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NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR 2009	
21st October – 11th November	HSC exams (see timetable below)
Thurs 29th and Fri 30th October	No school for high school: staff development days
Mon 9th – Fri 13th November	School Certificate examinations
Sat 14th November 10 - 2	Car boot sale
Sat 21st November	Yr 12 Formal
Fri 11 December	End of term 4
2010	
27 & 28 January 2010	Staff development days
Fri 29 January	Pathways students start term 1
Mon 1st Feb	Years 1 – 10 start term 1
Thurs 4 Feb	Kindergarten starts term 1
Thurs 1 April	Last day term 1
Tue 20 April	Term 2 starts – all students
Fri 25 June	Last day term 2
Mon 19th July	Staff development day
Tues 20th July	Term 3 starts – all students
Fri 24 September	Last day term 3
Mon 11 Oct	Term 4 starts – all students
21 & 22 October	High school staff development days
Thu 9 December	Last day term 4
Fri 10 December	Staff development day
HSC EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2009	
Wed 21 October	English (standard and advanced) Paper 1 – Area of Study 9.20am – 11.30am
Thurs 22 October	Information Processes & Technology 9.25am – 12.30pm
Fri 23 October	English (standard) Paper 2 – Modules 9.25am-11.30am English (advanced) Paper 2 – Modules 9.25am – 11.30am
Mon 26 October	General Mathematics – 9.25am-12 noon
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Tues 27 October	Mathematics – Extension 2 – 9.25am-12.30pm
	Music – aural – 1.55pm – 4pm
Friday 30 October	English – Extension 1 – 9.25am – 11.30am
Monday 2 November	Chemistry – 9.25am – 12.30 pm
Wed 11 November	Visual Arts 9.25am – 11am Society and Culture – 1.55pm – 4pm

NOTE: There is no school for high school students on Thurs /Fri 29th and 30th October.

NEW OVAL AND BALL COURT FOR NEXT YEAR

We are in the process of applying to the Blue Mountains Council for development consent to build a multipurpose ball court and an oval.

The ball court will be situated alongside the water tank at the top of the school and will cater for basketball, netball, volleyball and tennis. The oval will be situated in the lower north-east corner of the school grounds.

We expect that the work will be completed early next year and that it will be fully funded by grants from the federal government.

We would like to acknowledge the flexibility and creativity of our students who have enjoyed the school grounds this year without any formal sports areas. They have embraced handball, tip, and an amazing variety of other improvised games.

FAREWELL YEAR 12; BEST WISHES TO OUR HSC STUDENTS

Our thoughts and best wishes are with you all, as the HSC exams begin for us this Wednesday. For the first time we have our very own Exam Centre at Korowal! Previously our students have sat their examinations at Katoomba High School. This year we have the delightful experience of welcoming our students into our own hall and providing a familiar environment for their final HSC experiences.

We would like to acknowledge the wonderful Year 11 and 12 students who have led the student body through the smooth transition into our new site. We also acknowledge the trust placed in us by both parents and students in committing to continue their education at Korowal during this significant final stage of their schooling. The ongoing success of our school is partly due to your faith in the management and teaching staff. It is only 10 months since we arrived at Hazelbrook, yet all the best aspects of Korowal are with us. Year 12 and the departing families will be dearly missed by staff and students alike.

On the last day of Term 3 we held an enjoyable and emotional graduation ceremony to farewell Year 12. Our final celebration – the Year 12 Formal- will be held at the Palais Royale on Saturday 21st November. (Barb)

HIGH SCHOOL STAFF APPOINTMENTS

We welcome Cairo Gawne to our teaching staff.

Last term we advertised for two new teachers in the High School and we are delighted to announce that Cairo Gawne was the successful applicant for the drama/ HSIE position. Cairo will be teaching both HSIE and drama alongside Bob and Barb, starting this term. Cairo has previously taught drama to HSC and Years 9 and 10 students at Korowal, and currently teaches after school drama classes to primary students.

We will be interviewing applicants for the High School Music position (to replace Nick) within the next week. Meanwhile, Andrew and Rick will teach music for this term. Such a multi-talented staff we have!

