Welcome to our March Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Our bishops have declared that 2012 will be a Year of Grace. Grace is defined in Catholic doctrine as the supernatural gift of God to human beings to bring about their salvation. For the sake of what I write here I am defining salvation to be the experience of our immersion in God which brings about wholeness and integrity to all aspects of our being. Please don’t think about being “saved from the fires of hell” although there is the hell of a life out of control and a heart filled with hate and obsessing about revenge from which we all need saving.

Years ago I heard someone say that he was trying to live a life “dedicated to grace” and I have never forgotten it as a description of how to live the Catholic Faith with wholeness and integrity. Apart from receiving the sanctifying grace that comes from the Sacraments, it speaks of a disposition that comes from always being on the lookout for God’s help to endure difficulties and to grow in compassion for ourselves and others. It is common for a Catholic to say something like “I was graced to see……..or I was graced to receive the help of my neighbor……… when relating a story about how they were helped through hard times. It is an expression of the knowledge that the help did not come from themselves but from another source and their Faith is saying that that source is God. It is also a healthy expression of gratitude which is always a bulwark against the hell of grasping covetousness and whinging.

To live a life dedicated to grace means that we have to live with openness and surrender and trust. Such a disposition does not just happen in us but is one to be nurtured. The adolescent angst is to demand life in its totality now. Our girls learn, as we all did, to live with hope and faith in themselves and others and in God who showers grace upon all of us. In this way the good things of life will come in their own time.

COMING EVENTS

14 March 2012
Year 10 Community Day (St Patrick’s Day)

16 March 2012
CSDA Public Speaking Finals

19 & 20 March 2012
Year 7 Camp

BRIGIDINE BASICS
- The hem of a student’s uniform touches the floor when kneeling.
- Every girl is to be at school by 8.30am at least. Teaching commences 8.40am.
- We have Homeroom at 10.30am.
- Parents should not drop and pick up daughters in Aeolia Street.
Attendance
A reminder to parents that girls need to be at school each day by 8.30am at the very latest. Your daughter must be ready to go into her classroom at 8.40am. 8.20am gives her the best chance of getting herself ready for her first classes and to catch up with her friends.

Yesterday in the rain there were thirty five girls absent from Years 7, 8 and 9 and fifty three from Years 10, 11 and 12. It was very disappointing to see so many Year 12 girls away when we are very close to the exams which mark the end of the first half of the HSC year. Classes go on as normal when it is raining.

Tax Deductions
it would be worthwhile having a look at the Federal Government website www.australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund to see the kinds of things that you can now claim as a tax deduction. I understand that you can claim, school uniforms(including shoes) laptops, text books, USB flash drives, education software, internet connection, reference books, stationery, exercise books, printers and scanners. The website explains eligibility and more detail about what can be claimed.

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell.

Two of our College Leaders who recently attended Cardinal Pell's Pentecost Consultation Evening

Ms Kate Edmondson
Principal
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
We had our Open Day for 2012. On a beautiful but windy day our spirits were lifted by the large crowd of enthusiastic prospective Brigidine students and their families. It truly was brilliant and our students were excellent and showed how proud they are of their school. Each and every one of our students was great ambassadors for Brigidine College. The staff have been planning and working hard for weeks – thank you. Our Parents & Friends served tea and coffee to future Brigidine parents. Congratulations and thank you to our Brigidine community – students, parents, friends and staff.

