

KOROWAL SCHOOL

Newsletter



CALENDAR 2011

When	Where	What
Wed 7th September		AFL skills for primary
7th - 9th September		HSC trials
14th and 15th September	Hall and Music Rooms	HSC music examiners
Fri 16th September		Teddy Bears' Picnic
Fri 23rd September	Hall	Final year students' farewell assembly
Fri 23rd Sep		Last day term 3
Mon 10th October		Term 4 begins
Mon 10th October		Enrolments close for Pathways 2012
Thurs 20th and Fri 21st October		No high school classes High school staff development
11th November	Carrington Hotel Katoomba	Formal for final year students.
Thurs 8th Dec		Last day term 4
Fri 9th Dec		Staff development day

Food Matters

Canteen

(Monday - Thursday)

We would like to thank Paula Harvisson and Amber Gaston for working in the school canteen this term. They have managed magnificently and appreciate the volunteer help that they have received.

Trish is on leave for the remainder of this year, so Amber and Paula will be increasing their hours to fulfil the tasks that Trish was previously undertaking .

We are still looking for volunteers; your help is appreciated and we really need a back up list for emergencies.

Please note that **if you are rostered to help in the canteen and can't make it**, the sooner you let us know the better. Letting Paula know the evening before or by 8am at the latest is really appreciated.

Please phone Paula if you are volunteering, or not able to make your rostered time. Her number is: 0416 227 960.

Sausage Sizzle

(Friday)

As you may be aware, the sausage sizzle has been successfully running for the last few weeks, co-ordinated by Paula. As of this week **Ken Evans will be taking over this role. He will, of course, need helpers.** The sausages are \$3 and juice \$1.50. Having the correct change is also really helpful. The only orders that are taken are for the children who catch the train home or attend the PS drama classes.

Parents are welcome to buy sausages and picnic on the grass.

Fun Run

This was a delightful event, It was fantastic to have so many parents with us, either as spectators or participants. Nearly all students from Kindergarten to Year 10 participated with enthusiasm and a sense of fun. We want to thank the students for entering into the spirit of the event by dressing up, participating, wearing hats!!!! and raising awareness of the famine. The high school students decided to donate their sponsorship money to the famine in Somalia, and so far they have raised around \$1000.

Special mention goes to Kizz for taking on the organisation of this event in this her first year at Korowal!



Author Visit

Author & illustrator Colin Thompson has created more than sixty children's books since he began in 1990. His work is much loved by both children & adults & has won many awards, including the Children's Book Council of Australia's Picture Book of the Year. He has also been shortlisted for many others, including the Astrid Lindgren Award, the most prestigious children's book prize in the world. Colin's work is highly detailed, whimsical & creative. Next Wednesday students from years 3 – 8 will be listening to Colin talk about his life as an author and be introduced to his new books.

Many of his novels & picture books will be available for purchase on the day of his visit & students will have the opportunity for the author to sign their copies.

These books will be available:
(picture books unless otherwise marked):

Barry hb new \$25
Big little book of Happy Sadness pb \$15
Bicycle new hb \$28
Castles pb \$18
Dragons series of novels (bks 1-3) pb \$15 ea
Falling Angels pb \$18
Floods series of novels (bks 1-10) pb \$15 ea
Floods Family Files pb \$15
Free to a Good Home pb \$15
How to Live Forever pb \$16
Last Alchemist pb \$18
Looking for Atlantis pb \$17
Naughty Corner hb new \$25
Paradise Garden pb \$18
Pictures of Home pb \$18
Ruby pb \$18
Short & Incredibly Happy Life of Riley pb \$17
Violin Man pb \$17
Tower to the Sun pb \$18



High School News

Sights and Sounds

The HSC Art and Music students had a showing of their works titled 'Sights and Sounds' last Thursday evening. The range was diverse and we were thoroughly entertained. Again we were witness to the great talents that our students have. The Music students performed one of the pieces from the selection which they will submit for their HSC, and the Art Exhibition displayed the HSC 'Bodies of Work'.

It is a tribute to their teachers that the students' works are so diverse, and we wish to thank Kim, Kath and Andrew for their guidance and facilitation.

