

Korowal School

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Fortnightly Newsletter

Safety in the afternoons

Thank you to all those parents who support our endeavours to provide a safe environment for our children. Please remember that students are to be collected from the area near to the office. This means that cars must be parked, and parents/carers must walk up to collect the students. It is unsafe and unacceptable to drive by slowly looking for a child, remaining in the car and beckoning the child to the car. Please note that all children should be collected from school by 3.05 pm. In the event of you being late, your child will be seated outside the office area.

Lunchtime Singers time change

Please note that the lunchtime singing will commence at 1:15 pm and finish at 1:50 pm Tuesdays in the drama room.

The singers will perform at the end-of-year celebration on 12 December.

Friendly Reminder

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

Save paper and view the newsletter in full colour. Email: wmonaghan@korowal.nsw.edu.au to receive the newsletter by email.

Deadline for contributions for the next Korowal newsletter:
8 pm Tuesday 21 November

Dates to remember

12 Nov	Online registrations for ACER scholarship exams open on school website
12—13 Nov	School Certificate examinations
13 Nov	Lunchtime singing 1:15 pm
14 Nov	School Certificate computing skills exam
15 Nov	Fun Run (K—10)
17 Nov	Year 12 formal
17 Nov	Parent visit to Oaklands
19 Nov	Intensive swimming program commences (2 weeks)
20 Nov	Lunchtime singing 1:15 pm
23 Nov	Year 7 orientation day
27 Nov	Lunchtime singing
28 Nov	Year 8(2008) class meeting 7:00 pm
28 Nov	Lunchtime singing 1:15 pm
28 Nov	Parent-teacher interviews Years 7—10 (5:00 to 8:00 pm)
2 Dec	Year 6 farewell dinner
4 Dec	Year 8 camp
4 Dec	Lunchtime singing 1:15 pm
5 Dec	Kindergarten (2008) orientation day
7 Dec	Year 2 sleepover
9 Dec	3,4,5E visit to Oaklands
9 Dec	Year 6 farewell assembly
11 Dec	Lunchtime singing 1:15 pm
12 Dec	End-of-year celebration

General News

Thank you to all those who supported National Bandanna Day, and to the students who worked on this fundraising project to raise money for Canteen (the national organisation for young people with cancer).



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.

Site visit to our new school

The site visit to Oaklands scheduled for last Saturday was postponed due to rain. An alternative visit has been arranged for SATURDAY 17 NOVEMBER at 10:30 am.

This will also be weather dependant. If in doubt, phone Annie Carment on 47573239 or 0431352022.

Enter via Queen's Rd Lawson (the back entrance). Turn right just before the bitumen ends on Queen's Rd into the unmarked road. Meet on the grass near the build-

Korowal promotional DVD

Our short film about Korowal is finished, and copies are available in the office. It is intended for promotional purposes – to show Korowal to anyone who might be considering enrolling or donating to our building fund. It will be included when we send out the prospectus to interested families. It runs for 12 minutes.

Primary News

Fun run

Unfortunately, we have had to postpone our fun run until next Thursday 15 November. The positive side of this is that we will have longer to collect sponsors!

We do not need any money or sponsorship forms until AFTER the event has taken place, when we ask that children give them to their class teachers. This saves the office staff from lots of little interruptions at the beginning of the day when they are usually very busy.

The note about wheat free/dairy free "treats" for after the race are best brought in on the day of the fun run.

End of school year – Collection of reports and students' work

Friday 7 December 1pm until Wednesday 13 December, after the singing.

As many of you will know, parents are given a written report at the end of each school year. This is also the time when main lesson books, paintings, hand craft, pottery and other work books are returned to the children. As these items form quite a bulky collection, we recommend that they are collected by parents, or friends who may be car pooling, etc.

We shall have each child's report and work ready for collection by lunch time on Friday 7 December. Reports will be available for collection up to and including the evening of the community picnic and singing. Please note that we cannot store these items over the school holidays as we need all spaces cleared for cleaning.

Thank you,

Nancy



K,1,2 visit to Oaklands

Last Tuesday, K,1,2 went to Oaklands and Gloria Park.

We went there on the school bus and Jill drove us. We went because we wanted to see the new school and have a picnic.

The new school is
beautiful!

It is **spectacular** and
exquisite
and
divine and
interesting.

There is not as much bush, but the buildings are like a **castle!**

We really liked the **secret tower,**

the **GIANT MUSHROOMS,**

the **pond** with

frogs and **waterlilies,**

the forest of **flowers** and all the

shady trees.

There were lots of **interesting bugs.**

by class 1



Risks with aerosols

We'd like to draw your attention to the risks aerosol deodorants pose to asthmatics, and others, when used in confined spaces, such as the student common room. There is also potential for misuse, and regrettably we have had some instances of this. Roll-ons are cheaper and a more environmentally friendly alternative. We have brought this to students' attention and asked them not to bring aerosols of any sort to school. Any aerosols will be confiscated and will remain in the co-ordinator's office until collected by the student's parent.

