

# Korowal School

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## Mount Solitary Trek

The NPWS has advised us that Mt Solitary has been overused as a campsite as a result of closure of the Grose Valley. This means a trek there on the long weekend is likely to be a far from pleasant experience. We are therefore abandoning this year's trek, and postponing—perhaps to the autumn holidays next year.

# Fortnightly Newsletter

## Canteen Costs

Due to a lack of volunteers, many schools are now forced to privatise their canteens. Korowal is fortunate to have avoided privatisation, because any profit generated by our canteen is returned to school funds rather than to an outside business operator.

At present, the canteen is staffed by a canteen coordinator five days a week, who is assisted by volunteers three days and a paid canteen worker two days a week.

However, our two Tuesday volunteers will be leaving at the end of this term, and we need replacement volunteers. If none come forward, the paid worker will be required to work extra hours. This will create an extra financial burden, which we would like to avoid, as the extra cost in wages will be reflected in price increases for the students.

If you can volunteer for one day a month/fortnight/week, your assistance would be greatly appreciated and would help us to keep menu items at a reasonable cost.

## Helping teenagers become safer drivers

### TIPS FOR PARENTS

Once your teenager has their P1 or P2 licence, negotiate a driving agreement with clear rewards and consequences.



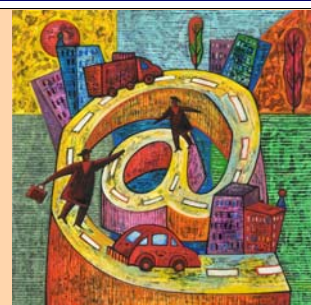
## Dates to remember

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|-----------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 14 Sept<br>(8.30 am-<br>2.45 pm ) | HSC music practical exam |
| 15 Sept                           | Job quest                |
| 17 – 19 Sept                      | Years 3,4,5 J & E camp   |
| 22 Sept                           | EnviroFest               |
| 28 Sept                           | Last day of term 3       |
| 4—5 Oct                           | Chemistry camp           |
| 15 Oct                            | First day of term 4      |

## Save paper!

Email us at [wmonaghan@korowal.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wmonaghan@korowal.nsw.edu.au) to get the newsletter online (by email) every fortnight.

**Deadline for contributions  
for the next Korowal newsletter  
Tuesday 25 September**





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# EnviroFest

SATURDAY 22ND SEPTEMBER

## Countdown !

We are getting very close now to the great event, and we have lots of really exciting stalls and presentations from outside people as well as some of the Korowal favourites. Please tell your friends, and come along to share in the fun and hopefully also learn about easy and practical ways in which you can contribute to a more sustainable lifestyle.

If you are one of our stall coordinators, could you please note that you can begin to set up any time after 2 pm on Friday or 7.30 am on Saturday. Also, if you need power, could you bring an extension lead (labelled with your name) as we are often short of these.

It may be advisable to use the Roseberry Street parking area on the day.

## Green Elephant Donations

Please only donate items that you would be happy to purchase at a fair or market.

NO McDonald's toys or merchandise associated with other commercial enterprises or films, etc.

NO broken, incomplete or dirty items

NO large items or whitegoods

## Pre-loved Clothing Donations

Thank you to everyone who has donated items for the pre-loved clothing stall. If you still have items to donate, please ensure they are **QUALITY** items—clean and in good condition—no ripped, stained or grubby items, please! Also, no underwear, no badly pillled items, etc. If you are donating shoes, could you please ensure they are clean and have laces. Please note the drop-off times for donations, below.

## Donation Drop-Off Location and Times

Tombola donations ..... School office at any time

Green elephant, books ..... The shed  
and pre-loved clothing                      Saturday 15 September 2.00 pm — 4.00 pm  
donations    Sunday 16 September 11.00 am — 1.00 pm

### How to find the shed

Turn into West Street off the Great Western Hwy. Turn right into Bate Street. Turn left into Roseberry St, and drive to the end on to the gravel section. You will see a large farm-style metal gate, and the shed should be clearly visible. One of the stall coordinators will be at the shed to help you unload your donated items.



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## Organic Tombola !

