From the Principal

Welcome to Term Two, where the change in weather certainly reminds us that winter beckons! I do hope families were able to relax and rejuvenate during the Easter break, and reflect on the message of Easter about the miracle of new beginnings.

China

Over the term break, I followed the advice of my predecessor, Annette Bennet, and visited China. There were three objectives for the trip:

1. Visit our sister schools – Gaoxin Number 1 Middle School, and Gaoxin Number 1 High School, in Xian; Jiangsu Xishan High School in Wuxi
2. Meet with parents of our international students
3. Make contact with agents who send students from China to various destinations for their senior secondary schooling and university

Visiting our sister schools was a wonderful experience – we have so much in common in our aims to be world class schools supporting our students to be accomplished, wise and balanced global citizens able to make good decisions about personal and international futures. The sister schools are extremely keen to further our relationships, and there are many opportunities as well as a few challenges here. Each sister school has many thousands of students! But I feel confident we will be able to further our relationships with staff and student interactions, to the benefit of all our students, both schools and our two countries.

Meeting with parents of our international students was particularly heartwarming. The challenge of sending your only child, so precious, to another country far away, with a very different culture, is really challenging for most parents. We had prepared videos of each student for the family to see, and many tears were shed. In Guangzhou and Shanghai, where we had larger groups of parents, I hosted dinners which provided parents with the opportunity to meet and share their experiences. It was very worthwhile to be able to bring parents together, and a privilege to meet these members of our community. Their generosity and warmth is memorable.

In terms of meeting with agents about the future of the international market in Australia, only time will tell the outcome. Australia is still a very desirable destination because our performance on international measures of education are extremely strong, our lifestyle is well regarded, and our tertiary education institutions impressive. But, our Australian dollar is very high, and Canada, the USA and UK are all working hard to attract a greater share of the market.

18 days was a long time to be away from home, and every day in China is an adventure – especially when your grasp of the language is as limited as mine continues to be! I am most grateful for the assistance of Anthony Willis who joined me for the sister schools section of the trip, and to Liam King who was Acting Principal in my absence. Both did fine work for the College.
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Camps

Camps at Year 8 and Year 10 in the first week of term were very successful, and I congratulate the students and staff involved for their approach, commitment and contribution. These events are important opportunities for students to learn in different settings about the natural environment, group dynamics, as well as a time for some inward reflection on one’s place in the universe.

ANZAC Services

In the secondary school we held a solemn service of remembrance of our citizens who have made the ultimate sacrifice in wars so that we might continue to live in freedom and enjoy our lives. Of particular significance, our guest speaker, Lambis Englezos, the person who discovered the burial place of more than 200 AIF bodies at unmarked graves from the Battle of Fromelles in July 1916. Lambis’ passion for seeing our fallen treated with respect came through, and he had students and staff spellbound.

As is the Kingswood College custom, Year 6 students led the primary service, and did so with dignity and respect. Their poems and presentations were poignant. The laying of poppies by each child involves everyone in thinking about our role in honouring those who have put their lives at risk to protect us. Many parents joined in the service, which was terrific.

Year 12 Formal

We had a wonderful evening on Tuesday 24 April at The Grand in Wantirna! Students looked gorgeous and were well prepared to enjoy the time with their friends. Frank Bird had arranged a number of our fine musicians to perform, and this supported the DJs who had plenty of our students dancing the night away. My congratulations to the student committee who worked hard on selecting a venue and planning the evening; and to Robyn Giles, Maree Abonyi and Beverly Langsford-Willing who tirelessly supported our preparation for a great night of fun and celebration.

Naplan 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)

The NAPLAN tests are conducted annually across Australia for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9, and will take place on 15, 16, and 17 May 2012.

The results of the tests provide diagnostic information for parents and teachers about a student’s performance in Literacy and Numeracy. This information can be used to support teaching and learning programs and improve student
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achievement. They are designed to complement the information provided by schools about each student’s learning, achievement and progress.

Later in the year, parents of students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 will receive their child’s personal report. The report will describe the child’s particular skills in reading, writing, language conventions and numeracy. The report will also show how the student performed in relation to national benchmark standards. These benchmarks describe minimum acceptable standards for students across Australia.

I am confident that the information you receive as a result of your child’s participation in the NAPLAN tests will be valuable additions to our school feedback in helping you to assess your child’s progress in Literacy and Numeracy.

For more information about the tests, please visit the VCAA website at http://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au or the NAPLAN website at http://www.naplan.edu.au or contact Grant Buckler at Junior School or Anthony Willis at Middle School.

Elisabeth Lenders
Principal

Payment of Fees

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 or via email salamouras.a@kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au.

Lee Perry
Business Manager

Sibling Enrolments

The Year 7 2014 enrolment process has begun and we are currently conducting interviews with applicants. Siblings of current or past students have priority enrolment so please ensure that you have applied for your child if they are in Year 5 this year.

