towards tomorrow

HARMONY DAY
Over $3800 raised for the Leukaemia Foundation!
Welcome to the first edition of *towards tomorrow* for 2010. Contained in these pages is a synopsis of the tremendous activity, engagement and enjoyment of your sons and daughters in their pursuits here at Kormilda. I am constantly emphasising to all within our community the importance of grasping the wonderful opportunities available to them. I hope that you find, as I did, a sense that those opportunities are being taken and that our values of excellence, life-long learning, compassion, understanding, justice and courage are at the heart of life at Kormilda.

**David Shinkfield - Principal**

Kormilda music students were invited to perform a lunchtime concert for Manunda Terrace Primary School, as part of their Harmony Day celebrations.

Christianity holds
That the infinite God,
in the person of Jesus,
at a point in time,
crossed an unimaginable borderline
and personally entered history.

Before
such an undreamable dream
the intellect falters.
It was at this point
that a friend gave me a clue
that helped my understanding
more than any measure
of bare reason.
He said: “But love does such things.”

**Mark Link S.J**
The Bombing of Darwin Commemoration held on the Esplanade hosted a number of esteemed guests, including the Ambassador for the USA and representatives from Japan and Spain. Along with the many locals, veterans, friends, families, and guests; were a number of students from various Darwin schools.

The ceremony included many speakers, entertainment from the Darwin Chorale and a fantastic vintage aircraft demonstration, accompanied by a re-enactment of the bombing, and a wreath laying ceremony.

Chantelle Dobunaba - College Captain

Also during the week of the Commemoration ceremony, surviving members of the 2nd Australian Anti-Aircraft Battery, with families and friends visited the College as Kormilda is custodian of their banner, and memorial drinking fountain. These are located inside and adjacent to the Mayuma Room.

Valentine’s Day came a little early this year for Kormilda students, as the leadership team delivered roses to students with ‘secret admirers’. Many students got involved buying roses for the object of their affections, and raised $665 for charity.
Middle School Leadership Training

The Year 9 leaders went on a training camp. During the two day camp we learnt how to be good leaders and support the Year 7 students. We learnt how to deal with the Year 7 students for when we would do peer support. I interacted with students I never would have because of this programme, and made many new friends. On the last day of camp we were given a Subway lunch and that was very delicious.

Matehya Quirk, Year 9
Leadership Camp Lake Bennett

I really enjoyed the raft build, my group worked really well together, might I add our group (Baru and Nganabaru) WON! The task was to build a raft with rope, wood etc and a canoe, we had to paddle on the lake and back to shore! **Tahlia Taylor-Kickett, Year 9**

From catching eggs from far distances and grapes in our mouths to abseiling without a mountain, we learned to trust each other and face difficult challenges with PURE LEADERSHIP. **Nikita Palmer, Year 9**
As the new school year began, so again did the student led newspaper, Vox Populi. An almost completely new group has signed on for the year, ranging from Year 7 to 11. The team meets every Friday lunchtime to assign roles for the coming edition and discuss ideas for articles. The team are looking forward to being the voice of the student body here at Kormilda and are eager for any article suggestions from students. **Sara Rowe, Year 11**

The recent announcement of a house points system for our school certainly brings to mind nostalgic moments of good ol’ *Harry Potter*. You can imagine the teachers awarding you points for good academic conduct (10 points for Nganabaru!) and taking points off them for misbehaviour (10 points from Pumarali). Next thing we know, we’ll have a talking hat that tells us which house we’ll be in based on the characteristics of the animals on the house emblems (How much like a crocodile are you?). We’ll then have a nice feast in the Mayuma Room and a shiny gold trophy awarded to the winning house. After that, we’ll board the *Kormilda Express* home, and we’ll be told we can’t do our homework, otherwise the Ministry of Education will be on our backs and will charge us with underage use of intelligence. Mind you, at least we won’t have to walk around in monk’s fashions from the 1100’s. This leaves only one question: Which one of us is Harry Potter? **Vaanathy Kandiah, Year 10**
Senior Leadership Training

The overall point of the day was to all work collaboratively with the people we would be spending so much time with this year. The event was very successful and provided a stress free day away from school where we were all able to bond in a casual and relaxing environment.