Trial HSC exams will be this Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

We wish Pathways well. This week you may see 'quiet exams' signs around the school as Pathways students sit their Trial HSC exams. All Year 11 and Year 12 students will sit the HSC exams for this cycle of subjects from October until early in November.

HSC Music Exams

The HSC Music Examiners will be visiting us on the 14th and 15th of September. There are 18 music students. This is the biggest cohort we have had sitting HSC music, so the examiners will be with us for quite a while. We greatly appreciate your awareness of this. Remembering to keep clear of the new hall and music areas will help the students to bring focus and avoid disruption.

Farewell Year 12

On Friday, September 23rd Year 12 students will be honoured at their final Farewell Assembly, and we wish to invite their family and friends to attend this very special event. It will be held in the new hall from 11.30am.

Once again it is time to say goodbye. As we reflect upon each individual in our graduating group of students, we are proud of who they are and what they will bring to the adult world. We will all miss them.

Reading week.

Samm Battye and Emma Barrett, in year 10, were invited to participate in the local reading events co-ordinated by Megalong Books. Samm became Billy Booksie for the day, a big and beautiful blue mascot for reading. Emma was her minder and read books to preschool students while Billy listened. They traveled around to preschools on the Big Red Bus. It is reported that Billy hugged over 100 children that morning.

Samm and Emma were extraordinary in their interactions with the kids, and we wish to thank them for their delightful playfulness and participation in this significant event.

Primary School News

Basketball Gala Day

Katoomba Sports and Leisure Centre hosted a primary school basketball gala day last Wednesday. Korowal students entered 4 teams in this competition.

Huge congratulations to all four teams. Year 3/4 girls, year 3/4 boys, year 5/6 girls and year 5/6 boys all won enough games throughout the day to progress into the finals.

More congratulations also to the members of the Year 3/4 girls team who remained undefeated and won the grand final in their division.

Lots of fun was had by all and Korowal certainly had the biggest cheer squad! Thanks to all the parents and friends who came along and offered their support.

Quote of the day (from Sarah Dowdall):
"I shot my first ever basket! I thought I was dreaming, then I realised I couldn't be because I was sweating!"



Year 3.4 girls - Grand Final winners

World Vision

For the last 11 years children from our primary school have contributed towards the sponsorship of Vaishali Vinod's community in Chennai, India. Key areas of change over these eleven years include improved sanitation, improved school facilities and an increase in vocational training in fields such as tailoring and business management. The work with Vaishali's community has now been brought to a close and our sponsorship is no longer required.

We will not be taking on a new sponsorship. We intend to direct our community support elsewhere, including developing our relationship with our friendship school in Manumera in East Timor.

We continue to support Luis Langa in Mozambique through World Vision Australia. Gold coin donations may be given to class teachers on Fridays. Thank you.

Pinwheels For Peace

On Wednesday 21st September students will be participating in the Pinwheels for Peace project. The following is taken from their website:

Imagine... millions of pinwheels spinning in the wind – pinwheels in the United States, Great Britain, South America, Australia, the Middle East, Canada, Africa, Europe and Asia; pinwheels all over the world! – big pinwheels, small pinwheels; pinwheels of all shapes and sizes – colorful pinwheels, decorated with drawings, paintings, collages, photographs – pinwheels with words of peace and harmony written on them – fields of pinwheels, pinwheels along roadsides, in schoolyards, in parks, pinwheels EVERYWHERE!

We are hoping to make at least 100 pinwheels which we will place in a prominent position to be admired by all.

If you have any corks, we'd appreciate them....

(Nancy)

The Korowal Newsletter

is assembled and edited by Annie Carment, who can be contacted at acarment@bigpond.net.au or on 0431352022.

It is published every fortnight during term time.

More student testimonials

Students were asked two open-ended questions.

1) What do like best about Korowal?

2) If you have been to other schools, how is Korowal different from these schools?

Year 8

“Korowal also listens to each student like they’re the Prime Minister.”

“Everyone is so much more relaxed and caring and they really are interested in how you are feeling rather than what’s on the surface...You get to work independently much more often. The teachers encourage your creativity much more.”

“It’s a very caring school and no one is left behind.”

“The general vibe of the school is very warming. It is not a religious school, but it is very tolerating of any and all people. Korowal has the highest quality of education, and yet it is so friendly and welcoming and I absolutely love it.”

