



NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR 2010	
8 December	Tabloid sports K - 6
Wed 8 December	End of year celebration Food from 6 pm Singing 7 pm
Thu 9 December	Last day term 4 for high school
Fri 10 December Finish 1.20pm	Last day term for primary school
CALENDAR 2011	
27 and 28 January	Staff development days
Friday 28 th January	Term 1 begins, Pathways students only.
Monday 31 st January	Term 1 begins, years 1 - 10
Thursday 3 rd February	Term 1 begins, kindergarten.
Friday 8 th April.	Last day of term 1.
Wednesday 27 th April	Term 2 begins
Friday 24 th June	Last day term 2
Tuesday 19 th July	Term 3 begins
Friday 12 th August	No classes – staff development day
Saturday 13 th August	Open Day
Friday 23 rd September	Term 3 ends
Monday 10 th October	Term 4 begins
Thurs 20 th and Friday 21 st October	No classes for high school High school staff development days
Thursday 8 th December	Term 4 ends
Friday 9 th December	Staff development day

There will be NO CANTEEN this Friday

FROM THE CO-ORDINATOR

The end of the year brings a mixture of sadness and joy. We will bid farewell to long serving and cherished members of staff, those who travelled with us through the relocation and who have served the school through their energy and endeavours for many years.

We cannot be the school we are without teachers who are capable and prepared to work within our principles and values. The replacement of our leaving teaching staff is a process we undergo with great care and consideration – this is one of the privileges of an independent school.

We believe we have recruited new teachers who will bring a fresh perspective that will allow our school to continue on its own path, as it has done since our foundation in 1978.

Our sadness of course is that we lose the experience and wisdom of dear colleagues, and our joy is with the opportunity that change brings.

The year has also been exceptionally busy with capital projects and my special thanks to Pieter Oosterhoff who designed and installed our cosy heating system.

I look forward to the new hall and classrooms next year and the continuing development of the amenity of the school site.

Our School Council has continued to work towards the development of a sustainable business model and I thank the directors for their efforts. I acknowledge the role of the Chair of our Council, Rosemary Dillon for her management of the Council's business during a period of time requiring attention to process and detail.

Our non-teaching staff are crucial to the functioning of our school and deserve special acknowledgement – our office staff, bursar and book-keeper, our transport supervisors/ maintenance officers, our gardeners, and our kitchen supervisor. They enrich our community enormously.

I would also like to thank our parents and students who have continued to support the school throughout the year. I am particularly pleased that our enrolments continue to increase, and I know that our existing community plays a vital role in bringing new families to the school.

Finally I acknowledge the support I received from my Executive colleagues in the management of the school and lastly my gratitude to Annie Carment for her phenomenal engagement in the life of the school.

Mark Thomas

School Co-ordinator.

END OF YEAR CELEBRATION THIS WEDNESDAY 6PM

Everyone is invited to our end of year celebration this Wednesday Dec 8th. Food will be on sale from 6 pm (sausage sandwiches, sushi and fruit). Singing will begin in the hall at 7pm and should finish by 8pm. Primary students have prepared a song and we encourage them all to come along to sing it. Year 9/10 music students will perform two songs. The “Lunchtime Legends” (parents, teachers and students) will perform a few songs and will be joined by some high school musicians. There will be an eclectic selection of songs on offer for our community sing-along. All voices are welcome and appreciated – including yours!

Our newly appointed teachers for 2011 have been invited, so this is an opportunity to meet them.

If you can help with food serving or preparation please contact Annie on acarment@bigpond.net.au or 0431352022.

LUNCHTIME LEGENDS

Please be in the hall at 5.30 on Wednesday for a final run-through.

FAREWELL

- To Kathi (library), who is leaving us due to serious illness. Our thoughts are with Kathi and her family.
- To Mary-anne (K/1/2) who is embarking on a European adventure.
- To Jennifer (K/1/2) who is committing her time to post graduate study.
- To Catherine (English/ French), who is completing a very long teaching career but who is planning to remain involved with Korowal in a DIFFERENT capacity in 2011.
- To Bob, who is retiring after 25 years.

And to the mothers-to-be:

- Vanessa (3/4/5), whose baby is due in February
- Talulah (class 6) whose baby is due in March
- Carradine (gardener) whose baby is due later in March

- Heather (book-keeper) whose baby is due in April.
Was there something in the water???

