

# Korowal School

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## Fortnightly Newsletter

### OPEN DAY

**Saturday 11 August 10 am – 2 pm**

Korowal's Open Day is one of the most important days in our School calendar. It is an opportunity for students to share their work, classrooms and School environment with family and friends.

It is a time for teachers to communicate with parents, and for our community to get together to celebrate the work and the creativity of our students and teachers. Every student's work will be displayed. Teachers and members of the School Council will be available.

It is also an opportunity for Korowal to present itself to the wider community, and to families who are considering enrolling their children. A tour around the School on Open Day conveys the vibrancy of our curriculum, the quality of work, and the loving care that is taken with every aspect of the learning environment.

This year's Open Day is particularly important, because of our plans to relocate next year. Since being informed of these plans, our community has been overwhelmingly supportive and confident in its response, reinforcing our fundamental principle: that the heart of education at Korowal is the relationships between teachers, students and parents. This will enable us to move to new premises with our community and our educational practices intact.

There will be a Korowal on the Move information session on Open Day at 12 o'clock in the maths room, where we will answer questions and present up-to-date information on our progress.

#### HOW CAN YOU HELP TO MAKE OPEN DAY A SUCCESS?

- ◇ come along with your child/ren and family
- ◇ help to prepare or serve food. (Contact Tracy Barrett on 4782 9946)
- ◇ collect a poster from the office to display in your neighbourhood, workplace or car.
- ◇ invite friends and family
- ◇ ask your child/ren's teacher/s whether they need help to set up on Friday 10 August
- ◇ bring flowers for the classrooms on Friday (not wattle!)

#### Dates to remember

4 – 8 Aug	Year 9 Camp: Mittagundi
7 Aug	Year 8: Sydney Jewish Museum
9 Aug	HSC Biology Trial Exam Years 8, 10 Excursion: Science
10 Aug	Pathways: Advanced English Excursion <i>The Tempest</i>
11 Aug	Korowal Open Day
5 – 7 Sept	HSC Trial Exams
7 Sept	<i>The Emperor's New Clothes</i> : Evening Performance
8 Sept	<i>The Emperor's New Clothes</i> : Matinee Performance
12 Sept	HPV 3rd Vaccination: Years 10-12 girls (10 am)
15 Sept	Job Quest
17 – 19 Sept	Years 3,4,5 J & E Camp
22 Sept	Enviro Fest
28 Sept	Last day of Term 3
29 – 30 Sept	Mt Solitary Walk
15 Oct	First day of Term 4

## General News

### “Oaklands” Progress Report

Our offer to purchase the property has been accepted. We are now preparing to exchange contracts and are in the process of applying for bank finance. On a purchase of this scale, this process takes some time.

Any contract that we enter into will be subject to approval by the Blue Mountains City Council of our development application.

We will keep you informed of progress. There will be a “Korowal On the Move” newsletter next week, and then each fortnight. There will be an information session on Open Day in the Maths room at 12 o'clock.

### Community Support

The responses we received to our letter asking for an indication as to whether students would remain enrolled in 2009, if we were to move to Hazelbrook, were overwhelmingly positive. Therefore, we are able to report to the bank that we should be able to complete the move with no loss in our total enrolments.

### ON THE MOVE Office

The “Korowal on the move” office is now staffed every Monday and Friday until 3.30 pm. Wendy Monaghan will be there on Mondays and Friday mornings. Annie Swanton will also be there on Fridays, working on co-ordination of our fundraising campaign. Please drop in with questions, suggestions, donations or energy.

### Parent Vacancy on Korowal Council

Due to increasing work commitments, one of the parent members of the School Council, Scott Turner, has resigned. The Council is very appreciative of Scott's contribution, and we are sad to lose him. This does, however, open up an opportunity for another parent interested in contributing to school government to step forward. According to our constitution, the School Council is entitled to fill casual vacancies of this type until the next scheduled elections at the following AGM. (Our councillors are normally elected by the school community.)

