



## NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR 2010	
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> August	Pathways parent teacher meetings
Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> August	Pupil free day primary; half day high school (preparation for open Day)
Sat 14 <sup>th</sup> August 10am – 3 pm	Annual Open Day
Mon 23 <sup>rd</sup> August	HSC drama projects due
Thurs 26 <sup>th</sup> August	School Council meeting 7pm
Mon 30 <sup>th</sup> August	HSC art body of work due
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 10 RYDA workshop
Wed – Fri 8 – 10 September	HSC Trial examinations
Fri 24 September	Last day term 3
Fri 24 September	Year 12 farewell
Mon 11 Oct	Term 4 starts – all students
Sat 16 <sup>th</sup> October 10am – 2pm	Term 4 working bee
21 & 22 October	High school staff development days
Wed 8 December	End of year celebration
Thu 9 December	Last day term 4 for high school
Fri 10 December 1.15pm	Last day term for primary school

## OPEN DAY this Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August 10am – 3pm

### Can you help?

- *Traffic marshalls* will be needed to show visitors where to park. If you can commit 30 minutes or an hour please contact Annie: [acarment@bigpond.net.au](mailto:acarment@bigpond.net.au) or 0431352022.
  - If you can *serve in the café* any time between 10am and 3pm: contact Tracy 47829946 or [fwacy@yahoo.com.au](mailto:fwacy@yahoo.com.au)
  - If you can *make Turkish bread sandwiches* at school from 8 am Saturday contact Tracy.
  - If you can *make cakes* to sell at the café please drop them off at the kitchen either on Friday or Saturday morning.
  - If you can help to *clean up* around the school and *set up the café*: from 1 pm Friday, just turn up.
  - If you can *donate flowers*, bring them to the office on Friday.
- Remember there is no school for primary students on Friday August 13<sup>th</sup>. High school students finish at lunchtime.
  - Please come along on Saturday to see your children's work on display, hear music students in the music rooms, watch HSC drama students developing their performances in the hall, and see HSC art students working on their final art works in the art room.
  - Invite your family and friends.

## HELPING ELLA

Ella Moon is a student in year 5 who started at Korowal in 2008. Sadly, Ella has leukemia and towards the end of last year she came out of remission. Earlier this year she had to have a bone marrow transplant. She has been extremely unwell and is now making slow progress. For most of this year she has been in an isolation room, with her parents, doctors and therapists being the only people allowed to enter the room.

Primary school classes and teachers have maintained contact with Ella and we are told that this link really supports her recovery.



It has recently been brought to my attention that Ella's parents, who now live in a rented room at Westmead, need help. They own their own company, which they have not been able to operate since last November. They still have mortgage payments to make for their home in Katoomba, which they will return to once Ella is well again.

They do not qualify for any financial support from the government and are unable to generate income themselves whilst Ella is so poorly. We have been asked to help and I know of many people who have already asked what they can do.

### **How You Can Help**

- Donating Money

I have permission to publish Kate and Korey's bank details so that direct deposits can be made. Money given to help them will be used towards their mortgage and cost of living expenses. Please note that this money cannot be claimed as a tax deduction. Their account details are:

Kate Waters and K. Moon

St George Bank

BSB: 112879

Account: 055345196

- Meals

Kate and Korey would also appreciate meals. I have asked Trish, in our school canteen, each day to freeze a dinner for 2. Teachers will pay for these, but if you would also like to contribute \$10 for a dinner, please send the money in an envelope,

clearly marked for Kate & Korey. Other foodstuffs could also be appreciated, but neither Kate or Korey are up to cooking much at the moment, but fresh eggs, fresh bread, fruit would be great. Tracy Barrett has offered to co-ordinate a roster of people who could take these things to Westmead Hospital. I shall be going down this Saturday, so can take the first contribution. Tracy's phone numbers are: 47 82 9946 and 0438 507515.

You may, of course, prefer to make and freeze a meal yourself. This too would be appreciated.

- Fundraising

Please feel free to contact me about any kind of fundraising event that you could organise on behalf of Ella and her family. You may be able to do something with another group that you belong to eg have a trivia night for your community choir!  
Nancy

*Since the above letter went out last week we have had many generous offers of food. Our first fundraising event, "Tropical Tuesday", raised \$950!!! Thank you to all who dressed tropically and donated money. Thank you also to those who have donated money directly into Kate and Korey's account.*

## **A MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COUNCIL ABOUT THE PAYMENT OF FEES.**

Our school's financial survival depends on families paying their fees on time. We appreciate and acknowledge all those who do.

We aim to keep fees as low as possible and to keep fee rises to a minimum. This also depends on everyone paying fees on time.

