The Parents and Friends Association at Kingswood College has had a fantastic year since its last AGM. The contribution in promoting parent education (think world expert Robyn Treyvaud speaking next Tuesday on helping young people to be wise, resilient and responsible cybercitizens; think Associate Professor Lea Waters speaking last year on Positive Psychology, just to name two); in growing our community through events like the International Women’s Day Dinner and the Mothers’ Day Breakfast; and in fund raising activities like ‘A Night to Remember’ and just last weekend, the Quiz Night have been remarkable. These are just a handful of the multitude of ways in which parents involve themselves in the life of Kingswood College, and make a powerful difference.

On Tuesday evening in the Cato Centre at 7.30pm the double billing of Robyn Treyvaud, and the annual meeting is one I commend to all parents. Be assured that coming to the AGM does not mean you will be coerced into an official role!

Great thanks to all involved in last weekend’s Quiz Night, and especially Peter Sala who devised questions and graciously hosted the evening, as well as Jo Farrell who arranged the silent auction. There were some fabulously themed tables, and attendees had loads of fun. All this, while raising funds for the College – well done, and thank you!

May is clearly the season for Annual General Meetings: Kingswood College Council held its AGM on Monday evening. Reverend Doctor Philip Hughes was returned as Chair; David Coddington continues as Deputy Chair; Richard Comerford is the newly elected Treasurer. Our retiring Treasurer, Suzanne Dunlop has given many years of service presiding over College finances, and we very much appreciate her commitment. Suzanne will continue as a member of Council. One of the tasks on the Council agenda at present is consideration of our Master Plan, and the property ‘footprint’. Architects Smith and Tracey have been appointed to work with Council and the Leadership Team, and will be consulting with families, students and staff in order to make recommendations about the coming decade. News about consultation will be in future newsletters, and be conducted in conjunction with the PFA.

Elisabeth Lenders

Principal
Let the Good Times Roll!
Sometime, anytime, all the time, noon time, a time to be born and a time to die, show time, wait a minute, just a second, time for class, winter time, take your time, good times, exam time, assessment time and bad times. Time is an important concept. Often we need to follow the clock for order. Time marks seasons and sections of a day. It signifies passing, changing, renewal, a chance to start again. The teachers get a timeline for doing semester reports and have started to write the beginning of those reports, senior students are preparing semester exams – it is a busy time.

Mother Teresa had a comment on time that is the reflection for this article: ‘Today we have no time to even look at each other, to talk to each other, to enjoy each other. We are less and less in touch with each other. The world is lost for want of sweetness and kindness. People are starving for love because everyone is in such a great rush’. She suggests: Sit quietly for a second. Take a really deep breath – let it out slowly. Take your time.

Rev Greg Beck
Chaplain

The Crucible, by playwright Arthur Miller
Tickets are selling fast – so you'll have to be quick as seats are limited! Tickets MUST be pre-purchased online; tickets will NOT be available on the evening.
The Crucible centers on the community of Salem, Massachusetts in 1692. A group of young girls - caught dancing in the forest at night - tell lies to explain their behaviour. They claim that Satan forced them and that other people in the town are associates of the Devil. Although there is no real evidence, preachers and representatives of the justice system believe the girls and begin legal proceedings against particular townspeople. Arthur Miller used the original Salem Witch Trials - where those who claimed their innocence were executed, those who would not implicate others were incarcerated and tortured, and those who admitted their guilt were immediately freed - as a parable of the Congressional Communist witch hunts led by Senator Joe McCarthy in 1950's America.

It is a challenging play and the set design brings the audience close to the play's action. The production will feature dance sequences that reflect the chaos and tensions experienced by the characters. Students from Years 7 to 12 have been rehearsing since the first week of Term One and are looking forward to presenting a polished and professional performance.

The Crucible will be performed in Brimacombe Hall on June 1st and 2nd at 7.30pm.

Judy Taylor
Performing Arts Coordinator
News from the Education Resource Centre

Change of Opening Hours

Commencing 21 May 2012 the ERC will be open Monday to Thursday from 8.00am to 5.00pm, and on Fridays from 8.00am to 4.00pm.

Children’s Book Council of Australia Shortlist

Each year the Children’s Book Council of Australia chooses six books that were published in the last year in Australia as a shortlist from which to select the Book of the Year.

The category that contains titles of interest to older readers (and adults) has six great contenders for Book of the Year 2012, and all can be borrowed from the ERC.

They are:

The Dead I Know by Scott Gardner
Ishmael and the Hoops of Steel by Michael Gerard Bauer
A Straight Line to My Heart by Bill Condon
The Golden Day by Ursula Dubosarsky
Ship Kings: The Coming of the Whirlpool by Andrew McGahan
When We Were Two by Robert Newton.

