Welcome to our November Newsletter

BRIGIDINE PARENTS & FRIENDS
ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING
Monday 19 November 2012 @ 7.00pm in DC5

AGENDA

1. Opening Prayer & welcome
2. Apologies
3. Minutes of previous Meeting
4. Correspondence
5. Executive reports
   - President
   - Treasurer
6. Principal’s Report
7. AGM ELECTIONS for Executive Positions
8. Matters for future meetings & closure

COMING EVENTS

Friday
30 November 2012
MUSIC CONCERT 8.00pm

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
Dear Parents,

When the Brigidine sisters purchased the gentleman’s estate of Aeolia in 1901, the estate was eight acres. I have a facsimile of a postcard sent to a boarder at the school in 1906 which shows the address as Mt St Brigid Convent Belmore Road Randwick and there are many intriguing photos which show the changes over the years to the school and in its surrounds.

Our challenge at the moment is that Brigidine now stands in the centre of a restaurant strip. Well and truly gone are the eight acres of gardens and paddocks. Aeolia Street is the remnant of what was the carriage circle going up to the substantial house (which became the Convent and is now the aged care facility Brigidine House). The present entrance to the school was only ever the back of the original property and convent school. It is not serving us very well as a formal entrance especially now that we are surrounded by restaurants and modest apartments above them.

The restaurants make a good deal of rubbish and Mr Beehag, our Business Manager, and I have been working with the Randwick Council to ensure that the restaurants don’t dump their rubbish bins in front of Brigidine and leave them there all week. The more we rang the Council to remove the rubbish, the more people in the neighbourhood put rubbish out knowing that we would organize it to be taken away. Since then, the Council’s strategies have been very helpful and effective. For a while there I was very disheartened as we witnessed the corner of Aeolia Street and Aeolia Lane become a dumping ground for everything from old furniture to bags of meat scraps. There has been improvement too in the numbers of crows and ibis around the school; these birds were in heaven as they adeptly opened rubbish bins and picked through scraps. It seemed to me, doing this quite gleefully, as the rubbish went flying out into the entrance to the school. Ernest, the one winged, over confident crow, has moved on.

There are two more restaurants opening in The Spot; one teacher bemoaned the end of the bakery which has been there since, as a boy, he walked up to Marcellin. I notice when I arrive in the morning and when I leave at night that taxis have taken to parking in Aeolia Street. The Randwick Council has been most helpful with our rubbish problem but we have had no help from Council or RTA for our problem with cars illegally parked in Aeolia Street and with ensuring that the girls cross Perouse Road safely in the afternoon. Because of the rubbish from the restaurants, the rubbish truck is in Aeolia Street more often in the morning. I say to parents again, Please do not stop in Aeolia Street when you are dropping your daughters off. The girls are all quite capable of walking to school from another place near the school. This is especially important on rainy days. The girls have to organize themselves to have a fold up umbrella in their bag and walk through the rain to where you are waiting in the car. The changes in our neighborhood mean that it is very difficult now to actually turn a car around in Aeolia Street.

Improvements to the presentation of the school entrance take up a good deal of my thinking and I hope that by the middle of next year the entrance, canteen area and Kilbride courtyard will look much more salubrious.

May Brigid, bless these changes and you all in your homes

Ms K Edmondson
Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
The Class of 2013 joined the Brigidine Community for the first time this week for their Orientation Day. The 144 2013 Year 7 students experienced a day filled with the real taste of Brigidine’s hospitality and spirit. Most of the girls appeared to be somewhat nervous but in no time they relaxed and were excited to be at their new school.

I do believe they had a wonderful time and are eagerly looking forward to next year. Thank you to Mrs Adriana Parsons for her meticulous organisation along with the assistance of the Year 7 Team – Ms Jacqui Ainsworth, Ms Isabella Catanzariti, Mrs Sharyn Eves, Mrs Kerry Giuffre, Mrs Kylie Little, Ms Lorraine Spillane and thank you to all our support staff who assisted in all facets of the day.

