

# Korowal School

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## EnviroFest

The sustainability committee has been reviewing our recent EnviroFest: listing the things that we have learned, listening to feedback and looking at some of the outcomes not related to making money. We have heard from Jack Green that several people signed up for green power, the Conservation Society enrolled so many new members that they had to photocopy extra membership forms and the Climate Action Now group were very pleased with the interest shown at their stall.

For future days such as this, we shall be much clearer in our guidelines to visiting stall holders, have a better system relating to making announcements about events taking place and have a better set-up for the musicians.

We are delighted by the enthusiasm shown by our green elephant, second-hand books and pre-loved clothes co-ordinators who have generously volunteered their time and energy to hold a shed sale THIS SATURDAY to sell remaining goods. Please support these efforts, encourage your friends to come along with you – there are some great items to be bought! Please consider printing out the flyer on page 3 of the newsletter and displaying them in your area. If you can help in any other way, please call Wendy Monaghan on 47593392.

Again, we thank everyone who helped make the EnviroFest such a wonderful success. We provided a great community event, made at least \$7000 profit and contributed to better lifestyle practices for our planet! Well done all!!!

## Grants

The sustainability committee is now turning its attention to sourcing and applying for grants relating to sustainable practice that we can use to help modify our new school. There would appear to be a wealth of funding available – we need to locate it and apply for it! Do you have time to undertake research along these lines? Are you able to complete submissions? This seems like the perfect opportunity for those people who have the skills but are not able to attend meetings to make a contribution. Please contact us via my email if you are able to help. We would really love to be able to organise applications under such headings as water, energy, building, landscaping, fire control, painting, etc.

Thank you,

Nancy  
[noosterhoff@korowal.nsw.edu.au](mailto:noosterhoff@korowal.nsw.edu.au)

## Friendly Reminder

Please let the office know as soon as possible if your child will not be returning to Korowal next year.

## Dates to remember

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| 27 Oct | 'Korowal Shed' garage sale from 8:30 am        |
| 30 Oct | K,1,2 visit to Oaklands                        |
| 3 Nov  | Parent visit to Oaklands                       |
| 10 Nov | K—10 Fun run                                   |
| 19 Nov | Intensive swimming program commences (2 weeks) |
| 12 Dec | End-of-year celebration                        |

# Fortnightly Newsletter

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

**Save paper** and view your school newsletter in full colour.

Email: [wmonaghan@korowal.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wmonaghan@korowal.nsw.edu.au) to receive the newsletter online (by email) every fortnight.

Deadline for contributions for the next Korowal newsletter:  
8 pm Tuesday 7 November

## General News

### Photos to share

All users of our school intranet (students from years 3 to 12) can access the folder SHARE/PHOTOS to view and download photos of school events. We have made this our photo-sharing platform, and we have uploaded the *Emperor's New Clothes* photos, to begin with.

Please feel free to add to this folder!

Parents can access the folder via:  
<http://portal.korowal.nsw.edu.au>  
put in their child's username and password, and click on File Access in the top left corner to navigate to SHARE/PHOTOS.

This folder is on our intranet, rather than available publicly, to protect people's privacy. Please keep that in mind when downloading and printing.



This Friday 26 October is National Bandanna Day. Year 10 students will be selling bandannas at school next week for \$3.00 each.

Money raised will support Canteen (the national organisation for young people with cancer).



### LAPTOPS for Christmas?

Our laptop lease is running out at the end of the year, and we are getting a new class set for 2008. We are getting educational bulk pricing, and would like to offer this to our students and parents. You might be thinking about purchasing a computer for Christmas, perhaps? This could be a good opportunity to save a few hundred dollars.

We are getting two models: one with high specs for a maximum of \$2000 (incl GST) and one with lower specs for around \$1700 (incl. GST). Detailed specifications are available from the office or from Joachim.

We are getting quotes from HP and Dell (Latitude 630), and I will publicise details in following newsletters. I also hope to get demonstration models, so we can look at the real thing. The order will have to be placed by mid November, and the computers should arrive a week later.

Advantages for you:

- great price
- connectivity to the school network
- 3-year next-business-day service (insurance for theft or accidental damage **not** included)
- 3-year phone support
- Free SUSE/Novell hard drive partition (laptops come with XP) for working at school or with school software.

### School newsletter editor/desktop publisher required

We require the services of a volunteer to edit and produce the fortnightly school newsletter in 2008. For more information please contact Nancy.

