From the Principal

In this final newsletter for the semester, I thank everyone who has contributed to Kingswood College this year. As I read through reports and learn more of the progress and achievements of our students, it is remarkable to think about what can be achieved in such a period of time. Students new in January are now very settled and part of the rhythm of life at Kingswood College, which is fantastic.

Semester reports will be posted home at the conclusion of the term. Please, do take the time to review the documents carefully a number of times, and work with your child on analysing what strengths they have demonstrated and continued to develop, as well as identifying opportunities for focus in second semester this year.

Term Three begins for students on two different dates. Year 9 students resume their City Cite experience on Monday 16 July at 8.45am in the CBD. For all other students, term starts here in Box Hill at 8.15am on Thursday 19 July.

Centre for Purposeful Life Gathering

Forty members of our community gathered on Sunday afternoon to discuss the potential and possibilities of working towards a centre for purposeful life, and to support education of the spirit. Council Chair, Rev Dr Philip Hughes presented a broad canvas of human history and the role of religion in people's search for meaning. He moved on to consider the seismic changes in our attitudes to 'faith', 'church' and 'religion'. Chaplain Greg Beck considered the western twentieth century search for meaning, using the lens of science fiction films. Group conversations followed about the impact of social changes on our lives and that of students, and the implications for the future. I then followed with an educator's perspective, and dreamed a little about what the possibilities of a spirit centre might allow for the education of our students, our families and the broader community.

This initial meeting is the first of a number to be held during coming months, and those interested in being involved in shaping our future are urged to come along and participate — everyone is welcome! Sincere thanks to all who came along.

Forthcoming Staff Conference with Billanook College

Exciting plans are in place for our conference with Billanook at the start of next term. Entitled, ‘Partners in Learning' the conference will have three main strands:

1. Keynote speakers. These include:

   - Reverend Tim Costello, CEO of World Vision Australia; former minister at Collins Street Baptist Church, and currently Chair of the Community Council of Australia, the Australian Churches Gambling Taskforce and the National Australia Bank's Social Responsibility Advisory Council.
• Jayne-Anne Young who works with Professor John Hattie, well known for his work on evidence based teaching.
• Mark McCrindle, controversial futurist, demographer and social commentator.
• Deb Ferguson, motivational speaker and finalist in the Australian Business Awards.

2. Sessions with equivalent roles at Billanook

• Pairs or small groups will meet together at Billanook on Day 1, and Kingswood College on Day 2, see the campus and the work of their equivalent, and share something of which they are proud, as well as learning more about the operations of the other person and the other College. We believe there is great potential in sharing experiences between two colleges with such a shared history and set of values.

3. Workshops

Contemporary topics such as the use of iPads and other electronic resources, differentiated teaching strategies will be presented in more than 20 workshops conducted by staff at both colleges.

After two days of joint activities, on Day 3 (Wednesday 18 July) Kingswood College staff will work together on curriculum review and development, as well as pursuing a range of specific projects. Professional Learning has been identified as a key resource in improving the quality of teaching, and learning outcomes for students and this will be our main program for 2012.

Finally

I wish all our students a relaxing term break. For our seniors, the chance to rest, rejuvenate, and then begin afresh their endeavours for the VCE program will be important. Exams proceeded smoothly, and I hope valuable lessons in exam strategy, as well as content areas, have been gleaned. Finding a balance during term breaks is important, and my rule of thumb is a week of rest and a week of steady study where students look back on their notes from the past, and read and plan for the term ahead.

During final assemblies I will be urging every student to do three things over the break:

1. have some time out doing what you enjoy
2. do something for someone else – just because you can, and not because you expect to be thanked or paid or applauded. This will be good for the recipient, and good for you!
3. take care, and come back safe next term ready for fun and challenges and opportunities.
As always, thank you to parents and staff for your wonderful work and care in supporting the development of every young person at Kingswood College.

Elisabeth Lenders
Principal

Business Office

Education Maintenance Allowance (EMA)

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. The allowance is split evenly between the parent and the school, and is paid in two instalments, one in March and one in August.