WELCOME

New Primary Teachers for 2011

We have finalised the appointment of our new teaching staff for 2011. We are extremely pleased with the calibre of these teachers and the variety of skills that they bring with them.

We asked each of the new teachers to write an introduction and have included these below.

• **Sarah McGowan** will replace Mary-Ann as a full time teacher with the K/1/2 class.

She has several years' experience teaching across a range of primary classes and is currently working as a support teacher.

Sarah grew up in the Blue Mountains, attended Charles Sturt University and was conferred with a Bachelor of Education (primary) in 2007. Sarah chose a career in teaching because of her love of working with children and her desire to make a positive difference to people's lives. She has had teaching experience in a variety of settings and is currently working in Lithgow. Sarah is looking forward to teaching in the school that she always wanted to attend as a child and she brings with her experience, enthusiasm, a love a bushwalking, music and art.

• **Kirrily Boyd** will replace Yvonne and Vanessa as a full time teacher in the 3/4/5 class. Before qualifying as a teacher, Kirrily worked as an instructor for Outward Bound.

My name is Kirrily Boyd and some of my biggest passions in life are: education, nature, climbing mountains, kicking the footy and white jellybeans!

I have been a teacher at a small, human-centered, progressive community school in Canberra for the last three years. I am looking for a new teaching challenge and an exciting change of location to Korowal and the Blue Mountains in 2011.

I also have two years experience teaching in a very unique classroom – The Great Outdoors. Before embarking on a teaching career, I worked with children of all ages on overnight, wilderness-based learning journeys with Outward Bound Australia. I love nothing more than packing my rucksack, pitching my tent and getting amongst nature.

I look forward to sharing some of my passions with the community of Korowal School next year.

• **Bec Wilkinson** will replace Jennifer two days a week in the K/1/2 class.

She offers interest and skills in science, environmentalism, art, craft and music.

Bec is a passionate and caring primary teacher. She has worked for a year at Kindlehill School, after completing her Master of Teaching in 2009. She has come to primary teaching after working in Environmental Education and raising two children through their early years. Her science degree and continuing love for the natural world provides inspiration and knowledge for teaching.

Bec will be building her family's home while working two days a week with K/1/2.

• **Yvonne** will move from the 3,4,5 class to class 6 next year, which she will share with **Louise Dungate**. Some parents may already know Louise, who has worked with us for the last 2 years as a student support teacher. Louise is an experienced teacher who is looking forward to this opportunity to work with us as a classroom teacher. She will continue with her support work.

Louise will return to her current position when Talulah returns from maternity leave.

• Most of the children in K,1,2 have already met Sarah. She was able to spend the day

with us last Wednesday when next year's Kindies came for their orientation. Kirrily visited us last Friday and Bec came to the K,1,2 concert.

We warmly welcome them to our Korowal community.

Still to come

We have advertised for a **teachers' aide** to assist in K/1/2. This is a new position. We will continue to employ Jill and Helen, our current aides.

New High School teachers for 2011.

Greg Brooks. Greg will teach HSIE and Ancient History. He became a teacher after two successful careers: in the publishing industry, and as a full time parent. He is insightful, passionate and inspiring.

Maria Bubna-Litic. Maria will teach French to junior high school. She has a master of Arts in French and Italian and has taught French in several schools.

English. We are in the process of contacting the successful applicant for our high school English position.

SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS

Everyone should have received their photos. If you have any queries about the photographs, or would like further copies, please contact Annabel Cliff directly on 0406 933 315 or by email at annabelhc@gmail.com,

DURING THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

- Our K/1/2 classrooms will be extended. If you can help the teachers to reassemble the rooms during the last week of holidays, please contact Nancy.
- Work on our hall will begin. We hope that the project will be completed next March.
- If you can help in the vegie garden during the summer, please contact Annie on acarment@bigoin.net.au or 0431352022. All that's required is.... weeding, digging, planting, staking, and (hopefully) eating. This is your chance to add your special touch to the garden!

PRIMARY NEWS

K,1,2 Concert and Picnic

On Saturday, 27th November, the K,1,2 children held a concert for their parents. This consisted of just some of the songs and poems that they have learned over the year, plus a special performance of the musical version of The little Red Hen, learned this term specifically for the concert. The children were fantastic - how I envy them their memories! It was lovely to see so many family members and to be able to share such a happy occasion with them.

