From the Principal

New web site

In keeping with work on updating our image, our new web site is now online! Do take the opportunity to look at the wonderful photos of our students and our staff in their daily lives at Kingswood. Families who have been part of Kingswood for a number of years will recognise that we have at heart the same key messages about what matters to us: our ambition to guide students along the path of self discovery so they can realise their full potential. We want students to know themselves, and be themselves so that their potential can soar. The contemporary design of our web site is engaging and colourful, and will continue to evolve. Our students have been seriously enthusiastic about its look and feel – we hope you are too!

Alongside our work on the website, is our development of our intranet, Kingsnet. This is being trialled with staff, and some students at present, and in due course will also be a key resource for families, so that our internal community communication will not need to be on the web.

New timetable

For secondary students, we are into the second cycle of our 10 day timetable. It is worth remembering the reasons we moved to a new timetable with more teaching time each week, longer lessons and a ten day structure. The key ambition was to provide VCE students with more teaching time in all their subjects, and this has been delivered. Next, providing more literacy and numeracy time while maintaining our commitment to a broad and balanced program in Middle School meant we needed to move to a ten day structure, rather than five. And because of the overlap of families with children in both Junior School and our secondary years, keeping times consistent across the school was seen as the “best fit” option. Changes like these do take adjusting, and I hope the new rhythm is falling into place.

Leadership Inductions

Since the first newsletter was written, our leadership inductions have taken place, and the Kingswood community can be very proud of our leaders across the College. College Captains Caitlin Lawley and Jordon Smith spoke confidently at our Induction Assembly, and they have strong support from fellow leaders and the student body at large; so too Giles Caldwell and Beth Lawley our Middle School Captains, and Samuel Moss and Catherine Chen in our Junior School. In both assemblies I
reminded students that in the same way that leaders have responsibilities, so too do followers: to support those who have been chosen, and work with them. It was wonderful that so many parents were able to share in the assemblies.

**Open Day – 3 March**

Open Day is our biggest day of the year for presenting ourselves to the community, and we are looking forward to sharing our unique educational and community offering to the world at large. Many students will be involved in activities, including our Student Ambassador program, taking tours around the many different events on from 10.00am - 2.00pm. We hope you are able to join us and have a relaxed stroll around the campus. Many parents are volunteering their time (and I understand it isn’t too late to offer to help!), for which we are most appreciative.

One of the real highlights of Open Day will be the unveiling of our stained glass window, which has just been installed in Brimacombe Hall. It is a beautiful work of art, more than a year in the making. Nick Georgiadis, Wyvernian and acclaimed stained glass artist, has donated his time and talent to create an iconic piece for Kingswood: it is a wonderful addition to our campus and will be enjoyed for generations to come.

As is tradition at Kingswood, students will finish school at lunchtime on Friday 2 March, to allow time for the complete setup of the campus for Open Day.

**Parents and Friends Association (PFA)**

As I noted above, parent involvement is fantastic at Kingswood, and support for Open Day by the PFA is very much appreciated. The first meeting of the PFA for 2012 is on Tuesday 28 February at 7.30pm in the Cato Centre. The meetings are fun, and in coming along you do not need to volunteer for anything unless you want to! New parents, and all parents, are very welcome.

**International Women’s Day Dinner**

This fantastic initiative from the PFA deserves our support, and I am looking forward to bringing my mum along, and also my husband. Our Girls’ Vocal Group, and VCE student Molly Pethick will be singing, and our guest speakers will, I am sure, inspire. I commend this event to you!

**Supporting Secondary Students and their Learning**

This year we are placing particular emphasis on supporting students to be independent learners, and in Years 7 – 12, we have produced a series of flow charts which help students, staff and families have a shared understanding of our expectations in relation to submitting homework tasks, and larger assessment pieces. This was mentioned briefly at the Middle School and the Senior School Information Evenings, but attached to the newsletter are the flow charts mentioned.
We hope this will help us all to work together to support student organisation. If you have any questions about the charts or our processes, do not hesitate to be in touch with our staff - level co-ordinators or Heads of School stand ready to speak with you about this important issue. And, as always, feedback is welcome!

In Closing

Students have made an outstanding start to the year, and their engagement with all that we do has been really encouraging. My great thanks go to our students, the staff who are working alongside them, and to families for your support. We had a wonderful welcome to new parents in the Cato Centre earlier in the week, capably hosted by our Year 12 Hospitality class, and the warmth that those new to the College feel from current families, students and staff has been very special.

