Welcome to our September Newsletter

Oh the happy ending, the happy ending
That the fugue promised, that love believed in,
That perfect star, that bright transfiguration.

Where has it vanished, now that the music is over,
The certainty of being, the heart in flower,
Ourselves, perfect at last, affirmed as what we are?

The world, the changing world stands still while lovers
kiss,
And then moves on – what was our fugitive bliss,
The dancer’s ecstasy, the vision, and the rose?

There is no ending – steps of a dance, petals of flowers
Phrases of music, rays of the sun, the hours
Succeed each other, and the perfect sphere
Turns in our hearts the past and future, near and far,
Our single soul, atom, and universe.

Kathleen Raine,
Irish

COMING EVENTS

Monday 8 October
Staff Development Day
Pupil Free Day

Tuesday 9 October
Students return for Term 4

Wednesday 10 October
Year 8 RE Test

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.
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Our Year 12 students finished this week. The majority of the girls seemed to enjoy the many planned events over the last couple of days. I do believe our students are extremely privileged to have such dedicated teachers who are so prepared to go beyond the call of duty to provide them with such lasting memories of their time here at Brigidine College. I would like to take this opportunity to wish the Year 12 students good luck and thank them for all they have contributed to Brigidine over the years. I pray and hope that each and every one of them always remembers to strive for her absolute best and to show strength and gentleness in all that she does.

The upcoming holidays will be a time of rest, refreshment and rejuvenation for all members of our community.

I remind all the girls to remain focused and return in Term 4 prepared to do all they can to make a difference in their final semester report.

Sentral Education Update

At the beginning of next term, students will be able to use their student ID card to sign in and out of the College. This is all part of the processes and procedures we are putting in place to streamline and tighten up on students arriving late and leaving early.

The attendance of students continues to improve. We again thank parents for their support and patience with the new implementation.

House Keeping Reminders

- Next term students return in their summer uniform, so please make sure they have been checked in time. This means that the length of the uniform should be just above the knee or on the knee.

- Next term students return to school on Tuesday 9 October, 2012.

- The school day commences at 8.35 am when the first bell rings. Please make sure your daughters arrive at school on time. Period 1 begins at 8.40am.

- Remember if you are picking your daughter up from school in the morning or the afternoon, then this should NOT be done in Aeolia Street.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Mrs Antoinette McGahan
**YEAR 12 SCHOOL LEADERS 2013**

School Captain: Hannah Denney  
Vice Captain: Maua Aluni  
SRC President: Beth Meldrum  
SRC Year Leaders: Tanya Balakumar, Bronte Franklin, Taylor Taueli, Erika Williamson, Rebecca Wilson, Mary Youssef

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Social Justice President: Paige Holland

**TEXTBOOKS FOR YEAR 12, 2013** can be obtained from T’s Bookstore.
For further information click on [Brigidine Booklist Year 12 - 2013](#)

**TOWARDS RIO**

Brenna Riley Year 10 and Jennifer Hoe Year 9 have their eyes firmly set on World Youth Day Rio 2013
Congratulations to the Year 9 students on their recent achievements.

Mrs Louise Smyth
Year 9 Coordinator

AMEB FLUTE EXAM
Congratulations on the recent Flute exam results (Australian Music Examination Board)
May
Henrietta Burns - A (Honours)

August
Niina Lagesen - A (Honours)
Holly Lockhart - A (Honours)
Kristen Mueller - B+ (Credit)

Flute Teacher: Tanya Silveira.