Project Compassion
During Lent, school leaders at Brigidine take on the responsibility of collecting from the whole school community for Project Compassion. The following information helps us to understand the importance of our small contributions to Project Compassion. It only takes a little to make a big change... Here's what your dollars could do:

- $1.30 could provide one banana tree plantlet for a subsistence farming family in Uganda
- $10 could provide 35 tree seedlings to reforest a drought affected region in tribal India
- $20 could provide a Bolivian child with two chickens and skills to rear them to increase family nutrition
- $50 could support a young Indigenous Australian to learn skills in youth work for the benefit of their whole community
- $80 could provide a bicycle for a farmer in Uganda to transport produce and facilitate on-farm trainings
- $100 could provide seeds for four family vegetable gardens for one year in Bolivia
- $200 could provide training packs for ten 'street boys' to learn organic farming in Papua New Guinea
- $500 could support an Indigenous Indonesian to advocate on behalf of their community at an international environment meeting or to a multinational company whose operations are affecting their livelihood
- $1000 could provide a subsistence farmer group in Uganda with a cow to be bred and shared among members
- $1485 could provide a marginalised community in India with skills and tools to build a village pond to retain rainwater during drought

Please encourage your daughters to consider how they can make Lent meaningful by abstaining from some item themselves so that they can contribute to Project Compassion and thereby make a real difference in the lives of others.

Communication
Parents, if you have concerns about your daughter’s progress, or other elements of school life, please let us know. When dealt with promptly, most problems can be resolved or at least steps taken to improve the concerns you or your daughter are experiencing. A phone call to a subject teacher or homeroom teacher may be your first action, but for a more serious or widespread issue the Year Coordinator should be contacted. Together we can support each other in the education of the girls.
SCHOOL SPECIALS – INFORMATION FROM STATE TRANSIT

As part of a review by State Transit during late 2011 for services reported to be running late, many changes to schedules have been put in place. The information in regard to routes and any changes to the trip times that impact on Brigidine students are listed in the last page of this newsletter. These alterations will commence on Monday 19 March 2012.

The schools listed in the last column are the schools that these trips are listed against; there may be occasions where students from other schools may join any of these trips.

This program of review will continue during 2012 for our Randwick and Waverley depots and as a result there may be further alterations to school services that are at present reflecting difficulties in keeping to their timetables. You will be kept informed of any further alterations. These alterations will also be reflected on the Sydney Buses website.

Should you have any questions please contact Eric Graham, Regional Traffic & Services Manager-Eastern Region Sydney Buses on 9582 7666 or 0403073658 or via return email Eric_Graham@sta.nsw.gov.au

Finally, a reminder to parents that there is NO PARKING in Aeolia Street. Collection and drop offs should happen on Coogee Bay Road in the designated areas provided by council. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Mrs Antoinette McGahan

REPRESENTATIVE JERSEYS

Fittings for Representative Jerseys will take place at the College Uniform Shop from 8.00am to 2.00pm on:

- Monday 12 March, and
- Monday 19 March.

Total payment must be paid at the time of fitting. Cost $75.00.

Mrs Anne Scivetti
Uniform Shop Manager
HOOKED ON BOOKS – 22 FEBRUARY BOOK CLUB MEETING

On Wednesday, 22 February, 55 of us, from Years 7-10, had a really fun Book Club meeting. We finished off our lunches very quickly, then raced to our different activities. These activities included:

- Writing lists of books we wanted the library to buy
- Working on competition entries (‘Hooked on Books’ posters for Years 7 & 8 and book reviews, posted on the Book Chat blog for Years 9 & 10).
- Group chats about books
- Planning promotional films for our favourite books

These are some of the comments the Book Club members have made:

‘You get to go on a thoughtful adventure of the mind. Book Club is a fun way to make new friends who share the same interests’ (Caroline Recking, 9 Winifred).

‘You will get to know some great people and it’s very well organised’ (Niamh Paterson, 7 Aquinas).

‘Book Club is very interesting. I get to compete in competitions and enjoy reading’ (Bianca DiBlasio, 7 Regina Mundi).

‘Lots of people come to relax and sit down and talk about things or books we enjoy’ (Lara Alexander, 7 Patrick).
Our girls like to read their fantasy fiction in character....

