Welcome to our June Newsletter
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

There’s light at the end of the tunnel and it is fast approaching. We are almost there! What a term and semester it has been! Nevertheless this is the perfect opportunity to congratulate all our students on their performance for Semester 1. Students will receive their reports in the last week of this term. The feedback thus far regarding their achievements and results has been very rewarding.

An important part of receiving reports is that students should be able to evaluate their present strategies and plan for improvement. Just as teachers are constantly evaluating their learning and teaching, students need to evaluate their learning. Especially as the term nears an end, I hope that our students will examine their current study skills and think about what they need to do better next semester.

YEARS 7 -11 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
The Years 7 – 11 Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Thursday 28 June between 8.30am and 7.00pm and on Friday 29 June between 8.30am and 3.00pm. Students are expected to accompany their parents to the interviews in school uniform. Reports will be posted to parents before these interviews. This is a great opportunity for parents to discuss the strengths and challenges in relation to their daughter’s progress during Semester 1.

Bookings can be made on www.sobs.com.au will close at 10.00pm on Tuesday 26 June. Interviews are strictly 5 minutes, if you require more time please contact the teacher directly and make alternative arrangements. If there are no suitable times available on the schedule for a specific teacher, parents will need to contact the teacher directly to arrange an alternate interview time outside the allocated schedule. Parents can change their interview times any time prior to the closing date by revisiting the www.sobs.com.au website. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on 9398 6710.

COMING EVENTS
Thursday 21 June 2012
Founder’s Day Walkathon

Tuesday 26 June 2012
Music Concert
‘Disney Selection’ 7.30pm

Wednesday 27 June 2012
Last Day of Lessons Term 2

Thursday 28 2012
Year 7 – 11
Parent Teacher Interviews
8.30am – 7.00pm

Friday 29 2012
Year 7 – 11
Parent Teacher Interviews
8.30am – 3.00pm
Year 12 Formal

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 at 8.40am.
- Supervision of girls begins at 8.20am. Girls should be in either the Main Quad or the Canteen Quad.
- Parents should not drop and pick up daughters in Aeolia Street.
Just another reminder that the following teachers will not be present during the upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews as they will be on extended holidays with their families –

- Mrs S Bournazos
- Mrs A Schiano
- Ms L Sandell
- Mrs D Ginzburg
- Mr A Penteado

If you wish to see any of these teachers, you may contact them during school hours and make a time to meet or talk with them.

PLEASE NOTE –

- Parking passes are available to parents for the use of the car park whilst attending Parent Interviews.
- The last day of lessons for Term 2 will be on Wednesday 27 June.

FOUNDER’S DAY CELEBRATIONS

This year we will celebrate Founders Day with a walkathon at Centennial Park on Thursday 21 June. The day will commence with Roll Call at 9.30am on the field opposite the dome which is located near Loche Ave or Hamilton Drive. Students will be asked to make their own way to the park. Each child has received a sponsor card and each student is encouraged to raise a minimum of $20. All funds will go to purchasing educational resources to be used by the students. We have organised prizes for the following categories:-

- Best dressed in each year group;
- Most raised by a student overall; and
- The Year group that raises the most.

These days are compulsory and all students are asked to be at school to support these worthwhile events.

The theme for the Walkathon is “ERAS”. The girls are encouraged to dress up in this theme. However students are reminded to wear comfortable walking shoes and to have adequate sun protection with them. The wet weather plan is that all students will be expected at school as we have organised alternative activities. Parents and students will be notified of the contact number for the information regarding whether the event will continue or not.

Lunch will be provided and will consist of a sausage sizzle with a drink. There is no access to canteens. Following lunch there will be a parade displaying the costumes worn by the students and games. The day will conclude at about 2.00pm. Students will be dismissed from the park and they will need to make their own way home.

