BRIGIDINE ADDRESS 21st CENTURY SLAVERY
Social Justice Guest Speaker

If I were to say that slavery is still happening in our world today, how would you feel? What if I also said, it is happening right here in Australia?

On Monday 7 May, Brigidine had its second Social Justice Forum regarding slavery, trafficking and forced labour in Australia. A woman dedicated to the cause, Sarah Menassa Rose, from Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans, visited our lunchtime forum and shared her knowledge of and passion for stopping this horrific issue.

Slavery today, isn’t what has been portrayed in movies and the media; it is not starved people in potato sacks and chains. Slaves could be cleaning our homes, building homes in our suburbs, or working in the stores we visit. Slaves are given on average $90 US dollars per year, with their passports often being withheld from them, giving them no way of returning back to their own country. It was an eye opening discussion about an important issue that is rarely addressed. If you wish to help or learn more about Slavery in Australia, visit http://www.antislavery.org.au

The Social Justice Group is planning some exciting activities in the future and would love to welcome as many students as possible. Meetings are held every Monday Day 6 in DC5.

Jordann Crawford-Ash - Year 12
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
We have certainly had a busy start to the term. This week we have been extremely busy with administering the NAPLAN Tests to Years 7 and 9.

YEAR 12 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
The Year 12 Parent Teacher Interviews were held on Wednesday this week. It was very rewarding to see so many parents at these Interviews. Thank you to all our parents and staff for their participation in this significant day. It is always a great opportunity for parents and teachers to discuss the successes and concerns with regards to their daughter’s progress so far.

DEBATING
Last Friday, 11 May, our debating teams competed against Our Lady of Sacred Heart Kensington. All our teams were excellent ambassadors. Congratulations to those teams who won which were – Years 7, 8, 9 and 12. This week we will be competing against Marist College Pagewood and next week against St Clare’s Waverley. An invitation is open to all members of our community to attend these debates and support our debaters. Thank you to all the coaches, adjudicators, parents and supporters for their presence last Friday. We wish the girls all the best during the next few rounds.

ASSESSMENTS
Years 7, 8 & 9 are currently undergoing a variety of assessments across all their subjects. Some students appear to be a little stressed and anxious. It is important that the girls keep a perspective on the situation. These assessments are one way of informing students what in which areas they have been successful and which areas need improving. Having said that it is also a time for students to be prepared and organised. It becomes important for students not to leave their work to the last minute.

Hence it seems relevant to talk about being productive which is a skill that many students need to develop further. Here is an example of a simple yet effective strategy that students can use. You as parents may wish to encourage your daughters to use this plan.

1. Students should set goals for each week. Don’t set too many, be realistic and leave yourself enough time to handle unexpected tasks that will always come up.
2. Make up a daily schedule to achieve these goals. The School Diary would be suitable for this. After you list your goals set priorities and schedule time for each step towards achieving the goals.
3. Follow the plan. Don’t make the mistake of setting a plan and then ignoring it. Plan your work then work your plan.
4. Review your goals. At the end of each day work out what worked and what didn’t and why. Learn from this experience.
5. Reward yourself. Give yourself something to work for. If you have achieved a goal don’t be afraid to reward yourself, even in only small ways.
6. Remember to make sure you are eating right, sleeping well and doing a little exercise as well.
7. ALWAYS REMEMBER TO THINK POSITIVE.
It is essential that students remain focussed, think positive and strive for their personal best in all they do. Students should realise that they can always make a difference to their achievement and performance if they try – **IT IS NEVER TOO LATE.**

**UNIFORMS**
I congratulate the girls on the improvement in the wearing of their uniform. The improvement is certainly obvious. However there are still a few that need to be reminded about the uniform length, makeup and jewellery. We ask you as parents to support us in making sure your daughters are wearing the correct uniform.

**COLLEGE PLANNER**
A reminder that the college planner is a valuable tool for student organisation and for communication between home and school. It is a good idea during each week for parents to actually check and sign their daughter’s diary.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

*Mrs Antoinette McGahan*

**WHAT'S HAPPENING BRIGIDINE FROM THE YMC**

Where are we on our journey to WYD RIO? Recently students from Years 9 and 10 were asked to express their interest in attending RIO. In the next few weeks we will be confirming these expressions. On Sunday 17 June we will be holding our first fundraising event at Bondi Beach Public School. Sunday Markets are held in the grounds of the school and we will be running the sausage sizzle for the day.

Looking for volunteers to perhaps give up a couple of hours on this day. Staff and parents were very generous with their time last year for this event. If you are unable to volunteer come and purchase from the canteen on the day every bodies contribution is valued.

*Robyn Ross*
*Youth Ministry Co-ordinator*
ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

THE ANNUAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD ON FRIDAY 25 May 2011
at E.S. Marks Field Kensington. Enter via Boronia Avenue.

