



NEWSLETTER

18/5/2010 Vol 33 Issue 5

CALENDAR 2010	
Wed 19 th May 4pm – 8pm	Junior High School parent/teacher meetings
Thurs 20 th May 7pm	School Council meeting
Wed 26 th May 7pm	Annual General Meeting
Wed 26 th – Fri 28 th May	Year 8 camp
Tuesday 1 st June 7pm- 8.30	Pathways information evening
Friday 4 th June	Canteen closed Help set up for fair from 2 pm.
Sat 5 th June	School Fair
Mon – Thurs 7 th -10 th June	Class 6 excursion to Canberra
Mon 14 th June	Long weekend
Tues 15 th June	School Photos
Fri 25 June	Last day term 2
Mon 19 th July	Staff development day
Tues 20 th July	Term 3 starts – all students
Sat 31 st July 10am – 2 pm	Term 3 working bee
Sat 14 th August 10am – 3 pm	Annual Open Day
Fri 24 September	Last day term 3
Mon 11 Oct	Term 4 starts – all students
Sat 16 th October 10am – 2pm	Term 4 working bee
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

SCHOOL FAIR Sat June 5th less than 3 weeks away!

You should have been contacted by a parent from your child/ren's class/es to ask you to commit some time on a roster, and to help in other ways. If not, please contact the person listed below. Older students are encouraged to roster on as well as parents

CLASS	ACTIVITY	WHERE	HELP REQUIRED	CONTACT PERSON
K/1/2	Tombola, sale of craft items, fresh flowers, whole cakes	Pomegranate room	Selling on the day, making cakes beforehand.	Dawn 47588541 0416137658
K/1/2	Outside activities for children	On the grass near the vegie patch	Organising on the day.	Dawn
3/4/5	Craft activities	Primary art room	Supervise activities	Deirdra deirdreconnell5@gmail.com .
	Hand made	Pomegranate	Make small,	Tracy

	crafts	room	saleable items	0438507515/ 47829946 fwacy@yahoo.com.au
6	Second hand clothes	Year 6 room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Set up from 2 pm Friday 4th •Sell clothes Sat 10 -3 • Clean up after 3pm 	Leanne 0416166675 47512774
7	BBQ	In marquee at front of school	Work on roster/ set up and clean up afterwards.	Cindy cindybabbage@me.com 0414 990 761
8	Green elephant (pre loved stuff)	Plum room	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Set up from 2pm Friday • Sell 10 – 3 Sat • Clean up after 3 Sat 	Tracy 0438507515/ 47829946
9	Terror Tunnel	G2	•	Tracy 0438507515/ 47829946
10	Hot Food	Canteen	• Roster from 8 am Saturday.	Chris 47826611 (or see Trish in the canteen)
Pathways	Cafe	G1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Make cakes • Supervise on Saturday 	Cindy cindybabbage@me.com 0414 990 761
Everyone and anyone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Make craft items •Make cakes •Donate clothes and green elephant items •Donate tombola goodies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Second hand donations to box outside office •Tombola donations to box in front hallway 		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •General help to set up and clean up the school Friday 4th from 2pm 			
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> •Help to clean up and restore the school to working order after 3 pm Saturday 			

Please see Trish in the canteen on phone Chris (see above) if you can **HELP WITH HOT FOOD IN THE KITCHEN** at any time between 10 am and 4 pm.

There will be a **PRIMARY SCHOOL ART SHOW** in the primary hallway containing a canvas painted by every primary school student. These will be on sale and we hope that every parent will purchase one!

IF YOUR CHILD IS IN THE PRIMARY SCHOOL CHOIR, they will sing in the rose courtyard at 11.20 and again at 12.50. Each performance lasts 10 – 15 mins.

IF YOUR CHILD IS IN KIM'S JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BAND, they will perform from 12 – 12.20 on the front balcony.

THE CANTEEN WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY JUNE 4TH in order to cook food for the Fair.

THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING MUSICIANS who have agreed to donate their time and talents to our school fair. They will perform on the front balcony and in the rose courtyard – unless it's wet, in which case they will move inside. Thank you also to the performers who offered their time but who we were not able to squeeze into the program.

At 10.15: Phil Braithwaite and Mick Reid - guitar and flute.

At 10.45: Spiral – two women, two guitars.

At 11.20: Primary Choir.

At 11.30: Rachel Hannan and Andrew Ireland (jazz)

At 12: Kim's Junior High School Band

At 12.20: Pathways students: Original music by Luciano Carment with Josh Spolc.

At 12.50: The Return of the Primary Choir.

At 1pm: Snaketown Rattlers – “hot beat combo” featuring our Andrew Ireland.

At 2 pm: Ragamuffin – Celtic band featuring our Keith Young.

PRIMARY NEWS

Firstly, a warm welcome to Ruby and Tyler, new students in Kindergarten. This welcome extends to their families, also.

Secondly, talking of warm...until our new heating system has been installed, we have only limited heating. At this time of year, particularly, when warm mornings can often become cold afternoons – and vice versa – it is a really good idea to send your child with something warm to wear. Warm inside clothes are needed as well as extra layers when it's time to go outside. Even when our new heating system is installed, we encourage wearing an extra layer rather than increasing the amount of heat – this is all part of our effort to raise consciousness about sustainability issues.

It has been wonderful to see such a positive response to our request for supervision after school on the play equipment and in that area. Thank you so much. Children have been told that in the event of no adult being present to supervise, they must wait in the area in front of the library, where they can be supervised by the teacher on turning circle duty. Once this teacher's duty finishes (3.30) children are directed to wait outside the office.

We shall be having parent teacher interviews towards the end of June – letters will be coming home soon. Please be advised that torches are recommended for those people who will be here when it is dark.

Finally, Kim is doing a wonderful job teaching the children songs to perform at our Fair. Make sure you bring lots of friends and relations along to hear how well our children sing (at 11.20 and again at 12.50)

Nancy

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Parent/ Teacher Meetings

It is that time again, and we look forward to discussing your child with you, and the child present if that is convenient and desired. Reports have been posted and the Pathways Parent/Teacher meetings were held on Wednesday night of last week. This week we have the Junior High School meetings and we encourage you to book your times with the office.

The names of the teachers will appear on the bottom of each subject's report. If you cannot make it and wish to discuss anything, please phone the school office to arrange a time for a phone interview with the relevant teacher. The more we share, the better informed we are.

Espresso machine for morning beverages.

In response to the desire from many parents to have the option of enjoying a cuppa and a chat here in the mornings, we are looking at getting an espresso machine. It will be operated from 9.00-12.00 each day. We are keen to encourage all the students to try the alternative hot drink options rather than coffee. There are so many delightful hot beverages and we want to provide a range. Coffee, chai, hot chocolate, tea, dandelion etc. will be available to parents and students in years 11 and 12. For students in years 7-10, hot chocolate and other warm drinks will be available, but coffee will not. Coffee is to be a seniors' privilege. We are in the process of working out the details of the management and barista, and we have an ex-student assisting us. Genaro Benmayor has his own coffee blend and is assisting us with finding our machine.

Dance and Fitness in the High School

Last term and again this term we are privileged to have Johnny and Chandu Ngomeley teaching African Dance. Last term Year 10 participated in East African Dance, while this term Johnny is taking Fitness /Dance with students in 9 and 8. Next term, Year 7 have a go. We also have a Pathways student, Gabby Klymenko, working with the students on fitness activities for the first 30 minutes, doing warm up and flexibility exercises, teaching students to take their pulse etc. Gabby is doing PD/Health/PE as a Distance Ed subject for her HSC and has volunteered to share her knowledge with us.

