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NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR	
June 11th	Vaccinations years 7 & 10
June 17th	School Photos
June 18th, 19th & 22nd	HSC mid course exams
Wed June 24 th 7pm	Pathways HSC 2010 Information Evening
Saturday June 27 th 10am - midday	Information Morning for primary, high school and HSC future enrolments. HSC information forum 11am
Saturday June 27 th 3pm – 4.30pm	Fundraising belly dance workshop
Friday July 3 rd	Last day term two
Monday July 27 th	First day term three
Saturday August 22 nd	Open Day
Saturday October 31 st	School Fair

SCHOOL FAIR

Our school fair will be held on Saturday October 31st – the second Saturday on term four. At this stage we are seeking ideas for stalls, activities, food and entertainment, as well as parents and students prepared to help with organization. We are also seeking ideas for outdoor activities that make creative use of our grounds. Offers and ideas please to Annie acarment@bigpond.net.au or Karen karen@propinquity.com.au or Tracy fwacy@yahoo.com.au.

TREE PLANTING AND AGM

It was drizzly and cool, but perfect for tree planting. There was something very special and significant about gathering around whilst our Wollemi Pine was planted. The wishes gathered at our “Leaving of Leura” ceremony were planted with the tree. Students young and old, parents and teachers shared in shovelling the earth around the tree. Smaller groups then planted a pomegranate, plum, lemon & orange tree as well as three rose bushes. Many thanks to those who initiated this idea (particularly Sanja Herrmann), donated trees or contributed towards them either financially or by preparing the ground – including Steve's Friday afternoon co-curricula group.

The AGM that followed was well attended and another significant event in the history of our school. It was interesting to hear both Vittorio's



final speech after 10 very significant years as chairman of the Korowal School Council and Mark's report as co-ordinator over these last 12 extraordinary months. Both speeches will be reproduced in our next newsletter.

Thank you so much to those who were able to come to share this afternoon with us.

HSC INFORMATION EVENING Wed June 24th 7pm

Year 10 students and their parents are invited to our HSC information evening on Wednesday June 24th at 7pm, where our Pathways HSC program will be outlined and questions answered. For those unable to attend, there will also be a briefer HSC forum the following Saturday (see below)

INFORMATION MORNING Saturday June 27th 10am – 12pm

At this time of year we are confirming enrolments for next year, for primary, high school and HSC. On Sat June 27th teachers will be available to inform interested families and students about the school and to show them around. An HSC information forum will be held at 11am. If you know families who might be interested, please invite them. Some families leave their decision about schooling until too late in the year and we are not able to find a place for them, which is always hard for us and for them. New HSC students must begin in term four of this year.

Do you know students at other schools who would be interested in our unique HSC program?

If so, please invite them to the information evening on June 24th, or to our information morning on Saturday June 27th. There will be an HSC information forum at 11am. We are always able to take extra enrolments at the start of our HSC course because students work in subject groups rather than one class group. Our course is particularly well suited to students seeking mature teacher/student relationships in a senior college environment. It is also a flexible option – Pathways HSC can be studied full time over 2 years but also part time over up to five years. We even offer single subjects. Supported by our exceptional teachers, our students usually exceed their own goals and finish school with a desire to continue learning. New students must start the course in term four of this year.

NEW DATE FOR BELLY DANCE WORKSHOP

Please note that this exciting fundraising event has been postponed until Saturday, 27th June 3pm – 4.30pm to avoid clashing with Winter Magic.

Tickets only \$20 – School aged daughters come with Mum 2 for the price of 1. Traditionally Belly Dance is enjoyed in strictly women's gatherings; mums, grand mums, sisters, daughters all welcome!
BOOKINGS A MUST! Please put your enrolment fee and name on envelope and drop off at school office in "Belly Dance Workshop" collection box.
Any questions please call Shemiran - who is a Korowal mum - on 0425 838 159
Workshop Sat 27th June - 3pm - 4.30pm
G1 - The Dining Room (near Canteen)
Bring a plate for arvo tea after workshop

TURNING CIRCLE SAFETY

It is reassuring to see so many people now parking rear to kerb in the turning circle. This practice, combined with close supervision of children – especially those under the age of 10 – greatly improves the safety of our children.

EARLY MORNING SUPERVISION

Don't forget that the library is open from 8.30am – 9.00am each morning and supervision is provided for those students whose parents need to drop them off between these times. Please remember to sign your children in at the Library before you leave.

NOTICEBOARDS

A huge thank you to Peter Zauner who spent two Saturdays completing the installation of noticeboards in the Primary School classrooms. [Is there anybody out there who could help in the High School?](#) It would probably take two people a day to complete what we need. Please contact Nancy or Barb if you can help.

AFTERNOON TEA FOR TRAVELLERS

We have noticed that some children are quite hungry by the end of the day. You may wish to send something extra for your child to eat before catching the bus & train home.