On Wednesday 18 July the celebrations will continue with a mass at Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Randwick beginning at 9.30am. Parents and friends are invited to attend this special celebration.
Security
Each student has the responsibility to take care of their own belongings and not to take, damage or destroy the property of others. Each student also has the right to expect their property to be safe; unfortunately this is not always possible. For this reason we recommend that students place their valuables in their lockers, keep them on their person. Valuables are not to be left unattended in classrooms, in the yard or anywhere else. No responsibility for the loss theft or damage of valuables will be accepted by the College.

Students are expected to respect the property of others at all times. If a lost or stolen item is found by any student, then the expectation is that the student will hand in the item to the Office or to a teacher. In the majority of cases, I have found our students to be honest and respectful of other people’s property. I thank you for your support in this matter.

Uniform and Behaviour in Public
The majority of our students are to be commended for the excellent way in which they wear their winter uniform and represent the College in public. They are certainly a credit to themselves, their families and to the College. However, there are some girls who do need to be more aware of the appropriate way to behave when they are in public and in the Brigidine uniform. They should show respect for themselves as young ladies in public. Students are also to travel directly to and from school. We have reminded the girls about all these issues during their Year assemblies and we would be most grateful for parents to discuss these matters with their daughters. All details regarding uniform may be found in the College Diary.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Mrs Antoinette McGahan

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
When making bookings for Parent Teacher Interviews, please make sure your email address is put in accurately or booking notification will not occur. The system emails a summary of your bookings to you when accurate.

Mr Rawlings
IT Administrator
MUSIC CONCERT
BRIGIDINE COLLEGE PRESENTS

"DISNEY SELECTION"

Performed by the College Orchestra and Choir Tuesday 26 June 2012
Cullen Centre 7.30pm

Tickets will be available at lunchtime in the Office foyer, from
Monday 18 June to Tuesday 26 June.
Adults $5.00, Students and Children $2.00

YEAR 8 ITALIAN EXCURSION

On Wednesday 13 June, Year 8 visited Leichhardt, Sydney’s Little Italy.
We were shown around the Italian forum by some tour guides, who spoke to us in both Italian and English.
We then went to an Italian restaurant and had a demonstration of how to make a margherita pizza by an experienced Italian cook, who then made us a lunch consisting of pasta with red sauce, pasta with white sauce, pizza, and garlic bread.

We learnt how to order coffee in Italian, visited an Italian library, went Italian grocery shopping, and bought gelato. We had a great time, and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Lowri Funnell and Ruby Cuthbert – Year 8
ANNUAL VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION,
WEDNESDAY 28 AUGUST 2012
Opening 6.00pm

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

Year 12 has been photographed working in the art room on their Bodies of Work. You will notice there is diversity in their artistic practice. All the students have a variety of ideas they are exploring in their art making. Their artworks will form 50% of their mark for the HSC in Visual Arts. They are looking forward to celebrating their achievements at the annual exhibition. We hope to see everyone there.

Ms Deirdre Brennan
Visual Arts Coordinator
The Annual Good Food and Design Show was sensational yet again, congratulations to the girls who presented us with so much creativity and mouth watering food.

The raffle on the night raised money to go towards the purchase of the catwalk which previously the school has had to hire every year. Thank you to all the parents who anonymously made donations, and for the generosity of the local businesses.

A special thank you to:
Bistro Avoca, Spec Savers Randwick, Pivot Point Academy, Curves Maroubra, Spec Cafe & Restaurant Clovelly, In Good Hands Clovelly, Oasis Beauty, BWS the Spot, Coogee Fine Foods, Elizabeth Osborne Hairdresser and The Sweet Spot Cakes.

