Dear Members of the Kingswood Community,

For several years, Kingswood College has been exploring ‘education for a purposeful life’. In a national conference on the topic that Kingswood College ran in 2010, we gathered expertise from around Australia. That expertise pointed to several ways in which a sense of purpose is developed:

*Through relationships with others*. It is developed as we see ourselves contributing to the lives of others and, sometimes, in developing a sense of leadership.

*Through interests and in commitments*. For many people, a sense of purpose is found as people develop passions and commitment themselves to activities and causes.

*Through finding one’s place in a large scheme of things*. For some people, religions have provided such a view of life in which people have been able to locate themselves. For others, this is found through a philosophy of life or a perspective on society.

In the past, many people were ‘given’ their purpose in life through the expectations that were tied to social class, gender, family responsibilities, ethnic heritage and religion. Today, however, we live in a world of choice and each individual must work out for themselves how they will approach life.

Research has shown that most Australian students do not regard as very helpful the traditional forms of religious education which have sought to ‘pass on’ a religious tradition. Most young people do not want to be told what to believe. Rather, it is more helpful if they are given the skills and capacity to make their own decisions about life.

The Kingswood College Council has decided that sometime in the near future the College should build a ‘Centre’ for educating for a purposeful life. Such a Centre would focus our attention on this dimension of education. We see this Centre as very different from a chapel which stands for a particular religious tradition. Rather, we want this to be a place for all students whatever their background, to enhance their skills in thinking about the big issues of life. Nevertheless, it is possible that may also be used sometimes for worship within Uniting Church and we are seeking funding for this Centre within the Uniting Church.

We are thinking of a major space for seating 150 to 200 people which could be used for seminars, drama, and other events. There would also be a large foyer in which students' art could be displayed. This might contain a cafe where parents could meet when they come to meet their children after school or where students could have their lunch.

There would be smaller rooms which might be used by small groups for meditation.
and rooms which could be used for adult education activities. The Kingswood Council sees education as being a life-long activity, and would like to extend its educational offerings to parents and other adults in the local community. This Centre might be used in this context.

No decision has been made about where in the school this Centre will be built. Indeed, our ideas about the nature of the Centre are still very general. Through the latter half of this year, we are planning some discussions on the nature of the Centre, the activities that will take place in it, and what sort of facility we want. We invite you to participate in these discussions, along with staff, and members of Council. We are also keen to hear the views of the students themselves and they are most welcome to attend the discussions.

The first of these discussions will be on the 'Education of the Spirit' and will explore the educational thinking behind the Centre. How does the 'education of the spirit' best occur in contemporary society? How might the proposed Centre contribute to education? The discussions will be led by myself, Elisabeth Lenders and Rev Greg Beck. It will be held in the Cato Centre on Sunday 17 June at 4.00pm. Please respond via email to kwc@kingswoodcollege.vic.edu.au so that we can get an indication of numbers for afternoon tea. We do hope that you are able to join us for this occasion. We will let you know about further discussions later in the year.

Thank you for your interest. We look forward to exploring exciting possibilities with you.

Dr Philip Hughes,  
Chair, Kingswood College Council

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**From the Principal**

**Olympic dream alive at Kingswood College**

Wednesday 9 May 2012 was a day Kingswood College students will remember for a lifetime.

Students were treated to the experience of a lifetime when Olympians Catherine Freeman, Lleyton Hewitt, Liz Cambage, Jessicah Schipper and Mitchell Watt came to a special Assembly for students from Prep to Year 8 in Brimacombe Hall. The hall was bursting with excited students being filmed by a throng of media and TV camera crews.

The athletes were introduced by Year 5 student ambassadors Mia Harold, Talana Kitchen, Ellora Kelly, Josh Andrikopoulos, Alexander Valkanidis and Catherine Smith, who had all researched the athlete they were introducing.

Students asked the athletes questions about their sporting careers, favourite subjects at school and tips on reaching their true potential.
David Neitz representing Swisse, who were co-hosting the occasion, then took all the Kingswood College students through a series of warm up stretches and exercises with each of the athletes. A long run of Aussie Aussie Aussie Oi Oi Oi took the excitement to a new level and Brimacombe Hall was positively jumping!

From the Assembly students then made their way to the top oval for a series of 100m sprints to be greeted by the Olympians giving them a gold medal and healthy snack-pack.

The day was topped off by students collecting autographs of the Olympians. Media coverage featuring this fantastic morning at the College was broadcast on a host of television breakfast programs, news breaks, evening news and other shows on Channels ABC, 7, 9, 10, Foxtel as well as radio station 3AW.