Elisabeth Lenders
Principal

Chaplain’s Corner
Spirituality and the Stars

Many of you might know that I taught Astronomy for two years in an American University before going into the ministry. I still retain a love of Astronomy and follow news of the recent developments in the field.

I always felt my nights at the observatory were deeply spiritual in nature. How can one stare up into the cosmos and not notice the grandeur of the universe: the marvel of the laws of physics and beauty of other-worldly nature. How could one not feel the awesomeness of that which is beyond our atmosphere? Now pictures of galactic clusters near the beginning of time, of nebulas light years distant, and the host of extra solar planets being discovered hit the news regularly. It is all so amazing.

I often go out late at night or before sunrise to sit and contemplate the marvels. It is in the newest superb pictures sent back by orbiting telescopes where I see the hand of something beyond ourselves working. I am in awe.
**Pancake Day a success!**

We raised $581 for Pancake Day due to the efforts of so many. Sue Harriage was wonderful in the organisation of equipment and adult personnel to assist. Parents freely gave of their time in mixing batter, cooking and selling. Students assisted in selling and cooking (with adult supervision). EVERYBODY helped by eating them! $581 is a great effort. These monies will go to the Pancake Day Appeal of the Uniting Church in Australia for use in education projects.

My sincere thanks to all who assisted with this fundraiser. The sense of community was just wonderful to see.

**Rev Greg Beck**  
Chaplain

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**From the Business Office**

**Community Safety**

Please ensure you park in the correct areas; double parking is NOT permitted and restrictions will be enforced.

Traffic through the campus should be kept to a minimum; if you do drive through the campus please ensure you do so at walking pace only, ie. 5kms hour.

**Payment of Fees**

Thank you to all the families who have paid fees in a timely manner. For those who have overdue accounts, please ensure payment is made without further delay. For any enquiries regarding fees, please telephone Anne Salamouras on 9896 1713. As of the end of February a penalty fee of $150.00 will apply to outstanding fees.

**Lee Perry**  
Business Manager
EMA Allowance

School Start Bonus and Education Maintenance Allowance

- The School Start Bonus is provided by the Victorian Government to assist low-income families with the costs associated with their child starting Prep or Year 7 at a government or non-government school. If you hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a foster parent, and you have a child starting Prep or Year 7, you may be eligible to receive this one-off $300 payment.

- The Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA) is provided by the Victorian Government to low-income families to help with education-related costs. If you have a child under 16, and hold a valid Health Care Card, Pension Card, or are a foster parent, you may be eligible to receive the EMA.

**How to Apply:** Contact the Accounts Department to complete an application form for the EMA/School Start Bonus before Wednesday 29 February 2012. Please telephone Anne Salamouras should you have any further enquiries on 9896 1713.

Anne Salamouras
Accounts Receivable

Sibling Applications for Enrolment

We are experiencing high demand for places at all levels in the College and I would appreciate if parents would check that they have lodged an application for siblings. This is particularly important for 2013 entry.

The College Enrolment Policy gives priority to siblings, so please ensure that you’ve applied for all your children.

You’re welcome to phone or email me if you wish to discuss applications or enrolment.

Narelle Gassner
Registrar
9896 1718 / narelle.gassner@kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au
Kingswood College Graduate Art Show

The Kingswood College Graduate Art Show is a major event in the Kingswood calendar.

Showcasing a broad range of Art, Studio Arts (Photography) and Visual Communication and Design artworks from the VCE Classes of 2011, the Graduate Art Show is held at the Box Hill Community Arts Centre.

The 2012 official opening is on Tuesday 6 March at 6.00pm.

The show will run for two weeks commencing at the opening on 6 March until midday Friday 16 March.

A warm invitation is extended to all to attend our Opening Night.

Kingswood College Graduate Art Show - celebrating the creative talents of our students.

Lynelle Dudman
Director of Community Engagement

iPad Comments by Year 4F

Louis-I like iPads because I like learning about things.

Carys – I think iPads are great to have at school because it is a great learning tool and other people can learn from you. Some of the apps are really fun but you’re learning at the same time. It is very educational. I really like to have an iPad at school.

Casey – Having iPads at school is fantastic because simple things become even simpler on the iPad.

Sophie - I like having iPads because having an iPad at school is a great idea. They are fun to use when doing work. I have learned a lot with new apps. It is a great tool for learning, Ipads have great technology.

