

KOROWAL SCHOOL Newsletter



CALENDAR 2011

When	Where	What
Wed 23rd November 4 - 8 pm		High school parent teacher interviews
Fri 25th November	Avalon Restaurant, Katoomba	Year 10 semi-formal dinner
Sat 26th November		K 1 2 concert
Thursday 1st December		Class 5 camping sleepover
Fri 2nd December		Year 2 sleepover
Sat 3rd December		Year 6 concert and dinner
Mon 5th December 6.15 for 6.30	Hall	Class 3 4 5 concert
Wed 7th December 6 pm		End of year BBQ and singalong
Thursday 8th December 12pm	Hall	School Certificate Assembly
Thurs 8th Dec		Last day term 4
Fri 9th Dec		Staff development day
Mon 30th January 2012		First day term one Pathways
Tues 31st January		First day years 1 - 10
Thurs 2nd February		First Day kindergarten
Sat 10th March		Official school opening ceremony
Thurs 5th April		Last day term 1

BBQ and singalong

Celebrate the end of another great Korowal year with a sausage and a sing !

WED DEC 7th

BBQ from 6 pm

SINGALONG in the hall at 7 pm

Rain hail or fine.

The primary students, a high school band, and the Lunchtime Legends will entertain us and accompany the singing. There will be old favorites for everyone to sing: some Christmas songs and some not-Christmas songs. We should be finished by 8 pm.

It's a busy time of year for everyone, but we would love as many families as possible to come along, as this is our only whole-school end of year event.

If you can help with the BBQ (prepare, cook, serve, or clean up) please contact Paula on

Lunchtime Legends singing

in the hall every Monday till the end of term.

2 pm - 2. 20 pm

Everyone welcome - parents, teachers, students young and old.

Kim and Annie

CONGRATULATIONS

to Caitlin Walker-Healion , who was awarded first place at Sydney Distance Education in Year 12 Aboriginal Studies. Last year she was awarded 2nd place.

Korowal Studios

For years now there has been a dream that some of us have held- to create a centre where students can go and do their co-curricular classes, either during school time or after hours. These may be in music, drama, dance, film and so on. Now is the time to launch stage one of this.

From the beginning of next year, we will be offering music lessons in singing, flute, drums, sax, and piano. We have a beautiful venue with talented teachers which we would like to make available to both our students and families, and also to the mid-mountains community. This venture will be called The Korowal Studio. The first part of the plan begins small, with a few teachers coming in for a day or a half- day, and offering both individual and small group tuition. As with other music schools or conservatoriums, parents will make their own arrangements with the teacher of choice and pay them directly. The school will charge a small fee to the teachers for services only.

The availability of suitable and ongoing space is the only hurdle at present. We are planning to have converted a garage into 2 studio spaces with sound proofing by the end of term 3, 2012. This will be done with voluntary labour, and the small rental that we will have collected from the sessional teachers' use of the rooms will assist with the purchase of materials. This converted space will then enable the Studios to continue uninterrupted when the next cycle of HSC music begins, as that calls heavily on the use of the music space for a 12 month period.

We will be emailing details of teachers and sessions to you by the end of the year, so stay tuned.

Barb

Carpet Cleaning

We need to have our carpets cleaned during the summer holidays. If you have a carpet cleaning company or can recommend a service that you know to be good, please let me know.

Nancy

Dogs on School Grounds

We are aware that there is an increase in the number of dogs coming to school to help deliver/collect children. We politely request that you do not bring your dog onto the school grounds during school hours. Even dogs known to have friendly, calm, relaxed natures can become frightened or accidentally hurt when surrounded by children.

Primary School News

Touch Football

On a beautiful Spring day in the mountains last week, Korowal took 3 teams of Primary students to a local Touch Football Gala Day. The event was billed by organisers as the "biggest Primary sports event in the Mountains." It didn't disappoint! 44 teams from 10 different locations fought it out at Katoomba Falls Reserve.

With interest from 25 students, Korowal was able to enter the 3/4 boys, 5/6 girls and 5/6 boys competitions. With limited exposure to the game of touch football, all three teams played extremely well and were very fast learners throughout the day. It was great to see students getting a genuine sense of satisfaction from learning and applying the skills of a new game.

The 3/4 boys played some very tight games and experienced a handful of draws and some close losses - often playing against older and bigger opponents. The 5/6 girls started the day very well and were undefeated for the first half of the day. They narrowly missed out on a opportunity to play finals. The 5/6 boys remained undefeated in the rounds and played the eventual winners in a losing semi final. This older group of boys did a lot of hard running, with only one sub, and played very well as a team - with valuable contributions from all.