(Barb)

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS 2010

We have limited places available for Year 7 next year, so if you know of people wishing to come to our school please let them know that now is the time to make contact with us.

URGENT CANTEEN REQUEST

Parents: the Canteen needs your help! We have wonderful volunteers, often working for more than one term as they enjoy the friendly environment. We offer a fresh, wholesome menu, but this can only happen if we have enough support. Everything on the menu is prepared and cooked in the Korowal kitchen.

If you can offer time any day this term it would be greatly appreciated.

In the past we have had to close on some days due to a shortage of helpers and we would like to avoid this if at all possible. Even if you can only offer a few hours ie 9.30 – 1.00 it would be fabulous as this is the busiest period and 2 volunteers are necessary during this time every day.

Helpers are needed on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at this stage. You will enjoy the experience and we all learn as we go. Look forward to meeting you.....

Please contact office or Trish Fitzgerald on 47593519 or 00431393877

NEW DATE FOR CAR BOOT SALE

Our car boot sale has been postponed until SAT 14th NOVEMBER from 10am – 2pm. This will allow time for us to assess whether there is enough interest to ensure a successful event. If you would like to sell anything at the sale, YOU MUST NOTIFY THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY OCTOBER 31st on 47587466 or info@korowal.nsw.edu.au.



TEXTBOOK TRADING

Wanted:

- Any year 9 textbooks: Rebecca 0432278996 or info@hamiltonspa.com.au
- New Insight Mathematics 10 Stage 5.3 : Cath Walker 47587466 (Tues, Wed, Thurs) or email: gradach@exemail.com.au

For Sale:

- Year 8 textbooks: Rebecca 0432278996 or info@hamiltonspa.com.au
- Year 8 textbooks: Geography for Global Citizens, 3rd edition 2008; Maths Quest 8; Equipe Nouvelle 1 and Equipe Nouvelle 1 Workbook (Year 8 French): Annie Daley 47542206 or annie@daleycarey.com.au.

NEW PARENT MEMBER OF SCHOOL COUNCIL

Richard Elkan joined the school council in August. He, his wife Melanie and daughter Rowena live in Hazelbrook to which they moved about seven years ago. Rowena is in the first of her Pathways years and enjoys the relaxed and friendly environment of Korowal. Richard is a Chartered Accountant and has joined the school council's finance committee. He sings with the Academy Singers and plays golf as a member of Penrith Golf Club.

VEGETABLE GARDEN

A small but intrepid group weeded and planted the vegetable garden last Saturday. With luck, sun, rain and hard work we will soon harvest tomatoes, lettuce, basil, beans, zucchini, pumpkins, parsley, chives, spring onions and carrots for our kitchen.

If you can help to water, weed or tend the garden at any time please contact Annie on 0431352022 or acarment@bigpond.net.au. Even five minutes when you are dropping off or picking up children would be appreciated.

COMMUNITY NOTICEBOARD There is a new notice board for parents just inside the primary school entrance.



SYDNEY WRITERS' FESTIVAL

Earlier this year a small group of students went to Paramatta Riverside theatre to hear 8 writers talk about their work. The writers ranged from comic authors to writers concerned with Palestinian relationships. Some of the most famous Australian young adolescent fiction writers were present and they all enthralled us. The questions from the audience were very insightful, and several times the comic authors were asked why they weren't stand up comics in their other lives!! Isobel Carmody talked about how she had entertained her 7 siblings (she is the eldest of 8!), with horror stories in order to prevent them from leaving the house after their mother had gone to work. It was short step away from writing them down for the rest of us!! Our students had their books signed, and managed to speak with their favourite authors. It was a truly wonderful day which we will repeat next year. It is very inspiring to hear such a variety of authors speak, and to be holding your breath or roaring with laughter with 800 other students. (Catherine)

LANGUAGE PERFECT COMPETITION

Recently all language students took part in an international language competition generated by the New Zealand Teachers' Association. Our students competed with each other and students from a variety of countries, and even though we have a small school, managed to gain over 8 000 points: a point is gained for each correct word or phrase. It was a really enjoyable learning style, and if we gain a French grant, all language students will be enrolled in the Language Perfect Programme for the year. Congratulations to everyone in year 7 and French elective class. (Catherine)

RAIL TIMETABLE CHANGES

The SRA have commenced a new timetable during the holidays, which makes very minor changes to train times, but with sleepy children in tow, might make the difference between catching and missing the train next week!

