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FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

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2009 Scholarships

If you are interested in having your child sit for a scholarship, please register on the school's website **no later than Friday 11 April 2008**. Registrations received after this date will incur a late fee.

The scholarship examination will be held on **Saturday 10 May 2008** at school.

Korowal offers scholarships at the following levels: Level 1 - Entry into Year 7, 2009, Level 2 - Entry into Year 10 in 2009.

Korowal offers The Whitton & The Nelson Mandela Languages/Peace Scholarships to Pathways students. These two scholarships are applied for through the school's office.

Keith Young

Many of you may already be aware that Keith young, our train supervisor/ handyman has been absent. His recent surgery was successful and he is now working towards a return to school as soon as possible. We all wish him a speedy and full recovery.

We would also like to gratefully acknowledge Satneeta, who has stepped in to supervise the train travellers; Alison & Jesse who are sharing Keith's cleaning duties and Greg, who is helping with Keith's usual tasks as well as undertaking his regular maintenance work.

Dates to remember

10 to 14 Mar Year 6 Camp

13 Mar Community update meeting 6.30pm
in the drama room

17 Mar Community Events & Projects Committee
meeting - 6pm

18 to 20 Mar HSC Preliminary Examinations

21 Mar Good Friday Public Holiday

24 Mar Easter Monday Public Holiday

26 Mar Art Express Excursion
Sustainability Sub Committee meeting 6pm

26 to 28 Mar Year 8 Camp

3 Apr Board Meeting

9 Apr Last day of term 1

11 Apr Final date for online Scholarship registration

28 Apr First day of term 2

10 May ACER Scholarship examinations

14 May School Photos

**BUS & TRAIN PASSES MUST BE SHOWN
FOR FREE TRAVEL TO AND FROM
SCHOOL**

Library news

One of our new buys this week is a fascinating book by photographer peter Menzel called *Material World A global family portrait*. Perhaps you've heard of it. Inside are glimpses of ordinary family life the world over, but each family appears once outside their home with everything they possess displayed. Needless to say, the disparity between various parts of the world is dramatic. The text explains the family's circumstances and gives the photographer's impressions. I hope that, although this book is not new by any means (has the wealth divide changed much since 1994?), people will find it as riveting as I did.

Several new books on religion, some new (for us!) *Animorphs* and teacher reference books on Guided Inquiry have also come in. See also *Legendary tales of the Australian Aborigines* by David Unaipon, *The tale of the Despereaux* by Date Di Camillo and the wonderful *National treasures from Australia's great libraries*.

We'll be registering people for the Premier's Reading Challenge from this month - thanks to those parents/ carers encouraging their children in this endeavour.

At the time of writing it was International Book Day. As our year 7 debating teams prepare for thier first round taking the negative side of the topic "That we no longer require books" (phew!) I pause to be thankful that we can continue to purchase new books for everyone. The Move is a sobering thought though!

Carole and Kathi



relocation update meeting
this thursday
march 13

6.30 pm
at school (our current school)
in the drama room

child care available **bring a plate**

Sustainability Sub Committee

At our first meeting last Wednesday we looked at what we need to do this year and came up with the following list:

1. Begin making applications for grants that will assist us to incorporate sustainable practices in our new school. There are a wide range of grants available, but they take time to complete. We have one volunteer to support us with this so far and need more. If you would like to undertake research in this area and find suitable grants, please email the details/link. If you already know of any grants that are available, please email me the details/link. If you are able to complete a grant application, please email me your details. Members of the sustainability group and Annie Carment can supply information required by the grant authorities.
2. We would like to have these grants available for submission as soon as possible once our DA has been approved.
3. Promote and encourage car pooling.
4. Please use your child/ren's class lists to look for other families who live close to you or on your route to/from school, with a view to organising car pooling. This not only reduces harmful emissions but also increases safety in our turning circle, especially in the afternoons.
5. Continue to incorporate sustainability issues into our teaching programs.
6. Support our student sustainability group.