Jaya – I like the iPad because it is a good learning tool, but if you know about them then you would want to play games on the iPad. I like using the iPad.

Eligh – I like the iPads because they help me learn. Having an iPad is fun to use.
Maxwell – I like iPads because they’re educational. They’re multipurpose (e.g. calculator, maths games, etc.)

Gabe – I like the iPad because it helps me with my writing and my spelling and with my maths. It is good because it is very easy to use.

Evan – I like iPads because it is very fun and helps you learn stuff like maths, spelling and languages. The Preps – Year 6 should use it to help them learn lots of stuff.

Lachlan – I like iPads because you can teach other people different things that they don’t know. iPads can be used for different things which is good. People love using iPads because it is a good educational tool.

Abbey – I like the iPads because they are good learning tools and they help you spell better. They also have educational apps.

Ewa – I like iPads because, you don’t have to use a mouse and keyboard. It’s got lots of apps that are fun and educational and you can get a dictionary and a thesaurus all in one app.

Jenna – I like the iPads because I think iPads are educational. Having an iPad at school is good because it can help you with maths.

Alice – I like iPads at school because you don’t have to write in pen or pencil. Instead you can tap a button and the letter comes up. They’re also fun because they are touch screen.

Shinjini – I really like my iPad, I find that it’s very easy to work with and at the same time it’s fun to use. By easy to use I mean, instead of looking through a big book to find a chapter you want to read you could just type up the chapter and it pops up.

Ryan – I like the iPads because it makes it easier to find words in a dictionary because instead of trying to find a word you can just type it up.

Tim – I think the iPad is really helpful in school. They’re really fun to use.

Heather Fronsko
Year 4F Classroom Teacher
Where can I do my home learning?

The Kingswood College Library is open until 5.00pm each evening so that students can work in the library and finish home learning or enjoy the space and read for pleasure.

If you are closer to home, knowing how to make best use of your school library or local library can be very beneficial. All the surrounding libraries offer services to assist students with their home learning. Kingswood students have the opportunity to join one of the following library services, depending on their place of residence, Shire of Yarra Ranges Library Service operating as Eastern Regional Libraries, Whitehorse Manningham Regional Library Corporation, Yarra Plenty Regional Library, City of Boroondara Library Service.

Most libraries offer an “Ask a librarian” service to assist with home learning or a “Homework Club”. Both Boroondara Council and Yarra Plenty Regional Library offer YourTutor which is an online tutoring service. At Boroondara libraries and Yarra Plenty Libraries, it is available from 4pm to 8pm and is free of charge. Students chat directly with professional tutors. It is available to residents of those municipalities. The program can be accessed from home or via the library’s website:


Jill Parker
Head of Information Services

Sustainability News
Sustainable living at home

Before the end of Term 1, there are plenty of opportunities to participate in activities designed to promote sustainable living practices. Whitehorse residents and visitors can choose from the following highlights:

Clean Up Australia Day (4 March)
Every year, thousands of Australians clean up their local environment by collecting and removing rubbish.
Sustainable Living Week (24 – 30 March)
Visit the website (www.whitehorse.vic.gov.au/Sustainable-Living-Week.html) to find out which one of the many activities might be of interest. The event is designed to provide inspiration and information to residents on how to live a more sustainable lifestyle at home, at work and in the community.

Ride 2 School Day (28 March)
Parents, teachers and students are encouraged to get to school by riding, walking or skating, all in the name of reducing our reliance on cars.

Earth Hour (31 March)
Show you are interested in helping reducing carbon emissions by turning off your lights from 8:30 to 9:30pm.

Sustainable Living at school
The Year 5&6 students are learning more about sustainability and putting their ideas into action through a weekly Sustainable Living lesson. Student-centred "small business" teams have been formed to address three specific issues.

- Bunches & Munches are growing salad vegetables in the JS gardens to supply the Tuckshop.
- The team from 3RInc are looking for ways to reduce the amount of stuff going out in rubbish bins or being left as litter in the playgrounds.
- Power Savers have been given the task of reducing the amount of electricity used in the Junior School.

There is much excitement amongst each team in achieving their business goal. Look for their business plans, logos and mission statements on display during Open Day.

Howard Elston
Sustainability Coordinator
Your Parents & Friends Association

We hope all the students and families are feeling like they have settled in. It is hard to believe almost one sixth of the year has come and gone already!