The legal structure of our School is that of an incorporated body. The School Council members are company directors, and as such they are bound by the relevant laws governing company directors. The Australian Securities and Investments Commission (ASIC) has a useful overview of company directors' legal obligations on its website.

<http://www.asic.gov.au/asic/asic.nsf/byheadline>Your+company+and+the+law?openDocument>

The School Council usually meets monthly on a Thursday evening, although meetings may be more frequent over the next 18 months. If you would like to find out more about what is involved and whether it would suit your skills and interests, give me a ring on 0414881077 or at home on evenings/weekends on 47573239. If, after this discussion, you would like to apply, we would like a brief expression of interest addressed to me, care of the School office by August 14.

*Vittorio Cintio*  
Chair  
School Council

### Dogs at School

Please note that, unless a specific arrangement has been made with a teacher, dogs are not allowed on the School premises during school hours. This is necessary to provide a safe environment for the children – we have actually had the experience of a “really friendly, wouldn't hurt anybody” dog biting a young child. Thank you for your understanding regarding this request.

### Re-Naming of the Sustainability Fair

We shall be calling our fair an Enviro Fest – a festival with the emphasis on our environment.

Please respond to the Committee's requests for help – and feel very welcome to attend our meetings in the staffroom which are held each Wednesday from 5pm - 6pm.

# Korowal Enviro Fest

There are only 7 weeks left until Saturday 22 September, when we will be having our Enviro Fest! Members of our Sustainability Committee have been busy with the overall plan. We are hoping to have demonstrations and information stalls about a range of sustainable practices as well as many of the stalls that we had at our country fairs. Now we need YOUR support!

## Have you:

- ◇ sorted out clothes to see if you have anything for our **recycled-fashion stall?**
- ◇ sorted out books for our **second-hand book stall?**
- ◇ started to pot up seedlings for our **plant stall?**
- ◇ looked for donations for our **green elephant stall?** (previously known as our white elephant stall!!!)

## Can you:

- ◇ co-ordinate a stall?
- ◇ help during the day on a stall?
- ◇ help to set up or clean up?
- ◇ send in cakes for the **coffee shop?**
- ◇ send in cakes for a **cake stall?**
- ◇ send in bottled food goods for a **tom bola?**
- ◇ cook for us—curries, frittatas, pies—any homemade specialty for one of our **food stalls?**

## Do you:

- ◇ have a business with a sustainable slant? This includes massage, yoga classes, well-being classes, etc.
- ◇ know of a local business that would fit our theme?
- ◇ have any ideas or offers?

If you do, we would be really interested to hear from you – please email [noosterhoff.korowal.nsw.edu.au](mailto:noosterhoff.korowal.nsw.edu.au)

There will be a stall at our Open Day where you will be able to sign up to help. We want our Enviro Fest to be a huge success, and we hope you can help us achieve this!



## General News

### Congratulations

David & Catherine are the proud parents of a beautiful baby boy, born just at the end of the school holidays. His name is Charlie, and we're sure he will hold a very special place in his family – being the only boy and with 5 sisters!!!



### Mount Solitary Walk

A reminder that we'll repeat the walk that was inaugurated last year, from the Golden Stairs and out to Mount Solitary for an overnight walk.

The date is the first weekend of the spring holidays, ie, 29 — 30 September.

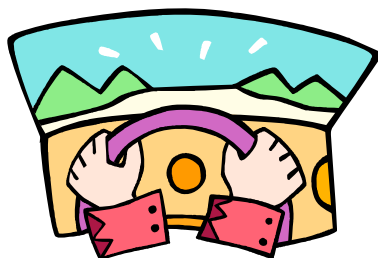
Last year, a range of Korowal people from a Kindy boy to ex-students and ex-parents enjoyed beautiful spring weather and great company.



### Helping teenagers become safer drivers

When supervising your teenager's driving, pull over to discuss their mistakes.