Our next meeting will be held in the staffroom at 5pm on Wednesday 26th March. We'd love more people to come along!

My email address is: noosterhoff@korowal.nsw.edu.au



PRIMARY NEWS



Peer support

This week saw the beginning of our Peer Support programme for this year. Peer Support is a program aimed to develop positive values, attitudes, behaviours and skills related to relationships, leadership, values, resilience and anti-bullying. Students from Class 1 to Class 6 will be meeting each fortnight in a small group of eight students to engage in a variety of activities.

This year the students will have a major project as the focus for their Peer Support sessions. The project will be the making of knitted wraps for children at Mulo School in Hato Builico, East Timor. Thank you for sending in the cans; we now have enough for the project. Korowal has just begun to establish a friendly relationship with Mulo School. The following web address will provide you with an article giving more information about the relationship between the Blue Mountains and Hato Builico.

<http://bluemounains.yourguide.com.au/articles/1154595.html?src=topstories>

Class 6 students participated in a 2-day course last week and were well prepared to be leaders for this week's first session. The groups had a friendly time getting to know each other and then worked together to write some group rules. The final part of the session was spent putting faces on some of the dolly pets that will be used to make the knitting Nancies. It was a joy to see the students working so beautifully together in their groups on Monday afternoon. Congratulations to everyone, especially the new Class 6 leaders on a successful start to the programme!

High School News

Attention High School students! Do you have the gift of the gab? Are you excited by the challenge of being thrown a topic - any topic - and rising to speak on it?!

Lithgow High School's Annual Festival of Speech is on again - Monday 12th May. Any high school student wishing to take up the challenge (Junior - prepared speech of 4 minutes and impromptu of 2 minutes; Senior - prepared speech of 5 minutes and impromptu of minutes) should let the Library know in March. Thanks!

Pathways

It's a busy time for years 11 and 12. Our Pathways students are nearing the completion of their Preliminary courses and will sit their exams on the 18th, 19th, 20th March. After this time the students will commence the HSC component of their courses. We wish them all the best.



High School Swimming Carnival

On Thursday last we enjoyed a sun-filled day at Katoomba Aquatic Centre. Summer at last! The races were held as 100m and 50m events, with another section across the pool for the fun of it. The Waiters Relay is worth mention. The students walk across the pool carrying a kickboard as a tray, and just keep the objects on the tray. If they fall off, they return to the start. It is very entertaining. The students' participation rate was fabulous, and we await the tally from David to indicate which class has won a day at the beach.

Thank you to all the students and staff, especially David for organising it.

Year 7 Class Meeting

It was wonderful to meet all our parents and to sit in the big circle. It is always very special to get together knowing that we are going to share the coming four to six years.

We started the evening by sharing our aspirations for the children in the years to come, and we would like to share these comments here, as they are so beautifully reflecting the Korowal way. Parents wished for their child, to

- love learning
- love coming to school
- enjoy school
- be challenged
- be engaged
- be inspired
- be creative
- evolve and grow
- get a strong sense of self

Thank you for your contribution and your strong attendance!

Sharon, Andrew, Joachim

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.



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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 subject to editorial review and must directly relate to a current Korowal parent. Please contact Cath in the office to discuss how to contribute your ad. You may email also on cwalker@korowal.nsw.edu.au

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

Andrew Ireland
'Memories, Dreams and Reflections'

You are warmly invited to the opening on
Saturday 22nd March
6 – 8 pm
Exhibition current until Sunday 13th April 2008.

Hat Hill Gallery
3 Hat Hill Road, Blackheath NSW 2785
Telephone: (02) 4787 7033
info@hathillgallery.com.au
www.hathillgallery.com.au
Gallery open 10 am – 4 pm Thursday to Sunday
or by appointment.

Making Dreams, 2008, oil on canvas, 174 x 120cm