Currently, Year 7 are engaged with Soccer at Gloria Park while Year 8 are preparing for their camp next week with a series of outdoor activities, including abseiling, climbing, and walking with Yeshi and Kath. Year 9 are on Fitness, and Year 10 participate in either Lawn Bowls or Croquet at the Hazelbrook Bowling Club. We have been welcomed to the club again this year and wish to thank Tony and his volunteers for giving us their time and imparting their skills.

The students in Year 10 were asked to reflect on the classes they had last term and here are some of their comments. They speak volumes.

'He was really upbeat and got us riled up with the music'.

'He explained each move very thoroughly and gave us time to learn it well'

'You feel free and he really gets you into it'.

'I learned to move my body in new ways'.

'He showed me the movements clearly'.

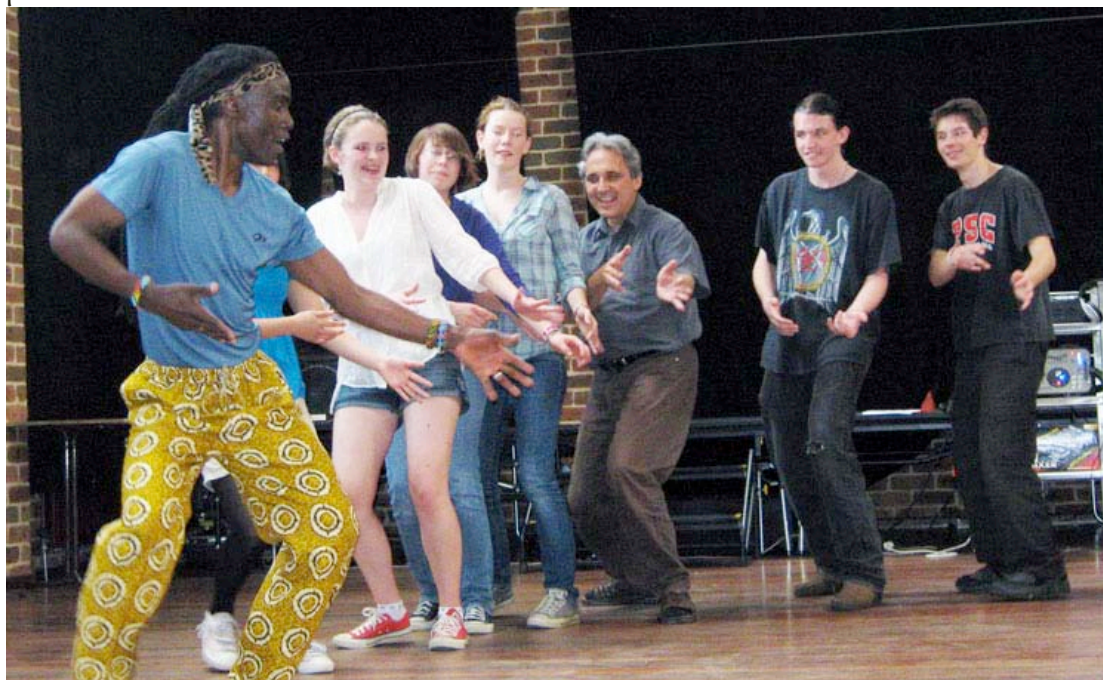
'He was telling me what African dance is'. 'Johnny was very inspiring'.

' He didn't make you self conscious if you didn't get it'.

'I learnt how to move'.

'YES, YES, YES'. 'Yes, it was awesome..'It was the best sport ever! enjoyable'. 'Yes, it has boosted my self-confidence'. 'Yes, 'cause I've learnt some mad dance moves', I loved it so much and everyone participated'.

Johnny is beginning dance classes this week on Friday afternoons from 2.20-3.20 for students who want to do them at co-curricular time, or Pathways students who are off classes at that time. These sessions will be \$10.00 per student, and there are still a few places left.