Ms Jacqueline Ainsworth Music Department
Term 3 in TAS News

In Hospitality, the term year 11 students participated in their week long work placement that proved to be a rewarding experience for all. Some students gained part time employment or were at least offered the opportunity to return when timing was right. This week in industry is so important for the students as they see the preparation that has happened at school translate into real experiences with time deadlines, work pressures, large scale equipment and chef’s that have their reputation to preserve. This year girls were fortunate to experience many city hotels such as Sheraton on the park and The Westin as well as a range of clubs and restaurants including Bonnie Doon Golf Club, Souths Juniors, Ravesis and Catalinas.
In Year 11 Food Technology, a Lemon Meringue Pie assessment task became a year 11 recess feast. In class the students presented their research on the functional properties of food evidenced in egg whites foaming, pastry browning and lemon curd holding its sweet place in a pie. The students then happily shared the fruits of their labour with their peers.
In Year 9 Design and Technology students were lucky enough to experience two great activities in one day. In the morning we attended a workshop at the Powerhouse Museum where we were able to look at a great initiative, The Australian Dress Register, showcasing clothes, textiles and fabrics from across different eras and periods. This includes garment investigation, photos, object information, design inspiration and even an electronic swatch book. We learned that corsets were originally made out of whale bone (which actually wasn’t whale bone, but part of the whale’s filter system) and that pregnant women and children as young as 8 years old were expected to wear corsets to improve posture! Our very own Kayte Keryniotis was chosen to model a corset which apparently “wasn’t all that uncomfortable”! Try getting any waist down to 13cms as was the aim back in the day!

The highlight of the day was definitely the Theatre Costume Showcase at Ultimo TAFE in the afternoon. On a runway set up, we were lucky enough to witness fabulous costumes from both past and present modelled by Diploma of Costume for Performance students who wowed us with their amazing costumes full of skill, beauty, innovation and creativity. Their ability to relay a story through costume, music and dance was inspirational!

Year 9 Food Technology Pop-Up Stall Task
On Friday 19 October, the year 9 Food Technology students will be selling summer themed products to Brigidine students as part of a pop-up stall task they have been planning and organising. These students have been working in groups for this task which has involved defining pop-up stalls, analysing why they are currently popular, creating timelines showing how they will manage the task and calculating a selling price for their product. All we are waiting for now is the cooking, preparing, packaging and selling. Products include delights such as Mars bar slice, summer cup cakes and ice-cream cookie sandwiches.

Mrs Donna Ginzburg and the TAS Department
INTER SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN
On the 7 & 8 September three girls represented Brigidine College for the first time at the inter schools Equestrian event.

Maddison Taylor, Stefanie Cass and Zoe Cass went to Camden to compete against over 200 different schools. Considering this was the girls first competition they did quite well winning two ribbons each.

EVENTS:
Stefanie: 45cm Jumping, Bounce Pony, Keyhole, Bending, Hacking pairs, Galloway Hack, Consolation, Hunter
Zoe: 45cm Jumping, Bounce Pony, Keyhole, Bending, Hacking pairs, Galloway Hack, Consolation, Hunter
Maddison: 45cm Jumping, Bounce pony, Bending, Keyhole

RESULTS:
Stefanie on Magic came 2nd in Hacking pairs, 4th in Galloway Hack and 6th in jumping
Zoe on Banner came 2nd in hacking pairs and 5th in Galloway Hack
Maddison's horse unfortunately injured its legs so was unable to compete. Maddison ended up riding Magic in the jumping and came 7th.

The girls also competed in the sporting and did quite well, although they didn't get a place.

They were extremely happy with their results and look forward to future events with even better results and a bigger riding team for the school.

Stefanie says: "It was so much fun, the weather was perfect, it was all just for fun and I loved camping the night with the horses".

Maddison says: "It was disappointing that my horse Willow couldn't make it, but it was still a lot of fun and I am definitely looking forward to the next interschools!
Zoe says: "I was very proud of Banner, he was a good boy, and we had lots of fun together and look forward to more competitions with all the other girls soon to join us."
CGSSSA DANCE

Congratulations to all our Dance Teams that competed in the Championships at Santa Sabina on 12 September. This year we entered four teams into the Championships and the girls did extremely well. Our Creative team came 2nd place with an incredibly beautifully performed dance, the Hip Hop Team finished 4th place, the Tap 5th and the Jazz 7th. All girls are to be congratulated on their performance and achievements, the girls trained extremely hard throughout the whole 10 weeks and their dedication to dance was commendable.

