



# Korowal School

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**NEWSLETTER**

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<b>CALENDAR 2010</b>	
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> October 1.50 – 2.20 pm, pomegranate room, then every Friday till end of term	“Lunchtime Legends” community singing – all welcome
Fri 29 <sup>th</sup> October from 1.20 pm, then every Friday till end of term	Community picnic and gardening (weather permitting)
25 – 28 October	K 1 2 swimming
1 – 4 November and 8 – 11 November	K 1 2 swimming
8,9,10 November	School Certificate examinations
10 November	Final HSC examination
Fri 12 November 6pm	Year 12 formal, Carrington Hotel.
15 – 18 November and 22 – 25 November	3 4 5 swimming
19 November	Year 7 orientation morning
24 November	Kindergarten orientation
25 November 7 pm	KSC meeting
24 – 26 November	Year 8 camp
27 November	Bob’s farewell
1 December	3 4 5 Play “Noah’s Ark”
2 December	Year 6 sleepover
3 December	Year 2 sleepover
8 December	Tabloid sports K - 6
Wed 8 December	End of year celebration
Thu 9 December	Last day term 4 for high school
Fri 10 December 1.15pm	Last day term for primary school

## **The “LUNCHTIME LEGENDS”**

**Community singing.** Begins this Friday 29<sup>th</sup> October.

### WHO?

Everyone is welcome: parents, staff, students young and old, whatever your singing ability (or lack thereof.)

### WHAT?

“The Legends” will be co-wrangled this year by Kim and Annie who have prepared an eclectic selection of relatively easy songs that we will perform at the end of year celebration on Wed. 8<sup>th</sup> December.

### WHEN?

Fridays 1.50pm – 2.20pm (high school lunch time)

Performing Wed December 8<sup>th</sup> @ 7pm

### WHERE?

In the pomegranate room (near the play equipment)

### WHY?

Because it’s fun!

PERMISSION will be required for primary students whose parents are not also attending. A permission note has been distributed.

## **FRIDAY COMMUNITY PICNICS AND GARDENING**

Third time lucky? The previous two Fridays have rained. The vegetable garden still awaits us! Gardening this Friday will be supervised by Jacqueline. It is possible to picnic, and join the community singing, and garden...or to garden while your children sing ... or to picnic all afternoon while others sing and garden !

## **Invitation to quote for CLEANING CONTRACTS FOR 2011**

The school is reviewing its various contracts for 2011 and quotes are invited for the cleaning of the school from anyone in the community, provided they fulfill the following minimum essential criteria:

1. Insurance
2. Own equipment and cleaning products
3. Back-up personnel in the event of regular cleaner being unavailable
4. Term time only

Quotes must be received by 10th December. If you require further information please contact the office.

(Hilary)

## **GOODBYE BUT NOT FAREWELL CATHERINE**

Sadly, at the end of this year we say goodbye to Catherine Dignam as a teacher at Korowal. However, Catherine intends to be around in other capacities. She has ideas for other ways of being here and we look forward to her sharing her thoughts and ideas with us. At present they are still in the early stages of development.

Catherine has been associated with Korowal since 1980 when it was located in Britain Street, Leura. At that time she taught German and French in the primary school. This pre-dates Bob! Catherine left in 1982, but returned in 1991, and has since taught both French and English in the high school. Catherine has been a significant person in the development of the school, and has played an important role in holding the values and philosophy through from the early days until now. She has been a class teacher, director on the Korowal School Council, and led several groups of students on overseas trips for language immersion. She has fostered a love of language and literature in many students, several of whom have gone on to become published writers, linguists and translators.

We will miss having Catherine with us on a daily basis and wish to express our sincere thanks for all that she has given to us. Teaching at Korowal requires commitment and dedication, and Catherine has been a great role model for all of us who work with her.

Thank you Catherine.

(Barb)

## **PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS**

### **FROM YEAR SIX**

Cakes for Timor-Leste

Thank-you for buying cakes from the Year 6 cake stall to raise money for Korowal's friendship school in East Timor. The Year 6 children demonstrated initiative, empathy and creativity in their organising and promoting of the cake stall! Thank-you to the Year 6 families for all the lovely baking, the cakes were delicious and very

appreciated! We raised \$200. A cheque will be presented to the Blue Mountains East-Timor Sisters (BMETS) in the coming weeks along with letter by Year 6 students in the Tetun language (no mean feat!) and a 2011 calendar created by the Primary School students during the Peer-Support program. The BMETS make regular visits to our friendship school and will pass on our gifts and greetings during their next visit. Our friendship school is called the Manumera School and is in a village called Mulo in the Hato-Builico sub-district of the Ainaro district.

