



NEWSLETTER

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CALENDAR 2010	
Fri 30 th April	Last day to withdraw from NAPLAN tests
Sat 8 th May	ACER scholarship exam
Tues, Wed, Thurs 11 th – 13 th May	Naplan tests, years 3,5,7 and 9.
Fri 14 th May	Catch up Naplan test for students absent on 11 th – 13 th
Sat 15 th May 10am – 2pm	Term 2 working bee
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
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 6 weeks away!

The Korowal Fair is less than six weeks away, so now is the time to make it all happen. A parent from your child's class will be contacting you over the next week or so. They will be organizing rosters for helpers on the day. Even one hour of your time would be appreciated. They would also love any offers of assistance before the day, as there is a lot to do prior to the event.

Now is the time to start collecting donations for the Fair...

Recycle your unused clothing n' stuff - donations wanted

- Class 6 is running the Recycled Clothing stall for the upcoming Fair and would love your donations. Change-of-season is a great time to go through your wardrobes and de-clutter your life. Anything clean, in good to great condition, is welcome - the rule of thumb is whether it's something you'd be willing to pay for.

- We also welcome any other recycled household items of just about any description, so long as they're clean working and saleable. Please, no white goods, but if you have other large items to donate that can't be dropped at school, call Leanne (Callum and Jordan's mum) on 0416 166675 to discuss.

Drop-off is in the large box marked "Recycled donations" out the front of the office. Offers of assistance for running the stall (especially from classes 6 or 8) can also be made to Leanne.

- Our tombola stall (which is sort of like a raffle but everyone's a winner) needs quality food items like bottles and jars of pickles, jams, chutney, chocolate, wine, biscuits, olives, oils, vinegars... A box for these will be placed in the hallway outside the office.

ALSO...

- Hand made goods and play-do are required for our craft stall. If you are able to make one item to sell that would be lovely. You can contact Tracy on 4782 9946 with any ideas or questions re craft.

- In the week prior to the fair we will be sending home cake boxes to K/1/2 parents to donate a cake back to the school to sell on the day.

Please contact Tracy on 4782 9946 or fwacy@yahoo.com.au with any questions.

We are looking forward to the Fair being a great community event. Thanks for your involvement.

(Tracy)

IT'S TIME TO GET CRAFTY!

At the School Fair on June 5th there will be a stall selling craft items made by members of the Korowal community. Between us there is a wealth of skill – knitting, sewing, crochet, mosaic, basketry, hand made cards – whatever your skill is, please try to produce a few small, saleable items for the Fair. We are also looking for experienced play-do cooks to produce balls of brightly colored play-do for sale. If you would like to run your idea past Tracy, you can contact her (details above), otherwise just get crafting!

PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome Back!

It really is lovely to see everyone again and it was particularly exciting to see the children's very positive responses towards our new oval and the concreting outside the 3,4,5,6 rooms. We now have areas for handball, elastics, hopscotch, running and chasing!

We extend a warm welcome to Ajuna, who has joined us in Class 5, and her family. We were also delighted to have Aidan (Class 3) and Felix (Class 6) and their families join us during last term.

The highlight of this term will be our Fair. I hope you have reserved 5th June in your diary and will be bringing lots of friends and relations along. We hope to have many interesting stalls and happenings – the primary school children have already started to learn some songs with Kim which they will perform at around 11.30 and again at around 1 pm (to be confirmed). Music and food will be featured strongly at this major fundraising, community-building event. We will need all the help we can get, so be prepared for a phone call!

Our interviews with parents is another special event. We value this opportunity to show parents their child's/children's work and to learn more about "our" children. These interviews will begin in June – you will receive letters from your class teachers to arrange times.

Here's to a wonderful term 2!

(Nancy)

After School Play

Following discussions amongst teachers and some parents we thought it could be helpful to share information, guidelines and support mechanisms for those parents and children who take advantage of the wonderful opportunity for socialising/extended play after school.

Firstly, as a staff, we encourage after school opportunities for play and for parents to develop friendships. Unfortunately, teachers are not in a position to supervise this – nor is this necessarily appropriate. After school each day teachers supervise 3 areas: the turning circle, the area in the turning circle where train people wait and the area behind the school where high school students who travel by public bus wait. Teachers sometimes have interviews with parents after school and often have informal catch-ups with parents once classes have been dismissed. They also attend various meetings or spend time cleaning up and preparing for the next day.

We understand that it is sometimes awkward for parents to know when to intervene in inappropriate play, especially if the parent of the child/ren involved is present and not taking action eg maybe involved in a conversation or watching another child.

