



# Korowal School

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NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR 2009	
17 September	School Council meeting
Monday 21 September 7pm	HSC music performances (hall)
24 <sup>th</sup> September	HSC music examiners at school
23 - 24 September	Class 3/4/5 camp
25, 26 & 27 September	High school cabaret
1 October	Pathways camp (final year students)
2 October	Last day term 3
2 October	Year 12 farewell assembly 12 pm
19 October	First day term 4
Saturday 31 October	Garage/jumble/car boot sale
Wed 21 <sup>st</sup> October – Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> November	HSC examinations (see timetable below)
Fri 11 December	End of term 4
2010	
27 & 28 January 2010	Staff development days
Fri 29 January	Pathways students start term 1
Mon 1 <sup>st</sup> Feb	Years 1 – 10 start term 1
Thurs 4 Feb	Kindergarten starts term 1
Thus 1 April	Last day term 1
Mon 19 April	Staff development day
Tue 20 April	Term 2 starts – all students
Fri 25 June	Last day term 2
Mon 19 July	Term 3 starts – all students
Fri 24 September	Last day term 3
Mon 11 Oct	Term 4 starts – all students
21 & 22 October	High school staff development days
Thu 9 December	Last day term 4
Fri 10 December	Staff development day

## HSC EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2009

Wed 21 October	English (standard and advanced) Paper 1 – Area of Study 9.20am – 11.30am
Thurs 22 October	Information Processes & Technology 9.25am – 12.30pm
Fri 23 October	English (standard) Paper 2 – Modules 9.25am-11.30am English (advanced) Paper 2 – Modules 9.25am – 11.30am
Mon 26 October	General Mathematics – 9.25am-12 noon

Tues 27 October	Mathematics – Extension 2 – 9.25am-12.30pm
	Music – aural – 1.55pm – 4pm
Friday 30 October	English – Extension 1 – 9.25am – 11.30am
Monday 2 November	Chemistry – 9.25am – 12.30 pm
Wed 11 November	Visual Arts 9.25am – 11am
	Society and Culture – 1.55pm – 4pm

## \$850,000 GRANT FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT FOR MULTI-PURPOSE HALL AND PRIMARY CLASSROOM ADDITIONS

Korowal has been granted \$850,000 as part of the Federal Government’s “Building the Education Revolution” program. We will use the funds to build a multi-purpose hall on the concrete area adjacent to the current hall. This building will be integrated with the existing hall.

It will provide:

- a new purpose-built hall/ performance space/ PE and indoor sport area of about 220 sq m.
- a foyer and servery
- toilets
- a backstage/ store area that can also be used as a drama teaching space
- a classroom that can be used separately or opened into the backstage area
- glass doors opening to the north
- tiered outdoor seating to the north (near the existing covered way)

Because our buildings are heritage listed, the new building has been designed to integrate with existing buildings (brick, red colorbond roof etc.)

We are also planning to use the funds to:

- extend the two smallest K/1/2 rooms towards the courtyard
- build a covered verandah outside the 3/4/5 and class 6 rooms to provide shelter from the rain and sun for students and parents.



Korowal School, Blue Mountains  
54 Hall Pde, Hazelbrook  
BER - Proposed New Hall



These are preliminary drawings of the hall. (Who IS that man at the front door???)

To see detailed plans and elevations of the hall and the primary school additions, click on:

<http://www.korowal.nsw.edu.au/Environmentfacilities/Hallandclassroomproject/tabid/1768/Default.aspx>

- **Why are we building a hall?**

The funding is available for a fixed and prioritised list of purposes. From the available list, a multi-purpose hall provides the most benefit for the greatest number of students. It also provides us with the kind of performance space that we have dreamed about for many years. It will nurture and showcase the creative energy of our school into the future, and will be available as a venue for the local community to use.

- **Why have different schools received different amounts of funding?**

This funding is being distributed to every primary school in the country. The amount is fixed according to the number of primary students in each school.

