



## NEWSLETTER

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<b>CALENDAR 2010</b>	
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 8 abseiling
Thurs 29 <sup>th</sup> July 7 pm	School Council meeting
Fri 30 July	Pathways Art excursion
Sat 31 <sup>st</sup> July 10am – 2 pm	Term 3 working bee
Thurs June 5 <sup>th</sup> 3 pm	Fundraising meeting, outside 3/4/5 rooms.
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
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

### **WORKING BEE THIS SATURDAY 10am - 2pm**

This term's working bee will be held this Saturday July 31<sup>st</sup> from 10am – 2pm. Our aim is to make the school look her best for our annual Open Day on August 14<sup>th</sup>. If the weather is wet there are inside/ undercover jobs, or bring raingear and gumboots!

TASK	USEFUL TOOLS
Clean inside paintwork	Cleaning gear
Repair step to music/ science area	Concreting tools
Window cleaning, mould removal – offices, classrooms	Ladder, cordless screwdriver, cleaning gear
Repair benches and seats near science block	Hammer drill
Pick up rubble left after verandah construction	Gloves, barrow
Finish tiling outdoor toilet	We can provide tiles, glue etc
Remove toilet bowl/ slope cement floor in other outdoor toilet	Removing and sloping tools (!)
Rake mulch around play equipment	Rakes
Clear cobwebs	Cobweb brush

Clear paths	Broom, shovel
Gardening	Garden tools

## PREPARATIONS FOR OPEN DAY

- There is no school for primary students on Friday August 13<sup>th</sup>. High school students finish at lunch-time.
- There will be a café at Open Day. If you can help in any way – preparing on Friday, helping out on Saturday – contact Tracy on 47829946 or [fwacy@yahoo.com.au](mailto:fwacy@yahoo.com.au).
- We will need cakes to sell at the café. Please deliver them on Friday or Saturday.
- If you can help to clean the school and grounds on Friday, there will be lots to do – just turn up.
- Flowers to decorate rooms are welcome – please deliver on Friday.
- We will need help to put up Open Day posters next week throughout the Mountains and in Penrith. They will be available in the office.
- Invite your friends and family to Open Day – it is a great opportunity to see the schools and the students' work at their best.

## FUNDRAISING MEETING Thurs August 5<sup>th</sup> 3pm

There will be a meeting on Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> August at 3 pm outside the 3/4/5 classrooms to discuss ideas for future fundraising and community events. Please come along with your ideas and energy. If you have something to contribute but can't make it at that time, contact Tracy on 47829946 or [fwacy@yahoo.com](mailto:fwacy@yahoo.com). Au or Annie at [acarment@bigpond.net.au](mailto:acarment@bigpond.net.au)

## Korowal is on Facebook !

Korowal now has an official Facebook page that will be used for sharing photos and news, as a point of contact for ex-students, and to tell the world about our school. If you are a Facebook user, go to [www.facebook.com/korowalschool](http://www.facebook.com/korowalschool). If you have photos from school events that could be uploaded to Facebook contact Annie on [acarment@bigpond.net.au](mailto:acarment@bigpond.net.au)

## PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

What a wonderful way to begin our third term – so many new faces and so many jobs completed!

**We welcome several new families:** Morgan, in Class 6 and his parents Mark and Julia; Nadia, year 5 and Kai, year 2 and their parents, Ric and Petra; Tarquin in year 3 and his parents, Amber and Peter; Sebastian, year 2 and his parents Shayn and Natasha and Finn, Kindergarten and his parents Kim and Toni.

The school's **new heating system** is fully installed. Many thanks to Pieter Oosterhoff, Daniel (our licensed plumber), Greg, Keith & Vaughan.

**Painting.** We have had more areas painted, including the reception area, Mark's office, the kitchen and G1. Thank you Byron Williams.

**The verandah** around the 3,4,5 and 6 classrooms has been completed (and looks fantastic!). Thank you to Jurjen Teernstra, our builder and Mark Thomas & Annie Carment for putting together a successful funding application.

There is now a **carpet** in the hallway, which has softened the noise factor considerably – courtesy of yet another grant.

The **ball court** is almost finished – thank you to the contractors, and Mark & Annie again for the funding application.

The **vegetable garden** for the canteen has also had a clean-up – thank you Annie. The **oval** is now fenced and the turf established so our children have vastly improved play areas at last!