CAPITAL WORKS

- We are still waiting for development approval for our ball court... any day now!
- The fence is being installed around the oval. Goals will come next.
- Work on installing a new heating system throughout the school has begun. It should take about a month to complete. In the meantime, heating will be erratic so **bring warm clothes.**

Calling all Film makers and Photographers in our Community.

We have a rich community of people who work professionally in this field, and we have young people with a hunger for knowledge and skill, and professional people or keen amateurs to play with. Currently Michael Joy is giving us an hour on Friday afternoons for 4 weeks. With a co-curricular group of students, Michael has been looking at basic camera use and terminology, lighting tricks, filming shots and angles, and shared some of his directorial tips for working with non-actors. We are keen to develop this area at Korowal and would love to hear from any interested parents. At present, students wanting to do holiday workshops or classes in Camera, Film, Editing etc. need to travel to Sydney. Yet there are people here who could teach them, and earn a little bit extra near home, by offering short courses. If this sounds interesting to you, please contact Barb. I would like to begin a bigger conversation with all interested parties. We don't know how this will develop, but it will simply be good to begin the conversation. We have a venue. We have keen students. Let's get together.

Opportunity for year 10 girls

We have been offered a wonderful opportunity of an overnight bushwalk for 14 students. We have decided to offer this walk specifically to girls from Year 7 - 12. We will have a similar walk for boys later this term. Both overnight walks will be run by the Blue Mountains TAFE and co-ordinated by Parrish Robbins, who heads the Outdoor Education Program at TAFE. This is in addition to our regular class camps and there is a fee of \$30.00 per student. The first 14 girls to respond to this offer will be able to attend the bushwalk.

The date for the Semester 1 overnight bushwalk is Monday May 31- Tuesday June 1. The venue is the Wolgan Valley outside of Lithgow. The walk begins near the ruins of Newnes, passes through the Glow- Worm Tunnel and finishes on the Newnes Plateau. The walk is tracked and suitable for beginners with average fitness. Korowal students would be encouraged to bring their own appropriate camping equipment, but whatever they do not possess we will provide (eg pack, tent, sleeping bag/matt, etc). There are no staffing expenses factored into the costs. There are places for two small groups. The trip will be run as a standard bushwalk with some emphasis on self sufficiency in the outdoors and natural history. We have not offered a single sex camp before and are keen to provide such an opportunity for both the students in the high school. We are grateful to the TAFE students for inviting us into their program. Please return the expression of interest form and payment of \$30.00 to the school office to reserve your place in the camp. Once we have your commitment we will send out further information and excursion/medical forms from TAFE, Cathy Walker will be the Korowal staff member attending. I hope you can take advantage of this fabulous opportunity. Deadline Monday 24 May. (Barb)

CANTEEN UPDATE

Thank you to all the volunteers who are helping to keep this service available to students and staff. We are well cared for by you. There is a slight **change to Friday afternoon arrangements**. This will not affect any of the current Primary arrangements.

The canteen will close after first break on Fridays so Trish can leave school around 1.30 to do the weekly shopping. Until now, Trish has done this on weekends but this is not sustainable or reasonable. The high school students can buy food for the second break and keep it until second break. It's a win/win situation.

Please not the canteen will be closed on Friday June 4th to prepare for the Fair.

THANK YOU To everyone who attended Saturday's working bee. Mulch was spread, safety barriers and star pickets removed, firewood stacked and drains cleared. Also to James Laurendot who has been patiently tiling and leveling the sloping floor in the new primary toilets.

NEWS FROM OUR EX-STUDENTS

If you go to

<http://www.korowal.nsw.edu.au/Community/Alumni/Alumninews/tabid/1098/Default.aspx>

You can read about the rich and varied careers and studies of Korowal ex-students. You can also get there by clicking on "What are they doing now?" on the Korowal home page.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday May 26th at 7pm. There will be no election because there are not more nominations than positions available. Everyone is welcome. Please join us for hot soup at 6.15 pm.