Application forms are available on the College website either online or PDF download. Please contact me if you have any queries on 9896 1718 or narelle.gassner@kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au

Narelle Gassner
Registrar
Chaplain’s Corner

Long Chopsticks

There is an old Korean legend about a warrior who went to heaven. Confronted by the choice of living in heaven or hell, he asked the gatekeeper if he could tour both first. So the gatekeeper took him to hell first and showed him a great table piled high with the best foods from all over the world, however the people appeared to be unhappy and the floor was covered with food. The warrior was astonished that hell could be so nice so he asked to see heaven. In heaven he also saw a similar table piled high with the same types of food but here the people were happy. He asked the gatekeeper what was going on. The keeper explained that both tables were the same, and at both, people had to eat with chopsticks 2 metres long. In hell they kept trying to feed themselves but with such long chopsticks when they dropped the food into their mouths they missed almost all of the time. In heaven with the same long chopsticks they were feeding the person opposite them. The keeper said, when you feed your neighbour, they will feed you. That is community.

Rev Greg Beck
Chaplain

Kingswood College Swim Season 2012

Another season of Swimming has been completed with three successful carnivals in Term 1.

Kingswood College House Swimming Carnival – Friday 24 February at Nunawading Aqualink

I always really enjoy the first house carnival of the year. The event is an indicator of the commitment and teamwork of each House, it can bring surprise results and importantly, it is the first opportunity where the Year 7 cohort are able to showcase their sporting talents in front of the entire senior school. Seasoned campaigners, with their names already etched into Kingswood College trophies from years past, were again strong performers. The age level winners were:

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At the end of the day, another very close result added an extra dimension to the current strong and healthy rivalry between the Houses of Brunning and Gwynton. Last year these Houses were separated by just 16 points for first and second places. This year it was even closer with Brunning just eight points clear.
**EISM Division 2 Swimming Carnival – Thursday 8 March at Nunawading Aqualink**

49 Kingswood students competed at the Divisional Competition this year and it was great to see that 26 of those selected were girls.

We had some great results on the day and unsurprisingly, won the Boys’ Under 16 team award (*see Champions write up to see why*). Here is a summary of those who took home the ribbons:

- **Year 7**  
  Tom Lerk – 3rd, Shenaja Vardari – 3rd, Girls Medley Relay team – 3rd, Boys Medley Relay team 3rd

- **Year 8**  

- **Year 9**  
  Zac Frame – 3rd, Karie Cornell – 3rd

- **Year 10**  

- **Year 11**  
  Amelia Vitale – 3rd

- **Year 12**  
  Joseph Purdy – 2nd, 2 x 3rd, Open Boys Medley & Freestyle teams 2 X 3rd, Open Girls Medley team – 2nd

**EISM Swimming Champions – Wednesday 28 March at MSAC**

A balmy Melbourne night added to a great atmosphere at MSAC this year. If you have not been in there to watch a carnival, I recommend you mark your calendar for next year! All students who attended gave their very best for the College, demonstrated excellent sportsmanship and were a pleasure to take to the event.

The outstanding performers once again were the boys from Under13. The Under16 level were also outstanding and undoubtedly made the College very proud. These boys are: Seb Cumins, Thomas Peace, Aiden Bowen and Matthew Crawford. They placed second in both the Medley and Freestyle relays.

Seb Cumins, our elite, National level swimmer won every individual event he entered – Freestyle, Breaststroke and Backstroke in which he broke the EISM record. An amazing achievement Seb – congratulations!

**James Herschell**  
Head of Physical Education and Health
Car of the future arrives at Kingswood College

I have been lucky enough to be selected for the Victorian Government’s electric vehicle (EV) trial. This means I am able to drive a Mitsubishi iMiev (Mitsubishi innovative electric vehicle) for the next three months. As you will see, it is an unusual looking vehicle. Anyone interested in the technical details can visit the Mitsubishi website.

The Government is using this trial to find out how people use EVs in the real world. There are many questions to be answered. For example, how far can you go in city driving, how reliable are the cars and where recharging stations can be located. I am very pleased to assist with the many questions by completing various surveys based on my experience.

Of course, this gives me an opportunity to try my own experiments with driving an EV, starting with how far you can travel on one charge. A lunch with friends at Altona provided the chance to see if the expected range of 110 kilometres was correct. The car passed these few tests with flying colours, putting 90 kilometres on the clock and still good for another 20 kilometres when I returned home. How much did it cost? I recharged the car overnight using off peak power so the trip cost me 90 cents in ‘fuel’. No let us do a quick sum - if I had done the trip in a normal car, the money would not have paid for one litre of petrol which is good for only 10 kilometres or so.

This is in a unique opportunity for the College to have access to this vehicle to assist with some hands-on sustainability, science and mathematics education. Jirrah MacArthur and I have already started planning on ways to integrate the iMiev into various curriculum units at all levels in the school. Other staff members are also thinking of ways to use the EV in relevant units. We hope to maximise the possibilities as the car must be handed back at the end of Term Two. I’m looking forward to seeing how we can engage our students to learn about an important part of the world’s alternative energy future.
Now for testing the electric vehicle

One of the best parts of being involved in the Victorian Government’s electric vehicle (EV) trial is the chance to think of different places to go and ways to use the car. Last weekend, my son wanted to use his voucher for Hot Laps in a V8 racer at the Calder Park Raceway. How could I miss this opportunity to take an EV to one of the homes of motor sport in Melbourne? We quietly slipped into a car park full of high performance vehicles, taking up only half the marked parking spot and dwarfed by the surrounding cars.

