



NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR 2010	
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
This Sat. June 5th 10am–3pm Rain, hail or shine!

WE NEED...

- **Parking marshalls** to direct traffic. You get to wear one of those fetching orange jackets! See the gaps in the roster below. If you can fill in one of these gaps please email Annie at acarment@bigpond.net.au.
- **Money-runners** to help with collecting cash from stalls. If you can help, email Annie on acarment@bigpond.net.au.
- **Someone to help Leanne sort clothes on Friday morning** in the “quiet room”.
- **Portable clothes racks** for the clothes stall. Phone Leanne on 0416 166675 to arrange borrowing.
- **Recycled plastic bags** for the clothes and green elephant stalls (leave in the box on the front balcony).
- **Donations for the tombola** (a raffle where everyone’s an instant winner.) Quality food items like bottles and jars of pickles, jams, chutney, chocolate, wine, biscuits, olives, oils, vinegars...or small non-food items (preferably not plastic junk). There is a box for tombola donations in the hallway outside the office.
- **Hand made goods and play-do for our craft stall.** There is a box for these in the hallway outside the office, or they can be brought in on Friday afternoon.
- **Cakes for the café, and whole cakes for the cake stall.** The café will be in G1, the whole cake stall in the pomegranate room. Bring to school on Friday afternoon or Saturday morning. This week we will send home cake boxes to K/1/2 parents to donate a cake back to the school to sell on the day.
- **Donations of clothes and other second hand goods.** There is a box for these on the front

balcony.

- **People to help set up after 1 pm Friday** – to set up stalls, move furniture, and generally make the school look presentable. It might be useful to bring a broom.
- **People to help clean up and restore the school to working order after 3 pm Saturday.**

MONEY MATTERS

We aim to strike a balance between offering bargains, covering costs, and raising much-needed funds for the school. There will be free activities, free live music, and inexpensive bargains on sale. However, some hand-knitted and hand made craft items that have been donated will be sold at prices that reflect the cost, time and artistry that have been invested. We also hope that many primary school parents will purchase their child/ren's art canvasses. So... bring plenty of cash! It will also be possible to pay for purchases with EFTPOS at the office.

PARKING ARRANGEMENTS

Park in the staff car park and on the flat section near the water tank **if you do not need to leave between 10am and 3pm.** Everyone else should park in the turning circle car park, or on the flat area near the hall, or in the street. We will close off the internal road at 10am to ensure pedestrian safety. Disabled parking is available at the rear of the buildings.

MUSIC.

Stage 1 = staff balcony, north end (fine); lobby (wet)

Stage 2 = staff balcony, south end (fine); lobby (wet)

Stage 3 = walkway outside rose courtyard (fine); lobby or café (wet)

10.15 – 10.40 Phil Braithwaite and Mick Reid (Stage 2) *Flute and guitar.*

10.45 – 11.20 Andrew Ireland and Rachel Hannan (Stage 1) *Jazz*

11.20 – 11.30 Primary Choir (Stage 3) *Many children; many voices; directed by our Kim.*

11.30 – 12 Spiral (Stage 2) *Two women; two voices; two guitars.*

12 – 1 Snaketown Rattlers (Stage 1) *Hot beat combo featuring our Andrew Ireland*

1 – 1.10 Primary choir (Stage 3) *Reprise.*

1.15 – 1.40 Pathways – Luciano and Josh (Stage 2) *Original songs.*

1.45 – 2.45 Ragamuffin (Stage 1) *Celtic music featuring our Keith.*

The Primary School Choir will perform in the rose courtyard at 11.20 am and again at 1 pm, for approx. 10 – 15 minutes. If the weather is wet, they will perform in the café or the lobby. The children's singing is a joy to hear. Kim has taught us some beautiful songs and is looking forward to Saturday's two performances. All of the children from K,1,2 as well as some from 3,4,5 have learned these songs and we would like as many voices as possible for both performances. Could you please bring your child/ren to the home room at 11.10 for the 11.20 performance and 12.50 for the 1pm performance? **Please note the change of time for the second performance to 1 pm (not 12.50)**

ACTIVITIES AND STALLS

Food: Home made hot food in the kitchen, a café in the dining room, a BBQ on the front lawn. Whole cakes will also be on sale.

