



## Newsletter

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### ***We're really moving!***

We are well and truly into packing up the entire school. With the students on holidays, all staff have spent this week packing the contents of every classroom and storage area into hundreds of cardboard boxes. The removalists will arrive on Monday and are expected to take 2-3 days to move the school. The staff then clean and tidy the site. So many parents and students have come along to lighten the load this week. We could not have done without you. Thank you. Your efforts are much appreciated..

Next week, staff will be working at both sites. The setting up of classrooms and offices and the unpacking of boxes will be a time consuming activity. Some of this can happen now, but much relies on the painting and clearing of spaces. There is still a lot of preparation to be done.

Apart from the Christmas - New Year week, exec will be working at the site, as will many other staff members. All staff will return on January 19th to finish any unpacking and set up, and meet to discuss the running of the school at this site.

We would like to thank the staff for the extraordinary efforts they have made throughout not only this period, but the entire year. their commitment to Korowal is exemplary.

Mark, Nancy, Barb, Joachim

<b>date and time</b>	<b>event</b>	<b>help needed</b>
Saturday 13 December Midday to 3pm	LEAVING LEURA ... We're Moving On	Picnic in the courtyard, share stories, make a wish
Sunday 14th December 10am - 3pm	Last working bee before moving in!	Cleaning, painting, rubbish removal
Monday 15 and Tuesday 16th	Removalists are here - no private cars at this stage please!	People needed to direct removalists. please come to Leura site at 8.30. Please note, children under 13 may not be present for safety reasons.
Wednesday 17th December	Moving everything else	Help needed moving fragile items from Leura from 8.30. Again, no small children please.
In the holidays	helping at the new school	Jobs and arrangements to be advised by email/newsletters and on the website

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Monday 5th January	The Korowal School office is open at 54 Hall Pde, Hazelbrook	
Monday 19th January	Teaching staff return	
Tuesday 27th January	Pathways students begin	
Friday 30th January	Year 6 begin	
Saturday 31st January, 10am - 4pm	Picnic/Open day at the new school	Come and have a look!
Monday 2nd February	Years 1-5 and 7-10 begin	
Tuesday 10th February	Kindergarten begin	
Saturday 4th April	Official opening of new school	
Tuesday 10th February	Last day of Term 1	

## **LAST WORKING BEE BEFORE THE MOVE**

**This Sunday 10am – 3 pm**

**Cleaning, painting, rubbish removal, moving furniture.**

**Lunch will be provided.**

**If the Hall Parade entrance is impassable, you can enter via Queens Road Lawson (turn right just before the road becomes dirt, past the “Kolonga” sign.**

## **HAVE YOU BOUGHT YOUR COPY OF OUR “ON THE MOVE” CD YET?**

If not, you can purchase the CD at ...

Korowal School office

Megalong Books, Leura

Explore Music, Katoomba

Turning Page Bookshop, Springwood

Or online at [www.mmusic.com.au](http://www.mmusic.com.au)

Every cent of the \$20 purchase price goes towards our new school.

It's a high quality, eclectic compilation that almost everyone on your Xmas list will enjoy, and that every Korowal family should have on their CD shelf or iPod!

# “We're Moving On”



## A Gathering.

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, 12.00 -3.00pm  
77 Scott Avenue, Leura,  
in the Courtyard

We invite you to bring your picnic, share food and stories and have a walk around as we farewell this chapter in Korowal's evolution.

There will be a big wishing bowl to carry your wishes for the school, for this site, for the community, for our future.

The wishing bowl containing our life and energy, our community, will come to our new site at Hazelbrook.

Accompanied by singing, we will light a candle at one o'clock. We will take that candle with us, to be lit each day.

Bob Tucker will give a short valediction at 2.45

We look forward to being with you.

# Positions Vacant

## Canteen Manager

Linda and Martina have both resigned as of the end of this year. We wish to thank them for the wonderful work that they have performed on our behalf and we wish them well for the future.

We have undertaken a review of the canteen and are looking for ways to ensure that we do not run it at a cost to the school. We are interested in finding a person with professional experience in the food industry, including an ability to access and co-ordinate volunteers, who would be prepared to accept a temporary position for one term, after which we can undertake a further review. Please note that this is a 19.5 hour per week position, with a starting time of 8.30am. The appointed person will be part of a Canteen Management team.

Please email the school at [info@korowal.nsw.edu.au](mailto:info@korowal.nsw.edu.au) if you are interested. Please mark it Attention Barb.

## Train Supervisor

We are looking for a person to supervise Primary School children from the Lower Mountains to Lawson in the mornings and from Lawson to the Lower Mountains in the afternoon.

