



NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR 2010	
Wed 22 nd September	Year 6 cake stall to raise money for our Timor Leste friendship school
Thurs 23 rd September	Year 12 overnight camp
Fri 24 September	Last day term 3
Fri 24 September 12 midday	Year 12 farewell
Mon 11 Oct	Term 4 starts – all students
Friday 15 th October 1.20pm – 3.20 pm (and every Friday till the end of term)	Community picnic and gardening.
Sat 16 th October 10am – 2pm	Term 4 working bee
21 & 22 October	High school staff development days
Fri 12 November 6pm	Year 12 formal, Carrington Hotel.
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

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

- Please remember to collect lost property before the end of term.
- Class 6 will be holding a cake stall this Wednesday, 22nd September, to raise money for our friendship school in Timor-Leste. Cakes will be \$1 each. Nut-free, gluten-free, egg-free cakes available. After eating time at lunch.
- Class 6 is nearing completion of a new main lesson topic: Our East Timorese Neighbours. They would like to thank Anne from the Blue Mountains East Timorese Friendship Committee and Gabrielle from the Blue Mountains East Timor Sisters for their inspirational visits to the class.
- Have a great holiday!

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

- Two of our students' HSC drama works have been short listed for HSC On Stage: Jade Fuda's monologue and the group performance devised by Oskar Edgren, Finbar Gailey and Jade Fuda. Congratulations!
- HSC art bodies of work were exhibited for parents and friends last Friday – a fascinating mix of photography, painting, sculpture and installation. We wish to



Jade Cover with HSC art work



Josh Spolc with HSC art work

acknowledge Kath and Andrew, Cairo and Barb for teaching and facilitating art and students to realise their potential.

- We are preparing to farewell our year 12 students who have been a significant and stable group. They have been the seniors who have seen us through the move and settling period, and whose parents took the biggest

gamble in committing to being at Korowal for their children's senior years, knowing there was uncertainty, disruption and significant change ahead. Their farewell assembly will be held at 12.00 on Friday 24th September. Their formal will be held after the exams on Friday 12th November at the Carrington.

- It is wonderful to have the hard ball court open and working. There is a lot of activity in the high school as the kids have been bursting to get this level of play available to them.

- We are finishing up the academic year as we transition to the new cycles at the beginning of week 3 next term.

- We have had a police visit for Yr 9 on drugs and alcohol use and the laws, and will have a similar visit for year 10 on driver education. This follows on from a Year 10 excursion to the Ryder program- a driver education program.

- Year 10 have just returned from a very strenuous camp, happy and tired.



Luciano Carment with self portrait



Jade Fuda with HSC art work

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN A KOROWAL PLAYGROUP?

We are planning to start a playgroup for Korowal parents and friends and for families on our waiting list.

It will be held on Thursdays from 10 until 12 at the Mid Mountains Community Centre in New St Lawson. Fridays may also be an alternative day. There is no room available at school where the group could be held, but we hope that the playgroup

will visit school regularly for picnics.

The cost will be minimal – enough to cover expenses, including hall fee (indoor/outdoor play area) and craft supplies.

It will begin at the start of 2011, but if there is enough interest it could begin in term four of this year.

We would like the playgroup to be organised and run by the parents involved.

We hope the it will be a means for preschool children and their parents to get to know each other before their children start school. We do not see it as a formal extension of the Korowal curriculum into the pre school years.

Are you interested in either attending or helping to organise the playgroup? If so, would you prefer the group to begin in term 4 this year or at the start of next year?

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Term 4: FRIDAY COMMUNITY PICNICS AND GARDENING

Every Friday in term 4, 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.

EX-STUDENT NEWS

- Professor Jeremy O'Brien, Director of the Centre for Quantum Photonics at the University of Bristol (ex-student and also son of our Maths teacher Simon O'Brien) is part of a team that has developed a silicon chip that could be used to perform complex calculations and simulations using quantum particles in the near future. It could help in the development of more efficient solar cells. Other applications include the development of ultra-fast and efficient search engines, designing high-tech materials and new pharmaceuticals. To find out more, go to

<http://www.sciencedaily.com/releases/2010/09/100916145049.htm>

- Kristal Thornell's Vogel award winning novel, "Night Street", has just been released by Allen and Unwin. The work was inspired by the art and life of the Melbourne landscape painter, Clarice Beckett (1887-1935).

- "In the Slaughterhouse of Love: Romeo and Juliet" plays at the Sydney Fringe Festival 24, 25 and 26 September. It is directed by ex-student Erica Brennan, who "for many years wanted to create a production of Romeo and Juliet that offered an opportunity for potential audiences to by-pass an intellectual response to their love (i.e. is it valid?) and instead rejoice in the feeling of it." The show also features ex-students Kezia Slingsby (set) and Tom Brennan (sound). For more information, go to <http://thesydneyfringe.com.au/shows/slaughterhouse-love-romeo-and-juliet>

WINNERS : Library Open Day Raffle

Our grateful thanks are extended to all parents, staff, students and friends who supported the Library's Open Day Raffle. We raised some much needed funds to purchase more books for the students and they appreciate this very much.

The following are our lucky winners:

Mary-Anne Marshall; George Hempel; Nancy Oosterhoff; Hilary Wale; Trish Fitzgerald; Don Harvie; Toby; Margaret Hastie; Alex Russo; Scotia Hennessy; Avalon Jackson.

We are also very appreciative of the support our local community has given us in donating prizes for our raffle – we could not not have run it without their generosity.

Our ongoing thanks go to:

Thai Restaurant H'brook; Kropt Hairdressing H'Brook; Flawless Skin Beauty H'Brook; New Age Markets (Hippy Shop) Springwood; Foodworks H'Brook; Health Food Shop H'Brook; Fruit and Vegetable Shop H'Brook; Chinese Restaurant H'Brook; Bottle Shop H'Brook; Pharmacy H'Brook

Thank you again to all our supporters – Kathi and Pam

HSC ENROLMENTS FOR 2011 close Oct 11th. Classes begin Oct 25th.

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.

We have decided NOT to participate in the Coles' sports equipment-for-dockets-scheme.

THANK YOU TO KOROWAL from the East Timor Sisters.

The Korowal community was a major participant in the Trek for Timor fundraising walk held last weekend. The East Timor sisters would like to thank all of the staff, students, ex-students, parents and ex-parents who participated in the walk and donated money. They are especially grateful for the use of our school bus and for the tireless bus driving services provided by David Clucas. Counting is not complete but the event will have raised well in excess of \$50,000 for a very worthy cause.

CONNECTIONS: Community activities and links

SPRINGWOOD COMMUNITY ARTS CENTRE
MEMBERS ANNUAL ART EXHIBITION
October 2nd & 3rd 2010

10.00am to 4.00pm each day
22 Ferguson Road, Springwood



SCHOOL HOLIDAY FUN!

AFRICAN DANCE FOR KIDS

Join Johnny & Chandu & get grooving!

THURSDAY 30th SEPTEMBER 2-3pm

@ Hazelbrook Uniting Church

5 - 12yrs \$10 per child

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