I am desperately in need of more donations for the organic food tombola. We really need every family to donate at least one item or the tombola may have to be cancelled.

I am looking for gourmet products, preferably organic, such as: cold-pressed oils, quality organic wines, organic jams, marinades, vinaigrettes, sauces, mustards, nuts, olives, organic chocolate, etc. (The items should be food, not cosmetics.) They must be in glass containers. Donated items for the tombola can be left **at the school office, at any time.**

Thanks,  
Tracy



## Are you feeling crafty?

Why not come and join in with a group of Korowal parents this Saturday in Leura between 1—4 pm, preparing materials for the Craft Activities for the EnviroFest. **NO SPECIAL SKILLS REQUIRED.** Lots of good conversation ensured. Call Sanja on 47843734 for location details.

**Helpers needed for the Children's Craft Activities on EnviroFest Day** Call Sanja 47843734 if you can help—even one hour of your time would be appreciated!



## Jewellery and accessories

The pre-loved clothing stall is in need of jewellery and other quality accessories (handbags, hats, scarves, shawls, belts, hair accessories, etc.)

You may have gone through your wardrobes for clothing donations, but what about your jewellery box?

Donations to be dropped off at the shed at times advertised on page 2, please.



## EnviroFest hands

Have you ordered an EnviroFest hand for your child? These are an ideal way to ensure your child has a great time at the Fest without having to carry cash. Children love taking their special "hand" around to the stalls and choosing what they would like to "purchase". Every family should have received an order form in their child's school bag on Monday 10 September. Please return your orders to the school office to ensure your child doesn't miss out.



## Library News



All the participants in this year's Premier's Reading Challenge were winners.

Lillian, Connor, Eleanor and Josh, all in 3,4,5 were invited to choose a book as a prize.

Connor won the lucky draw for a Megalong Books voucher. Next challenge starts in February 2008 and is open to all in years 3-9.



## Sustainability Corner

From the *Sydney Morning Herald*, 9 September 2007

### Babies at risk from non-stick chemical

by Daniel Dasey

ANTI-TOXIC chemical campaigners have called for non-stick frying pans to be taken off the market after a study found a chemical used in their manufacture is harmful to humans.

US researchers analysed blood in the umbilical cords of newborn babies and found those with increased levels of the chemical were likely to be smaller with reduced head sizes.

Dr Mariann Lloyd-Smit, of the National Toxic Networks Australia, said the study was the latest showing a link between ill-health and the chemical perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA), used in non-stick frying pans and barbecues.

"I would like polyfluorinated chemicals to be removed from products and if that means getting rid of non-stick frying pans, so be it," Dr Lloyd-Smith said.

The study at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health found the higher the concentration of PFOA, the lower the birth weight and the smaller the head circumference.

"These small, but significant, differences in head circumference and body weight provide the first evidence for a possible association between exposures to [polyfluorinated chemicals] and foetal growth," said Benjamin Apelberg, the study's lead author.

Australia's National Industrial Chemicals Notification and Assessment Scheme said no PFOA is released from cookware at or below normal cooking temperatures, but "it is advised not to overheat an empty non-stick pan".

### The Emperor's New Clothes

Primary school teachers were thrilled with the children's performances and with the level of support from our parent community.



Performances of this standard have been a part of Korowal's history and culture for many years. Our morning circle work supports the children in skills involving memory, musicality and cooperation. Undertaking a whole department (i.e. K – 6) or whole school (K – 12) performance extends these opportunities and provides an audience for the children. Our art work, maths work, main lesson work can all be showcased at Open Day – performances such as this one enable us to showcase the skills developed in morning circle, as well as providing other openings for more interaction between children across all year groups. There are many opportunities for children and staff to learn more about each other and to put into practice those human qualities that we so value:

patience, tolerance, cooperation, responsibility, commitment, resilience, caring, sharing, supporting and turn-taking. We are conscious of the level of energy that this requires. We are also really privileged to witness the blossoming of friendships, the blooming of self-confidence and the sheer joy on the faces of the children when they experience success and fulfilment upon the completion of a job well done. As in so many areas of our lives, we often value most those experiences which involve deep commitment.