Train times are:

Mornings		Afternoons		Mondays to Thursdays		Friday	
Glenbrook	8.28	Lawson	3.43				1.43
Blaxland	8.33	Hazelbrook	3.46				1.46
Warrimoo	8.37	Woodford	3.51				1.51
Valley Heights	8.41	Linden	3.55				1.55
Springwood	8.45	Faulconbridge	4				2
Faulconbridge	8.49	Springwood	4.05				2.05
Linden	8.54	Valley Heights	4.08				2.08
Woodford	8.59	Warrimoo	4.12				2.12
Hazelbrook	9.03	Blaxland	4.16				2.16
Lawson	9.07	Glenbrook	4.21				2.21

# Appointments

We are delighted to announce that Louise Dungate has been appointed to the position of Learning Support Teacher (Primary). She will begin in term 1 next year and will work with Kirsty.

We will be conducting interviews for the 3,4,5 teacher, librarian and Bursar shortly

## Train Travel and School Hours

We wish to confirm that school will begin at:

8.30am for some pathways classes

9.30am for all other classes.

School will finish at:

3.15pm for primary students, Monday to Thursday and 1.15pm on Fridays

3.20pm for HS students

4.20pm for some Pathways classes

We shall be contacting everybody during the week beginning January 19<sup>th</sup> to confirm final transport arrangements.

## Primary News

### Closing circle

The closing circle held in the courtyard on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December was a wonderful experience and a lovely way for the children to leave this site.

### Thank You

A huge thank you to all those parents who have helped so much in so many ways throughout this year. To those who are leaving, we wish you well. To those who are staying...here's to a great new beginning at Hazelbrook!!!!

Finally, a huge thank you to the wonderful staff who have worked with such focus and dedication this year!

Nancy

## High School News

### 'Dreams of Hands and Eyes'

Last week a brave cast of elective drama students created magic as they presented 'Dreams of Hands and Eyes', an original story in the tradition of brothers Grimm. In the form of unscripted improvised theatre, complemented by shadow puppets made by the Year 8 Design and Technology class, an intriguing tale of good and evil, truth and deceit came to life.

Emma Klymenko reviews it for us:

*It was very funny. The over the top acting of all the characters made it really enjoyable – they came to life through this. The story flowed and was entertaining. Because it was unscripted we got to see more of the*



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*performers themselves as they all brought their own personalities and ideas to it. It was excellent, magical, because people had such playfulness and generosity; it made me feel included. A lot of the stuff that was in it on the night was not there in rehearsals – it was coming to life and being created before our eyes! Accidents became opportunities as we saw characters deal with the unknown. This showed the skill of the performers. It's one of the best plays I've seen here and I thoroughly enjoyed it.*

Ellie Barrett Reflects on performing 'Dreams of Hands and Eyes'

*On the night of the performance everybody shone, from the Emperor in all his finery to the peasants in their rags. I remember well walking into the common room and staring at the amazing last-minutes costumes. I've now realised that I much prefer improvised plays to scripted plays. It keeps the initial excitement of starting a play all the way to the end. You never knew what people were going to say each time or how they would say it. For each scene there were about twenty different ways it could have been done.*

Many thanks to all who contributed, not least to Cairo Gawne who led the project and co-wrote and co-directed the play with the Drama students.



## Closing Circle

High school students gathered in a the quadrangle, held hands in a circle and shared memories, secrets, tears, song and wishes for the future.

## ArtExpress

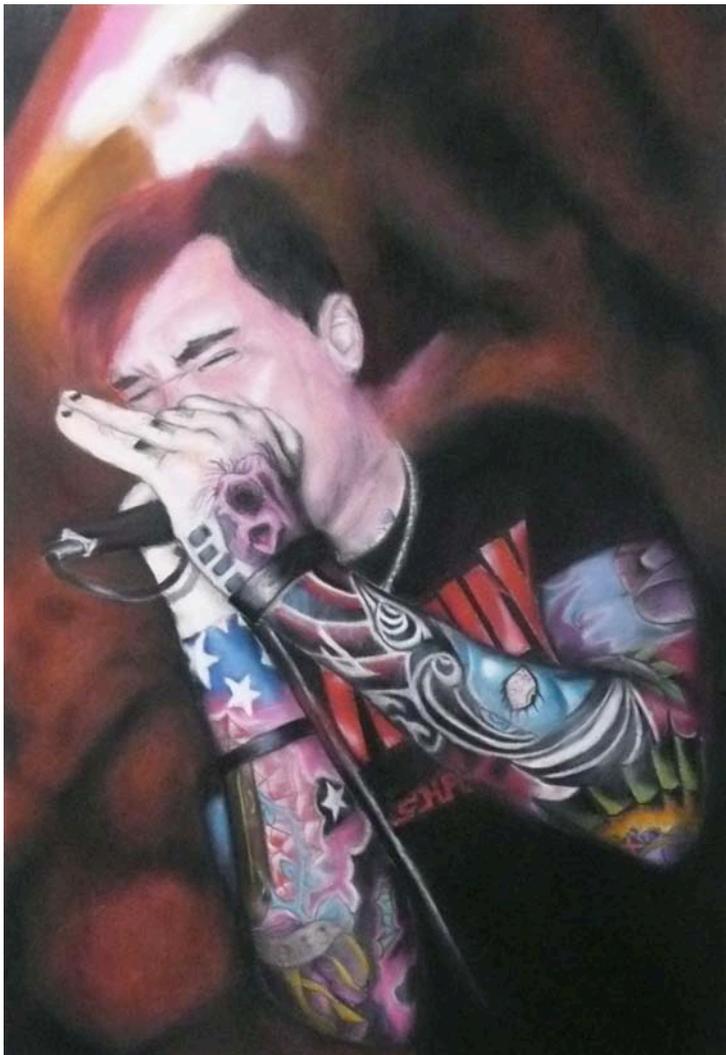
This year three out of our ten HSC Art students had their work pre-selected for ArtExpress, the annual HSC Art exhibition in January.