Class 6 Formal

On Saturday 4th December the class 6 children performed for their parents and then celebrated their graduation with their families by sharing a delicious buffet style dinner. The evening's celebrations were rounded off with a special disco. The quality of the children's music was wonderful and it certainly made me feel very proud to see and hear how well the children sang and played together. Well done Class 6 and Talulah.

Noah's Ark

Class 3/4/5's performance of Noah's Ark was sensational. Every child was actively involved. They acted, sang, danced, drummed, and played recorder or guitar with enthusiasm and skill. Apart from the beard-catching-in-the-hair incident, the whole production went like clockwork.

For those who use facebook, an album of photos from the production will be posted this week.



Noah's children

Collection of school work and reports

Please remember to collect your children's work by Friday lunch time at the latest. We need to empty the classrooms around the courtyard in preparation for the building of the extension over the holiday period. We will be able to clear the rooms on Friday but will need help to reset them before school begins next term. If you will be around in the last week and will be able to help, please email me and I will contact you when help is needed. Thank you

Nancy

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Drowning in The Flood

CALLING ALL BOOKS!!!

This year we did a stock take on the non-fiction books and the senior fiction sections of the library. In addition to the books which are still out on loan (please return these as soon as possible), the following books are missing. Could you please check your shelves, cupboards, bags, etc. and see if any can be found.

Thanks so much.

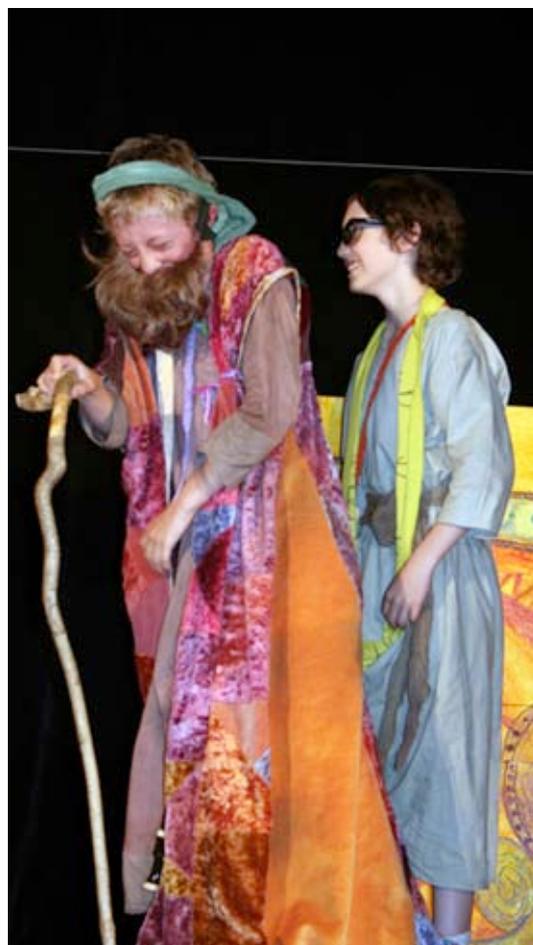
Pam & Kathi

Title & Author

- Amazing eye tricks: you won't believe your eyes Priester, Gary
- Teenagers and stress Saunders, Charmaine
- The king of the Jews Robinson, Alan
- Mythology: the gods, heroes and monsters of Ancient Greece Evans, Hestia Koran
- On the edge Gott, Robert
- Girl stuff: your full on guide to the teen years Cooke, Kaz
- Girls talk Pallotta-Chiaro, Maria
- Campaigners for change Rosemary Moore
- Aboriginal ex-servicemen of central Australia Bray, George
- A navy for Australia Evans, Alun
- Life behind bars Korn, Neer
- Dr. Ernest Drake's dragonology: bringing up baby dragons: the complete guide
- Gogo fish!: the story of the Western Australian state fossil emblem Long, John
- The first humans Thomas, Herbert
- Caring for Australian wildlife: the management of sick, injured and orphaned native animals Sauvarin, Martin
- Frogs and reptiles of the Sydney region Griffiths, Ken
- Australian snakes: A natural history Shine, Richard
- The life of birds Attenborough, Richard
- The new way things work Macauley, David
- Where did I come from? Robins, Arthur
- Mega rescuers
- What makes a car go? Tahta, Sophy
- Deadly invasions Dahlenburg, John
- Food, nutrition and people Fraser, Pauline
- Cosmetics Sutton, Lorraine
- The shock of the new Hughes, Robert
- Modern art Britt, David
- Tintin
- The best of Hagar Browne, Dik
- Garfield, let's party Davis, Jim