LIBRARY NEWS - OPEN DAY
Library Reps Loretta Morrison, Niamh Patterson, Rhiannon Solomon and Andrea Jacenyik (pictured below) put smiles on many faces as they handed out free raffle tickets to our many visitors on Open Day. Girls from kindy to Year 6 are now in the running for a book voucher which will be drawn on Friday. We’ll be in touch!

Ms Kennedy (Teacher Librarian)
GET REAL YOUTH EVENT
for young adults 16 years and over.

VENUE: Maroubra Holy Family Parish to host this event.
ADDRESS: 214 Maroubra Road
Maroubra
WHEN: 16th March 2012
TIME: 6.30pm-9.30pm
FACILITATORS: Catholic Youth Services

SPECIAL FEATURES:
Address by Cardinal Pell on

SCIENCE AND RELIGION
Music by Gary Pinto and the Revelations (group toured with WYD Pilgrims to Madrid 2011). Neo Catechumenate Seminarians Playing Spanish guitar music during BBQ (6.30pm) and Capucian Friars will serve cappuccinos!!! COST FREE..

Hope to see some Brigidine girls at the event. This event is for the Randwick/Botany Deanery schools so invite some friends along.

Mrs Ross.
Youth Ministry Coordinator
SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2012

What a fantastic day we had for our Annual Swimming Carnival, the Irish luck was with us and at times it was hard to keep the girls out of the water!
Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard on the day especially the PDHPE staff and to all the student helpers who made the day run so smoothly.

Congratulations to the winning House, AQUINAS, who won on point scores and the Spirit Shield. Aquinas was captained by *Molly Cocks* and assisted by *Alexis Mavrantonis*. 
Congratulations to all the Age Champions as follows:

- 12 years Isabelle Power Aquinas
- 13 years Emily Barrett Brigid
- 14 years Jessica Thornton Regina Mundi
- 15 years Liana Mc Morrow Winifred
  Hayley King Winifred
- 16 years Emma Smith Xavier
- 17 years Gabrielle Raymond Aquinas
- 18 years Natalie Murphy Xavier

**School Champion** Emily Barrett Brigid

**House points**

- 1st Aquinas 1,180
- 2nd Xavier 1,037
- 3rd Winifred 976
- 4th Regina Mundi 933
- 5th Brigid 902

Ms Kate Emerson
Sports Coordinator
JUNIOR STATE CUP TOUCH
The 2012 Junior State Cup for Touch was held in Wollongong on the weekend of February 18 and 19. Several Senior Brigidine students were selected to represent East’s Touch at the Stat Cup.

Students who were selected were from Year 12, Kate Murphy and Natalie Murphy, and from Year 11, Grace Bambridge, Tylar Morelli and Rebecca Wilson.

Congratulations to Natalie, Kate and Tylar who player in the U18’s 1st Division Grand Final. They were runners up to the Manly team and went down in a close finish 4 to 3. Grace and Rebecca’s team also did well in the State Competition.

All the girls will be representing Brigidine in the Senior Team at the CGSSSA championships on the 7 March. They will be great mentors to the two Junior teams and it will be fantastic to have some of our ex-students come back to coach the teams. Thank you to Emma Ryan, Hannah Rayment and Cabrini Broderick.

TUESDAY TOUCH
Good luck to all our 15 teams competing in their Semi Finals on Tuesday afternoon at Queens Park. The girls have been playing for 2 terms to reach this high in the ladder, so come along and support your friends as they compete for the Champions Trophy.

Ms Kate Emerson
Sports Coordinator

International Women’s Day
Community Art Competition and Exhibition
Presentation of winners and morning tea
You are invited to join us for the presentation of winners followed by refreshments on Saturday 10 March 10am-12pm
Randwick Community Centre
27 Munda Street Randwick
(off Randock St and Handy St)
The Exhibition will be opened to the public on;
Tuesday 13 March 11am-2pm
Wednesday 14 March 2pm-5pm
Thursday 15 March 4pm-6pm
Please RSVP to Suzy Sadek 9399-0902
iwdartcomp@randwick.nsw.gov.au

The following Year 10 students are exhibiting and representing the College in this exhibition:
• Jeslyne Fung
• Sophia Lekkas
• Carolina Knight
• Krysta McMah

Everyone is welcome to attend and view their works.

