 4pm on the day of your interview, so that the teacher/s involved can be informed.

If you have not yet returned your slip showing your preferred time, please do so. We consider these interviews as a very important way to share information with parents about their child/ren's progress and to help develop our relationships with you. It sends a really important message to your child/ren, too, that you are interested in his/her/their work.

## Sleep

There seems to be an increase in the number of children who arrive at school sleepy – especially after the weekend. Children don't cope well when they are tired and cannot learn as easily or with as much enjoyment if they are tired. Tiredness can also lead to difficulties of a social nature as the children seem to be much more likely to over react in certain situations or be overly sensitive. School in itself can be a very tiring experience so the well rested child has an advantage over the sleep deprived! One of the best ways to support your child at school, is to establish a regular bedtime and bedtime routine. A regular bedtime and bedtime routine can be very beneficial – for all family members.

# Korowal Connections

Come and play cricket  
with the upper mountain's most friendly club

Registration to be held from 9am to 1 pm  
on **Sat 12th Aug and Sat 19th Aug**  
at Wentworth Falls shops near pedestrian crossing.

Teams to be fielded in Under 10, 12, 14's and 16's  
(Have A Go cricket clinics available  
for first time cricketers under 8). \*

Contacts for information:  
Tony Gasparre 47573649  
Stephen Brady 47573748

## UWS Observatory

Great Western Highway, Werrington North

NATIONAL SCIENCE WEEK - Friday 18 August (7pm)

Aboriginal Astronomy - In discussing Aboriginal Astronomy, Dr Bhathal (Director of UWS Observatory) will also make comparisons with 21st century modern astronomy and astrophysics, accompanied by illustrations of Aboriginal drawings and conceptions of the heavenly bodies and celestial phenomena.

## Applications Now Open for 2007 Young Endeavour Voyages



Young Australians aged 16-23 years can now apply for a life changing voyage on Australia's national sail training ship "Young Endeavour".

Online applications for the first half of the 2007 voyage program are now being accepted at: [www.youngendeavour.gov.au](http://www.youngendeavour.gov.au)

## Kidzone

4 to 8 year olds

Friday afternoons

3.30-5.30pm during school terms

at St Hilda's Anglican Church

68a Katoomba St Katoomba

Paul: 47827772 or Anne: 47829949



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[www.korowal.nsw.edu.au](http://www.korowal.nsw.edu.au)