Explaining and discussing while on the move is not very effective.



### Korowal art exhibition

A number of people have indicated their willingness to contribute artworks to sell. This is terrific, but we still need a small committee to drive the project. Essentially this means pinning down a venue and date, and coordinating publicity. This is a great fund-raising opportunity. If you have some experience in community-arts events, your skills would be really valued! Contacts with makers and collectors of art would also be useful. Please contact Annie Swanton at school on Fridays if you can help.

We would like to convene a meeting to get this underway as soon as possible.

*Kath Veel*

### Internet Safety

The media have increasingly reported about issues, such as:

- internet safety
- cyber bullying
- cyber stalking
- privacy, identity theft
- and naturally, the many positive opportunities that arise out of the social networking sites.

Research shows that children and their parents often don't understand the potential risks that come with using the Internet, and parents are unable to advise and protect their children.

I have been told of highly concerning examples at a recent conference and intend to run an evening workshop for parents, later this year.

In the meantime, please visit sites like those listed below; inform yourselves, and discuss the issues and strategies with your children.

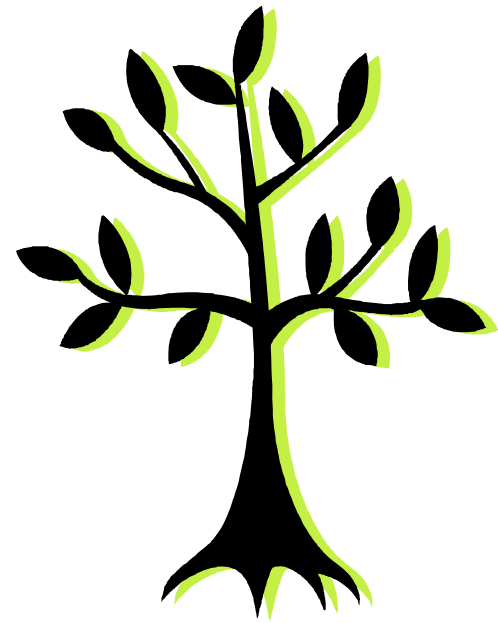
- <http://www.netalert.net.au/> (Australian Government, closely working with Federal Police)
- <http://www.wiredsafety.org/>
- <http://www.internetsuperheroes.org>

*Joachim*

## General News

### National Tree Planting Day

Last Friday, Class 9 students helped the children from K, 1, 2 to plant 45 trees in an area between the basketball court and the Art room. This is the site that was cleared of weeds by one of our high school co-curricular groups in Term 1.



It was delightful to see the interaction between the older and younger children.



The session finished with a huge circle, where students new to the school were able to experience the K, 1, 2 afternoon closing circle.

And for those students who were here during K, 1, 2 or 3, it was a trip down memory lane!

Times like these really highlight the special nature of our school and bring out the best in all of us!





National Prescribing Service Limited

June 2007



### Questions to ask your doctor or pharmacist

If you're visiting the doctor about your child's common cold or wanting to help relieve the symptoms, talk with your doctor or pharmacist. Consider asking about:



**Your child's illness** – can you do anything to help your child feel better, and can your child go to school or childcare?

**Whether a medicine will help your child's symptoms** – what does the medicine do, what evidence is there that it works, and is it suitable for your child? (see below for information to give about your child)

**How you use the medicine** – how much should you give, how often and at what time of the day?

**Any special instructions** – for instance, should you use a specially marked medicine spoon?

**Side effects** – what should you watch out for, and what should you do if your child gets a side effect?

**What to do, and not to do, while using the medicine** – for instance, are there any medicines you should avoid while using this medicine?

**Also, give information about your child** – for instance your child's age and weight, allergies or other side effects your child has had with medicines in the past, and a list of all other medicines your child is taking.

Common colds need common sense, not antibiotics. Antibiotics work on bacteria, not on the viruses which cause common colds.