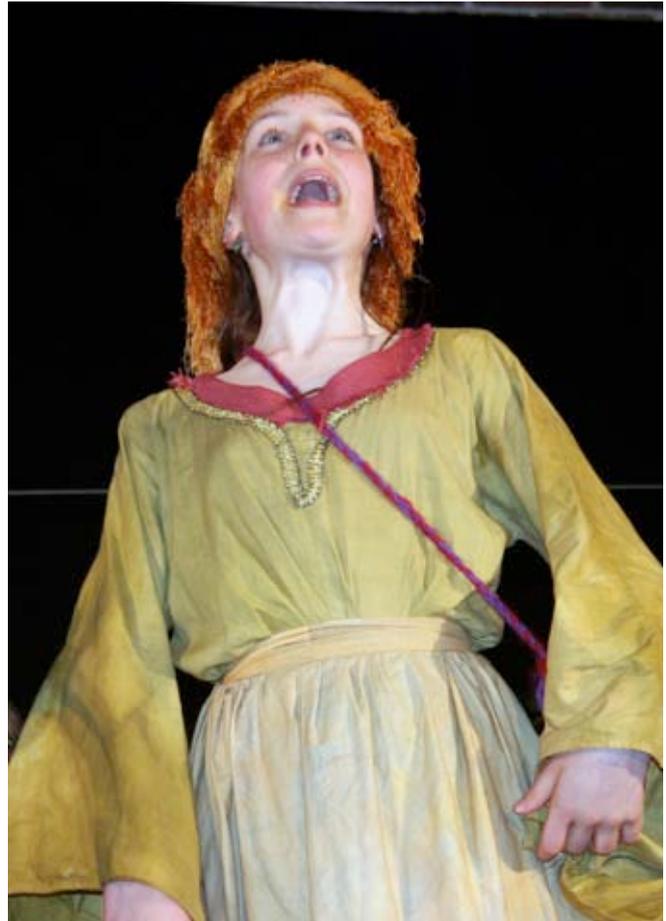


God and her angels



Noah himself

- How to draw monstas! O'Brien, Mark
- Let's make presents ChallonerJack
- Lots of things to make Golden Hands
- Make your own dinosaur world Moyes Doreen
- Animals and birds Temko, Florence
- Planes and other flying things Temko, Florence
- Creative fun with plastic bottles Neaves, Sarah-Jane
- Woollen dolls Banier, Madeleine
- Toys and games for rainy days Lindsay, Hilarie
- How to draw and paint pets Craig, Diana
- Leonardo da Vinci Stanley Diane
- Damien Parer Fusillo, Archimed
- Cirque du soleil Vial Veronique
- The story of Gallipoli Williamson, David
- The state of drama study Styan, J.L.
- The art & technology of make-up Swane, Dawn
- Kites Newnham, Jack
- Football Gifford, Clive
- The elements of playwriting Catron, Louis E
- Taking the initiative: a guide to debating and public speaking
- Audition speeches for young actors



Noah's wife finds it all a bit much

- 16+ Marlow, Jean
- Dumb jokes for smart kids
- Toy Story 2 Joke book
- 1001 more cool jokes
- The portable Blake Blake, William
- Rhyme stew Dahl, Roald
- Dirty beasts Dahl, Roald
- The life and times of William Shakespeare
- A study guide to William Shakespeare's Macbeth
- Hamlet
- My year Dahl, Roald
- Echo Point and the Three Sisters
- The Roman Empire Steele, Philip
- Recollections of the 1914-1918 war Evans, G.V.
- The woeful second world war Brown, Martin
- The Russian revolution: Tsarism to Bolshevism Japan Baines, John
- The Farseekers Carmody, Isabelle
- American dreams Carey, Peter
- Stolen Christopher, Lucy
- City of bones Clare, Cassandra
- Congo Crichton, Michael
- The extraordinary cases of Sherlock Holmes Doyle, Arthur Conan
- Backstreets Hood, Robert
- Brave new world Huxley, Aldous
- Skulduggery Pleasant Landy, Derek
- The earthsea trilogy LeGuin, Ursula
- The Aquitaine progression Ludlum, Robert
- Dragonflight McCaffrey, Anne
- Jarvis 24 Metzenthien, David
- Maximum security Muchamore, Robert
- White Fox Paulsen, Gary
- The butterfly tattoo Pullman, Philip
- A sparrow falls Smith, Wilbur

