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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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End of year arrangements

We have been discussing the logistics of moving at the end of this year. To assist with as smooth a transition as possible, all students will be finishing school on **Friday 5th December**. This gives all staff members one week to pack up personal and school resources ready to be taken to Oaklands.

We are planning a farewell ceremony on **Saturday 13th December** - as yet times and format have not been finalised, but we are hoping that all of you will be able to save this date for this very important part of Korowal's history.

In the following week we are hoping to get together a merry band of cleaners and gardeners so that we can leave this site in a respectful way. At this time just before Christmas, when we know everyone will be busy, we are hoping that many hands will make light work: even 1 or 2 hours will be invaluable.

We shall publish dates and arrangements for the start of our new school year at our new site in the next newsletter.

Nancy

Korowal's First Professor?

At the age of 32 Jeremy O'Brien, son of Simon (our maths teacher) and Michelle (member of Korowal's first school council) has been appointed Professor of Quantum Physics at Bristol University in England. This appointment takes effect from 1st August.

Matthew and Jeremy O'Brien both spent their early school life at Korowal. Matthew was a foundation pupil of Korowal when he started in Kindergarten in 1978 on the original Britain Street site with Wilma Pearson as his teacher.

Jeremy attended Korowal from 1980 to 1982 with Graeme Archer as his teacher. At Korowal during these formative years K-2, Jeremy developed his natural curiosity in everything into what would turn out to be a lifelong love of learning. Jeremy was interested in everything throughout his schooling; literature, languages, music, science and mathematics. In fact, he only decided upon a career in Physics during his third year of university.

To learn more about his work, you can find him at: <http://lifeboat.com/ex/bios.jeremy.lobrien>

Korowal congratulates Jeremy upon this outstanding achievement.

We welcome any information about our ex students. If you have something to share with us, please let me know: noosterhoff@korowal.nsw.edu.au

Dates to remember

7 Jun	Fundraising Dinner - postponed
9 Jun	Public Holiday - Queen's Birthday
11 Jun	Sustainability Committee Meeting
11-13 Jun	Year 10 Camp
15 Jun	Korowal School Council Meeting
25 Jun	Sustainability Committee Meeting
26 Jun	FUN RUN
27 Jun	Last day of term 2
5 Dec	Last day of term 4
13 Dec	Farewell Ceremony



Library

Some wonderful new resources have come into the library in the last month. Here are just some:

Arctic tale by Rebecca Baines; Backgrounds of early Christianity by Everett Ferguson; The Dragon of Never-was by Ann Downer; Girl stuff: your full-on guide to the teen years by Kaz Cooke; A house in Fez by Suzanna Clarke; If this is a man and The truce by Primo Levi; Law and Order in Australia: rhetoric and reality by Don Weatherburn; Leaving Barrumbi by Leonie Norrington; Libraries in the ancient world by Linoel Cason; The library of Alexandria by Kelly Tunble; Life behind bars by Neer Korn; The metamorphosis by Peter Kuper; The refugee experience: a collection of poems and illustrations; Sixth-grade style queen (not!) by Sherryl Clark; Textiles by Sara Kadolph; Young writers showcase 2007 (HSC writing).

Some of these were donations for which we are extremely grateful. In particular I'd like to thank Julia Joseph, who donated several resources at the conclusion of her prac here. Having Libraries and Information Week prompted the purchase of the books about ancient libraries. We are also stocking up on the books that have made the short list for the Children's Book Council Book Week Awards.

Thanks also to everyone who has responded to my diatribe last week, or individual overdue notices. We will be following up with addenda to school fees invoices.

Happy reading

Carole and Kathi



Sustainability

We are the happy recipients of a \$550 grant from Aussie Solar, to be used to help set up a kitchen garden which will be accessed by our canteen. In our application we indicated that we will be moving, so our purchases will include compost tumblers and pots that can be taken with us when we go to Oaklands.

We take this opportunity to thank Aussie Solar for their generosity. We'd also like to thank Leanne Kent for her assistance with the grant application.

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Primary News

Hopefully, everybody will have received a note offering interview times for parent/ teacher meetings. Please return your preferred times to us as soon as possible. You will be receiving confirmation of your time soon.

Year 1 Maths

Year 1 children had a lovely time examining our coinage and made the following observations:

Miles: Coins have on them the year they were made.

Ari: All our coins have the Queen on one side.

Scotia: Some coins have special things on them.

Oscar: There are kangaroos on some coins.

Aranya: Coins have symbols and signs on them.

Ailsa: The \$1 coin is bigger in size than the \$2 coin!

Claire: Some 50cent coins have a kangaroo and an emu on them.

Daniel: The Queen is not always wearing the same crown!

Caellum: The 5c coin is the least valuable and the \$2 coin is worth the most!

Ruari: Not all coins have rounded edges.

Jatin: All 50c coins have 12 sides.

Jasper: Some coins are gold and most are silver.

Evie: There are 6 kinds of coins.

Elliot: Sometimes the Queen is wearing ear-rings.

Nemiah: All 20c coins have a platypus on them.

Amy: All the 5c coins look the same.

These observations also included making decisions about the words all, most and some. Our sample consisted of 16 coins for each denomination. The children made observations that I have never made – their ability to notice detail is wonderful.

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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Email: monica.morris@bigpond.com

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

Wanting to Rent a house for mother and daughter. Acres would be a bonus. Excellent references. Please call Satneeta 47841918 or 0403983628.

Housesitter needed

From 22 June to 21 July. Warm Katoomba home with 3 cats needing love and food while we are overseas. Call Jo or Phil on 4782 5959 or 0418 632 193.

DEPTH PSYCHOLOGY

Hilary Black

The Studio, 1/110 Katoomba St Katoomba
Phone 1300 558 753

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opens the heart. Enjoy a guided trail ride to complete the day.

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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Lower Mountains Family Support Service
(An activity of Blaxland Uniting Church/Uniting Care)

Family Links Project

PARENT GROUPS
MAY - JULY 2008

GROUP	LOCATION	DATES & TIMES
"Parenting Teenagers" Cost: \$60 (6 sessions) Facilitated by Peter Hurley, Family & Adolescent Counsellor	Uniting Church Hall 70 Old Bathurst Rd. Blaxland East (opp. Public School)	Tuesday mornings 27/5, 3/6, 10/6, 17/6, 24/6 & 1/7/08 Time: 10am - 12 noon (Childcare available)
"Sibling Co-operation" How to encourage children and foster co-operative relationships in families	Emmanuel Church Hall Honour Avenue Lawson	Tuesday mornings 20/5, 27/5 & 3/6/08 Time: 10am - 12.30pm (childcare available)
"Multi-Cultural Playgroup" 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 30/4, 14/5, 28/5, 11/6 & 25/6/08 Time: 10am - 12 noon Contact: Yola 4782 1555
"123 Magic"(day) A no-nonsense behaviour management program for 2-12 yr olds Cost: \$20.00 (3 sessions)	Seventh Day Adventist Hall 16 Terrymont Rd. Warrimoo	Friday mornings 30/5, 6/6, 13/6/08 Time: 10am - 12.30pm (Childcare available)
"123 Magic"(evening) Cost: \$20 (3 sessions)	Lower Mountains Family Support Service 70 Old Bathurst Road East Blaxland	Monday evenings 16/6, 23/6 & 30/6/08 Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

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

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

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