Welcome to our August Newsletter

This Year of Grace 2012

God speaks to us in prayer,
Not many words
(such as we speak toward God)
But one divine word:
the very life of the one who prays

Grace is all around us: it is a free gift from a loving God, and it is offered to everyone. It is God communicating God’s own self to us. And we hear this divine self-communication through everyday events and words. When we pause to hear this Word, we find that it is present in the very ordinary experience of life. But, beset with sin, which is also part and parcel of living in the world, and which prevents us from completely hearing the Word, we struggle to hear: the shouting of our hearts can be so loud! And since we cannot always hear, it is sometimes very difficult for us to be who we are created to be. But we live with the power of grace as the engine that hums deep within us, giving us more than enough energy to go on, to become our true selves. Bill Huebsch in *Grace: God’s Greatest Gift*.

Archbishop of Sydney Award. Kate Myers of Year Twelve is the 2012 recipient of this award for excellence. I was a very proud principal as Kate stood with great dignity in the sanctuary of St Mary’s and her citation was read. Paloma Siles read the citation beautifully. Both girls are wonderful Brigidine representatives as were the girls of the string ensemble who played during a break in the proceedings. I received many congratulations from other principals for the quality of the music made by our girls.
Sr Louise Cleary csb. Sr Louise is Leader of the Brigidine Sisters and has received an anti slavery award. Too few people know of the work of women religious to stop human trafficking. Sr Louise is active in the group Australian Catholic Religious Against Trafficking in Humans as are other Brigidines. This is a very important mission; as we are all so busy with our lives other human beings are being trapped into very dangerous and demeaning circumstances. We are very proud of our Brigidines commitment to eradicating this misery from the lives of very powerless people.

Year Ten End of Year Program
A more detailed program will be made available nearer the time.
- Last day of Classes Friday 30 November
- Preparation for Senior Study: Monday to Thursday 3-6 December
- Luna Park Celebration Day: Friday 7 December
- Monday 10 December: Year Ten Social
- Friday 14 December: Presentation Day (all students must attend)

Year Ten Social
The booking has been made at The Roundhouse for this event. A committee of parents organizes this social. I have two names and I need at least three more. The social will not go ahead without a parent committee. Please email info@bcrandiwck.catholic.eu.au with your name and contact details if you can assist.

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell
Ms K Edmondson
Principal

VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

Time to celebrate
An Exhibition of Student Work in the Visual Arts
To be opened by the artist Merilyn Fairskye

Brigidine College, Randwick
Tullow and Syncan Hall, Antonio Street, Randwick
Phone 93985710

Opening Wednesday 29 August 6pm and continuing Thursday 30 August 9-5pm
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

We have quite a few exciting school events coming up over the next few weeks. Students are preparing for their acts for our famous Brigidine’s Got Talent which happens on the last day of this term. All students are expected to be at school on this day.

Our Art Department is earnestly getting ready for our Annual Art Show which occurs on Wednesday 29 August in Tullow and Synan starting at 6pm. It should be a great night as usual. The practical HSC subjects such as Drama, Music, Art & Design & Technology are finalising their major works for HSC marking which takes place over the next couple of weeks. Whilst all this is happening preparations are well and truly under way for Year 12 and their final week of school. The Year 11 students will begin their exams for the end of their Preliminary HSC course.

As you can see it certainly is a busy time and amidst all of this busyness I remind all the students to remain focussed on their work and continue to do their best in all they do. Students must always work to achieve their full potential. Realistic high expectations always need to be supported by positive reinforcement if we are to keep all our students motivated to continue to strive for their personal best in all that they do.

Uniform

The majority of our girls are looking very smart in their Winter Uniform. Some of the girls need to be reminded that make-up is not to be worn with the school uniform, and that excess jewellery (beyond that permitted in the College Diary) will be confiscated. When travelling to and from school the blazer must be worn. The navy blue College jumper is not worn to and from school unless it is under the blazer during winter.

For those students who love the idea of a school cardigan or school vest, these items are now available through our school uniform shop, however you do need to place an order for their purchase.

