



NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR 2010	
Friday 15 th October 1.20pm – 3.20 pm (and every Friday till the end of term)	Community picnic and gardening.
Friday 15 th October	HSC examinations begin
18 – 21 October	K 1 2 swimming
21 & 22 October	High school staff development days. No school for high school students.
25 October	New academic year begins years 8 - 12
25 – 28 October	K 1 2 swimming
1 – 4 November and 8 – 11 November	K 1 2 swimming
8,9,10 November	School Certificate examinations
10 November	Final HSC examination
Fri 12 November 6pm	Year 12 formal, Carrington Hotel.
15 – 18 November and 22 – 25 November	3 4 5 swimming
19 November	Year 7 orientation morning
24 – 26 November	Year 8 camp
27 November	Bob's farewell
1 December	3 4 5 Play "Noah's Ark"
2 December	Year 6 sleepover
3 December	Year 2 sleepover
8 December	Tabloid sports K - 6
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

FRIDAY COMMUNITY PICNICS AND GARDENING

Every Friday this term, weather permitting, parents and primary students are invited to bring a picnic lunch to school. From 1.20pm until 2.20 we will picnic. From 2.20 until 3.20 you are invited to help with vegetable gardening and other community gardening projects around the school. If you would like to picnic but not stay for gardening, that's fine. If you would like to garden but not picnic, that is also fine. If you would like to come along only occasionally, that too is fine.

We hope that this will develop into a time when parents and children can share relaxed time and also help with the enormous job of maintaining and developing our gardens and growing food for our kitchen.

Mark will supervise the gardening.

Bring light gardening tools if possible.

Please note that the safety of primary and pre school children is officially the responsibility of parents after 1.20 pm on Fridays.

Please note that the working bee previously scheduled for this Saturday will NOT be held.

MONEY MATTERS

1) Financial needs bursaries for 2011

The Korowal School Council has recently confirmed its Financial Needs Bursary Policy for 2011 which is available on our website or a copy may be obtained from the school office. The school will continue to allocate financial assistance to those families in most need of assistance with payment of school fees and a set sum has been allocated for this purpose by the School Council.

In accordance with our bursary policy, the application process will include consideration of the following:

- capacity of parent/s to seek their own finance/loan to pay their child's tuition fees
- potential for other family members (eg grandparents) to pay school fees during short term financial difficulty
- financial indicators of need - current family income, number of family dependants, net assets, employment prospects.

Application forms for Financial Needs Bursary may be obtained from the school office. After reading the policy document and the application form please do not hesitate to contact the office for further information.

2) School fees insurance.

Insurance is available to protect against unforeseen events that affect ability to pay school fees, such as sickness, accident, or involuntary unemployment. Swann Insurance offers an insurance product called Your FeeSecure and details are available on the company's website www.swanninsurance.com.au/yourfeesecure

Although we do not endorse this product or any other similar product, we provide this information as being of interest to our school families. Please seek your own independent advice before making any decision in relation to insurance.

NAPLAN RESULTS

Most primary school parents withdrew their children from this year's NAPLAN tests due to the ranking purposes for which the results have been used on the "My School" website. This means that our results will not appear on the "My School" site because the sampled groups were too small to be meaningful. Most of our year 7 and 9 students did sit for the test. Overall, their results were excellent. These results will appear on the "My School" site because the tested groups were larger. Parents of all students who sat for the test will receive individual reports of their results.

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome back everyone to what will be a very busy term, full of lots of exciting events. The intensive swimming scheme starts next Monday for K,1,2. Students from 3,4,5,6 will be starting their lessons on November 15th. There will be concerts for K,1,2 and 3,4,5 and the very special Class 6 Formal towards the end of term. Years 2 and 6 will be having a



Dutch iris planted by kindergarten in D week

sleep over at school (on separate nights) and there will be an end of year school celebration on Wednesday 8th December. On Friday 3rd December, you will be given a written report, which will celebrate the achievements your child has made this year. We will also have your child's work ready for you to collect to take home.

During the school holidays several more jobs were completed or begun. Thanks to Paula, for painting the doors to the toilets on the 3,4,5 verandah – they look great! Thanks to Jill and ex-Korowal student Matt Rapa for installing a sink on the same verandah. The concrete slab has been laid in the K,1,2 courtyard ready for the extension to the K,1,2 classrooms during the next holidays and the hard ball court was properly surfaced, with line markings for a whole host of games.

We will be beginning the interviews for our new teachers soon and will keep you informed of our progress.

At our whole school assembly on Monday, Mark reminded students of the need to wear sun protective clothing and closed shoes. He also talked about snake awareness. We followed this up in our primary school assembly with more information about what to do in the event of seeing/meeting/being bitten by a snake. For your peace of mind, many of us have 1st aid training and know exactly what to do in the event of a snake bite.

We have also recommended that children bring their own water bottle to school, to help stay hydrated and to reduce the queues at the water bubblers.

There are a lot of items of lost property left over from last term. These will be on display this week, before being taken to a charity bin.

