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NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR 2009	
21st October – 11 th November	HSC exams (see timetable below)
Mon 9 th – Fri 13 th November	School Certificate examinations
Mon 23 rd Nov – Fri 3 rd Dec	Swimming classes 3/4/5
Fri 20 th November 9 - 1	Year 7 orientation
Sat 21 st November	K/1/2 concert
Sat 21 st November	Yr 12 Formal
Tuesday 24 th November	Kindergarten orientation
24 th – 26 th November	Year 8 camp
Saturday 28 th November	Year 6 farewell
Friday 4 th December	Year 2 sleepover
Wednesday 9 th December	Class 3/4/5 concert
Thursday 10 th December	End of term for high school students
Fri 11 December 1.15pm	End of term for primary school students
2010	
27 & 28 January 2010	Staff development days
Fri 29 January	Pathways students start term 1
Mon 1 st Feb	Years 1 – 10 start term 1
Thurs 4 Feb	Kindergarten starts term 1
Thurs 1 April	Last day term 1
Mon 19 th April	Term 2 starts – all students
Fri 25 June	Last day term 2
Mon 19 th July	Staff development day
Tues 20 th 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 for high school
Fri 10 December 1.15pm	Last day term for primary school
HSC EXAMINATION TIMETABLE 2009	
Wed 11 November	Visual Arts 9.25am – 11am Society and Culture – 1.55pm – 4pm

CHANGES TO STAFFING NEXT YEAR

Jennifer Read, who has been teaching Class 6 for the last few years, will move to a two day per week position in the K,1,2 teaching team next year with Nancy and Mary-Ann. This will allow her to return to postgraduate study.

Kim Poole, who has been a part time teacher in our 3.4.5 team this year, has been appointed as our full-time school music teacher. Most of his time will be devoted to high school music and HSIE. He will also spend time teaching primary school music. He will be one of the two class teachers for the year 7 class.

Vanessa Avery will be returning from maternity leave and will work 3 days per week with

Amanda and Yvonne in the 3,4,5 teaching team. Vanessa previously taught our 3,4,5 class for three years.

As mentioned in the previous newsletter, Cairo Gawne has been appointed to teach high school drama and HSIE. He began work last week.

This week we will begin advertising in the Gazette and online for a full time primary teacher. The successful candidate will be appointed to Class 6. We will be holding interviews during this term and will keep Class 5 students and their parents informed of our progress. The new teacher will be mentored by me and other members of the Primary School team, ensuring as smooth a transition as possible. The Class 6 program is well established and documented, which will be of great assistance to the new teacher. We look forward to finding an enthusiastic, energetic and inspiring teacher to work with us.
(Nancy)

BLOCK GRANT FUNDING

We have received funding from the Block Grant Authority to build an oval and a ball court and to renovate the central heating system and fix the leaking roof. We are in the process of obtaining quotes for the work and lodging a development application. We hope that the playing facilities will be built by early next year and the heating will be ready for next winter.

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS 2010

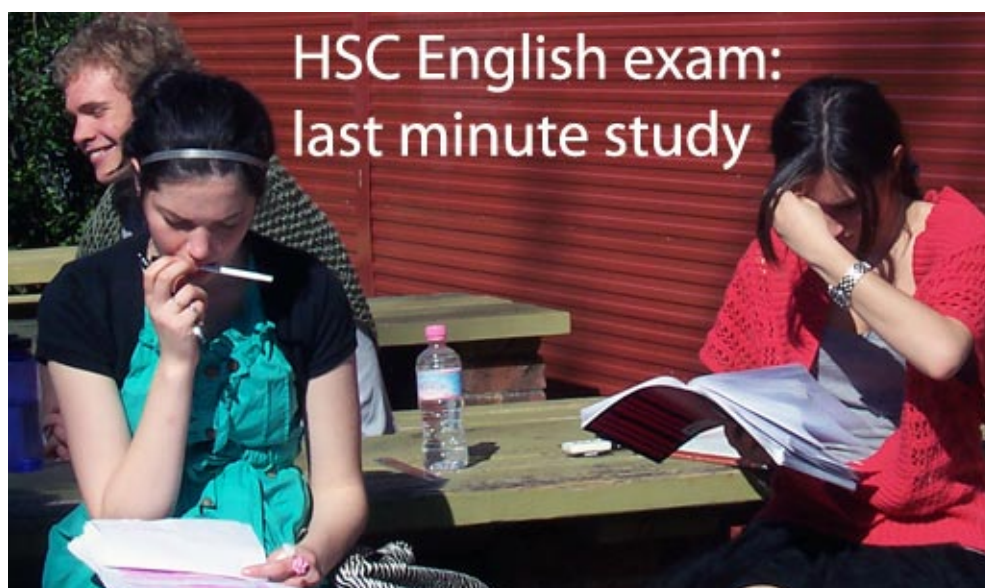
We have limited places available for Year 7 next year, so if you know of people wishing to come to our school please let them know that now is the time to make contact with us.

CAR BOOT SALE CANCELLED ... garage sales to follow

Our car boot sale has been cancelled because there were not enough stalls to make it a successful event. However, some families have offered to host garage sales instead – one in Katoomba and one in Hazelbrook. Details next newsletter.

AUSTRALIAN INFORMATICS OLYMPIAD 2009

Congratulations to year 12 student Sharif Olorin who gained a silver medal in this event, run by the Australian Mathematics Trust. The test was four hours long and is only undertaken by elite mathematicians.



HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

The new academic year has begun in the high school. Year 10 students have begun their senior studies as pathways students and our Year 11 students have moved into their final cycle of subjects as Year 12 commences. The School Certificate exams are on Monday, Tuesday and

Wednesday of this week and the final HSC exams will also run on Wednesday. We wish all our students well in their endeavours.

We welcome many new families to our school. In year 11 we have the pleasure of including Alicia, Isabella, Alex, Caitlin, Miriam and Amelia, with two further students joining us in the next 2 weeks. In Year 10 we have Katie, while in Year 9 we welcome Josiah and Natalie. Ariel has also joined us for Year 8.

We are preparing the way for our Year 6 students to progress into high school and meet their new class mates for 2010. On the 20th November, the Year 7 Orientation Morning will be held from 9.30 – 1.00. The students will get a taste of things to come by attending mini classes with their class and subject teachers. Year 8 will provide morning tea for our visitors.

Please remember to recycle your old text books by advertising them in the newsletter. You may also post your requests. There are families looking to buy and sell

Junior secondary reports are being finalised at present. Parent teacher interviews will be held on Wednesday 25th November from 4.00- 7.00pm. You may book with the office. We ask that you please check with your child which teachers they have had for the two terms prior to this, to ensure you are getting the relevant feedback.

SWIMMING

This is the second week that K,1,2 have been taking part in our Intensive Swimming Scheme at Springwood Aquatic Centre. In past years the whole class has gone every day for a fortnight but this year we are going in two K,1,2 groups, with each group going twice a week. We felt that this would give the children all the benefits of the intensive experience without the drawbacks of tiredness and wet swimming costumes every day! So far it all seems to be working a treat, with the children thoroughly enjoying themselves! The children's behaviour has been fabulous too, making it a pleasurable experience all round! A special thank you to the parents who have been coming to help with changing – it makes such a big difference to the smooth running of the program.

Swimming for 3,4,5 & 6 begins Monday 23rd November

(Mary-Ann)

COLLECTING CHILDREN FROM THE TURNING CIRCLE AFTER SCHOOL

We encourage parents to take advantage of this facility as it reduces the over-crowding in the car park. There is a teacher on duty who supervises children at the drop off/ pick up zone. If you would like your child to come to you in your car straight after school, please tell him/her that s/he needs to go directly to the turning circle upon being dismissed from class. A note to the teachers is recommended if your child is in K,1,2. In the event of you arriving later than 3.25, you will need to park and collect your child from the area in front of the school office as the teacher supervision finishes at 3.25. Thank you!

A reminder that parking rear to kerb increases safety for children. It is recommended that children younger than 10 hold hands with an adult in traffic areas – this includes our school car park.

(Nancy)



LAWSON FESTIVAL

Primary and high school students will perform at the festival next Saturday, November 14th. Korowal has an information booth at the festival.



Recognise this?

The old water tank at the top of our hill, photographed in the early 20th century, complete with ladder and octagonal roof. The tank supplied water for the sanatorium. We have applied to the NSW Climate Change Department for funds to implement a water harvesting program that would include renovating this tank.

TEXTBOOK TRADING

Wanted:

Any Year 9 textbooks - phone Sharon McGovern.

For Sale:

Core science 1 and 2 2nd ed., equipe nouvelle, maths quest 7 and maths quest 9. contact jacqueline at agardenwoman@gmail.com.au

Years 9/10

IST - Information & Software Technology 7 – 10, including CD; in good condition; \$25

Years 7/8

·FRENCH - Equipe Nouvelle 2 separate books 1. Study Book (Livre de l'étudiant) & 2. Activity Book (Cahier d'activités); in very good condition; \$40 for both

Contact: Felicity 0405983722 or email uigfsa@aussieisp.com.au

(or see Asher in year 11 at anytime)

LAST WEEK TO BUY RAFFLE TICKETS

\$5 each or 3 for \$10

**to raise \$\$\$\$ for primary school
playground equipment and new musical
instruments for high school**

*SO MANY PRIZES.....
SO MANY CHANCES TO WIN.....*

ACCOMMODATION IN THE HUNTER VALLEY

• At Tuscany Wine Estate Resort (value \$500)

HAMPERS FROM...

- D'vine Cellars, Wentworth Falls
- Leura Cellars

GIFT VOUCHERS FROM...

- Leura Toy Shop
- Lamda Books Wentworth Falls
- Megalong Books, Leura
- Cicero Boutique, Leura
- Divine Designs, Leura

FAMILY PASSES TO...

- Maritime Museum (2 family passes)
- Katoomba Sports & Leisure Centre
(heaps of family passes)
- Leuralla Toy and Rail Museum
- Australian National Maritime Museum
- Scenic World Katoomba
- The Edge Cinema
- Taronga Zoo
- Western Plains Zoo

AND ALSO...

- DVD's from Hits & Myths, Leura
- One year's subscription to "Blue Mountains Life" magazine
- A Faery land painting.

CONNECTIONS: Community events and notices

Remembrance Day

FREE film night

Wentworth Falls School of Arts 11th November

A screening of "Harry's War", award winning film by Richard Frankland and the critically acclaimed "The Forgotten."

6.30 pm light supper

7.15pm Welcome to country

7.30 pm Films and panel discussion

9pm close

For more information: 47586811 or 47593599

Organised by BM Antar/ BM People for Reconciliation, supported by MCRN & MOCS.

NO NEED TO BOOK