- Students are expected to make their own way to and from the Carnival.
- Roll Call will commence at **8.00am sharp**.
- We are expecting to finish the Carnival between 1.30pm and 2.00pm with all supervision concluding at 1.30pm. Students who have not made arrangements to leave by this time will be asked to return to school until 3.20pm.
- Students may dress up in House Colours to support their team. If not dressing up you wear your full sports uniform.
- Students cannot wear dress up with the school sports uniform.
- Canteen facilities will be available on the day from 10am to 1.00pm.
- We insists that all students come prepared for all weather conditions including sunscreen, hats and plenty of water in case of warm weather.
- All family members are most welcome to attend and support your daughters.
- If it is raining early on the morning of the Carnival a message will be left on the infoline as to the procedure of the day.
- Listed below is a step by step guide for you to access the infoline.

**The infoline.com.au**

**How to listen to a new message:**
1. Competitors dial **1902 262 019**. This call costs a maximum of $1.40 per minute, including GST (higher from mobile and pay phones).
2. They will be asked to enter your infocode – **1076**.
3. They will then hear a message telling them that they have called the infoline for ‘Brigidine College’.
4. Select No. 1 on the options (1) **Cancellations and Weather Announcements**;
5. The messages they hear will also include the date and time. The most recent messages are always played first.

**Congratulations** to Kate Murphy and Ruby Breen who have been selected in the CGSSSA Rep Team for Touch Football to compete at the Combined Catholic Colleges competition in June. Well done girls and good luck.

**CGSSSA CROSS COUNTRY** Congratulations to all our competitors who competed in the Cross Country Championships Homebush last week. Despite the heat, the girls performed well with Kate Murphy making it through to CCC in the 18 years Division. Some solid results included.

- Hanna Denny 7th place 17 years
- Molly Blakey 7th place 15 years
- Amelia Rubio 8th place 13 years.

Mrs Elder Sports Coordinator
VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION 28 AUGUST 2012. OPENING 6PM

Everyone is invited to celebrate the artistic achievements of the girls at the annual Visual Arts Exhibition.

Year 7 have been photographed in the art room working on their paintings.

The painting technique has been influenced by the Fauves. Their compositions are inspired by the school, convent, the historic hotel and the Spot. We hope to see everyone there.

Ms Deirdre Brennan
Visual Arts Coordinator
Year 8 prepare for the Art Exhibition 28 August 2012

Year 8 Visual Arts are busy working in groups in Visual Arts making their transient artworks.

They will be taking them to a natural environment to photograph them in the next weeks. They are working with bamboo, jute, tissue paper and found objects.

They are looking forward to their parents and friends coming to the Visual Arts Exhibition 28 August to view their hard work.

Deirdre Brennan
Visual Arts Coordinator

TAS EVENING – P & F Raffle

Dear Parents, our fabulous TAS evening is on the Friday night 8 June. We would love some donations for our raffles on the night. All the proceeds from the raffles will go straight to the Tech & Design department.

Some wine, Champagne, Gourmet food, Gift vouchers, would be much appreciated. If donations could be in before Friday 1 June that would be fantastic, leave with the ladies in the office in a bag with TAS night on it, or contact Liz Davis on 0414 819 211 and she will be very happy to collect from you.

Liz Davis P & F Committee
SCIENCE NEWS.
The brilliance of the NYSF.
“30 years. 30 years and we will have the technology to walk on Mars. If we look at the range of ages of past astronauts then that person who will take the first steps on Mars is currently in school.”
Gather 400 keen science students from around Australia and overseas and give them this simple statement and you have explosive excitement. This is what the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is all about, bringing people together with a shared passion and invigorating that passion. The Forum itself is a two week program in either Canberra or Perth, tailored to widening perspective on the scope science gives a person in career and in life and completely blew open where I saw myself in my studies and future. Communicating the brilliance of the opportunity I had when heading off to Canberra during my school holidays for what was essentially dubbed nerd or Science camp was difficult however I can say with 100% assurance that I would not exchange that experience for anything except maybe that stroll on the red planet.’

Paloma Siles
Year 12 Student 2012.

STANSW: YOUNG SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR.
This year’s focus is Models and Inventions.
Do you have an idea for a scientific investigation or an invention? Discuss this with your science teacher.

Go to http://stansw.asn.au/ys/ for rules, criteria, categories and resources

Step 1. Have an idea.

Step 2. Research background information.

Step 3. Complete an Open Ended Investigation (OEI) or Design and develop a model or invention

Step 4. Communicate your findings in a research report or describe your design.

Step 5. Send in your entry for judging.

Entries close Friday 24th August 2012. Valuable prizes and certificates for all.

Ms Phyllis Tapp
Science Coordinator