While everyone was over at the track, getting ready for the start of the event, I enquired via the organisers if I could take a photo of the EV next to a V8 racing car. They were intrigued with the idea and kindly agreed. You can see the result here – a powerful racing car up against a possible motoring future. The most interesting part of our conversation was when I mentioned the 90 kilometre round trip would probably cost me less than a dollar in electricity. I wonder how far a V8 race car could travel on a dollar’s worth of petrol?

Howard Elston
Sustainability Coordinator

Parents and Friends Association

Last week our College Council President spoke at the PFA meeting. Our next meeting is our AGM on Tuesday 29 May 2012, Robyn Treyvaud will speak on Cyber Safety. Come along to the Cato centre at 7.30pm. The month of May will be a busy month with Mothers’ Day breakfast for the whole school on Monday 14 May 2012 and then the famous Kingswood College Trivia Night is on Saturday 19 May 2012. Then we have our Year 7 PFA dinner on Tuesday 22 May 2012. This is a wonderful opportunity that should you be new to our College this year for you to come along and dine with members of staff and other new parents.
April PFA Meeting

Our College Council President Rev Dr Phillip Hughes, spoke to a very attentive audience, about educating our sons and daughters for a ‘purposeful life’, outlining Kingswood College’s educational plans to engage all of our students by way of differentiation and encouraging creative avenues to involve the community in our College. This was a most inspiring evening and encouraged a lot of discussion on the night.

Safe partying Seminar

Held at the end of Term 1 to help parents of Year 11 and 12 students to understand the changed legal situation regarding serving alcohol to minors and ensure all our young people are assisted to party safely.

All parents are welcome to attend our AGM and we look forward to welcoming you to our next meeting. We will also be welcoming Robyn Treyvaud, Educational Leader and Founder of Cyber Safe Kids - a resource for online safety and digital citizenship resources. Robyn is a well renowned online safety educator working with schools and communities across Australia and the Asia Pacific region. We would encourage you to look her website. www.cybersafekids.com and come along on Tuesday 29 May 2012 with your questions. The following is a link to an article in The Age of an interview with Robyn about her work:

Social life a little quiet?

We think you may something below to attend?

- Monday 14 May 2012 at 7.30am-8.30am – we would love to welcome our students mothers and grandmothers for our whole school Mothers’ Day Breakfast – see the flyer attached. More than just breakfast is in store for you! Bookings are essential for this event by Friday 4 May 2012.
- Saturday 19 May 2012 at 7.30pm – our annual Trivia Night - the social event of the year for parents and a great opportunity to meet people. If you don’t have a team to sit with let us know and we can link you with others in your year level. Details very soon! Stay tuned to our website.
- Monday 22 May 2012-Tuesday night – Year 7 Parent Dinner
- Letters will come to families on email from Bernadette Piekacz, Middle School Secretary.
- Tuesday 29 May 2012-Tuesday night – PFA AGM and speaker – we welcome your attendance.

Newcomers are always welcome!

Tracey Seignior
PFA Communications Officer
## Forthcoming Dates

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Choice & Consequence

The difference the Choice & Consequence program will make to you and the lives of your family and friends is difficult to describe.

Choice & Consequence is a Road Safety program that all drivers will benefit from. It’s the Road Safety conversation many parents would like to have with their children today, if only they had access to the resources we have and knew the extraordinary difference that it will make.

Choice & Consequence has been designed to provide powerful information to participants in a safe environment. Participants will leave the program with a clear understanding of some of the choices they will have to make and the consequences that their choices may have, for themselves and those around them.

The program is delivered by Emergency Services personnel with substantial experience in the Road Trauma domain and members of the community who have engaging stories to share. You will have the opportunity to participate in a number of activities which will enhance the information provided.

This event is free, be there and see it for yourself.
Saturday May 5, 9:30am-4:00pm
St Scholastica’s Community Centre 348 Burwood Hwy Bennettswood

Registration is essential: www.ZeroRoadToll.com  Enquiries: 9999 5899
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WHOLE SCHOOL
MOTHERS’ DAY BREAKFAST

COME AND CELEBRATE MOTHERS’ DAY WITH YOUR STUDENT/S AMIDST MUSIC, ART AND PROSE TO HIGHLIGHT THE IMPORTANT ROLE OF MOTHERS BOTH IN FAMILIES AND COMMUNITIES

TIME: 7.30AM - 8.20AM
VENUE: BRIMACOMBE HALL
COST: $10 PER PERSON

FOOD ON OFFER: CROISSANTS, MUFFINS, FRUIT, CEREAL, JUICES, MILKS, TEA AND COFFEE

MC: SCHOOL CAPTAIN CAITLIN LAWLEY

MONDAY 14TH MAY 2012

BOOKING FORM
PRE-BOOKING IS A MUST FOR CATERING PURPOSES
Book using the form below and send your payment via your School Secretary by Friday 4th May.

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