Perhaps there needs to be an unspoken agreement that during these afternoon sessions all parents share the responsibility for safe and harmonious play and that all carers taking action to prevent hurt have permission to do so. It will also support the situation if carers are here at 3.15 when the children are dismissed.

Our school has 5 basic rules:

Look after yourself.

Look after each other.

Look after your belongings.

Look after other people's belongings.

Look after the environment.

In plain language, this means: no playing with sticks, stones, rocks; no rough play, no kicking, punching, hitting; no unkind words; no climbing, no taking other people's hats. We acknowledge that some of these activities eg playing with sticks, stones, rocks, climbing are great activities for children – but not at school, where the close supervision and support required for these activities cannot be provided.

All children know that school rules always apply at school – whether it is during school time, at special school events, or at working bees. They have also been told that the only area they are allowed to play in after school is the area directly outside the 3,4,5 classrooms. Children are out of bounds if they cross the road to the barbecue area; they are out of bounds if they are in front of the Class 6 room.

As teachers we intervene sooner rather than later, as we know how inappropriate play can quickly escalate to end with someone in tears. We encourage you to do the same.

We shall be talking to our children in class reminding them of the boundaries and the need to uphold school rules.

If you feel your child is not playing respectfully then perhaps you can withdraw from the group for a few days. Upon return, you will probably find a greater level of co-operation!

Please feel free to contact me if you have any further suggestions.

(Nancy)

World Vision

We collect gold coins each week to help support 4 children through the World Vision program. Unfortunately we have not been collecting enough money to cover the commitments we have made, so if you could participate in this program we'd really appreciate it.

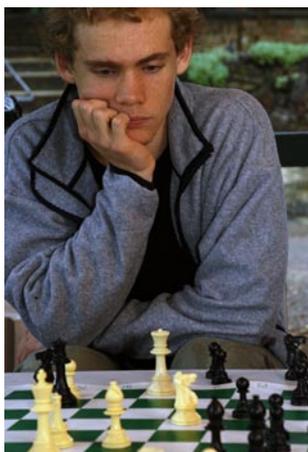
We know that not everyone wishes to support World Vision and that many of our current

parents were not involved when we initially made the decision to encourage our children to give to those less fortunate than themselves.

There is a time limit for the children that we currently foster and as each child's sponsorship finishes, we shall not be accepting replacements as we wish to focus in other ways on helping students in our friendship school in East Timor. In the meantime, donations will be gratefully received. We encourage the children to undertake a special job to earn this money or to use their own pocket money if possible.

Many thanks to those parents and children who have been making donations.

(Nancy)



CONGRATULATIONS

Gill Morris from year 12 has been selected to do a first year university course in computer programming at UNSW this year while still at school. It was a very competitive process that encompassed personal as well as academic qualities. If he goes to UNSW as an undergraduate the course will count towards his degree.



Former Korowal student Ben St Lawrence will represent Australia at this year's Commonwealth Games in Delhi as the national 5,000 metre athletics champion.

CAPITAL WORKS

- The grass is established on the oval and the students are using the area for free play. Within the next month the area will be fenced and we will install two soccer goals. After this the students will be able to play ball games and sports there.
- Concrete has been laid for the balcony outside classes 3,4,5 and 6. During the next school holidays the roof will be built.
- The roof has been replaced over the lobby area adjoining the offices. This means that water no longer drips down the inside walls or into the staff toilet!
- We are expecting a development approval for our ball court within the next fortnight.
- Work on installing a new heating system throughout the school will begin soon. The new system will employ a combination of natural gas central heating and flued gas heaters. The library will use reverse cycle air conditioning because it requires heating as well as cooling.

THANK YOU

To Peter Zauner for renovating and painting the staff toilet, and to Scott Turner, James Laurendot and Tom Kortegast for completing the new student toilets.

Also to the team who moved the leaking pipe and rebuilt the collapsed retaining wall near the turning circle – Michael Hennessy, Mick Barrett, Phil Braithwaite, James Laurendot and Mark Thomas.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our annual general meeting will be held on Wednesday May 26th at 7pm. Everyone is welcome.

FREE FIREWOOD

There are rounds of hardwood in the primary school playground (behind the red safety barrier) available to be collected. Please contact the office first to organise a time when students are not in the playground.