Fun: face painting, old-fashioned races (egg & spoon, 3 legged etc); wandering circus people; the (not too) terrifying year 9 TERROR TUNNEL in the G2 classroom.

Craft Activities: In the primary Art/Italian room you can make a dream catcher, felt accessories, or printed crafts. In the high school art room you can participate in our community mosaic that will decorate the art courtyard.

Bargains: Recycled clothes in the year 6 room; 'green elephant' in the plum room (books, toys, household items and much more); everyone wins a prize on the "tombola" in the pomegranate room. There will also be plants and fresh flowers on sale.

Art and Craft: An art canvas painted by every primary student will be on sale in the

primary hallway. A collection of stunning hand knitted/sewn/printed/crocheted work will be on sale in the pomegranate room. clothes, green elephant bargains.; The show will go on rain hail or shine.

Respite: The Scribbly Gum Room will be available as a baby-chillout/nappy changing space.

Music: Live music all day on the staff balcony and in the rose courtyard. (See above)

Remember that the canteen will be closed on Friday.

ROSTERS

PLEASE CHECK WHAT YOU HAVE VOLUNTEERED FOR.

Contact the relevant person if there is a problem.

YEARS K/1/2

Friday Set up from 2pm onwards

Michelle Robinson (K)

Andrew Sweeney (K)

David Hawkins (K)

Lisa Reid (K)

Karen Humphrey (K)

Rowan Holmes (1)

Nicole Christensen (1)

Louise Arnold (2)

Clean Up Saturday afternoon

Lisa Reid (K)

Felix Kobus (K)

Nicole Christensen (1)

Elissa Solomon-Martini (1)

Eva Jackson (1)

James Laurendet (1)

Tombola/Craft/Cakes/Flowers : pomegranate room

10 - 11 Lisa Reid (K) Lindsay Hayman (2)

11 - 12 Lisa Parsons (2) Maree Smith (2)

12 - 1 Nicole Christensen (1) Michaela Kobor(1)

1 - 2 Karen Humphrey (K) Paula Harvison (1)

2 - 3 Carolyn Kuch (K+1) **One person required**

Races

10 - 11 Naomi Burns (2) Anna Baker (K)

11 - 12 Dawn Laurendet (1) Tim (2)

12 - 1 Kristen Barber (2) Vinity Gill (1)

1 - 2 Greg Lucas (K+1) Dawn Laurendet (1)

2 - 3 Dawn Laurendet (1) Giselle Boxall (1)

Years 3/4/5: CRAFT ACTIVITIES IN THE ART/ ITALIAN ROOM

Parent contact - Dierdre deirdreoconnell5@gmail.com

TIME	PRINTING	DREAMCATCHER	FELT ACCESSORIES
9-10am SET UP	Deirdre O'Connell Deirdre O'Connell	Kathy Beck Jane Bonwick	Sanja Herrmann Sanja Herrmann
10-11am	Donna Dimmock Debra Keenahan	Kathy Beck Jo-Anne McGowan	Jodie Lee Ingrid Harvey
11-12am	Sanja Hermann	Kathy Beck Deirdre O'Connell	Clare Harvey Sanja Herrmann
12-1pm	Jeanette Holmes	Donna Dimmock	Elizabeth Faria Jodie Lee
1-2pm	Felicity Hughes Bella Wagner	Deirdre O'Connell	Donna Dimmock

2-3pm	Sofia Marita Leigh Potts	Deirdre O'Connell Lucy McGarry	Sanja Herrmann Wendy Gilmore
3-4pm Pack up	Elizabeth Faria	Deirdre O'Connell	Sanja Herrmann

YEAR 6: RECYCLED CLOTHES in the year 6 room.

Parent contact Leanne Kent 0416 166675.

Fri pm set up Jane Florey, Camille de Picot, Leanne Kent.