We thank you all for the contributions throughout this period and for sharing this celebration of the children's work. We particularly thank Annie Daley, Lorena Nesa, Tracie Teernstra, Sanja Herrmann, Annabel Schweinsberg and Kathi Grieve for their help with rehearsals, performances, costumes and photographs.



Thank you also to Tracy Barrett and the parents who helped set up the English room refreshments and cleaned up afterwards.

We also want to thank and acknowledge year 9 student Christian Barquin for operating the lights for us and all the high school teachers for their support.

This week we are sorting through the costumes, so hopefully all children will have their personal items returned by Friday. If you are in a position to take home a bag of pre-sorted clothing to wash, please let your child's class teacher know.

## High School News

### Test your Computing Skills

As part of their School Certificate, year 10 will participate in the computing skills test.

For a great link to see how you are going and whether any of your skills need practising, go to [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au) and select the "HSC and SC test yourself" link in the middle of the page.

We'll also have in-school trial tests, soon.

Joachim



### For you diary

#### 15 September

The University of Newcastle - Info Day  
(Ourimbah Campus) 10 am to 3 pm

#### 19 September

Macquarie University - Parent Information Evening  
6 pm to 8 pm  
Seats are limited, and booking is essential - 98509446

#### 25 September

University of Western Sydney - Open Day  
Penrith Campus

#### 28 September

Applications close for all UTS Engineering scholarships (see below)

#### 12 October

Applications close for the National Gallery of Australia Summer Art Scholarship (13—19 January 2008).  
Visit [www.nga.gov.au](http://www.nga.gov.au) or phone 02 6240 6519 for more information.

### University of Technology Sydney—Engineering Scholarships

UTS Engineering has 20 cooperative scholarships on offer for the Bachelor of Engineering and Diploma in Engineering Practice. These scholarships are offered for most majors and are normally sponsored by industry. Applications for all UTS Engineering scholarships are now open and close 28th September 2007. Find out more online at: [222.eng.uts.edu.au/scholarships](http://222.eng.uts.edu.au/scholarships)

### University of NSW bridging courses

University of NSW bridging courses offer the opportunity to revise mathematics, chemistry & physics subjects and experience how these subjects are taught at university. Each course has a total of 36-42 hours of lectures, tutorials, laboratory classes and/or demonstration sessions. The courses run from 4—29 February 2008. Attendance is required at classes over the four-week period. [www.unsw.edu.au/bridging](http://www.unsw.edu.au/bridging)

Please note the maths bridging course provides a bridge from HSC mathematics to HSC mathematics extension 1. It is NOT suitable for students who do not have a background in HSC mathematics.

### University of Western Sydney Undergraduate Scholarships

Closing date for most undergraduate scholarships for 2008 is **Friday 28 September, 2007**.

If interested in a scholarship from UWS, please ask Sharon for a copy of the 2008 scholarships brochure.



# Korowal Connections

Blue Mountains City Library



## ROCK in the Library!

October school holiday happenings!

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
<p><b>Please note:</b> Storytime sessions and Fab Fridays <i>will NOT</i> be held throughout the school holidays.</p> <p><b>Public Holiday</b> All Libraries closed</p>	<p><b>10:30am</b> <b>Katoomba Library</b> Come along to a craft workshop for 5-12yr olds! We will be making rockin' boxes for your treasures! <b>\$3per child</b></p>	<p><b>10am</b> <b>Babytime</b> <b>Springwood Library</b></p> <p><b>2:00pm</b> <b>Katoomba Library</b> Make some noise at our drumming workshop for 5-12yr olds. Kids will have frivolous fun trying out instruments! <b>\$5per person</b></p>	<p><b>6:30pm</b> <b>Springwood Library</b> It's movie night on the BIG screen for teens! Pizza &amp; munchies! 12-18yrs <b>\$5per person</b></p>  <p>You get to choose!</p>	<p><b>10:30am</b> <b>Springwood Library</b> This craft workshop for 5-12yr olds will give you a chance to create a rockin' instrument to take home! <b>\$3per child</b></p>
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
	<p><b>10:30am</b> <b>Springwood Library</b> Come along to a craft workshop for 5-12yr olds! We will be making rockin' boxes for your treasures! <b>\$3per child</b></p>	<p><b>10:30am</b> <b>Blaxland Library</b> Come along to a craft workshop for 5-12yr olds! We will be making rockin' boxes for your treasures! <b>\$3per child</b></p> <p><b>2:00pm</b> <b>Springwood Library</b> Make some noise at our drumming workshop for 5-12yr olds. Kids will have frivolous fun trying out instruments! <b>\$5per person</b></p>	<p><b>6:30pm</b> <b>Springwood Library</b> It's time to compete! We will be playing the BIG Buzz music quiz on playstation! Pizza &amp; Munchies provided! Who will win? 12-18yrs <b>\$5per child</b></p>	<p><b>10:30am</b> <b>Katoomba Library</b> This craft workshop for 5-12yr olds will give you a chance to create a rockin' instrument to take home! <b>\$3per child</b></p>