PRESENTATION DAY
We have our annual Presentation Day on **Friday 14 December commencing at 1pm in Cullen Hall.** It is compulsory for all students from Years 7 -11 to be present at school for this event as it is a perfect opportunity for our College community to acknowledge and celebrate the academic achievements of our students for 2012.

Parents are invited to attend this event as we consider your presence an important part of acknowledging the academic achievements of your daughters. I look forward to seeing many of you join us on this very special occasion.

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS
The Years 7 – 11 Parent Teacher Interviews will take place on Tuesday 18 December and Wednesday 19 December. On both days the sessions available for appointments are 8.30am – 11.00am and 1.45pm – 3.20pm. **Students are expected to accompany their parents to the interviews in school uniform.** Reports will be posted to parents prior to these days. Whilst these interviews are optional, it does provide a valuable opportunity for parents to discuss the strengths and challenges in relation to their daughter’s achievements for Semester 2.

Bookings can be made on [www.sobs.com.au](http://www.sobs.com.au) as of Monday 19 November and will close at 10pm on Sunday 16 December. Instructions regarding bookings on line will be included in the latter part of this newsletter. 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](http://www.sobs.com.au) website. Parents wishing to change their interview times after the closing date should contact the school directly on 9398 6710.

The following teachers will not be present during the upcoming Parent Teacher Interviews as they will be on leave:
- Ms S Horne
- Mrs Jodie Gordon

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 this event. The last day of lessons for students for Term 4 is Friday 14 December
UNIFORM
It is really important that your daughters are reminded of our school rules regarding uniform. So please remind them that:

- No makeup is to be worn;
- One pair of earrings – studs or sleepers only in the lowest part of the lobes;
- Hair is to be neat and tidy usually tied back with ribbons in uniform colours;
- White ankle length socks with bottle green trim only;
- Black leather low heeled shoes - lace up only; and
- The PE uniform is not to be worn to school except when students have sport.

Variations to the uniform are not permitted. Refer to the school diary for more details.

Students are always reminded to remain focused, think positively and strive for their personal best in all they do. This includes their personal presentation.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Mrs Antoinette McGahan

ASX SCHOOLS SHARE MARKET COMPETITION 2012
Over the last 10 weeks Years 9 Commerce and Year 11 Economics students have been participating in the ASX Schools Share Market Competition. The competition involves students using a hypothetical $50,000 portfolio to buy shares in the top 100 companies listed on the ASX. Students are able to buy and sell shares using real time prices and at the end of the 10 week period the student/s with the highest valued portfolio win the competition. The volatility in the share market over the past year has provided students with an invaluable lesson regarding share market investing.

Congratulations to the following students, who managed to make a paper profit of almost $2,340 in an extremely volatile market. The average return on portfolios amongst NSW participants was a loss of $350.

1st Place: Dynamos – Ashley Carr, Kelsey Archondoulis, Lauren Shine and Nathalie Ahlias

And followed very closely by the following students who made a paper profit of $1,425 and $1,144 respectively:

2nd Place: Big Spenders - Carmen Chan and Brittany Nipperess
3rd Place: FM 6530 – Fiona Rivai and Merlyn Romit

Most of the teams performed extremely well throughout the competition. Nine of the fourteen teams were able to return a “profit” while the remaining five teams unfortunately made a small “loss”. Well done girls!

Ms J Nicolas
(HSIE Commercial Coordinator)
Brigidine College presents:

CHRISTMAS HAMPER CONCERT 2012

TIME: 8:00pm
WHEN: 30th November
WHERE: Cullen centre

COST: ADULTS $5.00
      STUDENTS/CHILDREN $2.00
TAS NEWS
We are delighted to announce that TEN students have been nominated from this year’s Design and Technology HSC class for inclusion in the DesignTech Powerhouse Exhibition. This is an exhibition recognising outstanding Design works and will be on display from February 2013 at the Powerhouse Museum.