All students should be congratulated for their positive attitudes, effort and sportsmanship. Korowal was very well represented. Hopefully they enjoyed themselves and can share their skills and enthusiasm with their mates, so we can enter 4 or 5 teams next year!

Kizz

This term is swimming by at an enormous pace. We have been impressed with the standard of the **swimming lessons** this year and remain committed to giving our students this opportunity to either gain in confidence, increase their water safety awareness and/or improve their swimming skills and fitness levels. The instructors have expressed some concern for those children who are still not able to swim and have asked me to draw your attention to the fact that there are swimming classes at both the Katoomba and Springwood swimming pools during the school holidays.

We have accumulated a lot of **lost property**, none of which is named. We have had the items on display this week and will put them out again when next we have a dry day. After this second viewing, I shall be taking unclaimed clothing to a charity bin. If you want to come and have a look, please do. Lost property is stored in a laundry basket close to the front doors.

Our collection of **spare hats** seems to have disappeared. Please make sure your child has a suitable hat to wear. This week the predicted UV reading has been 12, which is extreme.

Nancy

K,1,2 Reflections

... on swimming...

I liked swimming because Mel was my teacher and I like Mel. I got better at pushing myself from the wall at the deep end and swimming to Mel (Cale)

It was fantastic. It made my swimming skills better than they were at the start, but when we went in the real deep pool it was a bit scary (James F -S)

Supreme and funny. I liked being in the big pool, I swam the length of it about five times, three times in one day. We played a few games like run off the mat. It was about the best part. I was in the sea horses (Tejovan)

I think it was awesome. I liked diving under the water to catch the fish toys. The deep pool was so much fun (Emilia)

Well, it was pretty much quite awesome. Everything that happened at the pool was cool. I really learnt how to swim and I even learnt back floating, back stroking and diving, not just jumping, but how to retrieve items from the bottom of the pool. One of the happiest moments I had at the swimming pool was when I learnt that my swimming abilities have doubled. (Sebastian)

It was so fantastic because I loved going in the really deep pool, it was so cold though. I also liked diving and getting the fish things. Our teacher held a noodle in a c shape and we had to dive through it. It was fun. I also like just swimming, I think I got better. I also liked learning about how to get into the pool the safe way. (Maddie)

Swimming was magnificent. I love going in the deep end, because it was nice and cold and on one day it was hot outside. I liked catching the mini toys and I liked doing backstroke because you can see up. That was my favourite bit (Olivia)

I got really good at frogs legs, really big arms for freestyle – one arm you breathe then the other arm you bubble- and backstroke. (Sarah)

I got better at freestyle when I went swimming. I also learned how to do breast stroke, I hadn't done that before. I liked diving in the big pool. (Luan)

When I went swimming I learned how to do butterfly and use the dolphin kick. I enjoyed going to the big pool to do jumps and bombs (Gabe)

Swimming was fun because at the end of swimming before we left we jumped in the pool and gave a high five to one of the swimming teachers. I think I got better at the horsie racing and when we dived for the diving toys. (Paris)

I liked how we got to go in the big pool and how in our last lesson we had a horsie race with all the classes together. I think I got better at freestyle. (Darcy)

I liked jumping in the deep end because it was fun. I liked being in the sea horses group, (Zephyr)

I liked playing around on the noodle when I was waiting for my turn. I liked talking to some of the kids in the other groups. I liked it when we all swam together to the deep end; sometimes I liked it when no-one helped me and sometimes I liked it when someone did help me. (Finn)

Im not use to doing back stroke, but I got used to it by doing lesson. I liked the last day when we got to play games the most. My teacher was really nice and I liked going in the deep deep pool. (Sia- Rose)

I really liked all of swimming lessons. I really like going the big deep pool because you got to jump in and it was really cold when you first got in. And the teacher was nice, I liked doing the froggy swimming (Caitlin)

I liked diving and backstroke. I really like doing the seahorses race where you swim on the pool noodle. (Cameron)

I really liked diving into the big pool. I was really good at the seashores race that I did with my class. I like the sinking animals that I had to dive to get. And the last thing that I really liked doing was doing pretending to be crocodile up the ramp. The kick boards were fun as well. I loved my teacher too. (Scarlett)

I liked being in dolphins. I thought all the activities that we did were fun. I liked the the animals that you had to get from the bottom. (Eva)

I liked the horsey races. I liked diving into the deep end. I liked doing the frog laps. Zebediah

I liked when we did lots of stuff in the deep deep pool. I liked diving into the deep end. I liked it when we did the froggy swimming. Charlie

I liked doing the backstroke and the frog. The teacher would throw animals into the pool and they went right to the bottom and we would have to dive in and get them. I liked doing the sea horse races, that was fun. My teacher was nice as well. James