Jill Parker
Head of Information Services

Learning about gratitude in the ELC

Over recent weeks, the Pre Prep children have been learning about being thankful. We heard a story about a boy who could not be happy until he learnt to be thankful. Our favourite part of this story was when he found the thankful coat, so Mrs O used her creativity to fashion an old Kingswood College blazer into our very own thankful coat. Nathan summed up all our thoughts ‘I’m thankful to Mrs O for the coat. It’s so beautiful’. Our morning meetings now include an invitation to the children to wear the thankful coat and share something they are thankful for.
Mrs McCormack linked the virtue of gratitude to the children’s interest in our changing seasons and the abundance of acorns in our natural environment by telling the children in Kinder and Pre Prep a true story about the history of the beautiful acorn trees on our grounds. ‘I am thankful to W. A Hawkins, a gardener and florist, who planted the oak trees over 100 years ago, when the school wasn’t even here. I am thankful to the oak tree for giving everyone shade, acorns for the small creatures that live underneath and leaves for the worms’.

The children and teachers discussed the change of seasons and worried that the oak will be cold in the winter after giving up its leaves. ‘How can we help?’ thought the Pre Preps, and with some brainstorming, they decided they could knit the oak tree a scarf to keep it warm and to say thanks. Mrs McCormack found some giant knitting needles and we have all shared the task of knitting a scarf. Don’t be surprised if sometime in the near future you see one of our beautiful Kingswood College oak trees with a new woolly scarf.

Bernadette Gioia
Early Learning Centre Coordinator

Noah wins the Golden Foil!
Year 7 student Noah Whiffin began his Kingswood College life with a big hit! Not only did he dominate at the House Athletics last term, taking home the trophy for his age group, he has proven he has multiple talents with a win at a state level Fencing Competition; the John Fethers Golden Foil. This tournament is named after a famous Australian Olympian who competed in the 1952 Olympics at Helsinki and coached the Australian team throughout the 1960s. The competition is widely regarded as one of the most prestigious fencing events in Australia.

Noah entered both the Under 13 and Under 15 foil competition to gain as much experience as possible. The Under 15s were first and Noah was able to fence through to the semi finals before having to withdraw because it overlapped with the start of the Under 13 competition.

In the Under 13s he had to fence a dozen opponents to win, all this after the eight Under 15s he had already fought. Noah has been fencing since he was eight and he trains four times a week at the VRI Fencing Club in Richmond. Fantastic effort Noah, no doubt you will be eyeing-off our international fencers in London!

James Herschell
Head of Physical Education and Health
Parents & Friends Association

Thank you to everyone for contributing to a successful Trivia Night on Saturday 19 May it was such an enjoyable night for all! Stay tuned for the final amount raised although it has to be said that the success of the evening was due to a combined effort with so many Kingswood College members contributing to the night including:

- planning and taking lead responsibility of the event - our Fundraising Coordinator, Jo Farrell
- parents and children setting up in Brimacombe Hall on Saturday morning
- assisting to finalise packages, set up and finalise sales of the silent auction items
- Janice Keynton for organising the rosters for Trivia Night
- donating to the Silent Auction (we ended up with 39 auction items - most were from Kingswood College families or their businesses)
- MC and Trivia Master for the night, Peter Sala, a Year 11 parent who donated his time
- staff and parents who enthusiastically supported the event and then helped pack up
- the Year 12 parents on John Lyons’ table who really got into ‘dressing up’ finding a most interesting choice for their final hurrah (Zomburgers) although they will always be welcome in future as parents of Wyvernians – for the second year in a row they were winners of the best dressed or decorated table award
- one lucky dad who contributed to the $20 Cash Raffle went home with a $500+ bonus in his pocket
- our winning table of Year 8 parents Whitely/Stollery/Curtis/Cowie-Kent/Clarke-Jacobs who snuck in as surprise winners, stopping the ‘Wooden Spooners’ (the Lenders’ table) from becoming ‘Silver Spooners’ in the final round!

Special thanks to the following businesses for their support which contributed to the $1450 made on the silent auction. Your generosity is much appreciated and our buyers went home with some great bargains:

- Vitale LifeStyle Portraits (Maree & Robert Vitale)
- Bean Ground & Drunk (Susan Castle)
- Di-namic Massage (Di Elliott)
- Relish Catering (Larissa Jakobi)
- Yoga Durga (Annie Kelly)
- Planet Pyjama (Deb Morgan)
- Ashcombe Maze

Thank you also to the many Kingswood College families who made anonymous donations.
The Mothers’ Day Breakfast was a whole school celebration of our mums! Parents and Friends Association were pleased to work alongside Heads of Schools, Hospitality staff, the office of Community Engagement, the secretaries, class room teachers, students and volunteers - it all came together beautifully. A warm friendly atmosphere for a special morning for our mums and their children. Kingswood College Captain Caitlin Lawley was MC for the morning; there were musical items and readings by students as part of the event along with the hall being decorated in beautiful artwork from the Junior School. We are all so grateful to the significant women in our lives, thanks mum!