Thank you to Rob Olifiers and Barbara Szafraniec for their work in nominating Kingswood College, and to Grant Buckler and the Leadership and Management Team for bringing this event to life.

What an amazing day at Kingswood College

**Learning Partnerships**

Last week the Junior School held a Camp Fire and Fairies in the Garden Stories evening where fathers read to their children. The evening was a fabulous success and a great opportunity for the three way partnership between parents, school and students to be further developed. Thank you to all who were involved.

Similarly the Learning Progress Discussions for Middle and Senior School students last week and again on Wednesday provided excellent opportunities to share feedback, and discuss strategies for future improvement. Again, my thanks to all involved.

**Mothers’ Day**

I do hope that everyone blessed with their mother, or another important female figure in their lives seizes the chance to acknowledge the contribution of mothers and mother figures in our lives. For me, this is far more important than the more commercial aspects of the day, and I know I am very lucky to have my own mum around to acknowledge, and recognise her wonderful contribution to our extended family. Mums - enjoy!

**NAPLAN**

Next week our students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are undertaking NAPLAN tests. These provide a snapshot of student learning at a point in time, and will add to the wealth of assessment, learning and progress data we collect in the course of our work with students.

**Parents and Friends AGM, Tuesday 29 May, 7.30pm – 9.00pm**

Kingswood's PFA is a fantastic organisation which works to support the College, provide education, networking opportunities, and fun times for parents. We are privileged this year to have world authority on digital citizenship, Robyn Treyvaud, as our guest speaker. Robyn is working with our College community to help our
students become wise, resilient and discerning digital citizens. Do come along - there will be no pressure to be involved any more than you would wish.

Elisabeth Lenders
Principal

Chaplain’s Corner

Oops!

My meditation for this newsletter is about mistakes. We all make them. My son tells me that my grandson kicked a beautiful shot in soccer last Saturday, right past the goalie for a point. Unfortunately it was in the other team’s goal. Yesterday I had to straighten out a mistake with my mobile phone, I have ‘automatic top up’ and was being charged on my credit card $50 dollars every day for a week until I noticed it on the bill that just arrived. People make mistakes, no one is perfect. There is a story in the Bible, the moral of which is – let those who are perfect be the first to throw stones at the wrong-doer. We need to learn to forgive and move on. People make mistakes, silly ones, serious ones. Learn to forgive.

And a wise person will learn from their mistakes for “misteaks are the stepping stones of learning”.

Rev Greg Beck
Chaplain

Kingswood Sport Stars – Term One 2012

National Stars – Cam Dent and Seb Cumins!

Cameron Dent (Year 12)

Many of us know how athletic Cameron Dent of Year 12 is, and for the second year in a row, Cameron represented Victoria in the Under19 Men’s and Mixed Netball team at the Gold Coast at the National Championships. He played mainly in the centre, the most demanding position on the court. His efforts contributed strongly towards the team winning. Fantastic effort Cameron!

Seb Cumins (Year 10)

Seb continues his amazing results in the swimming pool. A few weeks ago Seb competed at the premier event of the year, the Australian Age Nationals, held in Brisbane. Seb has maintained consistency and this meant that he achieved a personal best in every swim. As usual his most successful swim was in the Backstroke. Seb won Silver in 15 year old boys 200 Backstroke in 2.06.50 which is a new Victorian record and Gold in the 15 year old boys 100 Backstroke
in 59.42. He also performed very well in the Under18 4 x 100 Medley Relay, swimming the start leg against both Mitch Larkin and Cam McEvoy who have both made the London Olympic team. Seb’s team, Surrey Park, finished third in Australia. A sensational achievement given the size of the club.

Due to Seb’s success at the Nationals, he has now been selected on the Australian Youth team for the Trans Tasman Tri Series in July. Seb’s first Australian representation. Who knows what lies ahead for him – stay tuned!

**Katherine continues to shine!**

**Katherine Smith (Year 8)**

Kingswood College’s elite Australian Rules Footballer, Katherine Smith, has gone to the next level in her footballing career. She has been selected to play for Victoria in an Under16 age group even though she is still just 13 years of age! The Carnival is in July in Adelaide and is expected to include all states. Katherine, you continue to be an inspiration to your College peers, we look forward to hearing about this exciting event in Adelaide. Good luck.

**Perseverance with a capital ‘P’**

**Kathryn Brooks (Year 9)**

Kathryn recently competed at the State Little Athletics Championships in Bendigo in the Javelin event. With a throw of three metres under her personal best, she still managed a Gold Medal in the Under 14 age group. Katherine’s throw was 39.65 metres, which is a record for the meeting.