# Huge Garage Sale

at the

## Korowal School Shed

Roseberry Street, Wentworth Falls

**Saturday 27 October**  
**from 8:30 am**

Lots of bargains!

Important:

enter via the **rear entrance** to the school on  
Roseberry Street, Wentworth Falls

Pre-loved clothing, shoes, toys, games, books,  
craft materials, homewares, and much more!

All proceeds will go towards the purchase of our new school.

### Staffing for 2008

At about this time each year, primary school teachers review the structures and staffing of classes, always with the intent of incorporating improvements while holding true to those values shared by teachers and parents alike. We are committed to providing the best possible educational experience for all of our students, which includes the quality of relationships, multiple-age classes, morning circle, main lesson and quality of work – both process and product.

We have advertised for a full-time teacher. In the light of Elize's need to work part-time, we shall also be looking for a suitable person for a job share position – this may need to be advertised separately. We expect to begin interviews towards the middle of November and shall let you know of our arrangements for 2008 as soon as possible.

We shall discuss with the children the fact that there will be new teachers next year. We shall be reassuring them that these new teachers will be working with lots of experienced teachers.

We have a strong tradition of supporting and mentoring new teachers; this shall of course continue!

### Handball

It is wonderful to see so many of the children playing handball, and we thought you might be interested in the process that has taken place.

We have had a long standing “rule” that children should not bring their own possessions to school to play with; we have learned over the years that this often leads to disputes and disappointments, and we have taken the approach of encouraging the children to play with what we have here. We are always happy to provide balls, skipping ropes, etc. This tends to happen in a cyclic way, according to current trends and often disintegrates when children start losing interest and equipment!

A while ago, children started to play handball, bringing their own balls to play with – we discussed this at cluster and decided that we would not impose the “we'll supply the equipment” rule, but would watch and see what happened. Observation of the games being played and dealing with disputes at the end of recess and lunch soon reminded us of the valid reasons we had initially had for supplying the balls: some of the children who owned the balls were in charge of the game – which included choosing who would play and changing rules to suit themselves – most especially noticeable if s/he did not want to be out! We also noticed that some of the rules being used were “unKorowally”! There was the dunce's square – frequently occupied by the least skilled players who never progressed beyond dunce! There were challenges, again designed to assist the more competent players.

We decided to assemble all of the children to discuss these matters. We asked the children what they thought about the way games were being played and what they saw as solutions. By the end of 30 minutes, we had an agreed set of rules, which included us supplying good quality balls and the children promising to look after them! Dunce square was changed to Jester. In the event of disputes, each player is allowed one replay. Nobody is to be told s/he cannot play. Older, competent students from 3-6 are allowed to incorporate more challenging rules to play at lunch time, so long as there is consensus about the rules.

Handball continues, and there is noticeable improvement. We rarely have to deal with disputes or distressed children as a consequence of them playing handball. We congratulate the children for their contribution and sense of fair play!

*Nancy*

# High School News



## JMC Academy (Creative Industries)

Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane  
campuses



**Diploma, Associate Degree, Bachelor Degree**

### **COURSES AVAILABLE:**

Audio Engineering and Sound Production  
Digital Television Production  
Digital Media and 3D Animation  
Entertainment Business Management  
Popular Music and Performance

Scholarships 2008 - Applications **close Friday 9 November 2007.**

For further information: [www.jmccademy.edu.au](http://www.jmccademy.edu.au)

## **Police Liaison Officer visit**

Graeme Canty visited us on Thursday for talks and discussions with students from year 7 to 10. His topics were bullying and harassment, cyber crime, safe partying, and offensive behaviour.

It was interesting to see the view the Police take on such topics and how they can support our students in being safe. Our students had many interesting questions, and Graeme will visit us again on the 29th (leap!) of February, to take things further.

Graeme can be contacted at any time at Springwood Police, if students or parents have a concern or a question.