Sat 9.00 - 10.00 Sandy Burrow
 10.00 - 11.00 Andrea Obermoser
 11.00 - 12.00 Ruth Komsic
 12.00 - 1.00 Leanne Kent
 1.00 - 2.00 Leanne Kent
 2.00 - 3.00 Elissa Solomon-Martini/ Iman Ekstrom
 3.00 pack up Iman Ekstrom, Leanne Kent, Nigel Ryan

YEAR 7: BBQ in the marquee.

Parent contact Cindy 0414990761

Student's names are listed below – it's the parents who are working.

9 -10 (SET UP) Luke Breaden, Talisen robbins-Brown
 10 11 Galen Daniel brown, Mac Edmonds
 11-12 Jessamine Elsarky, Hamish Gill
 12 -1 Sam Hammond, Jera Harvison Ribiero, Jada Wolffs
 1 -2 Olivia Lascelles-Lones, Sam Parker-Davies, Noah Avenell
 2-3 Aurore redston, Mara Sanders
 3 -4 (CLEAN UP) Caitlin Tyrrell, Lilian Van Capelle

Year 8: GREEN ELEPHANT in the Plum room.

Parent contact – Tracy fwacy@yahoo.com.au 478299946

Friday after 1.15 pm: SET UP: George. **Volunteers welcome.**

Sat 10-11am George

11-12pm: Rosemary Dillon

12-1pm: Michelle (Gretas mum)

1-2pm Philip: (Aloka's dad)

2-3pm :**Volunteer required**

3pm onwards – CLEAN UP. Nigel, Scott. **Volunteers welcome.**

Year 9: TERROR TUNNEL in G2.

Parent roster – year 9 students will also help.

Parent contact: Tracy (contact details above)

Friday afternoon: SET UP: Mick Barrett .

Sat 10 - 11am Nick (Mathilde's dad)

11 - 12pm Sharon (Natalie's mum)

12 - 1pm Michelle (Jayden's mum)

! - 2pm Peter (Tristan's dad)

2 - 3pm Donna (Jacob's mum)

3 - 4pm CLEAN UP Annie and Mark (Micah's parents) CLEAN UP

YEAR 10: Hot Food: in the kitchen

Parent contact: Chris Davidson/ Trish Fitzgerald

FRIDAY.

Dawn L. (till 12); Vinity; Hayley; Trish; Jacqueline; Jill (till 2.30)

SATURDAY.

8 – 10 Trish, Jacqueline

9 – 10 Chris D.

9.45 – 12 Dawn E.; Janelle; Linda; Cath W.

10 – 11 Rohan; Cieran (students)

11.45 – 2 Martina; Kim

11.45 – 1 Chris D.

12.15 – 2 Dianne; Alfred

1 -2 Sylvie;

1 -2 Louise; Katie (students)

2 -3 Rohan; Joe (students)

1.45 – 4 Sylvie; Jacqueline; Chris; Peter

PATHWAYS: CAFÉ

Parent contact: Cindy 0414990761

<u>TIME</u>	<u>COFFEE</u>	<u>WAITING</u>	<u>WAITING</u>	<u>PARENT</u>	<u>PARENT</u>
9AM - 10AM (SETUP)	GABBY	ALEX VOYSEY ALEX	LIVVIE	KAREN VOYSEY KAREN	KERRI LOTUS CAROLINE
10AM - 11AM	GABBY	VOYSEY	LIVVIE	VOYSEY KAREN	SUMMERFIELD
11AM - 12PM	GUS	LUCIANO	JOSH	VOYSEY CATHY	
12PM - 1PM	GUS	ELYSE	GRACE	ARMSTRONG CATHY	
1PM - 2PM	SAM	ELYSE	GRACE	ARMSTRONG	
2PM - 3PM	SAM	JOSH	LUCIANO		
3PM - 4PM (CLEAN UP)	GABBY	ALEX B		CINDY	