HEAT & COLD

Our central heating system is complex and temperamental and we are just learning relate to it. It is powered by natural gas fired boilers that circulate heat to radiators. This is an ideal heating system for a school because there is no gas escaping into classrooms and no flues are required. The most urgent servicing has been completed and the system is functioning. We have applied for funding to completely renovate the system so that it will operate more effectively and efficiently. However, it will always be difficult to heat a complex of buildings with so many doors and so many people walking in and out of those doors, and further work on the system is very unlikely to take place this winter. [So...everyone should come to school well equipped with layers of warm clothing.](#)

HEAD LICE & HATS

We have been advised that head lice have been found. Please check your child's hair regularly. If head lice or eggs are found, you are required to treat your child's hair BEFORE your child returns to school. It is also recommended that if your child has long hair, it be tied back, especially at times when we know that head lice are about.

Hats with brims are to be worn throughout the school year, with beanies an alternative on cold days. However, because of rapid changes in weather conditions, it is advisable that your child always has a brimmed hat at school.

SUPERVISION OF CHILDREN AFTER SCHOOL

We love seeing parents talking and children playing after school – it really helps to build relationships and develop a sense of community. It also gives teachers the opportunity to catch up with parents. Unfortunately, a few children have been hurt recently, usually because the play became a bit too rough. At school we have a “no rough play” rule, so that such accidents can be avoided. We also ask children to leave sticks and stones on the ground.

If you are here after school with your child/ren and see children playing in ways that could lead to injury, please ask the children to stop. This would help prevent some of the accidents and is also an active way for you to show your child that you support what we do. We know sometimes parents may feel a bit awkward about dealing with other people's children or think maybe something is OK because nobody else is taking action. However, the children's well-being is at the heart of all our rules and actions and we can work together to achieve a happy and safe after-school environment.



CHESS

Korowal's Primary Chess team has played 5 matches against other schools. There have been many close games and all players are improving with every match. The team consists of Jordan, Duncan, Adam, Rommenie, Suri, Belal and Harry. Big thanks to Johnson and Talisen for filling in at the last minute when players have been ill. All are welcome to come to practise with the team on Mondays lunch and Fridays recess in the library. Matches are on Friday afternoons. Home matches are held in one of

the Primary classrooms. Thanks also to high school teacher, Rick Morris for supervising some of the home matches. I have had to be away a bit this season. Thanks also to Amanda and some of the parents who will be helping with the away matches when I am unable to go. This week's match (12th June) is at Wentworth Falls Public School at 3:15, the match on the 19th is at Blue Mountains Grammar at 3:30. (Kathi)

YEAR ONE MATHS

Year one are learning about the history of measurement and made their own rulers using informal calibrated units



K12 ABORIGINAL DREAMINGS MAIN LESSON

There are lots of exciting elements to this main lesson. It helps us to learn more about Aboriginal people and their connection to this land and this area in particular. We are privileged to have been visited by a local Gundungurra man, David King. David shared some of his stories with us and showed us some Aboriginal tools and painting.

Later this term we shall be going to the Horseshoe Falls with local Daruk man, Chris Tobin. We look forward to listening to his stories, too. We hope to visit Gloria Park and a site off Queen's Road where there are some rock carvings.

Also as part of this main lesson, we cultivate an appreciation and respect for our local environment. The Wollemi Pine planting came at a most convenient time for us. We intend to start a "Wollemi Journal" with each child drawing the Wollemi at the beginning of each term and noting any differences. We've used Jill & Mary-Ann as measuring sticks! (Nancy)



Year 2 wrote about the visits from David King and John O'Sullivan:

John told us that in 4 years' time he will be walking a big trip and camping out at locations as he crosses the Blue Mountains. 2013 is the 200 year anniversary of Lawson, Blaxland & Wentworth's crossing of the Blue Mountains. (Michael.)
 David told us why Hazelbrook was special to Aboriginal people. There is lots of lean water here for people to drink. (Cecilia.)
 The emu egg that David showed us was black and the ostrich egg was very very big. (Nemiah.)
 David told us never to hunt a kangaroo from the front cos the king of the group is at the front, ahead of the mob and he will fight you! (Ari.)
 John told us that he is creating a Blue Wave to cross the Blue Mountains. He wants lots of schools to join in. (Miles.)
 John will be wearing blue on his walk. (Amy.)
 David told us what his animal is - it's a lyre bird. (Edward.)
 David said that his lyre bird travels inside him all the time. (Jasper.)
 John is going to come back to see us in 2013 with a horse, coach and few dogs(Ruari.)
 John gave us a CD with songs and stories sung & retold by Jacinta Tobin, who is a member of the Durag people. (Jatin.)
 David King was very funny. He showed us some Aboriginal hunting tools. (Evie.)
 David King brought in the Aboriginal boomerang. He told us that it was used to catch fish; it hovers over the water and the frightened fish swam into the reeds where they could be caught. (Caellum.)

