

Korowal School

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Korowal on the move

Korowal on the move has its own office!

You will find us Mondays and Fridays in the student-support office in the primary school. Office hours are from about 9-ish to 3.30-ish.

At the "KOM" office you can ask questions about the relocation, volunteer to help with fundraising, collect brochures and other forms related to the move.

If you can't get to the office on Mondays or Fridays, and would like to talk about the move or have questions, please ring Annie Carment on 4757 3239 or email her : acarment@bigpond.net.au

Korowal in your own words

You will have received a *Korowal On the Move* kit, either at the AGM or in the post. In the kit are forms that we would like returned as soon as possible, please.

One is a form entitled "Korowal In Your Own Words", which invites testimonials. Please encourage your children to fill these out as well – a separate piece of paper is fine, or a drawing.

These forms can also be accessed and submitted online at www.korowal.nsw.edu.au, Click on the

Dates to remember

- 21 June Kabaret performance
7.30 pm
- 22 June Kabaret performance
7.30 pm
- 24 June Kabaret performance
2.30 pm &
7.00 pm
- 26 June Year 7 vaccinations
Years 4 & 7 Weight
clinic
- 28 June K,1,2 excursion to
Scenic World
- 28 June Year 7 excursion
- 29 June Last day of term 2
- 23 July Staff Development Day
- 24 July 1st day of term for
students
- 11 August Open Day

Campaign Tally

(as of 20 June)



Cash Donations:
\$44,600.00

We are close to reaching our first gold leaf!

Thank you to our generous donors.

Fortnightly Newsletter

WINTER MAGIC

Whales, eagles, bridges, bushfire and tsunamis and sculptural representations of earth, air, fire and water are among the delightful work from our students from Year 1 to Year 10 in the ArtStreet exhibition.

Make sure you catch them in the window of Inside Out furniture on the corner of Waratah and Katoomba St.

Korowal Kabaret

Celebrating the talent and energy of our high school students

Venue: Drama room

- Thursday 21 June 7.30 pm
- Friday 22 June 7.30 pm
- Sunday 24 June 2.30 pm
and 7.00 pm

Tickets available from the school office. Each performance has a seating capacity of 70 people, so please book as early as possible.

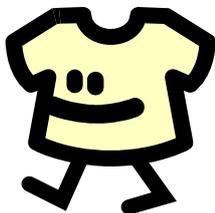
General News

Addendum to Financial Report for the year ended 31 December 2006 (presented at the AGM 31 May 2007)

Not included in the Financial Report was an acknowledgement of the long-term financial assistance from the Gavemer Foundation relating to lease arrangements.

Schedule 5/12 Item 20 Subsequent Events (New text in bold)

The School has been, through Term 1 2007, in negotiations regarding the terms and conditions of a **longer** lease. These negotiations are now complete. The School has been advised that at the end of 2008 its lease will be terminated and the School will be required to vacate the premises. **In the short term, the School is yet to complete a negotiation for the current year's lease.**



Do your children have clothes that they've outgrown or won't wear? Perhaps you have culled your own wardrobe lately (or need to?)

Collecting now for the Sustainability Fair Recycled-Fashion Stall

Thank you to the people who have already donated clothing to the stall. Many thanks also to those 345E parents who have offered to help me with the stall.

Clothing donations can be left at the school office in boxes or bags. Please ensure they are marked "clothing stall" (so that they won't be confused with lost property!) I will collect daily. Or you can phone me on 4759 3392 to arrange a pick-up. Thanks,

Wendy Monaghan
(Mother of Eleanor 345E and Tomas 345J)

Sustainability-fair meetings

Every Friday

1.00 pm — 2.30 pm

Pink room

(Child-care not provided at meetings, but children are welcome)

Unfortunately, no one came to our first meeting last Friday. Very disappointing!

For the fair to go ahead, we must have parental involvement. Please come along to a meeting and share your ideas or offer to help....ANY help will be greatly appreciated!

We need people to co-ordinate particular stalls, events, talks, etc. Co-ordinators could have job-share arrangements. The role of co-ordinator includes making up rosters for the day, collection, storage and disposal of goods, etc.

We also need people to help on the day—even for an hour or two.

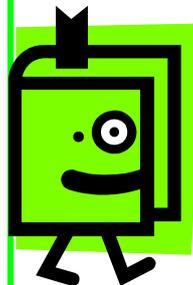
So far, only 4 parents have volunteered to co-ordinate a stall or event. Thank you to:

Trish Fitzgerald.....Food
Annie Carment.....Marketing
Wendy Monaghan.....Recycled Fashion
Conrad Gershevitch.....Books

If we do not have more parents volunteering soon, we will need to allocate stalls/events to specific classes, and ask the teachers to approach parents to take on tasks.

Tracy Barrett
4782 9946

BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS BOOKS



Do you have too many books?
Are they collecting dust and attracting silverfish?

You could help raise money for your school, and give pleasure to other readers, by donating books to the Korowal Sustainability Fair.

I am happy to collect. Call me on 4759 3392.
Conrad Gershevitch
(father of Tomas, 345J, and Eleanor, year 345E)

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General News

Closure of School at short notice

The following arrangements apply if the school has to be closed at short notice, especially once the school day has begun. This has happened when it has snowed, and may happen if there are bush fires.