Reports and parent-teacher evening

Reports for semester 2 are being finalised and will be sent home soon. We will be holding a parent-teacher evening on **Wednesday 28 November, from 5 – 8 pm**, and invite all parents to talk with teachers.

Simon + Simon = a maths department

We are delighted to welcome Simon Clough, as an additional part-time maths teacher. Simon is teaching year 9 advanced and year 10 intermediate maths, as well as running a sport session and co-curricular activity. His warmth, enthusiasm and computing expertise have already made him invaluable!

New and second-hand textbooks

Now that our new academic year has started, students will need to buy textbooks. Lists of required texts have been sent home and should be purchased as soon as possible. For those wishing to buy second-hand books, the best way is make contact with students from the year above who will have finished with their books. Prices should reflect the condition of the books. Similarly, students wishing to sell books should make contact with students in the year below. Once students have made an agreement, we suggest parents should follow up to arrange the transaction.

As well as textbooks, your child needs to bring essential stationery items (as described on the textbook list) every day. It is surprising to us that some students come to school without a pen. Your support in this greatly assists your child and minimises disruption to learning.

Artworks needing homes

Paintings and sculptural works completed during the year are ready to be taken home. The size and weight of some works makes it difficult for students to take them on public transport, so if you could arrange to collect artworks in the next few weeks it would help us create the storage we need for new work! Please come to the art room and see Kath or Andrew.

Welcome to new students

Several students have joined us this term, and we welcome them and their families to the Korowal community: in Pathways, Kate Pagan, Luc Veyret, Charlie Ryder, Daniel Parabotchy, Will Lutherborrow and Simon Tyler, as well as Janna Brown in year 9, Finbar Gailey in year 10 and Layla Solomon in year 8.

Wanted to buy

Seeking Year 9—10 text books

Core Science Books 3 and 4
Retroactive 2, stage 5, Australian History 2nd edition
Geoactive 2, stage 5, Geography, 2nd edition
Information and Software Technology (with CD)
Maths Quest 9—5.2 Pathway
Please ring Felicity 4782 5232 ASAP

Helping teenagers become safer drivers

TIPS FOR PARENTS

When a teenager has a P1 or P2 licence, gradually increase the amount of independent driving in a variety of conditions, including night time and rainy weather.



Korowal business connections

2.00 to 4.00 pm

Sunday 18th November

You are invited

to a special exhibition and sale
of traditional East Timorese
weavings at

Mid Mountains Community Centre,
New Street, Lawson

2:30—4:30 18th November.

***Sr Susan Connolly will speak
on East Timor
Timorese women will
demonstrate the traditional art
of 'tais' weaving***

***Afternoon tea is
available featuring Timorese
coffee.***



***'Tais' is a traditional East
Timorese method of weaving
Each piece is hand-made and
unique.***

***They make great Christmas gifts!
All sales support women's
independence in East Timor***

Scarfs are priced under \$20, larger
throws, table runners or
wall hangings are also available!

**For more info call
Suzie on 4784 1718
or Judy on
4757 4478.**



Korowal Connections

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.

DORE Program Free information evening

for treating learning difficulties associated with ADD/ADHD, Dyslexia and Dyspraxia.

Tuesday 4 December
7:00—9:00 pm
Bates Hall
Blackheath Community Centre
Great Western Highway
Blackheath

Bookings essential Call 1300 55 77 11
www.dore.com.au

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.

The book, *Artists Observed*
by Carole Hampshire
is available for purchase
from the
"On the move" office
Mondays and Fridays.
\$49.95

*10% of sales donated to Korowal.
(Offer available for this school term only, and
only on purchases made at the "On the move"
office.)*



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birthday celebration
&
network Christmas party

**Saturday 1 December
7:00 pm—late**

Mid-Mountains Community Centre,
New Street, Lawson

\$25

(\$20 if pre-purchased by 15 Nov)
Children free Bring a plate

Fancy dress African theme

dancing
drumming
(bring instruments)
fund-raising auction
lucky-door prizes
face painting
tarot readings
and more!

All welcome

Amanda
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You take away



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CAROLE HAMPSHIRE

ARTISTS



OBSERVED

Come on a Journey
of exploration into
the creative soul.
Writer and Photographer,
Carole Hampshire,
gives an insider's view of
what it means to be an
artist in today's world

BLUE MOUNTAINS ARTISTS CLOSE UP

Carole Hampshire's new book, *Artists Observed* is available for purchase for \$49.95 from the "On the Move" office on Mondays and Fridays. A sample is available in the main school office.

Carole will donate 10% of all sales made through Korowal School to the Korowal building fund, but only until the end of term. So get in quick!

Artists Observed will be launched on December 1st at Hat Hill Gallery in Blackheath. All welcome!

See www.carolehampshire.com