In 2009, she began training at Box Hill Athletics Club and after qualifying for the State Championships she won Bronze in Javelin and progressed to finals in Discus, her second event. In 2010 Kathryn qualified for both but was unable to compete due to a long term knee injury. In 2011 she came back to compete (this time with a broken arm) and won Silver in Javelin and was 9th in Discus. Kathryn, you are a great example of perseverance and hard work; Congratulations and we are confident you will continue to achieve great results!

**EISM Golf Champions**

Matthew Urquhart (Year 11)  Zac Slattery (Year 11)  Sam Berglund (Year 10)
In the last week of Term One, Matthew, Zac and Sam represented the College in the EISM Golf Tournament played at Kingston Links in Rowville, a demanding course with plenty of water traps. Not only did they shoot fantastic individual scores of 78 and 80 off the stick, as a team they had a clean sweep of the event. Zac managed to take out the Handicap and Stroke event and Matthew the Stroke event. Great win for the College guys, well done!

2012 Victorian Interschool Snowsports Championships

Are you a hot skier or snowboarder? It's that time of year again when students get the chance to not only showcase your Alpine talents, but also, to have a super fun, four days in the snow. This year we are off to the 55th Annual Victorian Interschools Championships which will be held at Mt Buller. The competition, including race instruction, will go from after school on Friday 24 August 2012 to the evening of Tuesday 28 August 2012.

Kingswood College will be entering a team of skiers and snowboarders and will be spending four nights in our own mountain lodge close to all the action. If you are interested in competing, please register your interest with Bernadette Piekacz, Jocelyn Pollock or myself before Friday 11 May 2012.

James Herschell
Head of Physical Education and Health

Sustainability News

World Environment Day (WED)

Now is the time to think about ideas for participating in World Environment Day 5 June 2012. The aim is to create the biggest and most widely celebrated global day for positive environmental action and families are encouraged to participate in this annual event. Planning is underway for a range of activities for the students while at school. Consider how you can mark the celebration at home as well. Ideas include organising a neighbourhood clean-up, planting indigenous seedlings, reducing plastic bag consumption, walk or ride to work or start composting waste materials from the kitchen/garden.

Opportunities to reuse and recycle useful household goods

A recent article in The Age (Trailblazing trash, 29/4/12) highlighted the possibility of reusing household items through coordinated garage sales. The Garage Sale Trail (www.garagesalertrail.com.au) is one way of encouraging others to take advantage of second hand goods, rather than buying new items. Another useful website to know is freecycle (http://www.freecycle.org/group/AU/). If you have an item which is still useable, but you no longer require, you can let other people know about it. You may want to get a second hand item for free and that's where freecycle can also help. Members of the website let others know about items they want to give away. I recently used it to send a range of materials (window frames, stack of bricks, fireplace surround, old BBQ) to good homes, rather than landfill.
Bunches and Munches deliver produce to Tuckshop

During Term One, a small business called Bunches & Munches set up by a group of Year 5 and 6 students planted a range of salad vegetable seedlings in the Junior School garden. They spoke to Fay at the Tuckshop and promised they would be able to deliver a range of fresh, organically grown materials that could be used in the meals that Fay prepared and her Tuckshop Team prepared daily.

Under their care, the garden beds have flourished. Careful weeding, removal of various caterpillars and the occasional watering mean the students can now harvest their products.

Lettuce from the first delivery was used in sandwiches made for a Principal’s lunch while the beans added flavour to a fried rice dish.

Bunches & Munches are looking forward to being a regular, reliable supplier to the Tuckshop.

I have been impressed with the way the students have responded to the challenge of growing and ‘selling’ salad vegetables. They are putting an important sustainable living principle in action – grow your own food to avoid using energy by transporting food from other areas.

Howard Elston
Sustainability Coordinator
Parents and Friends Association

We are excited to have recently seen new families coming along to our meetings and events as certain topics take their interest. We hope each family finds that PFA offers something that adds to their experience at Kingswood College. If there are gaps in the offerings, please feel free to communicate this by emailing or phoning someone on the executive or coming along to a meeting and offering some new ideas.

Thank you to those families who took the time to hear Dr Rev. Philip Hughes, our College Council Chairman. Phillip addressed our April meeting and shared with us the considerable background work which has led the Council to consider the development of a centre for ‘a purposeful life’ – a focal point for a life-long learning for both our College and the local community opening opportunities to explore the big questions we all face whether we are 4, 40 or 94 years of age.

