



# Korowal School

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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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## Dates to remember

31/07/2008	Maths Competition Year 9 Class Meeting
01/08/2008	Pathways Physics excursion
04/08/2008	Debating
05/08/2008	Year 8 Assembly
06/08/2008	Sustainability Committee 5-6pm Pathways information night
11-15/08/08	Year 9 Camp
15/08/2008	40 Hour Famine - Yr 10 <b>NO SCHOOL FOR PRIMARY</b>
16/08/2008	<b>OPEN DAY 10 am to 3pm</b>
22/08/2008	Daffodil Day - Year 10 selling fundraising items
28/08/2008	Debating Semi Finals
03/09/2008	Kinks & Bends - Year 10
03-05/09/08	HSC Trial E exams
10/09/2008	Kinks & Bends - Year 10
15-17/09/08	3,4,5 Camp
17-19/09/08	Yr 10 Camp
25/09/2008	Year 12 Sleepover
26/09/2008	Year 12 Farewell Last day of Term 3

## Lost Property

There are several items of lost property in the office including a watch, a men's pocket watch, keys on a leather keyring, USB memory stick and a mobile phone.

Clothing items are located in the sick bay.

Please remember to label your child's property as it enables us to ensure the items are returned.

## "Stitch by Stitch"

**The Knitting and Crochet circle - Helping to Build a New School**

**Continues this term, every Saturday from 2pm to 4pm, @ Korowal.**

Come along if you would like to learn to knit or crochet (or both).

Come if you already can and would like to share your skills or ideas.

Come, if like me, you just love to play with wool, and enjoy it's various colours and textures.

Come and enjoy a warm cup of tea, some cookies and a chat.

Make a new wearable item, re-cycle or embellish an old one, make squares for a blanket, or anything you like.

A warming experience on a cold winter afternoon.

Expert and creative guidance offered by **Tracy and Sanja**.

**Suggested donation of \$10.00/week (or whatever you can spare) will be warmly accepted.**

We look forward to seeing you.

Contact

Sanja 47843734 [sanjaz@livspace.com.au](mailto:sanjaz@livspace.com.au)

# General News

There is a little restructuring of roles in the School for the remainder of the year. As Mark is needing to spend much of his time on the relocation and Project Management of the new site, a reallocation of some of his tasks is necessary. This means that the Primary and High School Co-ordinators- Nancy, Joachim and Barb, will be undertaking more of the day to day management of the school.

This has created a wonderful opportunity to welcome Cairo Gawne to the teaching staff in the High School. Cairo is an ex-student and has completed Theatre Training at UWS, as well as studying International Studies and working in the corporate sector in Leadership Training. Cairo is assisting with the Drama elective and HSC Drama classes this term. He is also running an afterschool drama class for high school. We aim for this work to culminate in a small production sometime in November. More to come on this!

## Appointments

A valued tradition at Korowal has been the ease of accessibility that we have all shared, regarding Mark. Unfortunately, whilst there are so many tasks that need to be dealt with regarding the relocation and renovations, Mark has had to introduce a much more disciplined approach to interviews. He is now available to talk to / meet with parents and staff from 2pm – 3pm each day. Please phone the Office to arrange a time to talk to Mark, if you feel that another member of the executive (Barb, Joachim, Nancy) cannot help.

## Open Day

This year we will be holding our Open Day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> August from 10am – 3pm. This is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to tour the classes from Kindergarten – Pathways, thus seeing the big picture. It is also a wonderful time to catch up with teachers, parents and other students.

We are proud of the work that we do and appreciate the opportunity that Open Day provides for us to showcase the students' work. Students do care what their parents think. Their sense of worth is strengthened by showing to their family and friends not only their own work but that of their classmates. Please come along and join with us in this celebration.

Sandwiches and drinks will be on sale. Members of the Korowal School Council will be available throughout the day to answer any questions you may have about our relocation.

## Whooping Cough

Hopefully by now everyone will have received notice that we have had reported cases of whooping cough. It is recommended that you seek advice from your health care provider if you are concerned about your child's health.

## Fun Run

This year's Fun Run received tremendous support from students and their sponsors. The level of participation was appreciated and we'd like to thank David for helping make this event such a wonderful success. This is a particularly special event because it involves the whole school working together and having fun.