But Wait! There's more...



## Youth Aerosol Art Workshop!

Learn the art of creating awesome art using aerosol paint! This workshop promises to be hands-on & loads of fun! Lunch provided!  
Springwood Library— Saturday 13th October at 11am  
12-18yrs This is a **FREE** workshop!

Contact your Library to make a booking! For more details Contact 4723 5036!  
Please Note: Ages on activities/shows are just recommendations!

### Blue Mountains

## Volunteer Expo '07

belong to your local community

You're invited to a FREE expo to have your questions about volunteering answered in a relaxed, open and welcoming atmosphere

### Monday 17 September 2007

**Springwood** 9.30—11.00 am at Springwood Civic Centre, Supper Room

**Katoomba** 2.00—3.00 at Senior Citizens Room, Katoomba Street, Katoomba (near the library)

**Numerous and varied volunteer organisations**

**Displays, information packs, discussion and question time**

Lucky door prize, free tea, coffee and nibbles!

Book in and have all your questions answered about volunteering **RSVP 4757 2811** (for catering)

# Korowal Connections

## Talking about Teenagers

**Thursday 1 November  
6.30 pm—9.30 pm  
at the Carrington Hotel Ballroom**

Come to a presentation on alcohol, drugs and mental health, and learn strategies for raising healthy and happy teenagers. An evening for parents, carers and community members.

*Speaker:* Dr Karen Fisher – Sydney West Area Health Service

The effects of drugs and alcohol on the developing adolescent brain, and detecting early warning signs of mental illness.

*Speaker:* Lyn Worsley – psychologist and educator

“The resilience doughnut”—building resilience and self esteem in young people, and solution strategies for parents and carers.

There will also be a panel of local health and community professionals to answer questions from the audience.

Refreshments and registration at 6.30 pm.  
Cost is free.

RSVP: Katoomba Neighbourhood Centre on 47821117

## CIRQUINOX

Want to run away  
and  
join the circus for a day?

**A colourful, interactive circus festival**

Everglades Gardens in Leura  
September 23  
10 am—3 pm

Entry: Adults	\$10.00
Concession	\$7.00
Children	\$5.00
Family	\$25.00

Includes all shows and circus play space. Shuttle trolley bus from Leura Station for a gold coin donation.

For information call Everglades Gardens 4784 1938.



## • • • • • Learn to dance • • • • •

Springwood RSL Youth Club

Home Street  
**Faulconbridge Community Hall**

Tuesday and Thursday (13 yrs - adult) 7.30—9.30 pm

Thursday (junior 8—12 yrs) 5.30—7.00 pm

Under 16 yrs \$5.00 Adult \$8.00

For more information: Des Cook 4754 1482

Springwood RSL Youth Club is a non-profit organisation



## Advertising your business in our newsletter

Parents who run a business may submit advertisements in our “Korowal Business Directory”. There will be no charge, but adverts will be subjected to editorial review and must directly relate to a current Korowal parent. Please contact Wendy Monaghan, the newsletter editor, to discuss how to contribute your ad. You can email Wendy on [wmonaghan@korowal.nsw.edu.au](mailto:wmonaghan@korowal.nsw.edu.au) or phone her at school Mondays or Fridays.