PARKING MARSHALLS

Parent contact: Annie 0431352022 acarment@bigpond.net.au

9 – 11 Scott Turner, Mark Thomas

11 – 12 **volunteer required**

12 -1 **volunteer required**

1 -2 **volunteer required**

2 -3 **volunteer required**

3 - 3.30 **volunteer required**

OTHER SCHOOL NEWS

Remember: SCHOOL PHOTO DAY TUESDAY JUNE 15TH

CLASS 6 CANBERRA CAMP

On Monday 7th June Class 6 will be heading off on a 3 night camp and educational tour of the national capital. We will be participating in a variety of educational programs focussed on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy in venues such as Parliament House, the

National Gallery, the Electoral Education Centre, Questacon and the Australian Institute of Sport.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist us in meeting the costs of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward the travel expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school upon completion of the excursion.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of this program. Keep an eye on upcoming newsletters to hear about our Canberra adventures!
(Talulah)

STUDY SKILLS

The students of our HSC Biology class recently shared the study skills that work for them. I found that very interesting, because it underlines that there are no simple answers. Everyone has to find what works best for them.

I hope that younger students can benefit from the collective wisdom of 13 biologists, who have tested and trialled just about every method under the sky amongst them.

Here is a summary of what was shared -

- Place

Have a dedicated place to study, - set up and ready to go. This might be a proper writing desk, or on the floor of your bedroom. Main thing is, not having to spend time tidying up.

The place has to mean 'business'.

No phones, no TV, just study.

- Time

Sleep before midnight is highly important and tiredness on the next day is totally counterproductive. Therefore, studying late at night is not very popular, it seems to slow the tired brain to stand-still. One person prefers to study after 2 am in the morning!

Spreading the study load is an important skill, and some make weekly charts for themselves to achieve that.

Breaking study up into 30 minute bits seems to work well for most. There is no use forcing many hours, when you can't concentrate.

- Plan

Always make an outline of what needs to be studied, - and when. Some do that in their head, others create a visual plan and pin it up on their wall.

It is a great relief to have the certainty to know that it will all be okay, in the end.... and that you have done your bit, today.

An important and often neglected part of planning is making space for -

- Rewards

I made the suggestion to reward yourselves after 30 (60, 90, ...) minutes of study with leisure things - like going on the Net, checking Facebook, walking the dog, TV, snacking, - I'm sure you can think of rewards that work well for you!

Anything that exceeds about 20 minutes is called a distraction. Distractions are BAD!

(Joachim)

CAPITAL WORKS

- NEW HEATING.

The heaters has been delivered and work has begun. In the meantime, heating is erratic and sometimes non-existent, so BRING WARM CLOTHES!

- BALL COURT.

We have obtained development consent for our multi-purpose ball court. It will be built during the coming holidays, weather permitting.

- OVAL/ PLAY AREA.

The oval now has a fence. When the new turf is sufficiently strong we will install goals for ball games – hopefully during these holidays.

- PRIMARY SCHOOL VERANDAH.

The roof will be built during these holidays.

PRIMARY CHESS

The Korowal Chess Team has played superb chess this term. Jordan Ryan, Duncan Mackay, Adam dePicot, Rommenie Rain, Suri Holmes and Jatin Holmes have played teams from Wentworth Falls and Grammar each Friday this term. Competition has been good and the team has learned some good moves from the other teams as well as taught them a few. We have had 2 wins, 2 draws and a loss. All the members of the team have improved and the matches have been enjoyable. This week we play Blue Mountains Christian school and the last match is against Blue Mt Grammar's A team.

AGM

Thank you to those who braved the rain to attend our Annual General Meeting. The School Co-ordinator, Mark Thomas and the Council Chair, Rosemary Dillon, addressed the meeting. Their addresses will be included in the next newsletter.

The members of School Council are:

Parents - Mick Barrett, Annie Carment, Rosemary Dillon, Richard Elkin.

Teachers - Yvonne Edgren, Nancy Oosterhoff, Steve Garthwin, Barb Fitzgerald

Non-elected member (co-ordinator) - Mark Thomas.