A very special thank you must go to the Choreographer and Dance Teacher, Shelley Bays. We are incredibly lucky to have Shelley on our team and her expertise in choreographing the four teams was amazing.

CGSSA DANCERS

- Madeline Land
- Natasha Toms
- Josephine Fedele
- Michaela Inglis

- Sheridan Jones
- Lauren Donohoe
- Maylene Lam-Hang
- Amelia Chichester
- Neve Tobin

- Olivia O’Brien
- Monique De Giovanni
- Ashleigh Elder
- Belinda Banks
- Becky Wilson
- Mia Sfara

- Ellyn Featherstone
- Beth Meldrum
- Caitlin Duffus
- Lowri Funnel

- Melanie Brennan
- Ruby Breen
- Chiara Harbutt
- Lauren Wilson
- Claudia Zakher

- Amelia Chichester
- Lauren Wilson
- Grace Ackary

Mrs Kate Elder
Sports Coordinator
COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGES ATHLETES

Congratulations to all the girls who were selected to represent the GHSSSA Athletics. All girls competed extremely well with some outstanding results.

- **Tuly Votano** 5th 80 Hurdles 13 years
- **Molly Blakey** 1st 15 yrs 200 m (New Record) 1st 15 yrs 400 m 2nd 15 yrs 100 m
- **Jessica Thornton** 1st 14 yrs 100 m 1st 14 yrs 200 m 1st 14 yrs 400 m
- **Hanna Denny** 2nd 15 yrs 1500m Walk
- **Josephine Fedele** 5th Javelin 4th Discus 5th Shot Put
- **Ruby Vaingalo** 4th Shot Put
- **Brooke Srbinovska** 6th Shot Put
- **Monique Taukamo** 3rd Discus

BUSINESS STUDIES AND ECONOMICS COMPETITIONS

Earlier this year, Year 12 Business Studies and Economics classes sat the UNSW Schools competitions. The competitions attract over 14,000 participants from Australia and New Zealand.

Congratulations to the following Economics students:

**Credit:** Megan Pandika and Lily Rayment

**Business Studies students**
**Credit:** Deanna Lyell, Christie Morrison and Katrina Xu

Ms J Nicolas
HSIE Commercial Coordinator

LATEST BRIGIDINE CAREERS BULLETIN:

Careers Bulletins can be accessed on [Link to Careers Page]

Mrs Lynne Wallace
Careers Advisor
NATIONAL CHEMICAL TITRATION COMPETITION

On Saturday 15 September, three of our Year 12 Chemistry students, Melissa Handaja, An-Ni Wu and Stephanie Beshara, made their way to the Chemistry labs at UNSW to compete in the National Titration Competition. Nearly 40 teams, from schools across NSW, were present to compete in this competition, which required exceptionally high levels of skill, accuracy and perseverance to correctly analyse the composition of an unknown sample.

Ready for Action

After three hours of lab work, the teams came out of the lab, only to have to wait for yet another hour until all results had been checked, and the order of merit worked out.

Our girls performed very well, each receiving a silver medal, and as a team, were ranked in the top 20 across all NSW. Well done!

Mr Kevin Burg
(Science Department)
Our Bush Haven Project started 6 years ago after extensive excavation of the very steep sandy slope on the Coogee Bay Road side of the school left the slope denuded of vegetation. Since then we have a small band of students and teachers who work on our native garden and have developed this area to an area full of native flora attracting a variety of birds, insects and little reptiles.

On the weekend, at the Randwick City Council Eco Fair, the 8th Annual Randwick City Garden Awards were announced and Brigidine was awarded 2nd Place in the Schools Category behind Maroubra Public School.

We were pleased to be acknowledged for the work the girls do coming back with our certificate, a beautiful Encyclopaedia of Garden Design Book (now in the library) and $100 gift voucher to purchase more plants from the Randwick City Council Nursery.