The team building games proved to be not quite as easy as many of us anticipated. We broke into two groups based on gender, which naturally greatly increased the level of competitiveness. While the males managed to win the playground maze, overall victory was awarded to the females who prevailed in the hoop lowering activity and the rock climbing.

All in all, the day proved to be a fun one where we all managed to get to know each other that little bit more and realise the strength we possess as a team. Jaimi-Lee Tinning, Year 12

This term, 23 Senior School Leaders travelled to The Rock at Doctors Gully.
Debating

Getting off to a strong start this term, our Senior Team 1 - Jessica Grumelart, Matilda Hobbins, and Claire Marron, all Year 10s, won their first two rounds in the interschool debating competition. Senior Team 2 - Vaanathy Kandiah, Year 10; and Joshua May and Heather Kerley, Year 11s; and our Middle School Team - Grace Fuller, Athira Emmanuel and Danny Stables, all Year 7s, weren’t so lucky in Round 1, but recovered giving Kormilda three wins for Round 2.

At first I thought that debating would be boring but when we got into it, it was awesome. Some people don’t like debating they seem to think that it is boring and hey it can be but if you try to make it fun, it is!! So all you out there who think debating is boring give it a go, try and make it fun. When my team and I presented our speeches to our class we had some trouble but we fixed it up and in the end had fun. There were two people left over when we got put into teams so they had to present a single speech to persuade the audience that their topic was the one to pick, they ended up both presenting three speeches each, it was very amusing. What people don’t realise is that debating is a talent in itself. *Aurora Jan, Year 7*
Leonie Norrington came to Kormilda for a visit. We invited her to come because we are studying her book *The Barrumbi Kids*. She talked to us about what the book was about, what place the book was based on and who was in the story. Leonie told us a lot of things, such as write whatever comes into your head, use some of your experiences; and she even told us that she used to be so much in love with a boy, but that boy was way too old for her. She wrote a book about that boy, and that book is called *The Barrumbi Kids*. **Magdalene Dodd, Year 9**

**Air Force Cadets**

The Australian Air Force Cadets visited Kormilda as part of their bi-annual recruiting drive. As well as a presentation showing exciting activities, they talked about opportunities and careers that can enrich the lives of cadets.
Theatre Sports is no nonsense fast play building. Actors are given a topic, are limited in some way either physically or time wise and must deliver a character, a plot and instant dialogue performing sometimes with only 10 seconds preparation.

Gail Evans worked with Year 10 students to help prepare them for the Moments Like These Theatre Sports competition, hosted by Kormilda. Four other schools came to compete against our best Year 10 Drama students. Ms Evans mentioned that our students seem prepared and at ease with the games and they learnt quickly. A very funny Three Little Pigs performed in the style of a Kung Fu film, and a mime of The Lion King dethroned confirmed this impression.
We were given the task of bringing in recycled items to create outfits for a recyclable fashion parade. My group used recycled fabric, garbage bags, lids, milk bottle tops, soft drink cans and newspapers. Other groups used material, tins and egg cartons to name a few. Our final outfit consisted of a stylish shirt made from plastic bags, a yellow plastic singlet and a plastic lid belt. We also constructed a pair of ear muffs made from soft drink cans, newspaper and a headband. I enjoyed the creativity of the assignment and it showed us how much that we throw away is actually recyclable. I know that if we were not so picky and judgemental we could recycle most things we throw away. I think more people should be encouraged to recycle this way, even though most people want to buy new mass manufactured clothing. The only problem with our outfit was that it would not be suitable in extreme climates, hot or cold! *Breanna Gabbert, Year 9*
We were invited to watch and play Sepak Takraw. It was truly amazing! First we sat down and saw the young players. They started by stretching before play; it was important to stretch before the game. After they finished stretching they began to show their skill. At first it was the basics and later they were swinging and turning into the air. It was definitely worth watching!