Students catching the train from the Upper Mountains with Keith - train departs 8.25 am, ie 1 minute earlier

Students catching the train from the Lower Mountains with Vaughan - train departs 8.43 am, ie 2 minutes earlier

Lower Mountains train times with Vaughan in the afternoons are unchanged.

On Fridays, the 1.43 pm from Lawson to the Lower Mountains now departs at 1.39 pm - 5 mins earlier

Pathways Students should note

For an 8.30 bell - 7.53 from Katoomba now departs 7.49 a

7.45 from Springwood now departs 7.44 am

After 4.20 bell - 4.41 from Hazelbrook to Katoomba now departs at 4.47

4.46 from Hazelbrook to Penrith now departs 4.47

Fridays after a 1.50 bell - 2.41 from Hazelbrook to Katoomba now departs 2.48



CONNECTIONS: Community events and notices

GIRL GUIDES

In Hazelbrook/ Lawson we run two brownie units for girls 6 – 10 years and one guide unit for girls 10 – 14 years. If you are looking to gain new skills, meet new friends and join in some great adventures contact a leader today.

Brownies: Tuesdays 5 – 6.30 pm; Margaret Harrison 47587393

Wednesdays 5 – 7pm; Yvonne Kingdom 47593154

Guides: Mondays 6 – 8 pm; Sue Bell 47586804 or Jenny Lockhart 47588338

TO GIVE GUIDES A GO.... Join us on Sunday October 25th 1.30 – 5pm at Wilson Park Lawson (opposite the pool). If raining, in the guide hall in Honour Ave Lawson.

This is open to any girl age 9 -13. Bring a drink bottle and a hat.

To register, phone Jenny 47588338 by 22/10/09

TERM 4 2009 SCHOOL CANTEEN MENU

Tasty nutritious food made fresh in our kitchen each day!!

AVAILABLE MONDAY TO FRIDAY

Salad Wraps: With lettuce, Tomato, grated carrot, cucumber \$3.00

Half wrap: \$2.00

Salad Box: With lettuce, Tomato, grated carrot, Lebanese cucumber and Celery Sticks \$3.00

Wholemeal Rolls: Vegemite or Tomato or Cheese \$2.00

Fresh Fruit Salad (seasonal fruit) Cup: \$2.00

With low fat Natural Yoghurt: \$2.50

(Toasted Gluten free bread available for sandwiches)

EXTRAS for any of the above wraps, sandwiches or Salad Boxes

Hommos or Egg Mayonnaise or Cheese or Tomato .50

Fresh Basil Pesto .70

Tuna, Ham or free range Egg with egg mayonnaise \$1.00

Spanish onion available upon request (no charge)

DAILY SPECIALS

GF = Gluten Free

MONDAY: Hommos, Tabouli, Tomato, lettuce & falafel Wrap \$4.00

Hommos, Tabouli, Falafel and Salad Box (GF) \$4.00

TUESDAY: Poached free range Chicken and Lettuce Wrap

With egg mayonnaise **or** Pesto & egg mayo mix \$4.00

Half wrap: \$2.50

Chicken Pesto/Mayo and Salad Box (GF) \$4.00

WEDNESDAY: Avocado, carrot and cucumber Sushi Roll (GF) \$3.00

THURSDAY: Vegetarian Quiche: Tomato, Cheese and Chive (or Shallots; depending on availability) \$3.00

Ham and Cheese and Tomato Quiche \$3.50 Frittata available if ordered for GF alternative \$3.00

FRIDAY: Spinach, Fetta and Ricotta Filo pastry Triangles \$3.00

DRINKS

600ml Water \$1.50

375 ml Apple or Orange or Pineapple juice \$2.00

Vaalia Low fat flavoured Yoghurt (175g) \$2.20

(Due to new supplier, we are required to raise price of products offered to students this term.)

* Please note: Friday lunch can be ordered by primary school students. The students can take it home with them, or available for those staying for extra curricula. Place orders in appropriate baskets as usual.