For information about common colds go to the [www.commoncolds.nps.org.au](http://www.commoncolds.nps.org.au) website, produced by the National Prescribing Service Ltd.

NPS is an independent, Australian organisation for Quality Use of Medicines, funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

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## Primary News

### The Emperor's New Clothes

Rehearsals for our musical production are well under way – the children are doing wonderfully well and there is a sense of excitement! As well as having two K – 6 rehearsals each week, there are small group rehearsals taking place during morning circle times. It would be especially appreciated if your child/ren arrived at School in time for a 9 o'clock start!

We would really appreciate having all costume contributions/donations by the end of next week – Thursday 9 August – so that we can begin more specific costume allocations. If you have already sent your child/ren's contribution, thank you!

We are looking for tights, plain long-sleeved tops, ballet flats or similar, plain slippers, boots (dark), large t-shirts, vests, small plain boleros, simple jackets, knitted vests, belts, small capes, knitted or felt caps, pinafores, flowing simple A-line or empire-line dresses, adult singlet tops, shawls and scarves.

***All clothing that is labelled with a child's name will be returned to that child.***

***Un-labelled clothes will be considered to be a donation to the costume department.***

***Please label individual items, not just bags.***

We have had a great response to the basic layers, but so far have little for the top layer. If you don't have anything at home, maybe you could look at your local charity store or call in at the East Timor Sisters' Garage Sale in Leura Mall this Saturday 4 August. They have the most amazing range of things!

Nancy



### Kindergarten's Poem

#### GOOP

It felt white, like icing

soft

sticky

weird

It felt nice

icky

ookey, gooey

smooth

sticky, like playdough

hard at the very end

rock hard

## Primary News

### Making a Difference

The 3,4,5s ended term 2 with the main lesson “making a difference”. The group explored the biographies and achievements of people and organisations that have created positive change over the centuries, or that have inspired others. Many different areas of endeavour from science, art, music to politics, animal welfare, human rights and more were investigated. Highlights included guest speakers, Conrad (father of Tomas, year 5, and Eleanor, year 3) and Meredith (mother of Isaac, year 5) who shared their expertise as people who work in human rights.

This five-week main lesson culminated in the students’ oral presentations of their individual research projects to the group. All were inspired by the high standards of each others’ work! In the past, this main lesson was taught only to year 5. It was a great success this year—with all 3,4,5 taking part—as its teachings of individual determination, uniqueness, kindness and altruism are at the heart of Korowal.

## Library News

### Open Day in the Library

There will be a sale of books from Megalong Books. We hope many will be inspired to buy a book for the library that everyone, including your child, can share. Korowal benefits from every sale. There will be student work on display, as well. Come along and say hello on the day!

This event merges into Book Week, with the theme 'READiscover'. The winners of the Book of the Year will be announced (various categories), but basically we celebrate BOOKS! We've been dipping into the shortlist for the competition for some time now. Jenny Blackman, author of *Our Enemy, My Friend* will be coming to speak to Year 6 during Book Week.

### New Resources

Some wonderful new resources have arrived recently, including:

*Australian Multicultural Book Review*

*Cosmos magazine*

*Egypt: Land of the Pharaohs*

*Harry Potter and the deathly hallows* by J.K. Rowling

*Home* by Narelle Oliver

*In our own backyard: connecting to global issues in our region*

*Japanese colouring* by Ikko Tanaka

*Kay Thomson's Eloise in Hollywood* by David J. Stem

*Leaf litter: Exploring the mysteries of a hidden world* by Rachel Tonkin

*Matthew Everingham: A first fleeter and his times* by Valerie Ross

*Maus: A survivor's tale* by Art Spiegelman

*Night raid, Blockbuster and Mind games* by H.I. Larry

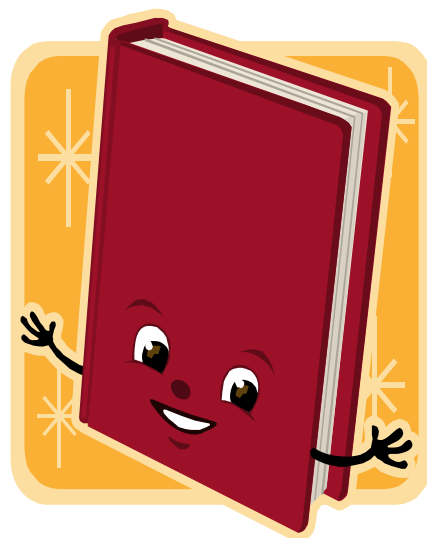
*Owen and Mzee: the language of friendship* by Isabella Hatkoff

*The rainbirds* by David Metzenthien

*Shoes news: special edition about our shoes* by Jacqui Grantford

*The terrible Tudors and The vile Victorians* by Terry Deary

*Water witcher* by Jan Ormerod



Premier's Reading Challenge comes to an end for 2007 this month. Anyone interested in participating for 2008 can start in September.

Happy reading! *Carole and Kathi*



# High School News

## Year 7 Go Horse Riding

In their own words...

“As the bus made its way down into Centennial Glen, the beautiful countryside, a little house and stables came into view. We got out of the bus and went to see the horses as they were being saddled. We mounted our horses and rode through the beautiful bush. Some of us even got the hang of trotting. It was all a fun experience.”

“On Thursday the 26<sup>th</sup> of July 2007, the year 7 class went to Centennial Glen stables for horse-riding. It was my first time riding ever, and I was really nervous — so nervous I had trouble patting the horses. We got to know one of the smaller horses, called Billy. He was very relaxed and let us play with his mane and tail; then we took it in turns to ride him bareback. I was SO scared. I was petrified for the whole walk.

For our ride, I got a BIG horse, because I'm tall. Once I got on, it slowly became easier. I had always been scared of horses, because my father had an accident, but I eased into it, and after five minutes I felt really relaxed and was having a good time. We went into a trot and it hurt my thighs so much. Then, without warning, my horse Benson went into a canter. The canter was so much easier than the trot, but it was so fast! Luckily, making the horse stop is the easiest thing to do. The hour ride didn't seem long enough!”

“After morning tea, we went to look at the other animals (a pig, Shetland ponies, ducks and donkeys). Joe tried to pat the pig but touched the electric fence by accident and dropped his muffin, which the pig quickly scoffed!!!! My horse was called Effy. Behind me was Bella on her horse Billy, and in front of me was Callum who rode Benson. Every time Billy got too close to Effy she would try to kick him. We rode through bushland with fallen trees across the path. In front of us the whole way were large mountains shadowed by the bush. It was really fun. I would love to do it again.”



Horse-riding was more fun than I expected. I rode a horse called Tallis who was big and brown and behaved better than the other horses. I liked trotting but it was painful.”

“Charlie, the horse I was riding, was very calm and gentle. He was my favourite horse.”

“The favourite part of the day for me was when we rode down the steep hill. It was awesome. You leaned back. The cool thing about horse riding is that you can control the horse and that the horse is warm and fuzzy.”

## High School News

### Year 7 Go Horse Riding ... continued



“Horse riding was real fun. There were small ponies and a mean pig that ate my cup cake. I rode a big horse called Wilbur.”

“Horse riding was really fun. I liked trotting. My horse, Lenny, was really stubborn and didn’t always do what I wanted him to do.”

“The horse-riding was fun, and the countryside was great, and the mini-pony was radical — but nothing was as cool as the donkey.”

### Students from Japan

I have been approached by the Blue Mountains City Council on behalf of a school in Japan wishing to establish a relationship with us. In particular, they wish to bring about 7 students (girls) aged about 16 to the Blue Mountains for 2 weeks in November. These girls would stay with families and attend school for 2 weeks, joining in the classes mostly of Year 9 and 10.