Finally as our next newsletter is not until the end of week 8, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our fathers a very HAPPY FATHERS’ DAY for Sunday 2 September.

A Prayer for Fathers

God our Father, We give you thanks and praise for fathers young and old. We pray for young fathers, newly embracing their vocation; May they find courage and perseverance to balance work, family and faith in joy and sacrifice.

We pray for our own Fathers around the world whose children are lost or suffering; May they know that the God of compassion walks with them in their sorrow.

We pray for men who are not fathers but still mentor and guide us with fatherly love and advice. We remember fathers, grandfather, and great grandfathers who are no longer with us but who live forever in our memory and nourish us with their love.

Amen

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Mrs Antoinette McGahan
Brigidine College recently received correspondence from the Regional Traffic & Services Manager, Eastern Region Sydney Buses, that there is currently a school special route 685 that operates from Marcellin College that passes Brigidine College on Perouse Road but is not programmed to stop at this location. This particular trip would make the journey home more direct for some students if it was to stop at Brigidine also.

State Transit conducted loading checks on this particular school special and as a result this route trip has now been programmed to stop at Brigidine College on Perouse Rd at Aeolia St, Randwick due to available accommodation been observed by STA officers.

**This alteration will commence on Monday 3 September 2012.**

The commencement time from Marcellin College will not change.

The trip details are:
- Route 685 depart Marcellin College 3.33pm to Banksia St at Botany Rd.
- Route 685 depart Brigidine College 3.36pm.

**Route path:**
From Alison Rd, left Belmore Rd, into Perouse Rd, right Barker St, left Avoca St, right Rainbow St, left ANZAC Pde, right Fitzgerald Ave, right Bunnerong Rd to Eastgardens lower terminal then left Wentworth Ave, left Bunnerong Rd, left Heffron Rd into Page St into Stephens Rd, right Swinbourne Ave, right William St, left Banksia St to terminate at the bus stop just east of Botany Rd. Outside of the Fire Station.

It is hoped that other students of Brigidine College will be able to utilise this tip also. State Transit is currently updating this information on their website and bus stop information. This is the reason for the slight delay in the commencement of this alteration.

**LATEST BRIGIDINE CAREERS BULLETIN:**
For the latest Careers information go to: [Careers Bulletin No 10 2012](#)

**Mrs Lynne Wallace**
*Careers Advisor*
WORLD YOUTH DAY UPDATE AUGUST EDITION

Dear Brigidine Community

In the coming weeks Brigidine students who have expressed an interest in going to Rio in 2013 will be selling tickets in a Fundraising Raffle recently established by the CEO. This raffle has been initiated for two very important reasons, firstly to financially support the pilgrims attending WYD and secondly to support mission projects that the students will be participating in during their pre-WYD pilgrimage.

Prizes for the raffle include:
- 1st Prize - A Kia Rio Hatchback
- 2nd Prize – Return flights to anywhere in Europe (to the value of $5000)
- 3rd Prize - $1000 Visa Gift Card

Tickets for the raffle are $2 each. Pilgrims will receive 80% of the funds that they raise as reimbursement off their pilgrimage cost. The remaining 20% will go to a Mission Fund which will fund the projects that our students will involve themselves in on their pilgrimage to Rio. The finalizing of all tickets sales will be at the end of November and the raffle will be drawn on December 13 2012.

I would ask all the Brigidine Community to get behind this fundraiser. This is a life changing opportunity for our girls and a very costly one on families so if we can support by buying a ticket that would be great.

Robyn Ross
Youth Ministry Co-ordinator

YEAR 9 ITALIAN

On 27 July the Year Nine Italian class attended an Italian dance combined with students from around schools in the Sydney region. It was a very entertaining and enjoyable night at Five Dock for all the girls as we were able to dance and get to know people with all different levels of fluency. It was an excellent experience and one that was greatly looked forward to.

Thank you to all the teachers that organized the event, Mrs Parsons and Mrs Johnson.

Tahlia Clements Year 9 Italian

BRIGIDINE 30 YEAR REUNION


All ex students who may have daughters attending the college or teachers or any ex-staff members who taught during these years are most welcome

Please go to Full Details for further information.