BASKETBALL SPONSOR REQUIRED

As a result of our recent participation in the annual Basketball Gala Day, Korowal now has two teams in the Blue Mountains Basket Ball Associations Saturday competition.

Our girls' team is called Cats and the boys' team is called Claw. The children who participate range from years one to five. All of our coaches are volunteers who love the game.

We are currently looking for a local business who would be willing to sponsor one or both of the teams so that we can purchase uniforms. The prices of the uniforms will vary depending on which ones we choose and the type of information the sponsor wishes to print on them. They range from \$25.00 to \$40.00 each and so far we have 20 children on the teams. (This number does appear to be rising each week)

This is a wonderful opportunity to support our school and our children playing sport. If you are interested please speak with or email Amanda Bartels. (3,4,5 class teacher)
abartels@korowal.nsw.edu.au



Multi-tasking: the band/ animals

FUND RAISING FOR ELLA'S FAMILY

The garage sale was very successful. Many thanks to Tracey and family, to Margit, Jane Gilling, and to everyone else who helped with the garage sale. The sale raised in excess of \$1,000.

A basket for luxury hamper items for Ellas' family is in the front office. Donations are welcome. We hope for a much happier 2011 for Ella, who has spent the whole of 2010 in hospital.

BOB'S FAREWELL

The event was attended by a very large crowd of current and past families and teaching staff, who enjoyed the opportunity to reconnect. For many it was their first chance to see Korowal's "new" location. Year 10 students performed a brilliant self-devised poem in the form of a Greek tragedy. Bob's fellow staff presented him with a poignant Irish song in four-part harmony.

Some quotes from Bob before he rides off into the sunset.....

- “Life isn’t a race. Kids shouldn’t be fast tracked. The HSC is a little blip in life.”
- “Students should never be told they are good enough to go to an opportunity class or not good enough. Students who want high marks will get them wherever they are. They don’t need to be put into hot houses.”
- “Students understand quality. In the end, you know when you’ve done something really well. You don’t have to be told, or have it measured”.

REUNION

We are planning a Korowal reunion, mainly for students who were in our year (Kindy 1980-HSC 1992, Bob Tucker was our class teacher), and our teachers, but open to those who were in other classes at Korowal during these years. Below is a link to the facebook event listing:

http://www.facebook.com/event.php?eid=108158455893304&num_event_invites=0

Rosemary Jones (nee Weissflog)

THANKYOU JAKEMAN’S

Many thanks to Jakemans’ Art Supplies in Wentworth Falls for their assistance with mounting and framing our school photo for the SKSN project. Special thanks go to Andrew and Sandra Jakeman, and Geoff for doing the calligraphy on our school gift.

CONNECTIONS: Community activities and links

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JANUARY 2011 SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES

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- **FUN ELECTRICITY** (3 hours) 5 - 8yrs **\$24**
Make circuits that operate lights and buzzers. Lots of hands-on educational fun. Look at blowing fuses and other surprising activities.
- **WATER SCIENCE** (3 hours) 5 - 11yrs **\$24**
Look at science activities involving water. Make a plaster cast of your hand, launch a water rocket and lots more. Fun, educational playing.
- **SLIME MAKING** (3 hours) 5 - 11yrs **\$24**
A fun time making and playing with different types of slime and take home what you make to show your family and friends.
- **EASY CHEMISTRY** (3 Hours) 8 - 13 yrs **\$24**
Demonstrations and hands-on experiments with real chemicals using real test tubes. Make smells, rubber, burn steel, invisible ink & more.
- **SCIENCE MAGIC** (3 Hours) 5 - 11yrs **\$24**
Make your own tricks and look at demonstrations of magic using science principles with everyday materials. Everything is explained so you can surprise your family & friends.

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TICKETS: CHILD \$10 ADULTS \$15 FAMILY / 4 \$40

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