Korowal is an entirely independent school. We have no wealthy benefactors. Unlike many other independent schools, we have no surplus funds – these were spent on the purchase and renovation of our new school. Our buildings and grounds are not owned by the church or the state. If we cannot survive financially, neither church nor state will come to our rescue! In financial terms, we are a small business. Like any other business, we must balance our budget.

We have two kinds of funds – recurrent and capital. Recurrent funds are used to pay our wages, our mortgage, and all of the other costs associated with running the school. Our wages and mortgage must be paid every month. Fees and recurrent government funding (based on the number of students enrolled) are our only sources of recurrent funds. Fees make up by far the largest proportion of these funds. If fees are not paid on time, we cannot pay our bills.

Capital works – buildings and grounds improvements and new buildings – are funded by capital grants from the federal government. There are capital works currently taking place at school: ball court, oval, veranda, heating, carpet, and planned K/1/2 classroom extensions and new hall. These are all funded by capital grants. Capital grants can only be spent on the projects for which they are granted. We hope everyone understands that our expenditure on these improvements does not mean that we have money to spare.

We understand how hard it is for families to survive financially – food, electricity, gas, mortgage, rates, phone, internet, etc. We are all in the same boat!

When fees are incomplete or late, this may only represent a small amount for one family. However, small amounts soon become large amounts that affect the school's budget in a significant way.

We provide as much fee relief as possible via financial needs' bursaries for families who require temporary help with their fees. (Our bursary budget for this year is fully spent.)

However, we are not a bank and cannot afford to act as one. If your fees are late or unpaid, then you are in effect borrowing money from the school. If you are having trouble paying your fees, please consider approaching your bank for assistance. If you have a mortgage over your home, banks are often willing to renegotiate the mortgage so that you can borrow more or extend your repayment period. You should also contact the office to discuss a payment plan for any overdue fees.

Our future looks positive. Our enrolments for next year are healthy. We have succeeded in the enormous task of buying a property and relocating the school. We have a growing reputation as a school that offers caring, quality education and a genuine alternative to the orthodoxy of ranking, grading and rushing students through childhood. However, it is the duty of School Council to ensure the school's financial sustainability, and therefore we ask every family to play their part through the reliable and regular payment of fees.

## **YEAR 6 TRIP TO CANBERRA**

**"Last term we went to Canberra on our class camp. One of my favourite things that we did was being in the house of Representatives in old and new Parliament house it was so amazing!!! Another one of my favourite things that we did was when we went to the Australian War Memorial where a tour guide showed us around, after the tour we went up to the wall where they names of all the people who died in the war are written".**

**By Maddie**

### **Canberra's Deep Communication Complex**

**"When we got close it said to turn off any electrical devices. When we got off the bus, we met our tour guide Glen he told us about how someone stole moon rock and tried to sell it on Ebay. The F.B.I arrested him. When they went to court the judge had to calculate the worth of the moon rock he stole, it was worth 6-8 million. Also we learnt about stars, planets, galaxies and one of Saturn's moon Titan may have water life. One of my favourite planets is Venus."**

**By Caleb**



## **FUNDRAISING MEETING**

Thanks to all those who came along to our meeting last Thursday. Lots of great ideas to follow up on. We will hold another meeting in a few weeks. I will send out an email with the details. I hope that Thursdays at 2.30 is a good time. Please email me if you have ideas or suggestions that you would like to share but are unable to make this time.

Tracy  
47829946 or [fwacy@yahoo.com](mailto:fwacy@yahoo.com).

## **REMEMBER: School Hours for the Primary have changed.**

For Monday to Thursday finish time is 3.20pm.  
Friday Finish time is 1.20pm.

## **COMPUTERS FOR SALE!**

The lease of our trusty Dell desktops has finished. They are all in good working order and come complete with 21" monitor, DVD writer, keyboard and mouse (80 GB hard disk, 2 GB RAM). To install a larger hard drive or more RAM is very easy and quick with these models.

You can install Windows or use the supplied Ubuntu operating system, which includes all the software you might need.

They are really great machines- quick, reliable, economical. Price: \$ 220

Please pay in the office and see Joachim for the computer. Be quick, we only have 6 for sale.

Joachim

## **Open Days for Universities.**

28 August from 9am to 4pm Canberra, UC, ANU, ACU, ADFA, UNSW, UTS

28 August from 10am to 3pm Newcastle UNC

29 August from 10am to 3pm Parramatta UWS

## **New child restraint laws**

New child restraint laws came into effect in NSW on March 1, 2010. The laws include the following. That children:

- younger than six months must be secured in rearward facing restraints
- between six months and four years must be secured in either a rear or forward facing restraint
- between four and seven years must be secured in forward facing child restraint or booster seat
- younger than four years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows
- between four and less than seven years cannot travel in the front seat of a vehicle with two or more rows, unless all other back seats are occupied by children younger than seven years in a child restraint or booster seat.