SOSK – Skills Opportunity Survival in Kenya – the charity of one of our International Women’s Day Dinner speakers – has also benefitted from the two events above. Christie had just returned from another visit to Kenya prior to the Mothers’ Day Breakfast so we offered some of the craft items for sale. 100% of the $361.50 contributed by our College community will go back to Kenya on Christie’s next visit to purchase more materials for the women in the village and the prison to make saleable items, vitamin enriched porridge for the breakfast program for the orphans, gas for the cooker to heat the porridge and toward building a new workshop when Christie can find some land to purchase. This money, though relatively small in amount, will go a long way to improving the lives of woman and children affected by tribal oppression and HIV aids. Your interest in and support of this project is much appreciated.

The Year 7 Dinner was held on Tuesday 22 May with up to 50 parents. This is always a good opportunity to meet other families but also to mix with staff informally and get to know one another better. If you couldn’t make it but would like to be in contact with other Year 7 families, feel free to email your class representative and find out when the next get together will be. Try Annette Subhani, Melissa Schneider, Bronwen Cornell, Lizette Lewis or Debbie Bowen on your class list.

At our PFA AGM internationally renowned cyber-safety specialist Robyn Treyvaud will be our guest speaker. Our May meeting will incorporate our Annual General Meeting. See the attached flyer for details about Robyn and how to RSVP for this important night. Robyn has been working with the staff and students – so not only will you get to hear what’s happening globally in regard to cyber-safety, you will learn about the programs and safety nets within the Kingswood College curriculum that your son or daughter has access to. If you only attend one PFA meeting this year then this should be the one. We welcome your enthusiasm to be involved and support the Parents and Friends Association and Kingswood College. If you come just to hear Robyn – that’s great too.

Production Refreshments will be once again be provided by PFA working in conjunction with the Tuckshop staff as follows:

- Dress rehearsal/Matinee – Wednesday 30 May - tea/coffee/biscuits will be available
- Opening Night – Friday 1 June 2012: intermission refreshments
- Closing Night – Saturday 2 June 2012: preshow and intermission refreshments
Families with students performing or back stage are encouraged to relax a little – why not stay on after the early drop off rather than rush home and back again – have a ‘cuppa’ or a glass of wine and some cheese and biscuits before the show. If we know we have a few coming we could do some sandwiches as a light dinner; so be in touch by email to Tess at brooksysmum@gmail.com and we will see what we can arrange!

Tracey Seignior
PFA Communications Officer

Tuckshop News

Calling for volunteers – ‘We need you’!

Tuckshop is in need of assistance Are you able to help on the following days of the month?:

1st Thursday of the month, 3rd Friday of the month, 4th Wednesday of the month, 4th Thursday of the month.

No experience is necessary, on the job training and lunch provided. You get to work with a fabulous team, meet the students and other parents too! Please contact Fay Lovus via lovus.f@kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au

 Guaranteed happy workplace 😊

Fay Lovus
Tuckshop Manager
Forthcoming Dates

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Robyn Treyvaud is an educational leader and an online safety educator advising schools, communities, media, industry and government across Australia, the US and the Asia Pacific region. She is the Project Director for Generation Safe-360 in Australia and Asia.

She is a world authority, working with Kingswood College to develop our pedagogy, wellbeing, and understanding so that we can support our students to be wise and resilient digital citizens.

Come and hear what your students are being taught and what you as parents can do to promote your son or daughter’s safety when engaging in the cyber-world.

See a TED Talk online of Robyn speaking in Bangkok in 2010 titled: Welcome to CYBERia – you’ll need your Moral Compass http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OnTUf_6Vw8k

PFA ANNUAL MEETING

Date  Tuesday 29th May 2012
Time  7.30pm start with speaker to follow
Venue  Cato Centre
       Supper provided

RSVP is essential Please email PFA Secretary Janice on jkeynton@bigpond.net.au or if you have no access to email phone/text PFA Vice President Sally on 0407 359 526.
AN INVITATION

The PFA is an energetic group of parents and friends of Kingswood College. We encourage and facilitate the partnership between parents and the College through interesting and relevant presentations on parenting and education issues, and through the attendance of the College Principal at meetings.

We also organise social events and fundraising for the continuing development of College facilities and equipment, increasing opportunities for our students to maximise their potential academically, socially, culturally and spiritually.

The PFA meets each month during school terms in the evening. Our business meetings generally last for about 40 minutes, and are followed by a presentation of interest to the College community.

The PFA Executive comprises the President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and coordinators responsible for Communications, Fundraising and Book Exchange, along with social coordinators for Junior School, and Middle and Senior School.

Class Representatives and ordinary members support the Executive. All parents and guardians of current students, as well as any other interested person, are deemed to be members of the PFA and eligible for nomination to these roles.

You are invited to tender nominations for any of the Executive positions noted above: please fill in the form below and return to Tess Brooks (President) or Janice Keynton (Secretary) or the Kingswood main office prior to the AGM on Tuesday 29 May 2012.

Tess Brooks
President

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE PFA COMMITTEE
NOMINATION FORM
To be considered at the PFA AGM on Tuesday 29 May 2012

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