Finally, congratulations and thank you to Class 6 for their magnificent fund-raising activity on behalf of our friendship school in Manumera School in East Timor. Over \$200 was raised. This money will go directly to the school, via the East Timor Sisters.

K,1,2 Main Lesson: Spring



Kindies drawing one of our beautiful rhododendron trees.

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Farewell Year 12

The school hall was packed on the last day of term for our farewell assembly to Year 12. It was an emotional event. Each student made a speech to the school, as did each of their teachers from kindergarten onwards – most through a veil of tears.

Kindergarten students presented each year 12 student with a candle hand made by the students of year 6. The two youngest and oldest primary students jointly lit a candle while the primary school sang “light a candle”. Year 11 students gave a gift to each

year 12 student. The year 12 students presented the year 11 students with a new microwave and the school with a beautiful singing bowl for the Quiet Room. The teachers performed an elaborate original skit from the “Board of Storage” and the students performed an original skit situated in “Cluster”.



The HSC examinations begin this Friday. We wish each student success in their examinations, and fulfillment and happiness in their post school lives and careers. They are a generous, exuberant and inclusive group who will be much missed.

Junior high school parent teacher interviews

These will be held on Wednesday 10th November from 4 – 7.30 pm. Reports will be posted one week beforehand. You can phone the office any time to make an appointments for your interviews.

FAREWELL BOB

After more than a quarter of a century teaching History, Society and Culture, English, and Mathematics in our high school and several stints as School Co-ordinator, Bob Tucker is finally retiring at the end of this year. Saturday 27th November has been set as the date for his farewell at school in the late afternoon. Details of the event will be announced in the next newsletter and on our website and Facebook page. Bob has been a significant influence in the lives of so many students past and present. We hope that ex-students from each of the graduating years since the start of the school will attend his farewell. Start spreading the word!

KOROWAL PLAYGROUP

Thank you to everyone who contacted Tracy to register their interest in the play group. The group will begin next year. Details will be published in the next newsletter. If you have not yet done so, please register your interest by contacting Tracy 47829946 0438507515 fwacy@yahoo.com.au

COMPUTER BARGAINS

The school has 15 Dell desk top computers for sale at \$220 each. Phone the office if you are interested.

TEXTBOOK TRADING

- WANTED TEXTBOOKS FOR YEAR 10

All textbooks

Please contact Sharon McGovern Phone 4751 4086

- YEAR 9 TEXTBOOKS FOR SALE

Please contact Sharon McGovern Phone 4751 4086

•WANTED TEXTBOOKS

MathsQuest 10 Intermediate

Please contact Linda Phone 4782 9218 or 0406774006

•WANTED TEXTBOOKS FOR YEAR 9

- Core Science book 3 & book 4 (2nd edn) Jacaranda Press
- Retroactive 2: Stage 5 Australian History 3rd edn. Anderson et al, Jacaranda 2005.
- Geoactive 2: Stage 5 Geography (3rd edn), Paine et al, Jacaranda.
- MathsQuest 9-5.3 Pathway NSW Edition (advanced) Wiley
- More About Art: Dewar et al Science Press

Please contact Diane 4751 9298 or email dcdg@internode.on.net

Year 7 secondhand books for sale

Phone: 47587306 (Karin)

Maths Quest 7 (NSW Edition with CD) \$27.00

My Girragundji \$7.00

Equipe Nouvelle 1: Text Book & slightly used workbook \$30.00

FOR SALE:

Core Science Books 1 & 2 (2nd edition)

Maths Quest 8 for NSW

Hitlers Daughter

Diary of Anne Frank

Romeo & Juliet

Geography for Global Citizens (3rd edition)

Equipe Nouvelle 1 Text & Workbook

Contact: Rachel Besser

Phone: 47829313

Loosening the apron strings

Joachim recommends this interview...

<http://www.smh.com.au/lifestyle/lifematters/cool-or-crazy-mum-wants-to-loosen-the-apron-strings-20100929-15xir.htm>

HSC classes for 2011 begin Oct 25th – last chance to enrol

If you know anyone who is thinking about enrolling for year 11 next year, please remind them that enrolments close, and classes start, in term 4 this year. Every year we are forced to turn away disappointed students who are not aware of this and wish to start in term one.

Our Pathways program is compressed and accelerated – classes begin in term 4, and each subject is studied for only one year. This model is a sustainable way of avoiding the usual high-stress HSC program where all subjects are examined at the end of two years. We also offer part time study over three to five years.

CONNECTIONS: Community activities and links

Are you a mum with an 11-13 year old girl! Or do you have friends who have daughters in this age range?

Puberty is an exciting, sometimes, confusing and definitely influential time for our young girls. Together we can offer them a wider spectrum of wisdom and a sense of belonging to a greater collective of sisterhood, a well from which they can forever source nourishment and healing. We are extremely fortunate to have a teacher in this unique area coming to the Blue Mountains. Offering tools for self-esteem, communication, and navigating the adolescent passage, this weekend will support you

and your daughter in her journey toward womanhood.