Congratulations to the following girls for this very special achievement:

Monique Bryson; Georgina Papayianakis; Brontey Price; Stephanie Lara; Emma Singer; Diandra Malivindi; Amelia Calder; Grace Deacon; Melissa Leverett; Natalie Caro.
Ms Donna Ginzburg
TAS Coordinator

LINK TO CAREERS BULLETIN
For up-to-date Career’s Information go to Link to Bulletin No. 16
Link to Careers Bulletin No 16
YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

On Friday 19 October, as part of an assessment task, the Year 9 Food Technology students created fantastic pop up stalls at Brigidine College selling delicious summer-themed treats after weeks of planning. Lead up activities included justification of their chosen product, outlining any food safety aspects involved, recipe costing and designing stickers for packaging.

There was a strong emphasis on team work for this task and the students did brilliantly with all stalls selling out of their scrumptious goods which included berry crepes with cream, fondant and butter cream topped cupcakes, fresh fruit jelly cups, ice-cream cookie sandwiches, mars bar slices, spider drinks and frozen lemonade fruit icy poles.

And the icing on the cake.......the $250 raised on the day will go to Make-A-Wish, the charity chosen by the Food Technology girls to benefit from their fabulous work. Make-A-Wish grants wishes to children with life-threatening medical conditions to enrich the human experience with hope, strength and joy.

Mrs McCarthy, Year 9 Food Technology teacher

The Year 9 Pop-Up Stall task was an overall success, we all enjoyed working within a group and learning cooking tips off each other. Our task was to create a summer themed dessert, and we all filled the brief and sold all of our products. We also made a great profit to go to a charity of our choice. In the end, this task was challenging but really fun and it was great to see people buying and enjoying our food!

Natalie Murray and Sophie Dicalfas, Year 9 Food Technology students
ST BRIGID’S FIRE

Many thanks go to all those students who participated in Healthy Treats for November. Students gave up their Wednesday afternoon to prepare healthy biscuits for our senior students to take out on Night Patrol. The girls are really fantastic: they work together; they take so much care to make the food tasty and they even clean up!

Year 11 students, with the help of Ms Watson, are organising a group to attend the walk through Coogee accompanying the following screening:

The Australian Human Rights Centre will mark the UN designated International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women (25 November) and the sixteen day campaign of activism against gender violence, which ends on Human Rights Day (10 December) by showing a special screening of Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide.

When: Tuesday, Nov 27th, from 6pm to 8pm
Where: Ground Floor Theatre, Faculty of Law (F8), UNSW, Kensington Campus
Cost: Free

Some interesting ideas to be aware of:
- St Vincent de Paul Christmas Appeal. www.vinnies.org.au
- The Story of Stuff http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9GorgroigqM

Ms Monica Jarman
On Monday 12 November the Brigidine Aquathon Team competed in the CGSSSA Aquathon at Merrylands Pool. The Aquathon is a Biathlon event which consisted of a 400 metre swim and a 2-4km run depending on age. We had 51 competitors from Year 7 to Year 11 competing, all of the girls put in a great effort and performed exceptionally well on the day.

We were up against tough competition this year and Brigidine came through with some great results. The Senior team placed 1st overall & the Intermediate team placed 2nd overall, with Brigidine gaining 2nd place as a school for the competition.

A big congratulation to the following girls:

- In the Junior teams event Amelia Rubio and Stephi Fiala placed 3rd.
- In the Intermediate teams event Jessica Thornton and Brooke Emerson placed 3rd.
- In the Senior team event Emma Smith and Cassandra Maglione also placed 3rd.
- In the Individual event Emma Thompson placed 3rd and Georgia Thompson 4th for the Intermediates and Bella Raymond also came in 3rd for the Senior Individual event.

Well done to all our CGSSSA Aquathon Representatives. We are very proud of your efforts on the day and particularly for the sportsmanship and support by all team members. Congratulations!!!

Ms Mazzeri, Mrs Gordon and Miss Michaels
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OR $200 for the lot!
Text Virginia 0425 275 316