Thank you to Martina and those parents who helped her, for the beautiful hot chocolate.

We would also like to thank Tracy Barrett for organising the associated fundraising, which so far has raised over \$800! Please send in any money still outstanding as soon as possible. We would love to know exactly how much we've raised.

## Library Report

We're gearing up for a busy term both with Book Week (Fuel Your Mind theme) and planning the move. Both come together on Open Day, 16th August when we will have a little book sale of pre-loved books. Please come along and snap up a bargain. Several people have offered the Library help with the move, so at present we're taking names and collecting boxes! Just a reminder to parents of K-6 children, especially littlies. Library visits (e.g. K,1,2 Tuesday) are a lot more fun when the children can borrow because they've brought all (or most of) their books back so please help your children to remember this on their library day.

Thanks

Carole and Kathi



**Fun Run money is  
due to be returned**

# Primary News



## Chess Season Finished

In a surprise change to the format, there are no longer matches in 8 team divisions after the first round. This means that the Primary Chess season has finished. It is a bit sad as the whole team were really hitting their stride. We ended up coming fifth but we had a win against the first place team and a draw against the third so it was a close competition all around. Congratulations to all team members. You all did a great job. Thanks also to the parents for their support. It is not possible to take part in these after school hours competitions without your help. This term we will have an intra-school class tournament if there is enough interest. Come to the library Monday 4th August to sign up and play.

## Pow Wow

It was lovely to see so many people at the PowWow at the end of last term.

A significant reason for the Native American Main Lesson is that through their stories we learn to appreciate our own environment. Being outside during the evening, experiencing the crisp, clean, mountain air and looking at the stars gave us the opportunity to appreciate how lucky we are to live in such a beautiful part of the world.

Initially we had been a bit concerned that without a campfire we would not be able to create the same sense of circle. This was not the case, as Sofia Marita, standing in the centre of our circle playing the drums, was if anything, even better! It felt especially good to have so many friends and relations joining in with the drumming and singing. Thank you also to Yeshi for helping to create the sense of occasion by Calling in the Directions and then later sharing a special Native American story with us.

We would like to thank Leanne Kent for the tremendous contribution that she made and also those people who helped her in the kitchen that night. The hot food and hot chocolate helped keep us warm!

We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves and felt very supported by our community. Thank you to everyone who came or contributed in any way. It almost makes us wonder why we don't do it more often!



## OzOpera

This year's performance of the 'Barber of Seville' at Leura Public School was greatly enjoyed by all! The actors/singers were highly skilled in engaging audience participation.

We are confident that these OzOpera performances contribute towards the development of a positive attitude amongst the children towards live performance. Listening to the children's laughter and watching the pleasure on their faces was both delightful and rewarding for us as their teachers.

# High School News

## Pathways Update

This term Pathways students are busy completing their final weeks of this cycle of HSC subjects. Year 12 students have only 9 weeks until we farewell them!

If you are interested in hearing more about the HSC at Korowal, or have friends who are, please come long to the Pathways Information Evening on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> August at 7pm. The staff will present an overview of the two year cycle and speak specifically about each subject taught at Korowal.

## Open Day is on Saturday August 16

This is an exciting opportunity to see your child's work and walk around our school to absorb the complete picture, from K-12. It is also a time to show friends and relatives what we do here. We encourage High School students to participate by meeting and greeting newcomers on the day.

If you are interested in helping out, please speak to Barb or Joachim.

## High School Sport

This term the students will be participating in Soccer, Hockey and Table Tennis, as well as Bushwalking in Outdoor Ed. Often they forget to wear appropriate footwear and hats. Please support them in remembering this on Thursdays.

## Careers Market

On Friday, year 10 went to the Careers Market with Catherine and Joachim, organised at UWS Nepean.

We were greeted with a talk by a careers counsellor, who emphasised how important it is to go with one's passion, rather than think about how much money a job brings. He also pointed out the importance of education, showing some interesting statistics about the correlation between the levels of training and employment.

After the talk, we entered the 'market place' with what seemed thousands of students in their uniforms, all taking advantage of the mind-boggling variety of stalls. - Every university, trade, TAFE, private training organisation, or professional organisation were represented and the students had the opportunity to explore their options and to collect material to read at home.