Important events coming up soon include:

Inaugural whole school Mothers’ Day Breakfast. Bookings have now closed for next Monday 14 May 2012 at 7.30am. We hope those who have planned to come along, will have an enjoyable morning with breakfast and entertainment provided. We thank our College Captain, Caitlin Lawley who is MC this event and the staff. Especially the Hospitality Team led by Marygabrielle Fitzgerald, and the Director of Community Engagement Lynelle Dudman, for their outstanding support. Thank you to the Vitale family for their generous contribution to the surprises for the mums attending. In an effort to support women outside our immediate community there will be items available for sale made in Kenya by the women who are assisted by Christie Faulks ‘Skills Opportunity Survival in Kenya’ Organisation (as described at the International Women’s Day Dinner) will be available for sale from $5.00 - $20.00. 100% profits will go back to Kenya.

PFA Annual Trivia Night – Saturday 19 May 2012. Bookings are still open for class groups and individuals who can request to be allocated to a table. If you would like to attend and do not know many other parents, well this is a great way to change that! Don’t like dressing up? This trivia night suits all – dress up if you like and don’t if you don’t like/decorate your table if you like and don’t if you don’t feel like it! Dance if you feel like it or not...

Donations for our Silent Auction are still welcome. This is a great way to let the school community know about your local business. Contact Jo Farrel on 0403 445 987 as soon as possible.

Year 7 Year level dinner is coming up very soon on Tuesday 22 May 2012. This is a relaxed way to meet other parents and staff over dinner in the lovely Cato Centre. Letters were emailed out this week. If you didn’t receive one, please contact Bernadette Piekacz at the Middle School Office on 9896 1708. Hope to meet you there!

May Meeting – Internationally renowned speaker on cyber-safety, Robyn Treyvaud will address our Annual General Meeting. All are welcome to hear Robyn and to answer your questions afterwards.
If you would like to nominate yourself or someone else please contact our PFA Secretary, Janice Keynton by email jkeynton@bigpond.net.au. All positions will be open for nomination. Tess Brooks (Mobile: 0412 177588) or via (Email: brooksysmm@gmail.com)

Tracey Seignior
PFA Communications Officer

### Forthcoming Dates

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13 | Mothers’ Day  |
| **Week A** |  |
| 14 | ELC-Year 12 Mothers’ Day Breakfast – Brimacombe Hall  
7.30am-8.30am  
EISM Champion Athletics Carnival  
2.30pm-6.30pm  |
| 15 | Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 NAPLAN assessment  |
| 16 | NAPLAN assessment continues  |
| 17 | NAPLAN assessment concludes  |
| 19 | Parents and Friends Association – 2012 Trivia Night  
7.30pm in Brimacombe Hall  |
| **Week B** |  |
| 22 | Year 7 Parents and Friends Association Dinner  
7.30pm-9.30pm in Cato Building  |
| 24 | City Cite Information Evening  
7.30pm-9.00pm in Brimacombe Hall  |
| **Week A** |  |
| 29 | Parents and Friends Association AGM  
7.30pm-9.00pm  |

There is a new Tuckshop Menu for Term Two after this Newsletter.
**2012 KINGSWOOD TUCKSHOP**
**ELC and JUNIOR SCHOOL MENU**
**TERM TWO**

**PASTA MONDAY**
- Spaghetti Bolognaise - Home made $5.00
- Penne Napolitana (vegetarian) - Home made $4.50
- Macaroni Cheese – Home made $4.50

**FRIED RICE WEDNESDAY**
- Chicken Fried Rice (Homemade) $6.00

**THE MENU BELOW IS AVAILABLE MONDAY TO FRIDAY**

**SANDWICHES** – wholemeal. White bread available on request.
- Jam / Vegemite $3.00
- 1 filling $4.00 Fillings include: cheese (2 slices), chicken, ham egg, beetroot and avocado
- 2 fillings $4.50 Salad (lettuce, carrot, tomato = 2 fillings)
- 3 fillings $5.00 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
- LOL Cans—99% fizzy (No colours/preservatives) $2.20 ***New Drink Item (No added sugar)***
- 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 –Cheese/Plain/Salt & Vinegar $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*
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 College main office prior to the AGM on Tuesday 29 April 2012.

Tess Brooks
President

KINGSWOOD COLLEGE PFA COMMITTEE

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

Nominee
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Telephone ........................................................................................................
Position ............................................................................................................
Accepted (signed) ............................................................................................

Proposer
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Seconder
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