- **When will the building work begin?**

The project must be completed by April next year. We are well into the planning and development approval phase. It is expected that most of the building will occur late this year/ early next year and that the extension of the K/1/2 rooms will take place during the summer holidays.

## PERFORMANCE OF HSC MUSIC Mon Sep 21<sup>st</sup>

HSC music students will perform their final assessment works for parents, teachers and friends in the hall at 7pm. Everyone is warmly invited.

## QUILT RAFFLE FOR LITERACY RESOURCES

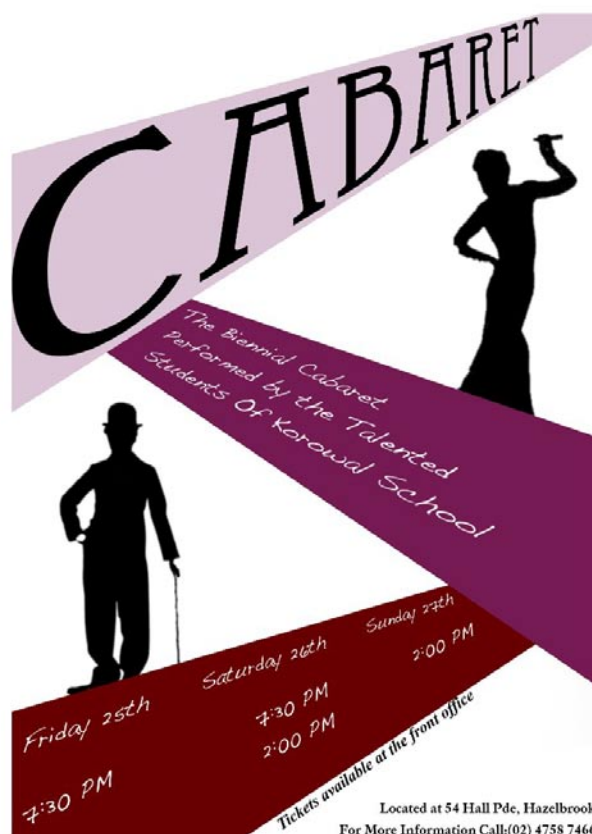
Louise, our learning support teacher, has organized a raffle to raise funds for literacy and learning support resources. The two quilts are on display by the front door of the primary school. Raffle tickets can be purchased from the office this week only. Tickets that were sent home should be returned by Friday 15<sup>th</sup>.

## COME TO THE CABARET!!!

- Rehearsals. Parents will be emailed a rehearsal schedule on Tuesday 15th September. Please support your child to and from rehearsals. Annie Daley (ph 47542206) is your contact person for this.

- Help is needed at every performance....front of house, supervising dressing rooms, helping in the kitchen, cleaning up after performances. It would be ideal if parents supervising students backstage could attend every performance. If you can help in any way please contact Cindy ASAP at [cindybabbage@me.com](mailto:cindybabbage@me.com)

- Buy you tickets soon!  
They are selling fast.



## KOROWAL KITCHEN VISIONS



Our chef/ canteen manager, Trish Fitzgerald began work at the start of this year in our charismatic kitchen. Over the part nine months she has converted it into a warm, inviting hub where nutritious meals are prepared each day for staff and students. Trish and her team of volunteers work from 9.30 to 2.30 cooking and serving a seasonally adjusted menu that caters for vegetarians, meat eaters and gluten-intolerants.... minestrone, pesto chicken, fried rice, sausage rolls, pasta vegetarian and bolognaise, salad wraps. hummus, samosas.... Trish believes that the experience of food flavors is educational. She has delighted in observing the students positively respond to flavors that they have not previously tasted. She experiments with recipes in the Korowal Kitchen and shares them with the volunteers – who in turn share recipes with her. Kazuna is teaching her how to make Japanese sushi, which will soon be incorporated into the menu.

We are beginning to co-ordinate the required kitchen ingredients with the school gardens, so that the vegetables needed for the kitchen can be produced by our own organic garden.

