



KOROWAL SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Cabaret rehearsals are in full swing

CALENDAR 2011

When	Where	What
Thurs 9th and Fri 10th June		HSC half yearly exams
Thu 16th (7pm) , Fri 17th (7 pm) , Sun 19th (2 pm) June	Hall	High School Cabaret
Sat 18th June, 10.30 - 11.30am	Winter Magic Festival, Katoomba Roundabout Stage	Cabaret performance.
Fri 24th, June		Last day term 2
Tues 19th July		Term 3 begins
Fri 12th August		No classes for primary.
Sat 13th August		Open Day
Fri 23rd Sep		Last day term 3
Mon 10th October		Term 4 begins
Thurs 20th and Fri 21st October		No high school classes High school staff development
Thurs 8th Dec		Last day term 4
Fri 9th Dec		Staff development day

The Korowal Newsletter

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Vale Kathi Beck

It is with great sadness that we inform all of our community that Kathi Beck died on Monday 23rd May. This is a significant loss to our community, and we pass on our deepest sympathies to Rob, William, Jeremy and Amy.

Kathi has been an integral member of the Korowal community since her eldest son, William, enrolled in Kindergarten in 1993. Her second son, Jeremy is also a Korowal graduate and her daughter, Amy, is currently in year 4. Kathi helped to pull the library out of the ashes when it was burnt to the ground in our previous Leura site. She proved herself indispensable and accepted a position as part-time librarian with us. Having gained such experience at design and lay-out of a library, she was actively involved in the establishment of our Library here at Hazelbrook. She packed and unpacked thousands of books and shifted shelves from one position to another until the optimum arrangement was achieved. To say that she knew every book in the library is not an exaggeration.

Kathi was passionate about books, reading and the education of children with special needs. She volunteered to organise and supervise a chess club for primary students, participating in inter-school competitions. Whatever she did, she did to the highest possible standard yet continued to strive for perfection. She gave generously of her time, energy and skills.

Kathi received so many visitors in her final weeks that it became obvious that the Lutheran Church, of which she was a member, would not be big enough to accommodate all those wishing to attend her Memorial. We were honoured and delighted to receive a request from Rob to hold Kathi's Memorial Service at Korowal. It immediately seemed a fitting way to honour Kathi and acknowledge her contribution, both as a parent and colleague, to our community. Who would have thought that farewelling Kathi would have been the first use of our beautiful new multi-purpose hall, seating over 200 guests?

For those of us who were present, it was a most appropriate venue, serene and arresting.

We wish to thank all of you for the support and sympathy you showed during this time. There were so many ways in which you helped us, be it keeping your child home for Friday, collecting him/her/them early on Friday, missing drama, sending in donations either for the afternoon tea or the collection for the Down Syndrome Association, cleaning and setting up the halls, kitchen, serving afternoon tea, washing up, singing, carrying on with lessons as per normal (either as a teacher or student) or being with us in your thoughts. It was an example of community at its best. Thank you.

Many parents have suggested that we plant a tree for Kathi, or have a reading bench or a memorial garden. I have already received an offer from a parent to co-ordinate the establishment of a memorial garden, with a plaque. This offer will be accepted and we will proceed with this, hopefully incorporating a plaque or tiles made by the students. Kathi deserves to be remembered.

CABARET

Rehearsals

At recess and lunchtimes students can be found dancing, singing, playing music or clowning about with purpose. With the Cabaret only two weeks away at the time of writing this, there is a lot of creative energy and fabulous participation from about 75% of high school students. Tickets to the cabaret are selling fast for Thursday 16th, Friday 17th and Sunday 19th June. Let us entertain you!

Currently, rehearsals are being held after school as well as on Saturdays, and will soon move to whole group sessions on Sunday and Monday of the long weekend. This Thursday and Friday, Kim and Barb will see all of the acts, and subsequently, draw up a running order. Once that is together we will know which acts fall into both the first and second half. Rehearsals for Act 1 events will be called for Sunday 12th and Act 2 for Monday 13th. Some students may be required for both days, but it is worth the effort.

Winter Magic Festival

On Saturday 18th June, Korowal students will be performing on the top roundabout stage at Katoomba from 10.30-11.20 (approximately). As we cannot accommodate the whole of the cabaret events, we will be selecting the acts based on the availability of students, variety, and acts which transfer readily to an open stage. This will be finalised closer to the day.

(Barb)

