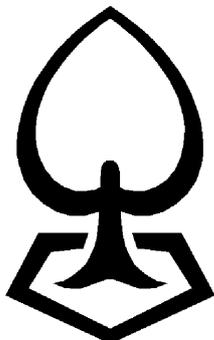


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# Fortnightly Newsletter

## Email

Thank you very much to those people who sent us their updated email addresses. It would appear that we have now successfully collated these. If you have not received this via email, it is not too late to give your email address to the office.

We would particularly appreciate more email addresses from High School parents. This not only saves paper and time but makes it possible for class teachers to email important information directly to you.

*Please remember that it's very important to keep the office up to date with any address, telephone or emergency contact changes.*

### Dates to Remember

- 21/3 Equinox
- 21/3 - 23/3 HSC Preliminary Exams
- 26/3 Focus study change
- 26/3 - 30/3 Class 6 camp
- 30/3 Pathways Art Excursion  
Debating – Springwood High
- 3/4 - 5/4 Year 10 Camp
- 4/4 Opera Australia – Primary
- 5/4 LAST DAY TERM 1
- 23/4 FIRST DAY TERM 2
- 25/4 Anzac Day
- 8/6 Staff Development Day – no classes Kindy to Year 12
- 11/6 Queen's Birthday

### Lyra Pencils

#### NEW COLOURS

Yellow, Apple Green, Light Pink,  
Dark Brown

Order forms available at the office

*Please note that due to increased costs by our wholesalers, there will be a price rise from the beginning of next term.*

### Lost Property

There are many articles of clothing currently in the lost property bin. Please check these if your child is missing clothing as they are soon to be taken to the collection bin.

### Parent Tip

Point out potential hazards and dangers and model the road rules, particularly those about speed limits, drink-driving and seat belt use.

### Canteen

If you are able to spare half a day once a week, a month or a term to assist Robyn & Linda in the canteen, please contact the office.

# General News

Julian (Year 7) and Daniel (Year 4) Larsen-Willilams would like to advise the School community that their father died recently. The School shares the sadness of their loss.

## Safety in the turning circle

Teachers are becoming increasingly concerned about the number of children who are seen walking through the traffic area in the afternoons.

Our policy is that **all** children must be collected from the play area near the K,1,2 classrooms. We appreciate that parking is not always available, consequently we supervise children for 20 minutes after the end of the school day, making a “staggered” collection time possible.

We recommend car pooling and use of public transport.

We want to provide a safe environment. Please help us to achieve this.

## Schools Futsal Championships 2007 (5-a-side indoor soccer)

An inter-school competition day will be held at the Katoomba Leisure Centre on Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>. Teams of up to 12 children may enter – closing date for entries is April 27<sup>th</sup>.

Unfortunately, we are not in a position to coach teams, but we would love to support any team that wishes to enter the competition by paying the required \$120 fee and excusing students from classes on that day!

Teams may enter;

- the 10 years competition (these teams may be single sex or mixed, children must be born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1997)
- the 12 years competition (these teams must be single sex, children must be born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1996/5)
- the 13 years competition (these teams must be single sex, children must be born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1994)
- the 14 years competition (these teams must be single sex, children must be born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1993)
- the 16 years competition (these teams must be single sex, children must be born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1992/1)
- the 19 years competition (these teams must be single sex, children must be born on or after 1<sup>st</sup> January 1990/89/88)

All team members **MUST** be enrolled at Korowal and need to have proof of age documents available for the competition.

If your child is interested, s/he will need your support to “collect” a team, organise coaching/training and transport (out of school hours). The school rules for NSW Futsal 5-a-side Indoor Soccer can be found on [www.soccernsw.com.au](http://www.soccernsw.com.au).

If you have a team, please contact David or Nancy for further details.

Nancy

## Canteen and Sustainability Issues

The School canteen will no longer be supplying plastic forks or spoons. You are encouraged to send a spoon or fork with your child if s/he is ordering food that requires either of these. Alternatively, you may buy a wooden spoon or fork, at a cost of 10c each.

Please note that students may not borrow cutlery from the staffroom!

## Sustainability Fair

We have claimed Saturday, September 22<sup>nd</sup> for this event. We need volunteers to take responsibility for co-ordinating different aspects of the Fair, eg publicity, marketing, site manager, banker, stalls (plants, white elephant, books, clothes, etc) and food, to name but a few!

If you are able to assist at this organisational level, please let us know. We shall, of course, need lots and lots of help on the day, but at the moment we're looking for managers! Please send an email to me if you are able to help at this level.

We are hoping to have a plant stall, where we can sell "home grown" plants – so if you are gardening and have the chance to pot up a few seedlings etc that would be great.

Thanks,

Nancy

[nancy.oosterhoff@korowal.nsw.edu.au](mailto:nancy.oosterhoff@korowal.nsw.edu.au)

## Quilt Raffle

Many people have commented on the beautiful quilt which currently resides in our School Office. The patches were made by year 7 & 8 High School students, in Design & Technology classes with Paula, in 2005. The final patchworking, quilting and decorative work on the border was performed by textile artist Greg Somerville.