PFA would like to thank the College for the opportunity to present at the Parents Information sessions over the past few weeks - standing in front of many people may not be my favourite pastime but having the opportunity to touch base with families in this way forges stronger partnerships between school and home. As you know we have a busy time ahead before Term 1 ends.

On 28 February you are all invited to our first meeting for 2012. ‘Guiding good home learning habits’ is the topic to be addressed by Elisabeth Lenders (Principal). Come at 7.30pm for the business meeting if you’d like to find out more or at 8.00pm if you prefer just to hear Elisabeth share some strategies as both teacher and parent on homework.

International Women’s Day Dinner

Thursday 8 March 7.00pm - 10.00pm at Box Hill Golf Club for our College (students Year 6 - 12, all staff and parents) and our local community.
Patron: Dr Anne S. Walker (AM)

Speakers: Olympian Caroline Anderson (nee Bartasek) and local mum / teacher / farmer and philanthropist, Christie Faulks who will inspire you with her journey to help destitute women and children in Kenya. Live music by the College’s Girls’ Vocal Group and soloist Molly Pethick will perform. A two course meal with tea and coffee will be served. See the flyer at the end of this newsletter for further details.

Please note:
Some computers/iPads cannot access the booking link, so please use this link as an alternative:


Please feel free to invite family and friends from outside school to participate. Although the event is clearly focused on girls and women, men are most welcome to attend the evening. This is a wonderful opportunity to share with our local community and showcase the Kingswood College community. Come and be part of it!

Tess Brooks
PFA President
Thank you
After a notice in this newsletter and a couple of emails, our wonderful community has rallied and quickly filled the Open Day rosters. The PFA says a big 'THANK YOU' to all the wonderful parents who have volunteered their time on Open Day to assist by spreading the word about our College.

Pancake Day
Pancake Day on Tuesday was a great success, even the weather was kind to us. Rev Greg Beck and Sue Harriage did a fantastic job organizing the morning. Using the BBQ trailer was an inspired idea.

Thank you to all the parent and student helpers who got up early to help get all the hungry students fed. I hope everyone enjoyed the pancakes. It was fantastic to have an event where the whole the school came together.

PFA events coming up

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Topic: Guiding good home learning habits  
Cato Centre (Hospitality area)  
jkeynton@bigpond.net.au  
apologies or to be put on list for minutes |
| Saturday 3 March 10am-2pm | College Open Day – PFA helps with parking, PFA information booth, sausage sizzle and canteen.  
PFA will have a booth in Year 10 area  
jkeynton@bigpond.net.au  
to offer to be on any of the rosters |
| Thursday 8 March | Inaugural Kingswood International Women's Day Dinner.  
All Kingswood College parents are welcome including students Year 6 to Year 12  
Box Hill Golf Club  
202 Station St  
Box Hill  
Watch out for flyers  
Online bookings  
Booking enquiries: dent.s4@bigpond.com  
Sponsorship offers and general enquiries: brooksysmum@gmail.com |

Tracey Seignior
PFA Communications Officer
Forthcoming Dates

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Reminder: Friday 2 March 2012 students will be dismissed at 12.30pm

Year 7 and 10 Immunisation Information

Information has been sent home via your Year 7 and Year 10 students in relation to the City of Whitehorse Immunisation Program to take place here at the College for the Year 7 students in March and for the Year 10 students later on throughout the year. Please see the information below to further assist with any queries parents/guardians may have regarding this process.

Points to note:

Please return all immunisation consent cards to your school as soon as possible.

- If you choose not to start the HPV vaccine in Year 7 then there is a minimum cost of $450 for a full 3 dose course if you decide to take it up at a later date.
- There is a 4 minute video about the benefits and importance of the HPV vaccine on the HPV website at [http://www.cervicalcancervaccine.org.au/](http://www.cervicalcancervaccine.org.au/) and on YouTube for everyone to view.
- For any other Immunisation queries, please contact Whitehorse Council’s Health Department on 9262 6197.