Mrs Rowena Dawson
YOUTH FORUM

On Wednesday 12 September, 8 students from Brigidine College attended a Youth Forum at the CEO (Catholic Education Office) at Daceyville. The following students from year 8 were Sally Walker, Grace Ackary, Tara McKellar and Lauren Edwards as well as Chiara Harbutt, Holly Lockhart, Naomi Little, Sarah Stirrat representing year 7. It was a privilege to go to this special event. The topic was ‘Sin and Forgiveness’ and we were joined by several other schools from the Eastern Region’s Diocese and some guests. These guests include Bethany College who performed a dramatization about the topic, Dr Dan White and Fr Brendan Quirk. The main speaker was Mrs Anita Finneran.

When we arrived at the Catholic Education Office, we were greeted with some lovely afternoon tea. We then watched a video called ‘What I love about my Catholic Faith’. The video featured people answering this question. We then did our first set of questions and then presented our ideas to the rest of the forum. Each person at our table was given a word and on the back was a scripture passage which related to the word. We had to write what it said to you about being a Catholic. We each had different answers to this question. We then had to link the pieces of paper together to make a chain. After that we were privileged to hear Anita’s song ‘For You I Live’. We then had the dramatization by Bethany College followed by the welcome and introduction from Dr Dan White.

Everyone then had another set of questions about the effects of sin and recognizing it. Afterwards we had Fr. Brendan Quirk give a talk about the topic. Another set of questions followed this. These questions were about the importance of forgiveness. Just before the forum ended, we linked arms and the chains together with all the other schools. Mrs Anita Finneran then broke this chain to show us how we’d react if somebody broke the connection we have with each other. Everyone was shocked but forgiving. It was a very fun and informative afternoon and we would like to give a big thank you to Mrs Ross and Mrs Day for taking us to such a wonderful afternoon.

By Sarah Stirrat, Naomi Lockhart, Holly Little & Chiara Harbutt –
SCIENCE NEWS


Each program is designed to provide students who have an interest in science with an opportunity to engage in a wide range of fascinating science activities under the guidance of scientists who love their work.

The program takes place in over thirty-seven universities and tertiary institutions, within many different laboratories and lecture theatres. Participants perform experiments in the laboratories, meet and hear senior lecturers in the lecture theatres, attend site visits and walk around and experience what it is like to be on the campus of a university or tertiary institution. More than 53,000 students have taken this rare opportunity, up to date.

The program also provides information about further studies in science, technology and engineering. It highlights the wide range of careers that allow students to pursue their interest and abilities in the sciences.

One aspect of the programs often commented on by participants is the opportunity to meet and share ideas with students from different schools. Each program includes a BBQ or other social activity.

For links to programs go to [Past and Future Programs](http://www.scienceexperience.com.au/about-the-program/about-the-program)
ROBOGALS SCIENCE CHALLENGE
This is your chance to showcase your talents and win cool prizes.
Your challenge, should you choose to accept it, is
1. Create a science project
2. Film it, and send GE energy the video online
3. Win awesome prizes
Prizes include:
Return flights to the awards ceremony in Melbourne on 1-2 December
(incl. transportation to the nearest city)
Accommodation at the Park Hyatt Hotel
Visits to science related attractions, trophies, science kits, magazines subscriptions
and more!
For more info, please visit: www.sciencechallenge.com.au
Entries close 31st October. 2012.

Science Week Term 4 Week 1
BRIGIDINE’S SLEEK GEEK FILM COMPETITION
What's involved?
The idea is to communicate a scientific concept(s) in a way that is accessible and entertaining
to the public while painlessly increasing their science knowledge by "learning without noticing". All you need is a handycam or flip camera - it’s about the content and creativity.
For inspiration check out the top 2012 entries on the ABC Science website.

Entries are to take the form of a one to three minute video piece and a 50-word description of the video content. Entries may be produced by an individual student, or a group of up to six students. Read the Judges Hints and Tips on the ABC website on producing an award-winning short film!
Prizes: will be awarded to the best film in each year group.
How to enter: Email your science teacher your film and word document or submit them both on an USB to your teacher. Entries close Wednesday 10th October.

START ROLLING!