For any families new to Kingswood College since March 2012, who are eligible for the Education Maintenance Allowance please contact Anne Salamouras on 9896 1713 to obtain an application form for the Period 2 payment.

Applications close Friday 27 July.

Anne Salamouras
Accounts Receivable

Chaplain’s Corner

Pluto

I don’t care that Pluto is now considered a ‘dwarf’ and thrown out of the league of planets.

When I look up into the sky at night, I am in awe of the universe and our place in it. The newest pictures from special space telescopes are just awesome. I don’t normally print selections from the Bible but now with such clear nights a passage summarises my feelings.

Psalm 8 – ‘I look up into your heavens which you made with your fingers. I see the moon and stars which you have created. In all the vastness, why are we humans so important to you? You have made us just lower than angels. You put all things under our control, the sheep, cattle, wild animals, birds in the sky, fish in the seas and everything else living in the oceans.’ The world is so beautiful. I wish we took better care of it.
May God bless our students, staff members and the families of all associated with Kingswood College. Help us to enjoy this coming mid-year break and take the time to wonder at your creation.

Rev Greg Beck
Chaplain

Great Victorian Bike Ride

For a number of years, Kingswood College has entered a team in the Great Victorian Bike Ride. It is a much loved experience for many a keen cyclist and entering a team in the Ride is now a Kingswood College tradition. Part of that tradition is the team experience of participants wearing a team kit that is highly-visible and eye-catching. Our intention is to create a similarly well-regarded jersey for 2012 and as part of our fundraising effort for the ride, advertising space for your company logo is available on the jersey. Three options are available:

Small logo (approx. 1/3 A4 size) $240 inc gst
Large logo (approx. 2/3 A4 size) $460 inc gst
Large front/back logo $880 inc gst

As well as being worn by our riders in the Great Victorian Bike Ride, the jerseys will also be worn by the Kingswood College Human Powered Vehicle (HPV) team that will compete in the Victorian HPV challenge in Maryborough in November. This is a great opportunity to promote your business to thousands of people whilst helping to support the Kingswood College community.

If you would like further information please contact Peter Smith Coordinator for the Great Victorian Bike Ride.

Peter Smith
Coordinator GVBR
smith.p@kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au

From the Parents and Friends Association

The new PFA Executive has met to get the ball rolling for the coming year and to review activities. We really want your input – especially in regard to social and fundraising activities – what you do and don’t want; what balance of social versus fundraising events we should run and topics for speakers for upcoming meetings. So come along and have your say at the general meeting on Tuesday 26 June at 7.30pm in the Cato Centre. If you can’t be there tell a friend who is coming about your ideas, or email our Secretary on jkeynton@bigpond.net.au and we can collate
some responses to share at the meeting. If you would like to get involved with PFA activities in any way let us know.

It was great to see parents and students on Sunday afternoon 19 June at the first of several consultations the College Council will hold regarding the potential for a Centre for a Purposeful Life. Further opportunities to participate will be advertised in this newsletter when dates have been confirmed.

Coming events:

- **Saturday 21 July 2012 Shopping Tour (by bus) – a full-on day, not just for the mad shoppers but anyone looking for a fun day out with other parents. Shopping is not compulsory – choose which venues interest you and enjoy a lovely lunch along the way. A good way to get to know people!**

- **Tuesday 24 July 2012 PFA general meeting with Deputy Principal Learning & Teaching Liam King as our speaker. A chance for parents to get to know Liam better and to hear about his new role within the College and what’s been happening curriculum wise. Watch out for a flyer … coming soon.**

- **Class Representatives catch–up over coffee- Tuesday 31 July at 8pm at The Shoppingtown Hotel, Doncaster.**

  Come along to hear about the role of a class representative and share some ideas for social events.

  Those interested in helping Class Representatives or becoming one are most welcome to attend.
Forthcoming Dates

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Woolworths – Earn & Learn Promotion

Simply start collecting stickers at the checkout of your local Woolworths supermarket (self-service too) until July 22 to place on your child’s sticker card. There’ll be one sticker for every $10.00 spent. Once completed, simply drop the sticker card into the collection box, either here in the Junior School or at your local Woolworths.