CLASS 3/4/5 POETRY WORKSHOP

Nick Mansfield, a poet and teacher of creative writing at Macquarie University held a poetry workshop with Class 3,4,5. He was thrilled with the images that children came up with. Here are some examples of our group work. You can see your child's individual efforts published in their main lesson books (visit us in the plum and pomegranate rooms any time!)

The Sea

Blue, colourful, cold, wavy
 surfing, boats, fish
 life, creatures, deep, saltyfresh, wet, wondrous
 (by Emily, Jack and Isabella)

Beach

Beach, calm, quiet, gentle
 Rockpool, water, cold
 Sand, ancient, hard, rough
 Leaving, goodbye, gone
 (by Belal, Olivia and Rommenie)

Chocolate

Have you ever seen chocolate?
 delicious delight, brown and sweet!
 (by Jordan, Holly and Zachary)

A mountain in the distance
 A dragon sleeping quietly

Have you ever seen a Mazda MX5?
 Smooth bonnet, nice handling, soft seats

Night

Darkness, black, shadows, cold
 Damp, musty, chilly
 Stars, moon, constellations
 Rustling, bats, possums, hooting
 (A selection by Charlotte, Callum and Jai)

Toast popping out of a toaster
 Rabbit leaping from his hole

Have you ever seen a cheetah?
 Running fast, spots blurred, racing wind

Have you ever seen a Viking boat

KINDERGARTEN MATHS

Exploring their environment for 2D shapes



Sarah finds a circle



Menindee finds an oval

Filled with lots of people, Sail whipping in the wind
(a selection from Sarah, Juno and Maddy)

Going Bananas
Children eating cake
Monkeys eating bananas
(by Jim, Finn and Robert)

Animals
Socks hanging from a line,
A sloth hanging in a tree

A cat begging for its food
A tiger in a zoo
(by Piper, Rachel and Catherine)

Shadows
Clouds being drawn towards the sun
Hand being cast over a light bulb
(by Talia, Blaise and Juliette)

Life and Death

Have you ever seen life created
happiness streaming, heart pounding, life starting

Have you ever seen a Viking's sword
blood stained, sharp point, ready for battle
(by Harry, Sage and Adam)

Have you ever seen Sleipnir?
Fleet-footed and fast, handsome and beautiful, strong and big.

Paper
A fallen piece of blank paper
A field of pure white snow
(by Caleb, Nissa and Eilish)
Tired
Sleepy, drowsy, tired, late

soft, warm, pyjamas
pillow, mattress, blanket, bed
soft, comfortable, sleep

Have you ever seen a hamburger?
greasy patty, crisp bun, paper bag

A skier skiing on the snow
a machete cutting through a leaf
(a selection by Johnson, Kalyani and Duncan)



Lawrence finds a rectangle



Tej finds a rectangle



Ezra finds a circle

CONNECTIONS

Community events and notices. Korowal does not guarantee the quality of any of these events.

Aboriginal Art in 5 locations this year 5 July - 17 July

You are very welcome to attend the openings:

Friday 3 July 6 - 8 pm Katoomba -The Workshop

Saturday 4 July 2 - 4pm Lawson - Ben Roberts Cafe

Local Aboriginal Art also permanently at Jemby Rinjah Eco Lodge Blackheath –
Evans Lookout Road.

BOREDOM BUSTERS !



Come along for a fun-filled morning!

Learn how to make, play and plan for low budget entertainment for the kids at home. Bring along your own ideas to share and pick up some handy hints to help make the holidays more enjoyable for the whole family.

Where: Emmanuel Church

11 Honour Ave, Lawson

When: Thursday 18th June, 2009

Time: 10.00am to 12.30pm

Childcare will be provided by Mountain Mobile Minders – please book for the group by contacting Lower Mountains Family Support on 4739 5963

Lower Mountains Family Support Service – Brighter Futures

Library Happenings During School Holidays

There are some really interesting activities taking place during the July school holidays at our local libraries e.g.

	Blackheath	Blaxland	Katoomba	Lawson	Springwood	Wentworth Falls
13 th July	Celebrating Naidoc Songs, stories, dance & puppets with Auntie Pat					Art from waste with Jane
14 th July					Clay fun with Jane Teen workshop with Jane	
15 th July			Clay fun with Jane			
16 th July				Beads with Naomi		
20 th July			Celebrating Naidoc Songs, stories, dance & puppets with Auntie Pat	"Secret Scenes" with Jane		
21 st July	Clay fun with Jane					
22 nd July		Paper Mosaic with Jane				
23 rd July					Beads with Naomi	

For more information, phone 4723 5036 or call in at your local library