The examiners were very impressed by the works, from which the curators choose the ArtExpress exhibitions. Ebony Daley-Carey's exquisite series of collages, sculptures and drawings entitled

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Details from Ebony's *The Art of Contemplation*



*The Art of Contemplation* reflected on the nature of the aesthetic experience, and the relationship between seeing and making beautiful things.

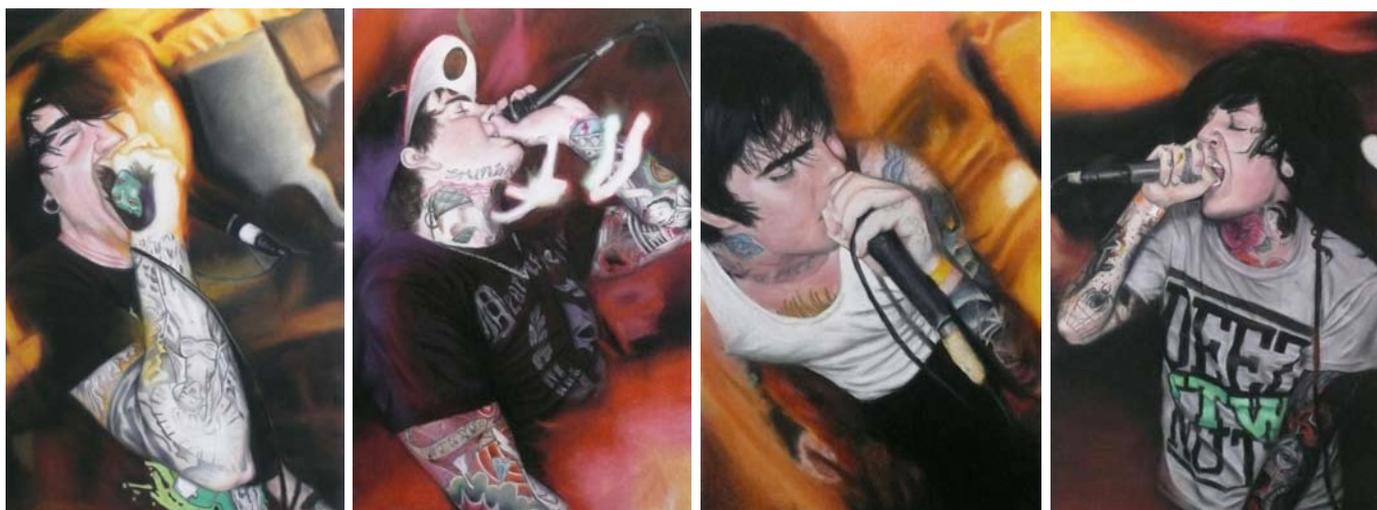
Kit Rigby, who earlier this year won the Kedumba student drawing award, explored the drama of dark and light in a powerfully dramatic series of charcoal drawings and photographs of otherwise unremarkable areas of Katoomba and Sydney, inviting the audience to look again at what surrounds us.

Daniel Knott has the honour of his work being chosen for the ArtExpress touring exhibition. His six amazing pastel drawings are based on his own photos of singers, and reflect his interest in the intensity of the moment. The ephemerality of a young life is contrasted with the permanence of tattoos, and made memorable by the rich colour and Daniel's technical prowess.

Congratulations to all three students on their wonderful work.

One of Daniel's *Defining Moments*

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More of Daniel's *Defining Moments*



Two of Kit's large charcoal drawings entitled *On Every Street*.

**This is our last newsletter for the year. We wish everyone a wonderfully renewing holiday and our best wishes for the festive season. We open on January 5th 2009 at 54 Hall Pde, Hazelbrook. Telephone: 4758 7466 [www.korowal.nsw.edu.au](http://www.korowal.nsw.edu.au)**