Meri Hardi
(On behalf of The Reunion Committee)
THE THRIVE FESTIVAL
On the 10 August Mrs Day our Religious Education Coordinator and Mrs Ross our Youth Ministry Coordinator accompanied the following Year 9 girls Louisa Garcia Dolnik, Jennifer Hoe, Rebecca O’Donnell, Jaynell Villa, Poppy Aldous, Catriona Stirrat and Caroline Recking to the Thrive Festival at St Augustine College, Brookvale.

The first person who addressed the group was Steve Angrisano who is a singer and songwriter and was accompanied by Br James Maher MSC. Throughout the day they successfully combined music and worship which everyone enjoyed and participated in. Sr Noeline Simmons from ACRATH (NSW Australian Catholic Religious against Trafficking in Humans) made a presentation about modern day slavery all over the world. John Moloney (Australian Catholic Migrant Refugee Office) showed an interesting slide show on the refugees and migrants arriving to Australia from developing and war torn countries. Fr Tony Banks (Order of St Augustines) talked about the importance of the Eucharist. The main facilitator, Paul Skippen did a great job of organising the event and addressed the group numerous times during the day. At the end of the day everyone went home entertained and full of knowledge about the important issues of the world.

Year 9 Students
**RSPCA CUPCAKE DAY**

On Monday 20 August we hosted a cupcake day to raise funds for the RSPCA. Each year hundreds of thousands of animals turn to the RSPCA for help and the cost of rescuing, caring for, treating and rehabilitating these animals is over $75 million per year. As a charity that is not a government agency, they rely heavily on the generosity of the community to continue their vital work.

Our cupcake sale was a HUGE success and due to the dozens of delicious cupcakes brought in by our volunteers and generous monetary donations, we were able to raise $623 on the day! In addition to that a secure website was set up to enable donations online. Thus far we have raised a whopping $723, and we are still able to receive donations via the website (http://www.fundraise.rspcacupcakeday.com.au/michelle_gouveia). It would be great if we could raise a total of $1000, so please encourage your friends and family to support this worthy cause.

I would like to thank all of the volunteers for their help and support in making this day a massive success. Well done girls!!

Mrs Gouveia
ATHLETICS
Congratulations to the following students who have been selected to represent the CGSSSA at the Combined Catholic Colleges Athletics meet:
Tullia Votano, Molly Blakey, Jessica Thornton, Jessica McBride, Paige Winder, Hannah Denney, Ruby Breen, Monique Taukamo, Josephine Fedel, Bridget O'Connell, Ruby Vaingalo, Brooke Srbinovska

SPORTS AWARDS CEREMONY
The Annual Sports Awards Ceremony will be held on Tuesday 4 September in the Cullen Centre from 11.45am -12.45pm. All parents and relatives are welcome to attend and we would love to see you there.

SPORT and EXTRA CURRICULAR PHOTOS
All sport and extracurricular photos will be taken on Monday 3 September. All students need to be correctly dressed for these photos.

For all Sport Photos full PE uniform including Tracksuit Jacket, shorts or track pants, and white runners.

For all Extra Curricular PHOTOS FULL Winter Uniform, socks are acceptable, blazer is compulsory. If you are in both photos you need to bring both uniforms. Sports photos will be first. If the correct uniform is not worn then you cannot be in the photo

TUESDAY TOUCH (Term 4, 2012 and Term 1, 2013)
Team entries are due to Mrs Elder now. Teams can have maximum 10 players and minimum of 6. All teams must have a parent manager that can attend on Tuesday afternoons. Games held at Queens Park and run for Term 4 2012 and Term 1 2013.

BASKETBALL
Vanessa Panousis (Year 12) is currently playing in Europe representing Australia in the U17 team. Vanessa has been a stand out player in the last game against the Netherlands. According to Basketball Australia website “the 17 year old point guard, Vanessa Panousis exploded into life scoring a team high 23 points in addition to five rebounds and four steals”. Congratulations Vanessa and we will be watching your progress carefully and with great excitement.