Garden fundraiser * ecosilk bags

in australia each year...
over six and a half billion plastic bags go to landfill.
ecosilk bags are an environmentally and aesthetically positive alternative to plastic.

they are...
long lasting – for at least 5 years
strong – holding up to 14 kilos
lightweight, machine washable, recyclable, a great gift & come in 17 gorgeous colors.

ecosilk bags along with drawstring fruit & vegie bags are being sold to raise funds for our school gardens. the more bags sold, the more plants that will be planted.

please place all orders in an envelope marked ecosilk bags with the correct amount of cash or cheque made out to korowal school.

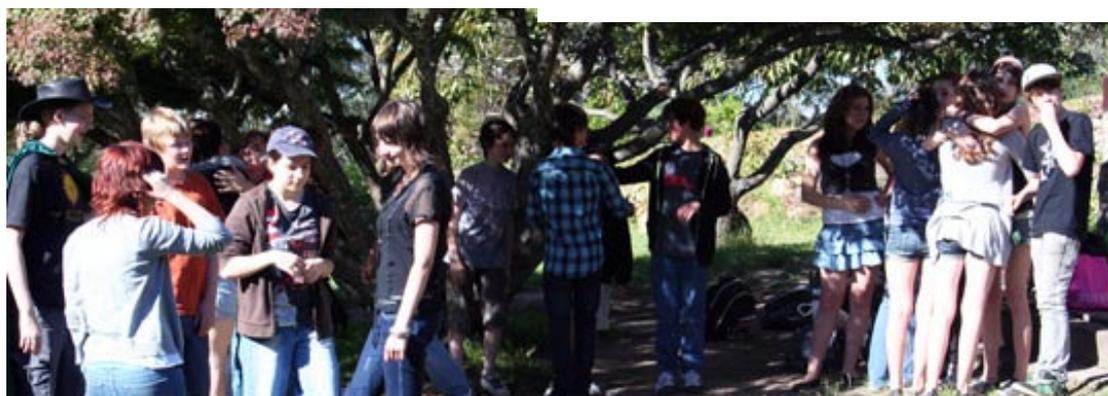
primary students can hand envelopes to their class teacher
high school students please hand orders to the office
orders placed before 14th may will be delivered to students by early june.
orders placed after this date will be delieverd once minimum order numbers have been reached for the supplier.

for more information and to see images of the bags go to www.ecosilkbags.com.au
any questions, please contact jacqueline at agardenwoman@gmail.com.au or 0416543511

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			
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lilac			
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plum			
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Morning Meeting, year 9.

TERM 2 CANTEEN MENU 2010

AVAILABLE EVERY DAY

Sandwiches: Fresh or Toasted on Wholemeal Bread (butter used if requested)

- Vegemite or cheese or tomato.....\$2.00
- Ham or Tuna.....\$3.00
- Salad (lettuce, tomatoe, carrot, cucumber, beetroot, celery)....\$3.00
- Hommos or egg mayonaise or cheese or tomato (extra).....\$0.50
- Basil Pesto (extra).....\$0.70

(Toasted Gluten free bread available for sandwiches)

Salad Box: With lettuce, Tomato, cucumber, hommos, carrot.....\$3.00

Hommos Mini Cups: Served with Carrot Sticks and Crackers\$1.50
(gluten free crackers available upon request)

Cheesy Melts: (Wholemeal roll with pasta sauce & melted cheese).....\$2.20

Fresh Fruit: Grapes or Watermelon Slice.....\$1.00

DRINKS

- 600 ml Water\$1.50
- 375 ml Apple or Orange or Pineapple juice\$2.00
- 300 ml Pineapple juice\$1.50

DAILY SPECIALS

MONDAY: Thai sweet potato & Pumkin Soup (with coconut Milk).....\$3.00

Garlic bread (1/2 w'meal roll with garlic butter & parsley).....\$1.00

Spinach and Ricotta Ravioli with homemade pasta sauce.....\$4.00

TUESDAY: Pea & Ham Soup\$3.00

Garlic bread (as above).....\$1.00

Lentil/vege OR Beef Burger with lettuce, tomato & beetroot

choice of Tomato or Barbeque Sauce or Tomato Relish\$4.00

WEDNESDAY: Vegetable Minestrone Soup (Veges & Pasta).....\$3.00

Garlic bread\$1.00

Sausage Rolls\$3.20

Vegetarian Samosa Pasties\$3.20

(tomato sauce available upon request no extra charge)

THURSDAY: Vegetable Minestrone Soup (Veges & Pasta).....\$3.00

Garlic bread (as above).....\$1.00

Hommos, tabouleh, falafel & lettuce wrap.....\$4.00

FRIDAY: Pea & Ham Soup\$3.00

Garlic bread (as above).....\$1.00

Vegetable Curry & Rice\$3.00

Vegetable Curry & Rice with Dahl.....\$4.00

****Please note all food is cooked on premises except Monday's Spinach & ricotta Ravioli which is bought in.****

CONNECTIONS Community notices and events

Help needed to save Shearwater School

Shearwater is a Steiner School in Mullumbimby that started with 37 students in a parents garage in 1993...and now, sixteen years later has 650 students from kindie to Year 12. The rapid expansion has come at a cost and seven weeks ago the school entered Voluntary Administration. They have just 11 days to go to find the final funds to continue.