Coles – Sports for Schools Promotion

Don't forget to be ready from Tuesday 12 June to receive your Coles Sports for Schools vouchers once again. Kingswood College has again registered for this promotion and we look forward to our families assisting us when they visit Coles Supermarkets and drop in their vouchers. Last year we collected over 23,000 vouchers and received new balls, netball bibs and equipment here in the Junior School to assist with PMP activities. This year the docket box will be in Junior School, so drop off your dockets to the relevant School Secretary and they will send them to Junior School for us to tally. The more you spend at the supermarket the more dockets we can collect.

Let's keep us the good work and try for 25,000 this year!
2012 OPEN DAYS

Parents and Students

Below are the dates and times for the 2012 Open Days. The links can be visited for address details and also for selecting those which may be of greatest interest to you.

YEAR 10 – Open Day visits are an important extra tool in helping you with your VCE subject selections.

YEAR 11 – should help confirm the pathway you set yourself on when you chose your VCE OR look for new or alternate options available to you with your current subjects.

YEAR 12 – visits to Open Days should:

- help you to make decisions about which course, university or TAFE and campus is right for you. Remember that lectures and tutorials can start as early as 8.00am and finish late afternoon, so travel time to and from the campus is an important consideration.
- clarify which courses you want to apply for
- give you a feel for the size of institution you want to study at, where you’d feel most comfortable – small, medium or large campus
- help you to ‘feel’ which university and campus is right for you – some places just feel right and some don’t. Now is the time to check this out.

Remember we have all the major institutions Undergraduate Guides at the Careers Office in the Senior School. Open Day visits should expand on the knowledge you’ve already gained from these guides.

VTAC Guides will arrive at the College in July and will be a useful guide for you if you have already visited and seen your ‘future’.

2012 Open Days

**Australian Academy of Design** - 12 August, 10am to 5pm  

**Australian Catholic University**  
Ballarat: 26 August, 10am to 3pm  
Melbourne: 12 August, 10am to 4pm  
http://www.acu.edu.au/apply_and_enrol/useful_links/events/open_day/programs_and_dates/

**Australian College of Applied Psychology** - 12 August, 10am  
Australian College of Sports Therapy
12 August, 10am to 4pm
15 August, 4pm to 6pm
9 September, 12pm to 3pm
12 September, 4pm to 6pm

Australian Maritime College - 26 August
http://www.amc.edu.au/openday

Bendigo TAFE
BTEC: 19 August, 10am to 3pm
Castlemaine: 22 August, 2pm to 5pm
Echuca: 24 August, 10am to 4pm
http://www.bendigotafe.edu.au/aboutbendigotafe/News/Pages/default.aspx

Box Hill Institute - 26 August, 10am to 3pm

Central Queensland University - 22 July, 11am to 2pm
http://www.cqu.edu.au/study/key-dates

Deakin University
Warrnambool: 12 August
Geelong Waterfront and Waurn Ponds: 19 August
Melbourne Burwood: 26 August
http://www.deakin.edu.au/openday/

Endeavour College of Natural Health - 8 July, 10am to 12pm
http://ecnh-open-day-melbourne.eventbrite.com/

Footscray City Films - 19 August, 1pm to 4pm

The Gordon - 19 August

Holmesglen - 23 June
http://www.holmesglen.edu.au/openday

International College of Hotel Management - 12 August, 2pm to 3.30pm & 3.30pm to 5pm
JMC Academy - 18 August, 10:30am & 2:30pm

La Trobe University
Albury Wodonga: 5 August, 10am to 2pm
Shepparton: 10 August, 3pm to 7pm
Mildura: 17 August, 3pm to 7pm
Bendigo: 19 August, 10am to 4pm
Melbourne: 26 August, 10am to 4pm
http://www.latrobe.edu.au/openday

Monash University
Berwick, Gippsland and Peninsula: 4 August, 10am to 4pm
Caulfield, Clayton and Parkville: 5 August, 10am to 4pm
http://monash.edu/openday/