I liked going swimming because it was fun and I got to swim in the deep end and on the last day I swam by myself in the big pool. Heidi

I dived down into the deep pool to pick up some kind of toy and I got one the first two times and two on the third time. Noah

I really liked diving into the big pool because it was really deep and I've been in there before. Selena

When I swam in the deep end it was the first time that I went in the deep water and I liked it. Claudia

I liked that I could swim with the noodle without anyone touching me and my feet weren't touching the bottom of the pool. Lily

I liked swimming because it was fun going in the big pool and I liked having horsey races. Holly

I had a lot of fun and I like going under water a lot. I learned how to dive! Ivy

I got really good at blowing bubbles in the water. I liked pushing on the mat and making my feet go really really hard. Leo.

K12 went on an excursion for their "Our Environment" main lesson to see their teacher Bec's mud brick house under construction.

I liked Bec's house because I liked looking at the mud. The mud was being used for the walls. I learnt that when you go too close to alpacas they kick you! Max

When we went to Bec's house I learned about mud bricks. They become really solid and strong once they are dry. They are made from dirt, water and straw, or hay. I learned a lot about how to build. Bianca

I liked going to Bec's house because I found out that some of the trees that had been cut down to widen the highway were used to build her house. Dirt mixed with water and straw was being used to build the walls. Avalon

I liked Bec's house because they had lots of different materials to use, like wood, mud and some waterproof sheets. I also liked the alpacas that ran away when we tried to pat them. Harsh

We felt the soft mud and it had straw in it. They cut the straw with a lawn mower to make it very small. We felt the hard mud when it had dried over time. It felt nearly as hard as cement. Bonnie.

We saw a wall made of hard mud. It was a very big wall. There were men cutting up wood. We also saw Bec's old house. Emma

We saw Bec's house and it was really fun. I will love Bec my whole life. Lola

We felt the hard mud and it was maybe harder than rock. Louis

We got to see Bec's dog and its name was Kinta. We got to see some hard mud and it was a part of the house. Alex

I liked it when we got to touch the wet mud and we saw Bec's dog called Kinta. Mitchell

We saw dirt in the mixer and Marshall put straw and water with it. Zachary

I liked seeing the alpacas. It was cool the way Bec was making her house out of mud bricks. I liked patting their dog. I liked meeting Nancy's son because I haven't seen him before. Henry

At Bec's house I saw two alpacas and the house was being made out of wood and we got to feel some mud Jakob

I saw Bec's dog, I got to feel some mud. I got to see a concrete mixer. Joachim

High School News

Year 7 Orientation Day

Last Friday we welcomed our Year 7, 2012 and their families into the high school for the morning. It was an exciting event. The students moved between classrooms and the teachers ran mini classes in their subjects to give them a taste of things to come. Year 8 families hosted a morning tea for both the parents and the students, and we wish to thank them receiving the cautious and eager faces with warmth and ease.

Lawson Festival

On Saturday we attended the Lawson Festival and took the stage for 20 minutes. A big thanks goes to Lulu, Liam, Hannah, Jack, Ruby, Clive and Emma for their charismatic performances. The audience was captivated!. We also wish to thank their friends who came along and supported them.

Year 10 , 2011, end of year celebrations

The outgoing Year 10 celebrations are approaching. They will attend their semi-formal gathering at The Avalon Restaurant in Katoomba on Friday 25th November. The final event will be on Thursday 8th December from 12.00pm when the students are presented with their School Certificates at the Year 10 assembly, and we hope that their parents are able to come along to this event. This will be followed by a sausage sizzle hosted by the new year 10 group around 1.15pm .

We will also farewell a few families from this group. Natalie McGovern has gone into full time work, Arielle Barley has returned to live in Newcastle, Taylor Brisbane and Christian Peralta are going to TAFE, and Hannah Rose is off to St Marys' Senior High to continue Dance through to HSC level. We wish them all well and thank both the students and parents for being such significant people within our community. Linda Brisbane has helped in the canteen for many years, as has Richard Barley more recently. We will miss them all very much.

Parent / Teacher Evening Wednesday 23rd November

Parent teacher meetings will be held this Wednesday evening from 4.00-8.00pm. Please phone the school office to make bookings with the teachers your child had last semester.

High School excursions

This is a preliminary notice that on Monday 5th December Years 8, 9 and 10 will be attending excursions to The Powerhouse Museum, Luna Park and the Wentworth Falls Lake. The finer details are still being organised, however we plan to issue notes later this week.

Barb

Second Hand Text Books

These are available through the school office. Please take the time to organise to purchase them this week as Years 7-10 students need them now in many subjects.

CONNECTIONS

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