If you are able to offer accommodation to a student, could you please let me know as soon as possible. The experience offers a small window into another culture, and can bring touchingly warm relationships and great memories. I highly recommend it!

Many thanks,  
*Kath*

## Sustainability Corner

### Switch to Greenpower!

Lists of accredited providers are available at <http://www.greenpower.gov.au/>

#### Accredited GreenPower vs non-accredited GreenPower products

When choosing a renewable energy product, it is important to be aware of the basic differences between non-accredited renewable energy products and renewable energy products that are accredited GreenPower. Non-accredited renewable energy products are products that are often promoted as other forms of ‘green’ or ‘zero carbon electricity’ or 100% renewable energy without mentioning GreenPower accreditation.

Generally, non-accredited products source their renewable energy from old sources that were established decades ago, such as large hydro-electric projects. Purchasing products sourced from old renewable energy does not contribute to further investment in renewable energy. An older hydro-electricity power station will continue operating whether or not you buy it as GreenPower. Buying older hydro electricity does not result in any new generation that will increase the amount of renewable energy generated to power Australian households and businesses.

Blue Mountains City Library

## Book Week 2007

READ

DISCOVER

### Book Performance!

Tony Bones Entertainment will be giving the experience of a life time when they bring to life Jan Ormerod's book *Water Witcher!*

This book was short listed for this year's Children's Book of the Year Award and families will have the opportunity to see this wonderful story performed live in the library!

Springwood Library  
Wednesday 22nd August at 6:30pm

\$5per person  
Book at Springwood Library

### Party Time!

The best way to celebrate is with a party- so that's what we will do!

Come along for Yummy delights , games galore in & enjoy some of this year's short-listed stories!

Katoomba Library  
Friday 24th August at 3:30pm

FREE activity!  
Contact Katoomba Library for bookings

### Special Storytimes!

Come along dressed as your favourite book characters & enjoy some of the great stories up for awards during Book Week!

Blaxland Library  
Wednesday 22nd August  
10:30am

Springwood Library  
Thursday 23rd August  
10:30am

Katoomba Library  
Friday 24th August  
10:30am

### Book Lotto!

In celebration of the fabulous Book Week, all those who borrow one of the titles from the 2007 short list could win!

When borrowing one of the titles from any branch a message may appear letting you know you've picked a lucky book and you've won a prize!

**You've got to be in it to win it- so get borrowing!**  
Running throughout August only.





## Lower Mountains Family Support Service

(An activity of Blaxland Uniting Church/Uniting Care)

### Family Links Project

## PARENT GROUPS

## JULY – SEPTEMBER 2007

GROUP	LOCATION	DATES & TIMES
<p><b>“Parenting Teenagers”</b>  <i>Facilitated by Peter Hurley</i>  <i>Family &amp; Adolescent</i>  <i>Counsellor</i>  <b>Cost: \$60</b> (5 Sessions)</p>	<p>Blaxland Uniting Church Hall                      (small hall)                      Old Bathurst Road                      East Blaxland</p>	<p>Tuesday mornings                      31/7; 7/8; 14/8; 21/8; 28/8  <b>Time: 10am – 12.00pm</b>                      (Childcare available)</p>
<p><b>“Kids and Confidence”</b>  <i>Giving kids confidence and</i>  <i>resilience to deal with life</i>  <i>challenges</i>  <b>Cost: \$30</b> (4 sessions)</p>	<p>Winmalee District Pre School                      Whitecross Road                      Winmalee</p>	<p>Tuesday evenings                      4/9, 11/9, 18/9 &amp; 25/9/07  <b>Time: 7.30 – 9.30pm</b></p>
<p><b>Support Group for Parents</b>  <b>After Separation</b>  <i>Meets monthly</i>  <i>Open to new members</i></p>	<p>“The Cottage”                      70 Old Bathurst Rd                      East Blaxland</p>	<p>Meets 1<sup>st</sup> Tuesday of the month  <b>Term 3:</b> 7/8 &amp; 4/9  <b>Time: 10am-12.30pm</b>                      (Childcare available)</p>
<p><b>“We Are Family”</b>  <i>A group for parents in</i>  <i>stepfamilies</i></p>	<p>Lawson Pre School                      16 Honour Avenue                      Lawson</p>	<p>Tuesday evenings                      21/8, 28/8, 4/9 &amp; 11/9/07  <b>Time 7.30pm – 9.30pm</b></p>
<p><b>“Staying Sane with</b>  <b>Toddlers”</b>                      Sleep, eating, play, behaviour                      and self esteem                      for 0-5 year olds</p>	<p>Lawson Public School                      Wilson Street                      Lawson</p>	<p>Thursday mornings                      16/8, 23/8, 30/8 &amp; 6/9  <b>Time: 9.30am – 12 noon</b>                      (childcare available)</p>