Mrs Elder
Sports Coordinator
Eastern Suburbs Junior Girls Touch Academy are holding clinics for players aged 12 to 15 years on Thursday afternoons 4.00 to 5.30pm at Centennial Park Fields on Oxford Street. This clinic is for girls interested in trialling for the East’s Junior State Cup team. If interested call Justin Creighton 0404 843 726 or see Mrs Elder.

JUNIOR BASKET BALL LEAGUE:

Mrs Elder
Sports Coordinator
LIBRARY NEWS

Donations

We are quite overwhelmed by the donation from a member of our community for the sum of $500. This benefactor does not want their name to be made public; they simply stipulated that the money be spent on the library. We can’t express our appreciation adequately for this enormously generous gesture. I will certainly be publishing photographs of all the items bought with this sum of money.

Janet Morrissey, an ex-student of this college and the grandmother of current a current Year 8 student, Chloe Morrissey, has generously donated a number of rare and interesting items that will enrich both our girls’ understanding of their Brigidine heritage and several curricular areas. One of the items is a photo of two WW1 soldiers prior to their departure for war: one is headed to Palestine and the other to France. The photograph of these men, both uncles to Christina Cullen, combines the conventions relating to the formally posed shot with an emotionally laden departure: it is one of those special images that will speak volumes to the girls. There is also included a facsimile of two letters from one of the men to his brother and sister-in-law, Janet’s grandparents. The originals of these items are in the Australian War Museum. A beautifully bound 1919 copy of Ethel Turner’s *Brigid and the Cub*, with a WW1 theme has also been included. Janet has agreed to be interviewed and filmed by a couple of girls in the context of recounting her school experiences, including the experience of her First Holy Communion in 1947. This interview will be a wonderful resource for our girls, helping to bridge past and present and developing their understanding of the Catholic tradition. One of the girls involved in the filming will be Chloe Morrissey.

Christina Day, once again, has donated a number of new, popular books to the library. Many thanks, Christina!

Year 10 Author Talk

Year 10 were treated to a thoroughly engaging talk by Jessica Shirvington, the Australian author of a number of extremely popular young adult paranormal romance novels, on Tuesday during their Year group meeting – although Jessica prefers the term ‘story-teller’ to ‘writer’ or ‘author’. Unlike some authors who relate born-to-write bios, Jessica tells the tale of a school girl who rarely picked up a book, who always opted for the film version of a story if there was a choice and who preferred poetry to novels because of the ‘shorter length’. Jessica confesses that she regrets those years of non-reading: ‘It’s not just that the movie version doesn’t have the content... You miss the feeling of the sky opening up at our hero’s most desperate moment... and you can feel it with them as the rain seeps into their skin.’ Jessica believes that books offer something very special that cannot be replicated by the film-viewing experience: ‘It’s only through the combination of writer and reader that we get the perfect story... The reader injects something of themselves into the story.’
The success of Jessica’s talk is attested to by the number of girls who later visited the library in search of her novels. By the way, paranormal romance involves non-human love interests. Jessica Shirvington concentrates on angels but vampires, werewolves, demons and extraterrestrial beings are also part of the paranormal picture.

While some might describe the odd stares of some of the girls as ‘red eye’ and the right side of the photo as ‘over-exposed’, we know better. In the context of Jessica’s talk, it’s a sure sign of paranormal activity...

**Asian Cultures Collection:**
We are in the process of prettying up an additional reading nook which we will link to our Asian Cultures Collection. This nook is only large enough to accommodate a small but tantalising selection of this collection and to start off with we have decided to focus on Japanese, Chinese and Vietnamese culture. We are open to the donation of any decorative items for this nook and when it is complete, we will publish a photo.

**Oops**
In the last newsletter, I made reference to our discovery of a 1922 edition of Wilfred Owen’s poetry but it was actually an edition of Rupert Brooke’s poetry. So why did I make this slip, I wonder? It may have something to do with fact that Wilfred Owen is not only my favourite war poet but my favourite poet. His sentiments as a protest poet also sit more easily in my heart, although there is also something very affecting about Rupert Brooke’s youthful patriotism. Unfortunately, Rupert Brooke was killed in 1915 at the age of 27 while Wilfred was killed November 7, 1918, at the age of 25, just a week before the end of the war. There is a striking image of Rupert at the front of the book; it is easy to understand why Yeats described him as the ‘handsomest young man in England.’