This could be a good opportunity for year 10 parents to talk with your children about their future aspirations, and keep an eye out for the up-coming university Open Days.

Thanks to Sharon for organising the trip for us!

Joachim



## Debating

Round 2 of the Blue Mountains Debating Comp saw one victory for Korowal in one of the Year 7 teams. We can be very proud of the effort all our debaters made, as many are very new to the skill. It takes a great deal of courage to stand up in a room of strangers and argue! There are two year 7 teams, one from each of 9 and 10 and hopefully, a team of Seniors. I think a lot was learned that day. On Monday 4th August the 3rd and final round of debates takes place at St Columba's so wish us Luck! Carole

## Co-curricular

The new round of Co-curricular courses has started in the high school. It is always wonderful to see learning happen, which is not programmed by the Board of Studies, but by our own needs and wishes. It is just nice, to get together in an informal way and to enjoy doing and socialising.

This term, we are offering

Cooking, with Nick

Silent reading, with Sharon

Music/band, with Kim and Joachim

Board games, with Shoba

Sport, with Rick

Maths enrichment, with Simon.

Thanks to Catherine for organising!

Joachim

## A fun way to learn Maths

All of Years 7 and 8 are enrolled in Mathletics as we believe it is a useful extra for the Mathematics learning of our students.

Because we have whole classes signed up we can get a discount if other students enrol through Korowal.

To investigate further you can visit <http://www.mathletics.com.au> and read the material provided by them below.

If you wish to join up through the school please print the child's name you want enrolled and the word Mathletics on an envelope with \$15(Half year ) or \$30 (full year) or a cheque made out to Korowal School, seal the envelope and hand in at the office within a week of this news letter being published.

Simon O'Brien

### The Marketing information:

Trusted by 2,000 schools, 500,000 students internationally and climbing.

Mathletics is the worlds most use Mathematics website.

Virtual teacher gives students 24 hour support.

Live Mathletics lets children compete against other students from around the world.

Weekly email reports for parents.

Teacher reports showing students current results to the minute.

Ability to tailor class work based on individual students needs and ability.

Motivating and rewarding. Certificates are generated and students can customize their own "Mathletes" the more Maths they do.

The pricing for the rest of the school year is **\$15** per student for a school license which allows 24/7 access until January 30 2009.

There is also a full 12 month license available for **\$30**.

A home license, available for individual students where schools do not use Mathletics, is valued at \$99 for 12 months, so you can see the value!

## Korowal Konnections

This section promotes activities and events involving members of the 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.

### Katoomba Work Wear

Discounts for Korowal families  
clothing, camping gear ....

Christine & Glen Davidson 4782 6611  
174 Katoomba St, Katoomba



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### Toolkit for overcoming depression

8 week course for men. Convened by Boudi Maassen, Psychotherapist and specialist in men's work.

Commencing 31st July. Thursdays  
7-9.30pm.

Mid-Mountains Neighbourhood Centre  
Bookings essential - 4759 2592 or  
[mick@mmnc.org.au](mailto:mick@mmnc.org.au)

### Introducing.....



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Workshops designed for 4-24 people.

Individual sessions also available.

Age specific programs suitable for ages 10 +

For further information or bookings contact:

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### DEPTH PSYCHOLOGY

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## Music Makers

### Classes for young children and parents

Through rhythm, song, story, movement and games, develop a joy in music for the everyday.

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Tuesdays 10.30 & 11.30 am- Mid Mountains

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## eBay eZ fundraising eZ recycling

Our recycle4korowal eBay site raised \$1,000 in one month. That's \$12,000 a year... or \$24,000 with double the effort ...\$24,000 is enough to renovate four classrooms at our new school.

How can you help?

- give small items to Leanne in the school turning circle any Tuesday between 2.30 & 2.50 pm. Look for the station wagon with the tailgate open.
- phone Leanne on 47512774 re larger items
- or email the relevant info to her at lkent@netspace.net.au with a jpeg photo
- if you donate expensive items we can arrange to pay the proceeds to you so that you can donate these to the tax-deductible building fund.

## Nanny/babysitter needed.

Mother travels overseas for work approx 1 week every 2 months. We require a fulltime babysitter 8am to 6pm during these times, to care for 2 year old and 5 year old. Light housekeeping and meal preparation, school pickup and playgroup activities. Would suit semi retired person. Drivers licence and tax file number essential.