Garden fundraiser * ecosilk bags

thankyou to those people who have ordered bags. the first order will be placed with the supplier this week and should arrive soon. please continue to send in orders. if you wish to view a bag there is one on the primary notice board or visit www.ecosilkbags.com.au.

any enquiries contact jacqueline on 0416 543 511 or at agardenwoman@gmail.com

Forms are also available in the front office.

ecosilk bags ✿ garden fundraiser

student name _____

year _____

parent contact _____

email _____

phone _____

colour	qty. ecosilk bags @ \$7.00	qty. fruit + veg. bags @ \$4.00	cost
chocolate			
burgandy			
red			
tangerine			
gold			
apple			
acqua			
emerald			
peacock			
navy			
bottle green			
black			
purple			
jacaranda			
lilac			
pink			
plum			
		total cost	

CONNECTIONS Community notices and events



Talking With Your Kids Seminar



Talking with your Kids is a 2 hour workshop that assists you as a parent to talk with your kids about difficult issues that arise such as: parental conflict, carrying messages, financial issues, taking sides, their understanding of your separation, relationships and loyalty, and dealing with step-parents.

The workshop will assist you as a parent to:

- Respond to your kids when difficult issues arise
- Recognise when your children feel caught in the middle of any conflict
- Help you understand the importance of child-friendly explanations of adult issues
- Help you develop skills and strategies to talk with your children about these issues
- Give useful ideas about how to answer your children's questions.

The workshop will cover tricky questions children may ask such as:

- "Why did you separate?"
- "How come you don't love Mummy/Daddy anymore?"
- "Why do I have to go to Mum/Dad's?"
- "Mum told me to tell you to pay my school fees."

You will get to talk to other parents in similar situations. You will also get a workbook to take away with examples of other questions and ideas.

**THIS FREE SEMINAR WILL BE PRESENTED BY
A CHILD AND FAMILY THERAPIST FROM THE
SUPPORTING CHILDREN AFTER SEPARATION PROGRAM
AND WILL BE HOSTED BY
MID MOUNTAINS HAPPENINGS**

**AT: BUNGARRABEE CENTRE, 48-50 OAKLANDS RD, HAZELBROOK
ON: THURSDAY 27TH MAY
FROM: 5pm - 7pm**

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL: CALL 4758 6811 to reserve your place!

(Childcare is available through Mountains Mobile Minders)



Possum Preschool

Connect Child and Family Services is expanding
the Possum Preschool at Hazelbrook



Starting Term 2 2010

5 days per week (during school terms) 8.30am - 4.30pm

For enquires, fee rates & enrolments - Ruby Wright 4758 9966



NO RIGHT TURN

Recent drawings by Drew Bickford, David Capra, Charles Dennington, Anne Edmonds, Joyce Hinterding, Matthew Hopkins, Locust Jones, Luis Martinez, Catherine O'Donnell, Kenzee Patterson, Tom Polo, Kurt Schranzer, Regina Walter and Carla Wherby

Curator and Artist Talks & Tour
Sunday 20 June 10.30am

Join exhibition curator Dr Shirley Daborn and a selection of artists from No Right Turn for an interactive Gallery tour of this dynamic and diverse exhibition. Free event
RSVP by Tuesday 15 June on 02 4735 1100

Also on exhibition:

Blacklock & Edwards.

Rugs and artworks by Aboriginal artists
Fabri Blacklock and Chris Edwards

Berlin Burghers Microwave Monet.
New Video works by Justene Williams

Penrith Regional Gallery & The Lewers Bequest
86 River Road, EMU PLAINS NSW 2750
P: 02 4735 1100

E: penrithregionalgallery@penrithcity.nsw.gov.au
www.penrithregionalgallery.org

Open daily 10am-5pm FREE ENTRY

10 April - 27 June 2010



Image: Winning Rabbit Regina Walter (2010) Courtesy the artist