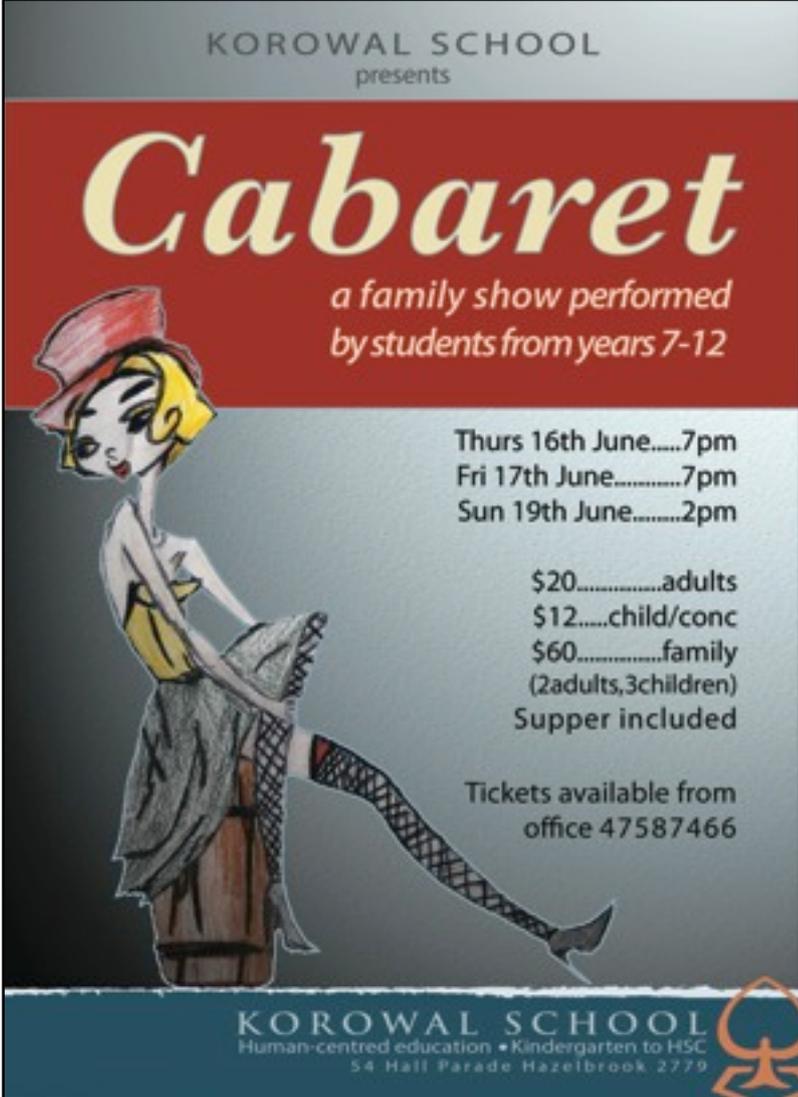
Other HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Mathletics

Mathletics has arrived in the high school. Students from years 7-10 have been enrolled in this computer maths program which may be used in the classroom and at home. It offers interactive skill building activities and enables each student to progress through the stages at their own rate. Since its introduction this week, Pam reports that the computers are running hot with players whenever there is a spare minute.

Proof of Age Card

Students in the high school wanting a student proof of age/ID card, these are available through the RTA. The card from RTA will be accepted as a formal student identity for all proof of age documents, ie passport, Austudy etc.it costs \$45.00.



KOROWAL SCHOOL
presents

Cabaret

*a family show performed
by students from years 7-12*

Thurs 16th June.....7pm
Fri 17th June.....7pm
Sun 19th June.....2pm

\$20.....adults
\$12.....child/conc
\$60.....family
(2adults,3children)
Supper included

Tickets available from
office 47587466

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The Korowal Families' SURVEY

We have constructed a survey to find out important information about Korowal families - demographics, how and why you chose Korowal, how your family makes decisions about schools, etc. This information is essential for our marketing and future planning.

Filling out the survey will take approximately five minutes. We urge you to find this time, so that the information we gather is as accurate as possible.

The survey is submitted online and is powered and analysed by an independent organisation, Survey Monkey. Results will be analysed and sent to us as aggregates. There will be no record of email addresses. We will not connect any response with any individual family. To open the survey, please click this link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/KOROWAL>

Thank you,
Mark Thomas
(on behalf of the School Council and the Marketing Committee)

PRIMARY NEWS

Interviews

We are now holding our parent teacher interviews. We really look forward to this annual event. If you have not yet had your interview, you may find the following information useful:

Your interview will last for no more than 20 minutes. If “extra time” is needed, we will happily make another appointment. As we have back to back appointments, with some parents going from one teacher to another, it is essential that we are all punctual.

If you are attending an “after dark” appointment, you may wish to drive to the back of the school and park close to the primary school buildings. Torches are recommended.

Please contact your class teacher if you have not yet been able to make a time.

(Nancy)

Years 3/4/5 Egyptologists

On a recent excursion to Macquarie University, students from Years 3/4/5 celebrated the end of an exciting, hands- on Ancient Egypt Main Lesson. Students had opportunities to walk and play in the grounds of a real University – quite awe inspiring for some of the youngest in the class in particular.

We also participated in an interactive slideshow with many images of the River Nile, The Valley of the Kings, The Great Pyramids, inside numerous tombs and photos on-site from Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamen's tomb in 1922.

The hands-on part of the excursion involved looking at, touching and interpreting some 3000 year old 'shabti' (tomb ornaments) and even touching a 2300 year old milk bottle!

Macquarie University's Ancient Cultures Museum consisted of hundreds of Ancient Egyptian artefacts and even a real 3000 year old mummy. Seeing the mummy was definitely a highlight for all!

(Kizz)



Congratulations!

Recently two of our students, Emma & Jack Bonwick took part in the 'Enchanted Postcard Contest' and both won a prize. There were 900 entrants world wide. Congratulations Jack & Emma.

Reconciliation Challenge Presentation

Classes 5 and 6 were proudly represented by these four students (whose names were drawn out of a hat) at the presentation for their winning group art work (pictured) at the Australian Museum on Friday 27th May.