*Joachim*

## **Sustainability Corner**

### **Chlorinated Water**

I learned at our EnviroFest that chlorine combines to form all kinds of dangerous substances in our drinking water. This could just be a cynical selling pitch by the water-filter industry. However, it might also be a genuine risk of which we need to be aware. After all, our students go swimming in public pools and drink water from our bubblers and taps. Have a look at the following links:

<http://www.drweil.com/drw/u/id/QAA361110>

<http://www.signs-of-the-times.org/articles/show/136309Hidden+Danger+of+Swimming+Pools+for+Children>

<http://curezone.com/art/read.asp?ID=21&db=3&C0=7>

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I'd like to start a discussion on this issue. Please email your findings, comments or experiences, so we can take action from the school's side, if necessary. [joachim.herrmann@korowal.nsw.edu.au](mailto:joachim.herrmann@korowal.nsw.edu.au)

*Joachim*



# Korowal Connections

## *Sanctuary*

*Nurturing*

*Mind*

*Rest*

*Body*

*Relax*

*Spirit*

*Replenish*

*Holistic therapies to assist in harmonising your state of being*

*Reiki*

*Pruss technique body work*

*Massage*

*Wellbeing mentor/life coach*

*Heart of business—leadership and team building*

Therapist/facilitator Monica Morris

“Sanctuary”

130 Railway Parade Leura

Tel: 4784 1323

Email: [monica.morris@bigpond.com](mailto:monica.morris@bigpond.com)

Would you like your child to be part of the “Korowal Kids” painting series?



...If so contact Skye O'Shea.

0410 777 287 [skye\\_oshea@hotmail.com](mailto:skye_oshea@hotmail.com)

40% of profits go towards a Korowal scholarship

## **Dog walking with play and/or obedience training**



Basic dog obedience while I walk your dog.

### **Is your dog out of control?**

Does your dog walk with a loose lead by your side, come, sit or stay when asked?

I am a qualified dog obedience instructor, and I can teach your dog good manners while we're out for fun and games.

Walk & play \$10.00

With training \$25.00

Call Sat. on 0403983628 or 43841918

### **Advertising your business in our newsletter**

Parents who run a business may submit advertisements in our “Korowal Business Directory”.

There will be no charge, but adverts will be subjected to editorial review and must directly relate to a current Korowal parent. Please contact Wendy Monaghan, the newsletter editor, to discuss how to contribute your ad. You can email Wendy on [wmonaghan@korowal.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wmonaghan@korowal.nsw.edu.au).

# Korowal Connections

## TALKING ABOUT TEENAGERS

**Thursday 1st November 6:30 pm—9:45 pm**

### Answering questions about alcohol, drugs and mental health

Strategies for parents and carers to raise healthy and happy teenagers

#### Speakers

- Effects of drugs and alcohol on the adolescent brain — Dr Karen Fisher
- Building resilience and self esteem, and solution strategies — Lyn Worsley
- Panel of local health and community professionals to answer questions

**Where** Ballroom, Carrington Hotel, 15 Katoomba Street, Katoomba

Refreshments and registration at 6:30 pm **Cost** Free

**RSVP** by Monday 29th October 2007

Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre — 4782 1117

## Divorce/Separation Weekend workshop

Blaxland Uniting Church

Friday 26— Sunday 28

October

for people ready to  
move on with their lives

Opportunity to meet  
others and break down  
isolation.

For registration and in-  
formation

phone 4739 5963

Lower Mountains

Family Support Service

## TOOLKIT FOR DEPRESSION

This 8-week course for **men** looks into depression, and skills in self monitoring one's personal state, so that the appropriate actions and remedies can be applied.

Facilitated by Boudi Maassen, psychotherapist

Thursdays 7:00 pm—9:30 pm

25 October—13 December

Men must commit to all 8 sessions

Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre

9 New Street, Lawson

Cost \$25 per week

Bookings essential

For more details and to book:

MMNC 4759 2592

Mick@mmnc.org.au

## 2008 Brisbane

### Tertiary Student Accommodation

Raymont Lodge Residential College provides fully furnished accommodation for students undertaking tertiary study in Brisbane. The college is located 4 km from the heart of Brisbane and is close to the University of Queensland and the Queensland University of Technology. All public transport is within easy access to the college.

Raymont Lodge provides modern and comfortable single rooms for up to 120 students. All meals are provided, as well as a number of other services that include internet access, individual telephones, common room, and swimming pool.

Additional information:

[www.raymont.com.au](http://www.raymont.com.au)

Phone 07 3377 9903.

## Lower Mountains Family Support Service

Parent Group Program for Term 4 includes:

'Parenting teenagers' evening groups at Hazelbrook and Katoomba, 'Staying sane with toddlers' evening group at Blaxland, 'Talking so kids will listen and listening so kids will talk' morning group at Lawson, '123 Magic' morning group at Katoomba North, 'Parenting after separation/divorce' monthly support group at Blaxland.

**Phone 47395963**