[Helping in the kitchen](#) requires one day each week from 9.30 – 2.30 for one term. Volunteers are needed for term 4. If you can help, contact Trish via the school office on 47587466. It is a creative experience!

[If you would like to simplify your child's food ordering](#) you can pay the kitchen in advance and subtract each lunch order from your account... saves having to find change every day!

## LIBRARY NEWS

The Library would like to THANK everyone who supported our Library Raffle and Book Donations appeal. The Korowal community and the Hazelbook business community were very generous and we were able to raise one thousand dollars with which to purchase the donated books and some extra new books which the students had chosen. (Donated books are now being processed so students may borrow theirs now.) We invite you all to visit the Library whenever you are around the school and borrow books for yourselves too.

The Library raffle held on Open Day has now been drawn and the successful winners are:

1st prize: David Bradley

2nd: Bernadette Hudson

3rd: Helen Aitken

4th: Ian Rank

5th: Bob Tucker

6th: Fiona Davidson

7th: Jesse Star

8th: Edward Harvey

9th: Juliet Avenell

Once again thank you all very much for your support, (Pam and Kathi)

## HSC ART EXHIBITION



Families and friends attended the first exhibition of HSC artwork to be held in our new “gallery”. The students’ work was varied, exciting and impressive. HSC music students provided live music. Kath Veel spoke about the processes involved in creating these works, what a pleasure it has been to work with this motivated class, and what a privilege it is to be an art teacher. The works will now disappear on their journey into the anonymous realm of HSC-marking-land.

## THE BIG ENORMOUS RAFFLE

(current working title to distinguish it from the library raffle and the quilt raffle!)

To raise funds for:

- Playground improvements (primary)
- Musical instruments (secondary)

We will begin selling tickets soon and draw the raffle in November. This date has been pushed back because of the other raffles.

**If you have prizes to donate, please contact Noya on 0412 387 000 or [noyaelron@googlemail.com](mailto:noyaelron@googlemail.com)**

### PRIZES COLLECTED SO FAR.....

VOUCHERS FROM...

- Leura toy shop, \$100
- Lamda 2nd hand bookstore, Wentworth Falls \$20
- Megalong books, Leura, \$40
- Cicero boutique, Leura, \$50
- Divine Designs, Leura \$40

FAMILY PASSES TO...

- Leuralla toy and rail museum
- Australian national maritime museum
- Scenic world Katoomba

A YEAR’S SUBSCRIPTION TO...

- Blue Mountains Life magazine.

HAMPERS FROM...

- D’vine Cellars, Wentworth Falls
- Leura Cellars

ACCOMMODATION IN THE HUNTER VALLEY

- At Tuscany Wine Estate Resort (2 nights mid week)
- AND ALSO...
- DVD's from Hits & Myths, Leura
  - A Faery land painting.

*Thank you to all contributors.*



If you look left when you're held up by the road works at the bottom of Oaklands Road you will notice this old pumping station at the side of a small dam. It was built in 1908 to pump fresh water to the R.T. Hall Sanatorium (now Korowal School). The Sanatorium originally owned all of the land to this point and the driveway began at the corner of Oaklands Road and what is now Hall Parade. A fresh water supply and fresh air were the essential factors in choosing this site to build the sanatorium.

## CONNECTIONS

### Community events and notices

Blue Mountains City Council

FUN WORKSHOPS in Council Libraries in the October holidays. The workshops cover bead making, salt dough sculptures, making art glasses, crowns and funky vessels, Dreamtime stories and Digital photography. More details from the brochures in our Library or from the Springwood branch Library.

KINSHIP CARE FORUM

Springwood Sports Club, 22 Sep, 10am – 2.30pm  
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“THE LIE OF THE LAND” exhibition

Quilts, fabrics, painting, mixed media by Greg Somerville and Paula Martin  
(that's our Greg and Paula!)

Hath Hill Gallery 3 Hat Hill Rd Blackheath

Opening Sep 26<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm

Then Saturdays & Sundays until 11 October.