“You can be who you are and there isn’t anyone who holds you back to reach your full potential.”

“I like that people don’t judge each other. All the people in my class get along. The teachers help kids individually if they need help.”

“Everybody is welcoming to new students.”

“Everyone is so caring. Like you can leave the class when you need time out, and the teachers don’t yell all the time.”

Year 7

“The creative arts at this school are good and are valued very much. Everybody here is treated like an equal.”

“The lessons are really fun to do, the people are really kind and the teachers are understanding”

“It is one big community/family. The teachers are nice and treat everyone equally. “

“The quality between students and teachers is cool. The lack of bullies is great. With activities like cabaret it really builds my confidence!”

“Peers and students won’t judge you on beliefs or choices. Everyone can learn at their own pace.”

“The way the school works is wonderful. Everyone is kind and connected. You can be yourself.”

“It is great how the years can communicate instead of being separated. I love Korowal! It also makes me have more confidence.”

Class 6

“You are taught to bring out your full personalities in a good way.”

“If you are stuck or having difficulty with your work they slow down and help you. I like how that you can express your individuality without getting teased. “

“We have relationships with teachers and we can talk to anyone. Everyone knows everyone somehow. We can express ourselves in different ways and teachers support “change.

Class 3 & 4

“You don’t get in trouble for lots of things.”

“I like the way they teach the singing and the way you wear your clothes.”

“I like that we get the bush for a playground.”

“It is more gentle and you get a bit more times with the teacher when I need help as well I love my teachers”

“The classes are hard and I like hard.”

CONNECTIONS

AAPAE Conference 2011

relevance renewal reality relationships

Friday 30 September - Sunday 2 October

Celebrate 10 Years of the Australasian Association
for Progressive and Alternative Education with a
weekend conference at Currumbena School.

Session Leaders include...

Boori Monty Pryor, Author and Educator

Cecelia Bradley, President of AAPAE and Master Cubby Builder

Peter Lehner, Community Choir Director Extraordinaire

Chris Rochester, Artist and Art Teacher

Karan Goydo, Principal of Heartland Children's Academy, Nepal

Dr Marc de Rosnay, Senior Lecturer, University of Sydney School of Psychology

Cost

The cost of the conference (including meals and all sorts of fun) will be

- \$250.00 for non-AAPAE members, \$200.00 for AAPAE members
- \$180.00 Early bird rate (payable by 1st September 2011)
- \$50 for students 18 and over, younger students free
- \$80.00 day rate

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Register by
1 September 2011
for a special early
bird rate of \$180.

Korowal is a member of the AAPAE

Solas - creating a community Light Sculpture

Light up with pedal power.....

Come and learn how to recycle materials
and create a neon light sculpture with
'bling'

Plus pedal your own bike to power the workshop.

Your sculpture will be displayed at 

When 2pm - 5pm Saturday 17th September

Where Mid Mountains Neighbourhood Centre,

9 New Street Lawson

Ages 8 - 88 years welcome

Free workshop - bookings essential

Bring - Your bike, helmet, afternoon tea & your imagination!

Contact David Ryan

Ph 04384 68174 Email dldjryan@hotmail.com

Kindly assisted by the Blue Mountains City Council Cultural Partnerships Program

A Shiney Pictures renewable production auspiced by MMNC

Katoomba District Little Athletics Centre is holding Registration Days!



Saturday 3rd Sept & Saturday 10th Sept
from 12 - 4pm
at Pitt Park Canteen

Tiny Tots to 17yrs and Seniors

Pay by Cash or Cheque - **NO EFTPOS or CREDIT
CARDS**

Proof of age is required for new registrations

Online registrations available at www.laansw.com.au
with credit card

Season begins Saturday 24th Sept 8:30am
at Pitt Park Athletics Field

Contact Lucy 0414 573 869 or Cincelia 0401 261 697

Wanted Dead or alive
for solas project (see above) -
solar garden lights in any condition -
drop off @ Mid Mountains
Neighbourhood Centre
New St Lawson 47592592

<http://shineypix-solas.blogspot.com>

a 'Solas' blog has been created where
you can follow the 'Solas' project as it
develops.

Please feel free to comment, request
information or throw in advice or
suggestions.

Please spread the word to others.