On our **staff development** day primary school teachers and high school teachers shared detailed information about the rhythms and routines that we use within our teaching practice to help support Korowal's values. It was a very productive and positive way to begin the term.

This term's highlight will be **Open Day**, on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August. As teachers we enjoy this opportunity to showcase the children's beautiful work. Please bring your friends and relations along to participate in this celebration.

We have had reports that **head lice** have been found. Sadly these little critters are a part of school life....please check your child's head if s/he is scratching a lot (or even a little). Your child does not have to stay away from school IF appropriate action has been taken.

Your children benefit enormously from **arriving at school before the bell is rung** (at 9.27). Even as adults it can be quite daunting to enter a room where there is an established group already participating in an activity. The playground is supervised from 9am and we'd much prefer children being here early rather than late.

**You are very welcome to contact me** with any questions, concerns or suggestions – either via email or by telephoning the Office. Here's to a healthy and productive term!

Nancy



**K12 end of term picnic**

## **HIGH SCHOOL NEWS**

Welcome back. The students and the staff look refreshed and ready for the term ahead. We are very aware that we will soon farewell our Year 12 students and are enjoying their company as we prepare both they and Year 11 in their final units of work. The students doing practical components in Drama, History Extension and Art are very focused at present as their works will be submitted to the Board of Studies in August.

In our Staff Development session on the first day of term we focused on looking at the culture of both the Primary and High school. We exchanged information on our rituals, procedures, timetables and daily routines as practiced in each area of the school, in order to inform each other, and also examine the similarities and

differences between primary and high. We then began an ongoing discussion on how these practices may be strengthened to become 'whole school'.

This term we have several new faces in the High school. We welcome Michael, an intern teacher in Science who is here for this term, Tarquin, a student teacher for English who is with us for the first 2 weeks, and Carly Hanorahan, a student teacher in HSIE who will be here for 4 weeks starting 2<sup>nd</sup> August. We also welcome Klaudia Matinac and her family. Klaudia has joined Year 8.

### **Upcoming events**

This term is shaping up to be busy indeed. The following are a few early highlights for the first part of term 3:

Yr 10 had a careers day at UWS last Friday, Yr 9 are on camp for a week at The Crossing with Andrew and Sharon, Exec have a planning day on Wednesday, Year 8 have abseiling all day on Thursday, HSC Art are going on an excursion to the Art Gallery this Friday, the Maths Competition is being held on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> August, Year 8 also attend the Jewish Holocaust Museum in Kings Cross on Friday 6<sup>th</sup>, and the Open Day is being held on Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> August. In preparation for this, high school students have a half day on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> August.

HSC reports will be posted out to families within the next week, and followed closely by parent/teacher interviews on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> August.

### **Call for curtain makers.**

One of our high school classrooms desperately needs curtains on the cupboards at the back of the room. If you are able to help us out, please call Barb.

Barb.

### **Biology Excursion**

This is a photo of the Biology class at Sydney aquarium, taking photos. We spent an intense day in Sydney, starting early with the Museum of Human Disease at UNSW, - a gruesome experience. So many dead bits in jars... the students loved it! We then went to see the very much alive animals in the aquarium and Wildlife World. It is amazing so see, how they fit so much on such a small space. Both of these places show a wonderful variety of Australian wildlife and the many adaptations they have to survive in our harsh world.



The highlights in the aquarium were probably the dugongs and the massive lobster, plus the sharks and the overall beauty of the place. In Wildlife world, we saw the massive croc, walked amongst kangaroos and enjoyed insects and spiders, bilbies, frogs, snakes, wombats, - and the best news is, that everyone can go there, - you don't have to wait until year 12! (Joachim)

## K12 GARDENING



### CONNECTIONS: Community activities and links.



Hazelbrook Cricket Club is a friendly and successful club located in the Mid Mountains, playing within the Blue Mountains Cricket Association.

**Age Groups**  
Milo in2 Cricket (formerly Have-A-Go),  
Under 10s, Under 12s, Under 14s,  
Under 16s and Opens (16 yrs. and over)

**REGISTRATION DATES**  
**7<sup>TH</sup> AND 8<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2010**  
**14<sup>TH</sup> AND 15<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2010**

**10AM TO 2PM EACH DAY**  
**GLORIA PARK PAVILLION**

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