Do you know anyone who would be interested?

Call Emma 0423 357606.

## Private Piano Lessons - Woodford

My name is Sofia Marita (previously Ahana Star, for those who knew me as the private piano teacher at Korowal), mother of Ari Star in year 1.

I have 2 private piano lessons available in my practice at Woodford (5 mins from Hazelbrook) on a Wednesday afternoon from 4pm to 5.45pm.

My approach is one of a student-directed programme, based on learning as an enjoyable experience! I teach children and adults piano at all levels, theory and composition as desired.

As there are only 2 positions available I will be asking any interested students to come for a free trial 'mini-lesson' to assess whether I can meet your needs. Anyone who requested previously to be on my waiting list and I have not contacted you, please call immediately as I have not been able to contact you.

If you are interested, please respond as soon as possible as I usually don't have any places available.

Please call Sofia Marita, M.Mus, B.A.(Mus), Dip. Creat.Psych.

mobile: 0419 180 269  
phone: 4758 9342

## LouMax Gallery Concerts

### Tango and Latin Rhythms with Alturas

Saturday 2 August 4.30 pm

(Gaye Thomas –flute/Rob Peters-violin/

Jane Andino- piano/Kim Poole- bass)

4.30 pm

56a Lovel Street

Cnr Lovel st & Govett st

Bookings 4782 3490



## Lower Mountains Family Support Service

(An activity of Blaxland Uniting Church/Uniting Care)

### Family Links Project

## PARENT GROUPS

## AUGUST - SEPTEMBER 2008

GROUP	LOCATION	DATES & TIMES
<b>“Talking &amp; Listening – Parents &amp; Kids”</b> From Faber & Mazlish book “How to Talk so Kids will Listen and Listen so Kids will Talk” <b>Cost: \$20</b> (3 sessions)	Seventh Day Adventist Hall 16 Terryfont Road Warrimoo	Tuesday mornings 12/8, 19/8 & 26/8/08 <b>Time: 10am – 12.30pm</b> (childcare available)
<b>“Kids &amp; Confidence”</b> Giving kids confidence and resilience to deal with life challenges (Facilitated by popular presenter Barry Palm)	Lawson Public School Wilson Street Lawson	Thursday mornings 21/8, 28/8, 4/9 & 11/9/08 <b>Time: 10am – 12.30pm</b> (childcare available)
<b>“Multi-Cultural Playgroup”</b> A free playgroup meets fortnightly. Open to families with children 0-5 from diverse backgrounds	Blue Mountains Family Support Service 2 Station Street Katoomba	Every second Wednesday 23/7, 6/8, 20/8, 3/9 & 17/9/08 <b>Time: 10am – 12 noon</b> Contact: Yola 4782 1555
<b>“123 Magic”(day)</b> <i>A no-nonsense behaviour management program for 2-12 yr olds</i> <b>Cost: \$20.00</b> (3 sessions)	Pinnaroo Winmalee Public School Whitecross Road Winmalee	Friday <u>mornings</u> 22/8, 29/8 & 5/9/08 <b>Time: 10am – 12.30pm</b> (Childcare available)
<b>“123 Magic”(evening)</b> <b>Cost: \$20</b> (3 sessions)	Lower Mountains Family Support Service 70 Old Bathurst Road East Blaxland	Monday <u>evenings</u> 8/9, 15/9 & 22/9/08 <b>Time: 7.30pm – 9.30pm</b>

**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 Housing, Family and Community Services and Indigenous Affairs

University Experience at Australian Catholic University \*ACU National) will be held at our Strathfield campus on Tuesday, 30 September and Wednesday, 1 October and at our North Sydney campus Thursday, 2 October, 2008.

If you are interested in going to university, but don't know what to expect, ACU National's University Experience program offers you the chance to explore what university courses are really about and get a taste for university life. Throughout the day interactive sessions in Arts, Business, Early Childhood, Education, Environmental Science, Exercise Science, Information Systems, Nursing, Social Work, Visual Arts and Design, World Religion and “Student Life will be run. For more information and to register for these exciting sessions please visit:

[www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience](http://www.acu.edu.au/universityexperience).