Details are available at <http://www.saveshearwater.com>

TANAKA-SAN WILL NOT DO CALASTHENICS

A documentary by MAREE DELOFSKI (local film maker)

SAT 1 MAY 2pm – MOUNT VIC FLICKS

Info 0408 238586 email: bmucinc@gmail.com

\$15 includes discussion and afternoon tea

B M ABORIGINAL CULTURAL AND RESOURCE CENTRE presents

“WAGANA- LIKE LYREBIRD AND EAGLE” at Wentworth Falls School of Arts

6th and 7th May. For info call Jo Clancy at ACRA on 47826569 or 0409651290

WOOD CARVING CLASSES for adults and young people over 13 with sculptor TORBEN

JENSEN. Saturdays 10 am – 12.30 From 8th May for 9 weeks at Springwood Arts Centre. Enrol 1st

May at the Arts Centre or call Torben on 47515071.

Adults \$105. Under 18 year \$90.

CELEBRATION OF RECONCILIATION IN THE BLUE MOUNTAINS: Connecting the Journey

Sunday 2nd May 2pm – 4pm; Wentworth Falls School of Arts small hall.

Celebrating 10 years since the bridge walk. Guest speaker Leanne Townsend; art show.

For more information 47586811.

Lower Mountains Family Support Service
(An activity of Blaxland Uniting Church/Uniting Care)

PARENT GROUPS MAY - JULY 2010

Web Site: www.lmfss.org.au for information on current parent groups and other services

GROUP	LOCATION	DATES & TIMES
“Kids & Confidence” (Part 2) <i>Supporting the growth of positive relationships with</i>	Lawson Public School, Lawson (Adelaide Street entrance)	Friday mornings 21/5, 28/5, 4/6 & 11/6/10 Time: 10.00am – 12.30pm (childcare available)

<p><i>children</i></p> <p><u>Must have completed (Part 1)</u></p> <p>(Facilitated by popular presenter Barry Palm)</p> <p>Cost: \$40 (4 sessions)</p>		
<p>“123 Magic”</p> <p>A no-nonsense behaviour management program for 2-12 year olds.</p> <p>Cost: \$30 (3 sessions)</p>	<p>Blaxland East Public School Old Bathurst Road Blaxland East</p>	<p>Wednesday evenings 26/5, 2/6 & 9/6/10 Time: 7.00pm – 9.00pm</p>
<p>“Parenting Teenagers”</p> <p>Facilitated by Peter Hurley</p> <p>Experienced Family & Adolescent Counsellor</p> <p>Cost: \$60 (6 sessions)</p>	<p>Blaxland High School Coughlan Road, Blaxland</p>	<p>Tuesday evenings 18/5, 25/5, 1/6, 8/6, 15/6 & 22/6/10 Time: 7pm – 9pm</p>
<p>“Koori Playgroup”</p> <p>A free playgroup meets weekly. Open to all Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Community members with children 0-6yrs. Transport available upper Mountains.</p>	<p>Wentworth Falls School of the Arts Great Western Highway Wentworth Falls</p>	<p>Wednesday mornings Weekly Time: 10.30am – 12noon Contact: Ruby at Connect 4758 9966</p>
<p>“Multi-Cultural Playgroup”</p> <p>A free playgroup meets fortnightly. Open to families with children 0-5 from diverse backgrounds</p>	<p>Blue Mountains Family Support Service 2 Station Street Katoomba</p>	<p>Every second Friday morning 23/4, 7/5, 21/5, 4/6 & 18/6/10 Time: 10am – 12 noon Contact: Jill 4739 5963 Yola 4782 1555</p>

COST: Varies per group (includes morning tea/supper, handouts, and childcare). Negotiable depending on circumstances

CHILDCARE: Available at day groups by **Mountains Mobile Minders**

REGISTRATION: Lower Mountains Family Support- **Ph: 4739 5963**