Significant tasks for the Council in this coming year are the preparation of a 5 year business plan; the completion of a complaints policy, and the completion of a review of the school's administrative and support services.

There was discussion at the meeting about future financial challenges, our new bursary policy, and Council's decision to join the AAPAE (see below).

Thank you to Trish for the soup!

THE AUSTRALASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR PROGRESSIVE AND ALTERNATIVE EDUCATION

Our School Council has decided that Korowal will join the Australasian Association for Progressive and Alternative Education. (AAPAE) because we feel that it is useful to have support from like-minded, small, secular schools when lobbying against the increasing orthodoxy of testing, measuring and grading and other such issues as they arise.

The AAPAE is a loose collection of small alternative schools that provides support for its members, organises some collective lobbying around current issues such as 'My School', the national curriculum, testing and grading, and holds an annual conference for member schools. The individual schools in AAPAE have different emphases but a common commitment to holistic education, the enjoyment of learning, and the importance of relationships in education.

MEMBER SCHOOLS

[Blacktown Youth College \(Ph: 02 96229138\)](#), NSW, Australia

[The Boorobin Sudbury Democratic Centre of Learning](#), QLD, Australia

[Brisbane Independent School](#), QLD, Australia

[Byron Community School](#), NSW, Australia

[Currambena](#), NSW, Australia

[Fitzroy Community School](#), VIC, Australia

[Kinma](#), NSW, Australia

[Kirinari Community School](#), SA, Australia

[Pine Community School](#), QLD, Australia

[Preshil School](#), VIC, Australia

[Tamariki School](#), New Zealand

[Village School](#), VIC, Australia

[Hurstbridge Learning Co-Op](#), VIC, Australia

[Alia College](#), VIC, Australia

[Daylesford Learning Collective](#), VIC, Australia

Many of these schools have histories longer than ours. Preshil is 80 years old. Tamariki (N.Z.), and Brisbane Independent School are 40 years old. Currambena, Kinma and Fitzroy Community School were all established before Korowal. Therefore, they should have lessons to teach us about how small alternative schools can survive and thrive. Their websites make interesting reading. (Annie)

CONNECTIONS: Community activities and links.

THE SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

Science opportunities for year 9 and 10 students.

A 3 day hands on program will be conducted in 36 Australian universities throughout 2010-11. The programs are open to all year 9 or 10 students. Each includes a wide variety of practical activities, excursions, career information and presentations by leading scientists and engineers.

This is a Rotary Youth service Project supported by the Australian science Teachers Association and the Young Scientists of Australia.

Total cost \$110. Local rotary clubs are willing to sponsor students.

Further information and application forms 03 82881001 or

www.scienceexperience.com.au

ADFAS

Fancy something a bit different after the Monday morning drop off? The Blue Mountains branch of **The Association of Australian Decorative and Fine Arts Societies** meets one Monday a month at the Wentworth Falls School of Arts Theatre, Great Western Highway, Wentworth Falls, and offers high quality lectures on diverse topics within the arts, presented by overseas and Australian lecturers who are experts in their fields.

Coming up:

Monday June 28th

Jane Austen: Her Life and Works Susannah Fullerton BA, M.Sc. (Arts)

Monday July 26th

Jan Steen's Hilarious Households: A 17 th Century Paradox

Mr. Tim Stimson BA(Hons) PGCE(Adult Ed) NADFAS
You can attend three lectures for a fee of \$20 per lecture, and then must become a member if you wish to continue. 10.30am for 11am start

(www.adfas.org.au)

*An evening concert of fine acoustic music, with dinner,
in support of ~*

Blackheath Highway Action Group



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**WHEELERS
&
DEALERS**
Celtic Craic

Sat 26th June
7.30pm - doors open at 7pm
Blackheath Community Hall

Tickets: \$30 dinner & show *BYO wine & glasses*

Tickets available from:
Blackheath - Gleebooks, Delosa's Greengrocer or The Lotus Temple
Leura - Megalong Books
For information phone Meg 0425 270 632