Mrs Deirdre Brennan
Visual Arts Coordinator
CGSSSA TOUCH
Brigidine College entered 3 teams in the CGSSSA Championships on Wednesday 7 March and were extremely competitive against all other schools in the CGSSSA.
The girls showed incredible skill and talent as they worked their way to the quarter finals. The junior A team defeating Woolwich then progressing to the Semi Final only to be defeated by OLSH. The junior B team made it all the way to the Grand Final but were defeated by Parramatta so were awarded runners up. The senior A team defeated Glebe in the quarter finals then moved onto the semi finals defeating OLSH in an exciting drop off. The girls then went through to the Grand Final exhausted and were defeated by Parramatta 3-2.

What an incredible achievement to have 2 teams in the Grand Final! The girls in all teams never gave up and were playing to win right up to the bell. They were a credit to the school in the spirit in which they competed and the tenacity they showed throughout the day.

A huge thank you to the many parents that came along to support the teams especially Christine and Peter Murphy and Rhonda Seelin who have supported the school in touch for many years now, your help and support is greatly appreciated. To the coaches, Emma Ryan, Jason King and Hannah Rayment and Cabrini Broderick, thank you for all your time and effort that goes into preparing the teams for the championships. To Mrs Atkins we love your enthusiasm and competitive nature that keeps us going!

JUNIOR B RUNNERS UP PLATE
- Ilana Ecklof
- Kate Williamson
- Brooke Emerson
- Vivienne Tsang
- Victoria Stojanovic
- Victoria Psarros
- Bella Miller
- Jessica McBride
- Mia Hannah
- Tully Votano
- Madison Downey
- Christine Lucantonio

JUNIOR A SEMI FINALISTS
- Jennifer Chan
- Jessica Thornton
- Molly Blakey
- Caity Duffis
- Ruby Breen
- Amelia Rubio
- Jemma Mitsias
- Kathryn Masterson
- Milly Wilson
- Ruby Price
- Olivia Gooch
- Chelsea Winder

OPENS RUNNERS UP
- Rebecca Wilson
- Grace Bambridge
- Lisa Scott
- Tylar Morelli
- Hannah Denney
- Emma Smith
- Rose Seelin
- Bronte Price
- Jessie Seelin
- Mairead Cleary
- Kate Murphy
- Natalie Murphy
- Lily Rayment
- Sacha Evans

Res: Molly Cocks
Elyse Harmanis

Ms Kate Emerson
Sports Coordinator
Sisters of Charity Outreach

Sisters of Charity Outreach is committed to supporting people in need within NSW through the active participation of trained volunteers and staff. Our motto is “Compassion in Action”

Roles of Volunteers:
- Visiting the socially isolated. [Eastern Sydney or Liverpool LGA]
- Helping in court support. [City]
- Assisting in parent education programs or in crisis accommodation for mothers and children escaping domestic violence. [South West Sydney]
- Transporting our country friends from the airport or rail to medical appointments
- Assisting in our shop/raffle/market days. [Darlinghurst]
- Reception and homemaking. [Westmead]

Training Essential

Evening Program begins March 21 [Darlinghurst] Day program begins May 21 (Liverpool), May 23 (Darlinghurst) 5 sessions of 3 hrs. Applications or enquiries Ph: 9822 5980 or 8382 6430 or www.sistersofcharityoutreach.com.au

If you have any further enquiries or any group at your school wants a speaker on Outreach, please contact me.

Thank you
God’s blessings,

Margaret Guy rsc
Volunteer Educator
Ph 98225980 or 8382 6430
Email: mguy4@bigpond.com
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