During our recent 'Our East-Timorese Neighbours' Main Lesson Year 6 enjoyed fascinating presentations about the recent experiences in East-Timor by Anne from the Blue Mountains East-Timor Friendship Committee and from Gabrielle from BMETS. The children were able to gain valuable insight into the daily lives of children attending our friendship school as well as other aspects of East-Timorese life, history and culture from these two fantastic presentations. A big thank-you to Anne and Gabrielle for sharing their time and experiences with Year 6. It truly enriched our learning.

Talulah.



Year six morning circle

### **Here are some things we discovered during our East-Timor Main Lesson...**

- *In East Timor the average child has to walk for about two hours each morning to school and each afternoon back from school. In Hato Buliko the fields are on very steep slopes. They put all their grain in these big bowls and then crush it up with big sticks. At school children only have one book to write in. The school has text books that the children share. Some children don't go to school. They work on their parent's farm. The average family in East Timor only have one meal a day. The meal contains sweet potato sometimes meat if they had recently killed.*  
*Felix Delaunay Evans.*
- *During our East Timor main lesson we learned that during the second World War the East Timorese people helped the Australian troops even though they were not involved in the war.*  
*Jordan*
- *When the Blue Mountains East Timor Sisters came to Korowal they showed us pictures of our friendship school. The walls were not painted and the windows didn't have glass they also don't*

have many pencils or books. Last term Year Six decided to have a cake stall to raise money for our friendship school, We raised \$200.00. One or two years ago we made rugs in peer support as a present for our friendship school.

Maddie

- In East Timor the most important thing is your family and the rest of the community. All the people in the community are friendly to each other and would help other people if they need it. Children in East Timor don't get homework. So when they come home from school they get to play with their friends.

Rachel Florey

- The people were living with their animals and most kids didn't go to school. They also didn't have plumbing.

Finnan

- I learned that many children may have to walk for over an hour and some children may not even go to school.

Duncan Mackay

- The children in East Timor walk to school which is a 8km walk. At school the children share one desk and have one book for spelling ,maths, English, etc. This was very sad that we get lots of books for other lessons they only get one and they walk 8km each day.

Zachary Elijah

- In East Timor there are many interesting plants & animals, for an example the reticulated python, one of the three largest species of reptile in the world. In the rain forests of East Timor lives the spotted Cus Cus, similar to looking to a possum.

Some people in East Timor often have a two story house with animals like pigs & goats.

Children have the same school holidays as our school.

Jimmy

- There were no sticks on the ground because the town people need sticks for warmth so they can light fires. East Timor is also the world's youngest country but has already had a civil war.

Max Darragh

- One of main difficulties facing East Timorese people are the extremely poor conditions they live in. In many villages houses don't have chimneys or windows. This is particularly bad as most people cook inside. Some people even live in houses with their animals living on the ground floor below them and the rest of the family living in the roof!

Morgan Westley

- Anne told us about how the East Timorese people were quite kind and respectful. I found it amazing when she told us about when she was in East Timor she walked out at night [which people told her not to do]

she found two men with big machetes when she said "bondia" which means "hello" in Tetun they suddenly got big smiles and had a wonderful conversation.

Caleb Darius

- East Timor is 800 km from the Australian coast. The main source of the country's finance is from the Timor sea .The Timor Sea is full of oil that the world wants but the problem is that the country can not afford to put oil rinks in the sea, so Australia has made some deals with East Timor to pay for the mining. I think Australia feels sorry for them because in the Second World War they helped the Australian troops when they where injured .The Blue Mountains is very supportive to East Timor and have raised many hundreds of thousands of dollars. Adam de Picot

## FUNDRAISER FOR ELLA

We are having a GARAGE SALE fundraiser to give some financial assistance to Kate and Korey, Ella Moon's parents. Ella is still recovering in hospital where she has been since late last year. If you are able to donate any goods please contact me. We have some garage space to store goods in beforehand. We are intending to hold the garage sale mid to late NOVEMBER, (depending on the weather and how much stuff we have), at my house. 68 Fitzgerald st. (off Mort St) North Katoomba.