Maggie Mulham is helping to organise a special weekend (here in the Blue Mountains!) where Moana Pearl will facilitate **A Warm Welcome to Womanhood - a weekend for girls ages 11-13 and their mothers(mentors) offering tools, support and a healthy feminine perspective. The weekend program begins on the Friday evening, Mums/Aunties only, for three hours (6:30-9:30). Then followed by two days of 'singing up our daughters through sharing' , knowledge, learning, honouring, laughter, heart opening ceremony, and song; in circle: women's way . (Sat. and Sun.10 - 4)**

About the facilitator: Moana Pearl has been involved in women's business for 22 years, facilitating groups, circles, rituals, ceremonies and rites of passage for women of all ages and puberty girls. Moana is a certified Yoga Instructor with over 30 years of yoga practice and experience. She also a Senior Facilitator and Co-founder for 'Pathways into Womanhood' A Rite of Passage for puberty girls and their mothers.

The cost of the weekend is \$350 per mother daughter couple. Bookings and non-refundable deposits (\$75) essential. Dates: Oct 22, 23, 24, if you are interested, please contact Maggie asap on 0413 800 902 or email on maggie@bmevents.com.au.

**Singing lessons
All Styles
Rock to Opera
Katoomba**

**Dr Lesley Kinney is conservatorium trained
and has professional experience across
classical and rock vocal styles. She has
performed with the Australian Opera and
Victorian State Opera and toured Australia
with a number of musicals. Currently she
sings rock covers and originals in local
venues.**

Phone Lesley on 4782 2421

Food preparation and cooking skills course – putting Community back into Cooking at Blackheath Food Circle.

Blue Mountains Food Circle in conjunction with Blue Mountains TAFE Outreach are

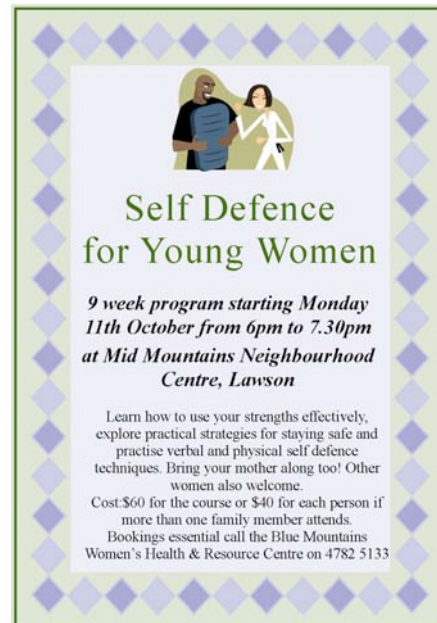
offering a **free 6 week food course commencing Monday October 25th** with free professional child care on site. This program is **open to anyone interested** in learning about food preparation, food presentation, food hygiene, safe food handling, new tastes and techniques and coffee making/barista skills. The course will run from **9.30 to 2.30** for 6 Mondays with all equipment and ingredients provided.

Your interest may be primarily personal, for use at home, or with friends; or work-related - as it includes some key skills needed to work in a cafe or other hospitality setting (and participants completing the program will receive a TAFE Statement of Attainment in Access to Work and Training); or you may be interested for both personal and employment related reasons. You are welcome!

The setting is a well equipped commercial kitchen in the Baptist Church Hall, 6 Bundarra Street Blackheath, where you can explore your interest and love of cooking with like-minded others and receive expert tuition.

Professional childcare for pre-school children will be provided by Mobile Minders at no cost to participants.

TO REGISTER or for more information please call Denise at Blue Mountains TAFE Outreach on 4753 2039



**Self Defence
for Young Women**

*9 week program starting Monday
11th October from 6pm to 7.30pm
at Mid Mountains Neighbourhood
Centre, Lawson*

Learn how to use your strengths effectively,
explore practical strategies for staying safe and
practise verbal and physical self defence
techniques. Bring your mother along too! Other
women also welcome.

Cost: \$60 for the course or \$40 for each person if
more than one family member attends.
Bookings essential call the Blue Mountains
Women's Health & Resource Centre on 4782 5133

Young People and Alcohol

- Latest research on the effects of alcohol on the adolescent brain
- How to encourage teenagers not to drink until older
- What to do if your teenager is drinking at dangerous levels



WHAT ROLE CAN FAMILIES PLAY?

Presenter: Paul Dillon

Internationally renowned speaker
Drug and Alcohol Research Training Australia (DARTA)
Author of "Teenagers, Alcohol and Drugs"

ALL WELCOME

Gold Coin Donation appreciated

Date: Thursday October 28, 2010
Time: 6pm to 8pm
Venue: Springwood Sports Club
83 Macquarie Rd, Springwood

For more information contact **Ryn Vlachou**
at **Blue Mountains City Council** on **47805545**

This event has been brought to you by
Youth Mental Illness and Substance Abuse Network (YMISA)