## **For Sale - 3/4 Hofner violin - proceeds to Korowal**

One of our Korowal families has kindly donated a beautiful 3/4 violin. It's a German Hofner instrument (makers of instruments used by the Beatles and the Stones) in as new condition. Purchased for \$300 new. Please contact Leanne on 0416 166675 to inspect or make an offer.

## CONNECTIONS: Community activities and links.

### 2FOR2

Want to kick start your fitness regime in time for summer?

Why not take advantage of our current membership promotion and pay \$2 a day for 2 weeks and make use of all centre facilities!\*

#### OFFER ONLY AVAILABLE AT

KATOOMBA SPORTS & AQUATIC CENTRE

PH: 4780 5156

SPRINGWOOD AQUATIC & FITNESS CENTRE

PH: 4723 5111

\* Trial memberships can only be purchased between 25<sup>th</sup> July-5<sup>th</sup> September 2010 and must be used for 14 consecutive days. Membership must be commenced at centre by Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> September 2010. Total cost is \$28.00 per trial membership. Promotional timetable applies at Springwood. Please contact your nearest centre for further terms and conditions.



**Scientists' Stories – a parent and student evening**  
Tuesday 24 August 2010

Year 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents are invited to attend an evening of intrigue. **The Australian Academy of Science** and the **Academy of Technology, Science & Engineering** offers a rare opportunity to hear from four inspirational Fellows.

**LOCATION:**  
Hosted by UNSW at Leighton Hall,  
The John Niland Scientia Building,  
UNSW Kensington campus

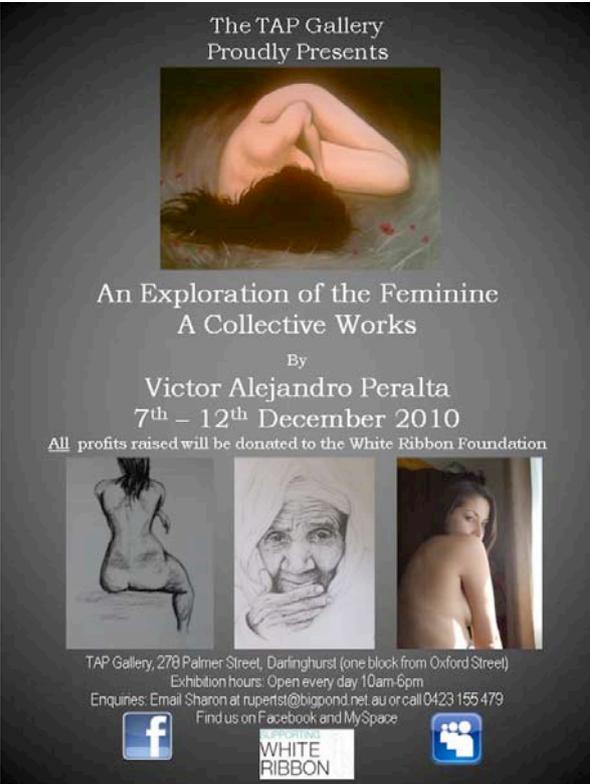
**TIME:**  
6.00 pm – Registration  
6.30 pm – Presentations  
8.00 pm – Refreshments

**SPEAKERS:**

- Professor Hugh Durrant-Whyte FRS FAA FTSE  
*The robots are coming!*
- Professor David James FAA  
*Obesity – a constant struggle between our genes and our environment*
- Professor Elaine Sadler FAA  
*Black holes and galaxy evolution*
- Professor Stephen Simpson FAA  
*A tale of paintbrushes, cannibals, obesity and ageing*

There will be the opportunity to speak with our guest speakers, Fellows of the Academies, and UNSW Faculty of Science staff.

Registration is essential at [www.science.unsw.edu.au](http://www.science.unsw.edu.au)  
Further enquiries please contact Rachelle Carritt  
T: 02 9385 7311 E: [rachelle@unsw.edu.au](mailto:rachelle@unsw.edu.au)



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A Collective Works

By  
Victor Alejandro Peralta  
7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> December 2010

All profits raised will be donated to the White Ribbon Foundation



TAP Gallery, 278 Palmer Street, Darlinghurst (one block from Oxford Street)  
Exhibition hours: Open every day 10am-6pm  
Enquiries: Email Sharon at [rupertst@bigpond.net.au](mailto:rupertst@bigpond.net.au) or call 0423 155 479  
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