Tracy Barrett.

47829946 or [fwacy@yahoo.com.au](mailto:fwacy@yahoo.com.au)

### An important message from the Safety Committee

Our driveway is narrow and steep but also TWO WAY. Please keep to the left.

### TRAIN SUPERVISION 29<sup>TH</sup> OCT AND 1<sup>ST</sup> NOV

Please note that Keith will be replaced as train supervisor on the above dates from Lawson to Katoomba by an ex-parent of ours, Satneeta. Satneeta has acted as train supervisor for us on previous occasion. She will be fully informed of our procedures. It will help your children if you remind them that they will be supervised by Satneeta and that they are, of course, expected to be co-operative and courteous.  
(Nancy)



Another snake? Or Noah's staff?

### Bob's farewell – bring a plate.

Bob Tucker's farewell on Sat Nov 27<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm will be a bring-a-plate event. Finger food on the plate would be great – preferably finger food. Please spread the word amongst ex-students. Many have already notified us via facebook that they will be attending. We hope to have ex-students from every graduating year represented.

### TEXTBOOK TRADING

Core Science book 1, 2nd edition  
core science book 2, 2nd edition  
My girrangundji, Meme McDondald and Boori Pryor  
Maths Quest 7 (NSW edition) with CD  
Equipe Nouvelle 1 : text book

*Kate and Stephen Phillips*  
0403 114 393 / 0414 339 300

I am wanting to buy 2nd hand year 8 texts:  
Maths Quest 8 for NSW(with CD Rom)  
Hitlers Daughter  
Hanas Suitcase  
The Diary of Anne Frank  
Lara Francipane

Lesley Kinney  
[lesleykinney@gmail.com](mailto:lesleykinney@gmail.com)  
Phone 47822421  
All year 7 texts required

## CONNECTIONS: Community activities and links

UWS Day Penrith Campus

Wednesday 3rd November at 10am to 2pm.

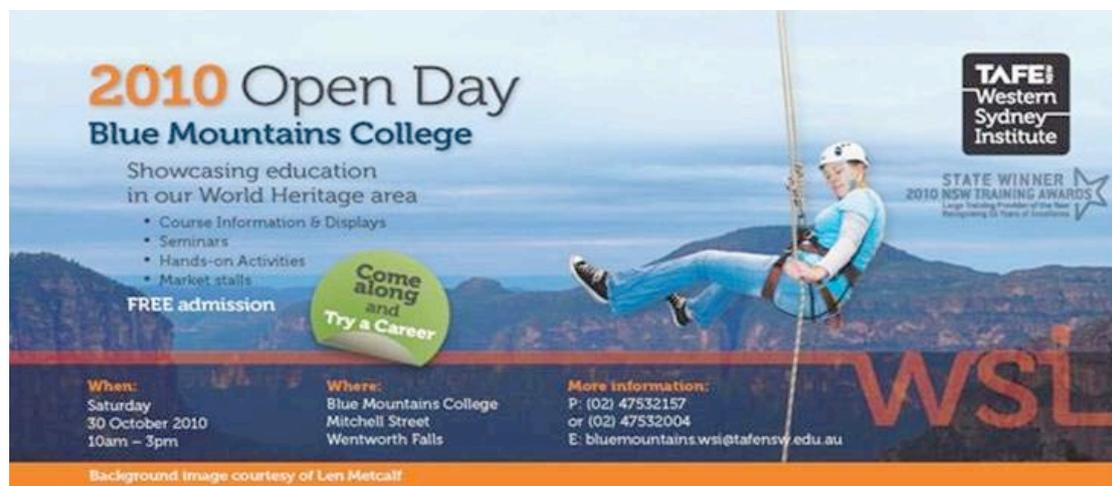
UWS Day offers a range of workshops, lectures and interactive activities that have been designed to help senior high school students prepare for their course and career journey.

The event is most useful for students seriously considering tertiary study, as it enables them to develop an understanding of their skills and abilities, and build a pathway to their study and career goals. UWS Day also provides a range of opportunities to explore student exchange, scholarships and leadership programs.

A complete list of workshops is available on the UWS Day website,

[www.uws.edu.au/uwsday](http://www.uws.edu.au/uwsday)

If you require further information, please contact Allison Slade on 02 96787515 or [a.slade@uws.edu.au](mailto:a.slade@uws.edu.au)



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**Where:**  
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