**Trish Kennedy**  
**Teacher Librarian**
NIGHT PATROL

Night Patrol went out again last Wednesday the 22 August. But this time we went out with a bit of flavour. This was due to the wonderful efforts of Ms Jarman and her trusty team of cooks who toiled away all Wednesday afternoon, after school, to present us with some healthy treats for our night patrollers to distribute to our friends on the street. From all those who were lucky enough to taste them they were not only healthy but very tasty.

While thanking people I would also like to take this opportunity to thank those parents who went training during the last school holidays and is was wonderful to have Gabrielle McAnespie come out with us as well last Wednesday. Gabrielle was a real asset to our night and I know that she thoroughly enjoyed giving up her time to have a chat with our friends over a hot drink.

To all the Year 12 students who have carried on their wonderful social justice work throughout the year, I would like to thank them as well. Ably led by Jordann Crawford-Ash the Year 12 students have shown great maturity and understanding serving tea, coffee and a friendly smile when serving our friends at Ward Park and Martin Place. Saying this I would like to offer an open invitation to any of students to stay involved not just with night patrol but serving those who need help in our community.

Mr Mark Baldwin
Administration Coordinator
YEAR 11 WORK PLACEMENT
On Monday 6 August the following Year 11 Business Services students completed their first week of Work Placement.


The students came back to school with positive comments and happy to have put their knowledge and skills into practice. We are pleased to say that Savannah Clarke was offered a position after she completes her studies.

We wish to thank the employers and their staff for their commitment and support.
Belle Property Randwick, Galilee Catholic Primary School, LJ Hooker Maroubra, Randwick City Council, OLSH Primary School Randwick, Taylor’s Real Estate, Adams & Co, Coaching College Maroubra, Cushman & Wakefield, South Eastern Sydney Local Health.

Miss Catanzariti
VET Teacher
The Science staff wishes to congratulate all girls who participated in the recent Science competition. Our results were very pleasing; we gained 66 Credits and 10 Distinctions.

We would like to acknowledge in particular, the following girls as they gained a Distinction Certificate in their year level.

**Year 7**
- Rhianna Frahill
- Marina Hatzigiannis
- Andrea Jacenyik
- Holly Lockhart

**Year 8**
- Aoife Daly
- Lowri Funnell
- Caitlin Goutama

**Year 9**
- Emma Bowen
- Sarah McCormick

**Year 10**
- Kate Williamson

Distinction certificates will be presented to recipients at the full school assembly in week 1 term 4. This is the week nominated by Brigidine to be Science Week. There will be quizzes, presentations and performances, as well as a science show and a planetarium at the school that week.

**Miss Tapp**  
Science Department

**UNSW Visit**
On the 14 August, Year 11 Chemistry and Physics students attended a Science information night - "Science Stories” at the UNSW. The stories were:

- ‘Small particles, big science’
- ‘The awakening heart’
- ‘Molding the flow of light - photonics in astronomy’
- ‘Beyond the nano-world: tales of quantum physics, new elements, and the natural environment’

These talks opened our eyes to whole new worlds of science beyond what has been written down in our textbooks. The talks also gave us all an insight into the works of the various scientists that have sparked our interest. It was truly inspirational and exciting experience.

Thank you to Ms Tapp for giving up your time to accompany us.

**Caroline Suniary**
CHEMISTRY TITRATION COMPETITION
Results have finally come through for the state wide NSW Schools’ Titration Competition, which was held last term.
We are happy to report that one of our teams, comprising An-Ni Wu, Melissa Handaja and Stephanie Beshara, were ranked equal 15th out of 389 teams across the state. The team’s combined error score was 30.

This team has been invited to compete in the National Titration Competition, to be held at UNSW, on 15 September. Our girls will pit their skills against the best in Australia.