**COST:** Varies per group (incl. morning tea/supper, handouts, childcare)  
 Negotiable depending on circumstances

**CHILDCARE:** Available at day groups by *Mountains Mobile Minds*

**REGISTRATION:** Lower Mountains Family Support- **Ph: 4739 5963**

The *Family Links Project* is funded by the Commonwealth Dept. of Family and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

## Soccer Fun Day

Korowal students, from kindy to year 6, are invited to take part in a Soccer Fun Day to be held at the

**First Sunday Market  
Leura Public School  
Sunday 5 August**

**Please arrive at 12.30 pm**

Participants may enter individually or as a team (max of 5 players)



### What to bring:

- ◇ Sneakers (not soccer boots)
- ◇ Shin pads
- ◇ \$2 participation fee
- ◇ Signature on the day by parent or guardian

### The game:

- ◇ Mini-goals will be used
- ◇ No goalies
- ◇ Throw-ins / no goal kicks
- ◇ No sliding tackles

As this is a market day, there will be plenty of food and drink available for purchase. There will also be a jumping castle and lots of stalls.

**Please contact Amanda  
with any questions  
on  
0434 350 609.**

## John Hockney

*In association with Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre*  
PRESENTS

# LOOKING AT David Hockney

John Hockney presents a 75 minute PowerPoint talk about his brother David Hockney. The presentation touches on the artist's early life and family, his thirst for knowledge, and untiring passion for discovering new ideas and techniques.

Over 95 slides help tell the visual diversity whilst John espouses with humour and insight the stories behind a selection of David Hockney's art.

An exhilarating and confronting talk about one of the world's most acclaimed living artists.

**Carrington Hotel Katoomba  
Thursday 16 August 2007  
at 5.30 pm and 7.30 pm**

**Adults            \$10  
Concession      \$5**

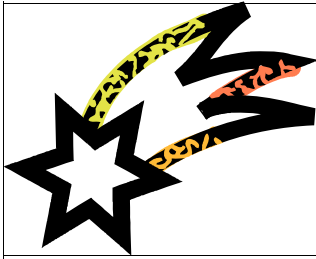
Limited tickets available

Further information tel: 4784 3703

**All profit for Blue Mountains Seniors Week 2008**



John Hockney  
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## Star Cleaning Services

**Would you like someone to clean for you?**

**I am Jesse Star, mother of a child in Kindergarten, and I have been acting as relief cleaner in the School staffroom while Keith has been away.**

**The staff are very happy with my work — I am trustworthy, efficient, discreet, and I will bring a bit of love and sparkle to your home.**

**The cost is \$50 for 2 hours.**

**If you are interested, give me a call and we will discuss details.**

**Yours in sparkles,**

**Jesse**

**Ph: 4782 2703**

**Mob: 0415 317 313**



### **Advertising Businesses in our Newsletter**

Parents who run a business are welcome to submit advertisements for that business in our “Korowal Connections”. There will be no charge for this, but adverts will be subjected to editorial review and must directly relate to a current Korowal parent.