The P&F thank the parents who helped on the night. We hope to see you all again next year.
Elizabeth Davis, P & F Fundraising Coordinator

Music Concert Evening
The Music Concert evening will be held on Tuesday 26 June 2012. Once again, a light supper will be shared by all. Coffee, tea and cordial will be provided. All parents are invited to bring a plate of either savoury or sweet to share on the evening.
Cathy Soden P & F Committee

South Sydney High School is hosting a talk by Author and Educator Dannielle Miller on Wednesday 20 June 2012 at 7.00pm. "Wake Up Sleeping Beauty" is a presentation for parents on the issues that affect teenage girls. Dannielle will discuss the issues of body image and self esteem and give parents the tools to help their daughters bloom into happy and confident teenage girls. She reveals the reasons why so many girls today are stressed, overwhelmed, exhausted and angry and why too many are binge drinking, self harming or going on extreme diets.
Click for full details.
St CATHERINE’S NETBALL COMPETITION 2012

The St Catherinë’s Netball Competition ran through Term 2, with finals last Tuesday evening. Brigidine entered 5 strong teams, a Year 7A, Year 7B, Year8/9B and 2 Senior A teams. Brigidine competed against Ascham, St Cath’s, St Clare’s, OLSH, St Vincent’s and PLC Sydney.

Our Year 7A team played brilliantly throughout the competition, making it all the way through to the grand final. The girls fought hard in the final but unfortunately went down to St Vincent’s 21-16.

The Year 7B team also played wonderfully throughout the tournament, coasting through their round games and winning their grand final in a great game 21-17.

The Year 8/9B team was strong from the start, with all players dedicated and committed. The girls sailed through the round games but unfortunately lost their grand final in a close one 21-16.

Our 2 senior A teams fought hard in their round games with great competition from the other schools, both teams made it to the semi’s which were rained out. Unfortunately due to the ladder placement neither team qualified for the grand final.

All in all it was another very successful season, well done to all the girls for their commitment and attitude, it was wonderful to watch.

A big thank you to all the parents who came along and supported the girls and a special thank you to the parent managers who assisted with the teams.

Miss Michaels
PDHPE Department

Congratulations to Kate Murphy who has been selected into the NSW Combined Catholic Colleges’ Open Touch Team. This is an incredible achievement for Kate and congratulations on your selection into such a high level of competition.

Congratulations to Ruby Breen who has been selected into the U15’s Combined Colleges’ Touch Team, a fantastic achievement for your first representative year in Touch.

Mrs Elder
Sports Coordinator
NORTH BONDI UNDER 17 MARCH PAST TEAM
North Bond’s Under 17 March Past Team who won the Australian Title on the Gold Coast in April. This is the 6th year in succession the Club has won this title.

8 Brigidine girls were part of this team of 12 being;
Vivienne Tsang, Aisling Power, Tara Biollo, Lainey Crowe, Krysta McMah, Emma Brophy, Cara Lobry, Katie McQuaid.

The Club’s Under 23 March Past Team achieved 2nd place with Sophie Thomson & Georgia Thomson in this team and former Brigidine students Emma Jones, Annie Zieme & Brooke Holland.
LIBRARY NEWS
On June 6, we enjoyed another Shopping Spree Book Club with the girls being given the opportunity to spend the school’s money on books that they found enticing. In the words of the promotional poster: ‘You pick and we pay’. As ever, Kay from Shearer’s Book Shop did a great job at introducing the girls to a host of potential new purchases. The girls voted for books that they thought the school should be purchasing in multiples and we will be following their advice for the most popular titles.
Book Club is open to all the girls and on June 6 we had attendance from Years 7 to 10. As you can see from the photos, the girls are able to eat and relax in a largely informal environment.
**What our girls are reading...**

_The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Goth Girl_, by Barry Lyga, one of the books introduced to the girls through Shopping Spree Book Club, was snaffled by Jessica Teixeira Fernandes before we had a chance to accession it. There’s already a queue for this book. She writes: ‘This was a great book. It’s about a fifteen year old ‘geek’ named Donnie who keeps a list of high school jocks and others who torment him, while he also has to deal with family problems. Unfortunately, he’s treated like a 10 year old at home as his mother wants him to change for her own selfish reasons without knowing anything of what he’s going through in high school. He pours his energies into creating a graphic novel and soon encounters Kyra a.k.a Goth Girl who changes his outlook on almost everything, including himself. Sometime we need a Kyra in our lives

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_The Astonishing Adventures of Fanboy and Goth Girl_, by Barry Lyga

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