Because each situation must be handled on its merits, depending upon the time of day, information from police, availability of buses, etc, there can be no hard and fast rules. However, every parent must know that under no circumstances would any child be left at school alone.

High School children are sent home without parental contact unless we are informed in writing that this is not a suitable arrangement.

Children who take public transport home are taken by bus to the train or are supervised to normal bus runs (provided these are still running). We always try to close the school before interruptions to transport occur, though some parents may find the roads closed despite this. Children in these circumstances are kept at school until suitable arrangements are made.

Parents who live in the middle and lower Mountains may sometimes find it hard to understand the difficulties we face in these circumstances. We must move quickly (there is pressure on transport and phone lines, for example). It could be that within half an hour of the decision being made to close the school the situation has changed. If this happens, we continue with the arrangements to close the school to avoid confusion.

If it snows, driving becomes hazardous. It is possible we will have to take train travellers to the station by foot.

Each year, before the onset of cold weather, a note is included in the term newsletter about this policy. Parents help in emergency situations by:

- (a) Making sure contact phone numbers held by the school (including emergency) are accurate.
- (b) Listening to the radio or checking on the Bureau of Meteorology website if the weather looks threatening, or bush fire warnings have been issued or snow has been predicted for the Central Tablelands.
- (c) Making sure their children are reassured about what to do.
- (d) Attempting to get children home as soon as possible (staff, too, have home responsibilities).
- (e) Taking a child who is stranded (eg no one meets him/her at the station) home and urgently contacting the parent and school.
- (f) Making sure older children understand they will go home unless they inform the school that this will not happen for some special reason.

Train Supervision

We want to make a list of paid relief staff for this position, which involves supervising primary school children on the train to and from school each day. If you are interested in one or both of the following paid positions, please contact us at the office:

1. A person who can travel on the 7.37 am train from Warrimoo, arriving Wentworth Falls 8.16 am. Keith catches the 6.50 am train from Wentworth Falls, which connects with the up train at Warrimoo. It is possible for a parent who lives in the Lower Mountains to begin at, and return to, Warrimoo.
2. A person who could travel on the 3.28 pm train from Leura to Glenbrook, arriving there at 4.21 pm and connecting with the 4.29 pm train back up the Mountains. Again, it is possible to travel from the Lower Mountains to meet the 3.28 pm train at Leura.

We are able to provide transport for the children on the school bus from Wentworth Falls station in the morning and to Leura station in the afternoon. Please note that this position requires the signing of "working with children" documentation and involves active supervision of children. For further information, please contact Nancy.



National Prescribing Service Limited



Tips to help prevent the spread of colds

Common colds are usually caught from other people who have colds. Common colds can be passed on through touching hands or objects (e.g. tissues and toys) or by breathing in droplets from sneezes or coughs.

To help prevent the spread of colds, encourage children (and adults) to:



- cover their mouth when coughing or sneezing
- keep hands away from their eyes, nose and mouth
- throw tissues away after blowing their nose
- wash hands thoroughly with soap, particularly before eating food and after blowing their nose
- avoid sharing cups, glasses and cutlery.

See your doctor if you are concerned about your child's health.

Common colds need common sense, not antibiotics. Antibiotics work on bacteria, not on the viruses which cause common colds.

For more information, go to the 'parents and carers' page of the www.commoncolds.nps.org.au website, produced by the National Prescribing Service Ltd.

NPS is an independent, Australian organisation for Quality Use of Medicines, funded by the Australian Government Department of Health and Ageing.

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Primary News

The Emperor's New Clothes

Hopefully you have all received a copy of Paula's letter about costumes for this musical production. If at all possible, we would love you to start sending in items of clothing now – we will then have some idea of what we need to collect/make, ready for the start of next term. September may seem like a long way away, but we know from experience how quickly the weeks fly by, and we would love to be able to pace the work!

There are 2 productions, one on Friday, 7th September, in the evening and one on Saturday 8th September, in the afternoon. Children from years 3,4,5 and 6 will be required for both performances. Children from K,1,2 will be in one performance only.



Some of the older children have been allocated roles, with different children taking these roles in each of the performances. As we don't have a very big performance/audience space, we are only able to accommodate each family once. Tickets will be available after Open Day. More details later.

We would LOVE help re ticket sales, setting up the seating for the performances, helping children to get into their costumes, provision of light supper/ afternoon tea following the performances, cleaning up, etc. Please let us know if there is any way that you would like to help us – offers are best put in writing – you can email me if that is easier: noosterhoff@korowal.nsw.edu.au

Holidays

Thanks for another great term – and for being so supportive about our relocation! We have holidays for 3 weeks. Friday, 29th June is the last day of term – students return on Tuesday, 24th July. Have a great time!

Nancy

Open Day

We will be celebrating Open Day on Saturday, 11th August. Please mark this date in your diary – it means so much to your children and to us when you come to look at all their beautiful work! Don't forget that we will be drawing the winning ticket for the fantastic quilt currently hanging in the office. Tickets are still available for purchase.