We are hoping to raise lots of money by raffling tickets for this wonderful work of art, which can be used either as a bed cover or wall hanging – or anything else you choose! We thank those fantastic people who not only bought tickets last year but coped with the fact that we lost the stubbs (but thankfully not the money!) If you have not yet let us know of your previous purchase, it's not too late to contact the Office.

Unfortunately, the sale of tickets to date has raised less than \$300 – we are much more ambitious than this so will be giving you the opportunity to buy more tickets! The raffle will be drawn on Saturday, 11<sup>th</sup> August at our Open Day.

Next week we shall be sending home 6 raffle tickets for each family to purchase at the special price of \$1 each or 6 for \$5. We shall continue to sell tickets from the office, next term, at \$2 each or 3 for \$5.

Thanks,

Nancy and Tracy.

# Primary News

Our classes are running well! Teachers and students are settling into the rhythms and routines of their classes and an air of calm is descending! We have now held all of our class meetings – the positive feedback that we received makes us feel appreciated and inspires us to continue the great work. Please remember that you are always welcome to visit your child's class – just let the class teacher know beforehand. You are also encouraged to contact us with any query that you may have – a message left at the Office will always be responded to.

As far as we can tell, the worms are doing well too!

It's great to see so many children with suitable hats – please remember that our School policy requires the wearing of a full brimmed hat (or equivalent) all year round. We have very high UV readings in the winter. Warm hats eg beanies, are acceptable, on cold days, but it is still necessary for your child to have a sun protective hat with him/her as our weather can and does change rapidly.

We are accumulating large quantities of unclaimed, un-named clothing, which shall soon go to a charity bin. Labelling your child's clothes really does help reduce this collection.

Class 6 will soon be going on camp to Canberra for a week. We look forward to their reports afterwards. All of us will be watching a performance of The Magic Flute, by OzOpera's School Company, here at School, together with children from the Blue Mountains Steiner School.

Finally, we have begun work on our musical, "The Emperor's New Clothes" which will involve all children from Kindergarten to year 6. We shall be using the drama space. We should be able to publish the dates for the performances in our next newsletter.

Nancy

# Sustainability Corner

We are proud of those students who are choosing to walk to School. Well done!

One of the tasks that the Sustainability Committee wishes to undertake is to investigate and apply for grants – anything at all that will improve our sustainability, but top of our list is to improve drainage, run off problems that we have experienced for years. If you have a talent for research, application skills and some time, we would love to hear from you. Together we can accomplish so much more!

Steve found an article about disposable nappies; a Perth inventor has combined her love of design and commitment to social responsibility to create a 100% biodegradable nappy, the Safeties Nature Nappy. More information is available from:

<http://velocity.ansto.gov.au/velocity/ans0016/article2.asp>

Other links that may be of interest to you are:

Aquacell Water Recycling Systems:

<http://www.aquacell.com.au>

Australian Museum Online – this includes links to programs such as "Birds in Backyards"

<http://www.amonline.net.au>

# Korowal Connections

# Sustainability Corner Continued

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.

## Free Parents' Workshop

To help you with practical advice about:

- \* supervising learner drivers
- \* completing the Learner Driver Log Book and
- \* The benefits of driving practice

Blue Mountains City Council has set up a FREE two hour workshop for Parents and other supervisors of learner drivers.

Katoomba Council Office

29<sup>th</sup> March – 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Light refreshments provided

Bookings essential – 47805513

## Easily Swayed Community Choir

This choir meets weekly in our Drama Room. The leader is Graeme Archer, an ex Korowal teacher and current member of the Spooky Men's Chorale. Currently, there are about 12 regular members of this group, who would love to be joined by other (adults) who can sing – particularly men. If you would like to join us on a Wednesday evening, from 7.30pm to 9.30pm please phone Graeme on 47591293.

Nancy

## Sustainability – What difference can we make?

- **Switch to accredited Green Power** – households contribute about 23% of Australia's CO<sup>2</sup> emissions from electricity usage. For a small extra cost you can cut your household's emissions by around 7 tonnes a year
- **Drive less** – Each car on Australian roads contributes on average more than 4 tonnes of CO<sup>2</sup> each year. Walk, cycle or use public transport more often. You'll save around 280kg of CO<sup>2</sup> for every kilometre you don't drive
- **Switch to energy efficient globes** - Replacing one ordinary globe with a compact fluorescent will save around 68kg of CO<sup>2</sup> each year
- **Recycle more** –The average Australian is responsible for sending 2.5kg to landfill every day. You can save more than 1 tonne of CO<sup>2</sup> each year by recycling just half your household waste
- **Use less hot water** – about 28% of the energy use in the average home goes on heating water. A low-flow shower head can save around 160kg of CO<sup>2</sup> each year, and washing your clothes in cold or warm water can save around 225kg per year
- **Avoid products with lots of packaging** – You can save around 540kg of CO<sup>2</sup> if you cut down your rubbish by 10%
- **Plant a tree** – a single tree will absorb around 1 tonne of CO<sup>2</sup> over its lifetime
- **Be part of the solution** – learn more and get active!

Rebecca