Across the 4 teams from Brigidine that competed in the State competition, some very good individual results were achieved:
Sacha McNamara (error score = 1); Saron Berhane, Paloma Siles & Melissa Handaja (error score = 4); Sonala De Silva (error score = 8); An-Ni Wu (error score = 9).

Well done and congratulations to all the girls who represented the College so well.

Best wishes to An-Ni, Melissa and Stephanie for the Nationals in September.

Mr K Burg

WORK EXPERIENCE AT QUEENSLAND CENTRE FOR ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES
On the 2 July, I had the opportunity to go to Queensland for a week and work at QCAT (Queensland Centre for Advanced Technologies). I met with many scientists and engineers who work to increase the international competitiveness and efficiency of Australia’s resource and related based industries. This world class research facility is renowned for its contribution to the mining, energy and manufacturing industries.

Frank Stacey and Jane Hodgkinson:
I met Frank who is in the process of writing and publishing a book. Jane is also "co-writing" the book as she gathers data and information to support Frank. The book that he is writing involves environmental issues including that of climate change and also the sources of ozone (or oxygen). Frank will be suggesting, in his publication, that there is not only 1 source but actually 2. He believes that in order to combat the issue of Climate change, we must first address the issue of where it arises. Along with Jane, who collates data into analytical graphs and tables, Frank examines the activity of different regions of the Earth and how they have changed and developed over time. He concludes that climate change is inevitable.
Phil Soole is a surveyor who helped in the creation and concomitantly, the commercialisation of SiroVision. He talked a bit about his own personal history and professional background and explained how he ended up at CSIRO. He explained the process of obtaining images from actual mine sites through the method of triangulation of certain objects. Phil goes on site and takes multiple pictures of the mine wall and the benches. By making note of how far he is from the wall and creating many points of a 2D image using SiroVision.

After the 2D image is created, a 3D image can then be made using a "mosaic" technique whereby, using the method of triangulation, you can link up the "points of reference". Phil also discussed the limitations of this method of obtaining the images and also told me about places where he had travelled to (Canada [Yellowknife], Chile and South Africa, just to name a few).

Peter Dean:
He is a software programmer who designed and engineered SiroVision. Peter explained the entire process of creating a program and that there are 3 required levels: the GUI (graphical user interface), the Domain and the Database. He used a certain program to create SiroVision which required the use of a lot of different codes. He explained that in order to create something like this, he must work in conjunction with geologists, geo-technical engineers and other professionals to see what is required. They will write a full report of what is needed (in terms of their own "jargon" and technical terms) and then the process is undergone.

Shivakumar Karekal:
Shivakumar explained a different modelling system of structures and faults which had a more numerical aspect as opposed to the geometric aspect. He showed me several computer simulations of this method that he had implemented and also some real life results obtained as well as the accuracy of his numerical modelling. He suggested that there were 3 main equations used in numerical modelling. They were the hyperbolic equation, the ellipsis (or elliptical) equation and the parabolic equation.

Kerstin Haustein:
Kerstin works within the signal processing and mine communications division. She is a software engineer and is currently developing an iPhone app that can be used to track workers and automated mining machines on actual mining sites. The development of the app has been very successful however, she explains that there is still more work to do in terms of its GPS signal strength and calibration as when tested on site in Queensland, it picked up a signal just off the west coast of Africa.
Priyanthi Hapugoda and Karryn Warren:
They both work within the ore characterisation division and allowed me to have a look at different samples of rock. In particular, I saw different grades of coal, some coke, iron ore and some other minerals. I was then exposed to the process of actually creating a sample to examine through the use of a resin to keep the coal or any sample in-tact. I was then able to polish the sample using the brand new equipment they had bought. Karryn also compared the equipment that they had recently acquired and the old machine that they used to use which highlighted the rapid advance of technology which has made certain tasks within scientific research easier. We then went into another laboratory where, using an ultra sensitive microscope that was connected to a "super computer", I was able to examine different coal samples and also examine their composition. I was able to identify some lipids, minerals and even oil within the coal samples which gave them impurities.

Overall, the week was very insightful. It has greatly helped in my future career decision. I felt extremely privileged to have had this amazing opportunity.

Saron Berhane (12 Winifred)