*Christopher Teng, Year 8*
The Nabalek Band played their warm up concert at Kormilda College the day before they flew out to France to perform in Paris. Attracting plenty of media attention, Ms Zoe Marcham who is the Honorary Consul for France, also came along to listen. After the concert, we were allowed to go back to the gym to listen to a personal presentation from band members about how they got started in their musical careers. They said they chose to play at Kormilda, rather than a public concert, as it was ‘their way of giving back to the community’.
The first Magical Moments concert was a great success with 18 separate acts providing a vast range of music styles from classical, country, folk, reggae, heavy metal and jazz. Congratulations are in order for the excellent work done by the students involved. It was very good to see vocal and instrumental ensembles starting to form from the programme.

In 7.2 we have been learning French. Our teacher Mrs Marcel-Hubert has been teaching us how to have a civilised conversation in French. We enjoy French a lot. It is fun and interesting, and such a privilege to be taught by the nicest teacher in all of Australia. **Aurevoir! 7.2**
La Baguette

The baguettes were great and everyone enjoyed them!

Paris Appo Van Commenee, Year 7

Uno, Dos, Tress

After learning how to say numbers and colours in Spanish, Year 7 students put their newfound language skills to use while playing with balloons in the quadrangle.
Maths Mystery Tour

The tour operates every Wednesday afternoon. During this after school activity we get a chance to talk Maths and to think about interesting theorems and discoveries. This term we have examined Benjamin Franklin’s Magic Square using numbers 1 to 64, begun to explore the Golden ratio discovered by the ancient Greeks and to do some work with Golden Rectangles. Did you know that the United Nations building in New York City USA was designed by the architect so that its side was a Golden Rectangle? We also looked at Fibonacci numbers, their ratios and the connection to the Golden Ratio and DNA.

Nanotechnology

This year Kormilda has included a course in Nanotechnology in its Science Curriculum. Students have had hands on experience using cutting edge technology. Here a group of students are trying to make Nanogold using a gold chloride compound.
MESSL 2,3,4 and 5 classes have been thinking about how they learn Maths. They have thought about what Maths they know automatically where the number facts are in their long term memory, then working out problems and puzzles and playing Maths games where they use their short term memory. The classes viewed two models of the brain, plastic models and then dissected sheep’s brains to identify the different parts of the brain.

Simon Higgins visited our class this term. His visit started with him explaining some popular Asian beliefs. These beliefs are the background and inspiration of most of his books. To help him understand Asian culture, Simon Higgins lived in Asia for a number of years, and still visits to train in the ancient samurai art of duelling in Iaido. Our class is all very interested in his new book, *Moonshadow: The Wrath of Silver Wolf*, and can’t wait to read it! *Grace Fuller, Year 7*

The IB English classes were visited by one of the Northern Territory’s most recognised authors, Mr. Barry Jonsberg. You could feel his passionate aura the moment he walked in the room and it was energising to meet a man of such recognition and talent. He took us through useful tactics in the essential act of editing your own work, as well as how to deal with essays and creative writing in English. Refreshing and enlightening, it was a pleasure to just be in Mr. Jonsberg’s presence. *Madeleine Hearnden, Year 12*
The Kormilda Warriors are participating in the Darwin Basketball competition on Friday nights. We are developing in our skills and teamwork with every game. The boarding staff have been great in getting us organised for our games, driving us to the stadium and looking after our uniforms. Our support group is growing every week. We all hope to make the finals.

Basketball is one of the many options available to students within the boarding recreational programme.

We played Basketball for the last few weeks. We won three games and lost one. We were puffed out but still had lots of fun. **Naomi Rowe**

I love playing basketball. I try really hard. I’m still really enjoying it. **Kirsty Garnarradj**

I think basketball is fantastic. **Amanda Gumbula**
Challenge Days allow students to participate in a sport that they may or may not have played before. They are encouraged to forge new friendships with others from surrounding schools and have fun! Over 130 students from the College have participated in Soccer, Rugby League, AFL and Netball Challenge Days this term with great success. One Middle School netball team finished first in their division on the challenge day after winning all of their games.

Our Senior AFL team went up against Casuarina Senior College Clontarf Football Academy this term, coming away with a win - 14 Goals 5 Points - 89 to 3 Goals 5 points - 23.
Kormilda College from its **Christian foundation** and commitment to **excellence** seeks to inspire its students to be **life-long learners** who act with **compassion** and **justice** through their **understanding** of others, and who develop the **wisdom** and **courage** to shape the future.