Moorabbin Flying Services - 11 August, 10am to 2pm

Navitas College of Public Safety - 12 August, 10am to 4pm

Oceania Polytechnic Institute of Education - 12 August, 10am to 4pm

Oxford College - 8 August

Photography Studies College - 26 August, 10am to 4pm
http://www.psc.edu.au/blog/2012/06/05/psc-open-day-2012-sunday-26-august-10-4/

RMIT University - 12 August
http://www.rmit.edu.au/programs/openday

Southern School of Natural Therapies - 12 August, 10am to 2pm
http://www.ssnt.edu.au/about/ssnt-events/open-day

Swinburne University of Technology - 19 August
http://www.swinburne.edu.au/openday/
University of Ballarat - 26 August, 10am to 3pm  
http://www.ballarat.edu.au/future-students/open-day

University of Melbourne - 19 August, 10am to 4pm  
http://www.openday.unimelb.edu.au/

Victoria University - 24 June, 10am to 4pm  
http://www.vu.edu.au/open-day-2012

William Angliss Institute - 5 August  
Parents and Friends Association Forum

THINKING

We want to hear from you...

Come along and have your say about what you’d like the Parents and Friends Association to be doing in 2012-2013 and beyond.

Your input, ideas and thoughts are welcome and will help us to ensure what we’re doing is relevant in assisting the growth of Kingswood College.

Tuesday 26 June, Cato Centre
7.30pm Business meeting
8.00pm Forum
School Holiday Workshops

Computer Animation & Games Design
Dates: Wed 4th – Fri 5th July OR Wed 11th – Fri 13th July. Ages: 6-12 Years of age (graded activities).
Advanced Option: If you have been before and would like our advanced option please let our office know.
Classes begin at 9am, with a finish time of 3.30pm ($299 total cost) or 5.00pm ($329 total cost).
Use amazing software to learn the techniques behind rigging, key frames, character manipulation and more! Be challenged to invent your own computer games with rules and strategies!

Claymation & Stop Frame Animation
Dates: Wed 11th – Fri 13th July. Ages: 8-13 Years of age (graded activities).
Classes begin at 9am, with a finish time of 5.00pm only ($339 total cost).
Let your imagination run wild as you make awesome clay models then bring them to life using a video time sequence to create your own claymation movies!

Future Maths & Games Design
Classes begin at 9am, with a finish time of 5.00pm only ($329 total cost).
Take part in unique maths and gaming challenges that require you to think outside the square and solve fascinating investigative problems!

Engineering & Technology
Classes begin at 9am, with a finish time of 5.00pm only ($329 total cost).
With expert tutors and industry level projects, you will tackle architectural and mechanical problems. Roller coaster design, bridge building, CAD challenges and more in this exciting course.

Fashion, Wearable Arts & Photography
Dates: Wed 11th – Fri 13th July. Ages: 8-14 Years of age (graded activities).
Classes begin at 9am, with a finish time of 5.00pm only ($339 total cost).
Develop your skills in conceptualising new concepts with mood boards, fashion drawings and the use of unique materials. Discover what it takes to be a photographic director.

NEW! Chemistry, Physics & Rocket Science
Dates: Wed 11th – Fri 13th July. Ages: 6-12 Years of age (graded activities).
Classes begin at 9am, with a finish time of 3.30pm ($299 total cost) or 5.00pm ($329 total cost).
Learn all about the forces of gravity, friction, and momentum as well as Newton’s laws of motion. Take part in fun experiments and build and test your own rockets!

How to Book
Hand in the following form to the school office. You can also make payment for the course at the school office. Bubble Dome will then send you confirmation details.
Please contact the Bubble Dome office if you have any questions at all regarding this course.

Name: _________________________ Age: ________ Phone: __________________
Email Address: __________________ Course: ____________________________
Phone Queries: 1800-11-55-62. Office Hours: 7am – 5pm.
Read more about these courses and courses available at other venues at www.bubbledome.com!