Circus Skills

Please note that this term's After School Activities on Monday afternoons have now finished. Your children will need to use their usual travel arrangements for Monday, 25th June.

I am currently negotiating next term's activity – swimming on Friday afternoons is a possibility. I shall be writing to you separately about this.



Primary Chess

Korowal Primary's chess team has finished its chess matches for this term. All the members of the team (Connor Lillis, Alex du Moulin, Jessica Schweinsburg, James Hodge, Sophie Shellshear, Jordan Ryan, Joshua McLellan, and Duncan Mackay) have all played well, with enthusiasm, grace and thoughtfulness. Connor has won all 5 of the matches he has played at number one, which is a great achievement. The rest of the team members are all improving, which is also a good achievement and a pleasure to watch.

There will be 3 more matches next term (one possibly a bye) and the first will be the 20th of July (the Friday of the last week of the holidays). Please let me know if you would be available to play that match. Thanks! Kathi

High School News

I have been approached by the Blue Mountains City Council on behalf of a school in Japan wishing to establish a relationship with us. In particular, they wish to bring about 7 students (girls) aged about 16 to the Blue Mountains for 2 weeks in November. These girls would stay with families and attend school for 2 weeks, joining in the classes mostly of Year 9 and 10.

If you are able to offer accommodation to a student, could you please let me know as soon as possible. The experience offers a small window into another culture, and can bring touchingly warm relationships and great memories. I highly recommend it!

Before I accept the school's proposal, I need to know we can accommodate the students, so please ring the school before 28th June if you think you may be able to help this happen.

Many thanks,

Kath Veel.

Korowal Connections

Attention Harry Potter fans!!

Would you like to attend wizard school, just like Harry, Ron & Hermione?

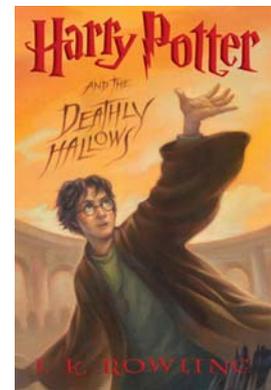
The **Woodford Wizard Academy** will be accepting enrolments for one day only – Saturday 21st July – to celebrate the worldwide release of **Harry Potter & the Deathly Harrows!**

Activities include:

- Arriving at the academy by double-decker bus
- Attending potions classes
- Making your own magical school supplies
- Winning house points & prizes!

Choice of sessions times: morning (8.30 am to 2 pm) or afternoon (2.30 pm to 8 pm).

The price of this event is \$85, which includes a copy of *Harry Potter & the Deathly Harrows* (rrp \$49.95), sample bag including treats, a free book and a Megalong Books voucher, return-trip bus ride, all school supplies and a school meal. Donations will be made from this event to the Woodford Academy and the Fred Hollows Foundation. This event is being run by Megalong Books in conjunction with the Woodford Academy. For enquiries please ring Megalong Books 47821302 (Jenny or James) or refer to our website, www.megalongbooks.com



Inquiry Group

based on the Work of Byron Katie commencing soon at Korowal

Thoughts are harmless unless we believe them. A story is a thought or a sequence of thoughts that we convince ourselves is true. Through inquiry into these stressful beliefs, we come to see that only the attachment to our thoughts cause suffering, not the thoughts themselves or what actually happens.

This group is about learning and experiencing the simple yet powerful life-changing process called “the Work”. The simplest definition of the Work is: four questions and a turnaround.

The Inquiry group will be facilitated by Kunji Kolb, who has recently worked with Byron Katie in the US. She is passionate about sharing her experiences and the process of the Work with anyone who wants to end mental confusion and suffering and experience the freedom of an open mind – “an open mind is an open heart”. The work requires no spiritual or intellectual preparation, no faith or religion, just the desire to re-know the truth about yourself. A weekly group will be starting at Korowal soon.

If you are interested or would like more information, please call me on 47841634 or send an email to kunji35@hotmail.com. I am also available for individual and couple work by appointment.

Time for a change in your life in 2007?

**Start a TAFE program in Skills for
Work and Training.**

**IT'S FREE, and it's a fun learning
experience.**

This course has been specifically designed for **women** who want to upgrade their skills and confidence before re-entering the workforce or pursuing further education. It also improves your study skills in a co-operative and supportive learning environment.

Offered part-time over three days for two terms,
all classes are held within school hours

Come along to an information session

**10 am on Thursday, 28 June
2007**

TAFE NSW

Blue Mountains College

Mitchell Street, Wentworth Falls.

Phone: 47532100 for enquiries.

Looking for a sea change?

I wish to swap my Department-of-Housing house in Urunga for a similar house in the Mountains, so that my children can attend Korowal.

My house is 2 bedroom, free-standing with a very large backyard. It is close to the beach, shops, school and transport. Close to Coffs Harbour and Bellingen.



The Urunga footbridge

Please call Tracy on 02 66555492

Watato Children's Choir

The Watato Children's Choir from Uganda will be performing live, in traditional costume, at The Blue Mountains Christian School on July 7th at 7 pm. Admission is free. For further information, please phone Emma Walker on 4787 8243.