Debbie Tasker
Immunisation Department, City of Whitehorse

Anthony Willis
Head of Middle School
Assessment Guidelines – Submission of work
Years 7 to 10

Assessment task given to class
Criteria for assessment attached
Due date published

Work submitted on time
Assessed and returned within 2 weeks

Work not submitted due to illness
Notification received
Submitted on return

Work not submitted on time
- Negotiated 2nd due date
- Subject teacher phone/email contact with parent/guardian
- PC teacher informed by email (trends, progress)

Work submitted by 2nd due date
Assessed and returned within 2 weeks
No grade penalty issued

Negotiated 2nd due date missed
- PC informs YLC
- Parents contacted
- **NA issued** on work done to date

**NOTE:** Should a student progress through this process three times in a semester, the HoS is notified and parent/s will be contacted to attend a meeting with the student present.
Assessment Guidelines – Submission of work

Year 11 & 12

SAC/Assessment Task given to class
Criteria for assessment attached
Due date published

Work submitted on time
Assessed and returned within 2 weeks

Work not submitted due to illness

Year 11
- Parent notification received and/or Med Cert presented
- Submitted on return or sat at new date and time
date

Year 12
- Med Cert presented
- Sit adjusted SAC at new date and time
date

SAC/Assessment Task not submitted on time

- Student receives ‘0’ for SAC/Assessment Task
- Unit outcomes still to be satisfied
- Sem Unit Pending
process at end of term for redemption of unit – 2 weeks to satisfy
requirements
- Parents notified of Unit Pending via letter from HoS

Work submitted on 2nd due date
Assessed and returned within 2 weeks

Fails to meet course requirements

- ‘N’ for Unit entered into VASS
- Student counselled on implications for scores/ATAR
- Parents informed via Subject report
- Parent contacted to discuss pathways and future options at a meeting with the YLC, HoS and/or Careers Counsellor

Work submitted by redemption deadline

- All outcomes for Unit deemed satisfactory
- No grade or numerical mark given
- ‘S’ entered into VASS

Work not submitted on time
Assessed and returned within 2 weeks

Year 11
- Parent notification received and/or Med Cert presented
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Year 12
- Med Cert presented
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INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY DINNER

7pm Thursday 8th March 2012
Box Hill Golf Club: 202 Station Street Box Hill

CONNECTING GIRLS INSPIRING FUTURES

Bring girlfriends, sisters, mums, grandmothers, mentors, colleagues and especially your daughters (Grade 6 +) for a special dinner to celebrate women and hear inspiring stories of those who go above & beyond to achieve and to support other women.

TICKETS
$55 Adults  $45 Students
Includes live entertainment, dinner & inspiring speakers

BOOKINGS
www.trybooking.com/BECB
or for those without internet access contact
Sally: 0407 359 526

ENQUIRIES
Tess: 0412 177588

PROFITS TO "SOSK" www.sosk.org.au
SUPPORTING EMPOWERMENT OF WOMEN
Planned for our local community by the Parents’ and Friends’ Association
PASTA MONDAY
Spaghetti Bolognese - Home made $5.00
Penne Napolitana (vegetarian) - Home made $4.50
Macaroni Cheese – Home made $4.50

BURGER THURSDAY
Beef Burger – cheese, lettuce, tomato and sauce $4.50
Veggie Burger – cheese, lettuce, tomato and sauce $5.00

THE MENU BELOW IS AVAILABLE MONDAY TO FRIDAY

SANDWICHES – wholemeal. White bread available on request.
Jam / Vegemite $3.00
1 filling $4.00
2 fillings $4.50
3 fillings $5.00
Fillings include: cheese (2 slices), chicken, ham egg, beetroot and avocado
Salad (lettuce, carrot, tomato = 2 fillings)
Mayonnaise, relish, sauce – no charge

JAFFLES
Cheese $4.20
Ham / Cheese $4.70
Chicken / Cheese $4.70
Design your own just add 20c for toasting.

SPECIAL FRIED RICE – Home made $5.00

PIZZA – Margarita or Hawaiian $4.50

SAUSAGE ROLL – Aussie (reduced fat) $3.00

HOT DOG $4.00

TRAVELLER MEAT PIE $4.00 (sauce only included on request)

PARTY PIE $1.50

STEAMED DIM SIM $0.70

DRINKS AND SNACKS
Mt. Franklin Water $2.30
Prima 200 ml $1.50
Big M Chocolate/Strawberry 250 ml. $2.00
Quelch frozen juice stick $0.70
Lemonade icy pole $1.50
Paddle Pop chocolate/rainbow $1.70
Jelly cup $1.70
Popcorn $1.50
Plain chips $1.50

SPECIAL DIETARY REQUESTS – PLEASE CONTACT THE TUCKSHOP
Lunch orders are to be ordered by recess for same day collection at lunchtime from the Tuckshop