

Brigidine College Newsletter

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Welcome to our February Newsletter

Dear Parents,

I was given this reading recently and I think it is an excellent one for Lent.

Ours is not the task of fixing the entire world all at once, but of stretching out to mend the part of the world that is within our reach. Any small, calm thing that one soul can do to help another soul, to assist some portion of this poor suffering world, will help immensely. It is not given to us to know which acts or by whom, will cause the critical mass to tip toward an enduring good. What is needed for dramatic change is an accumulation of acts adding, adding to, adding more, continuing. We know that it does not take everyone on Earth to bring justice and peace, but only a small determined group who will not give up during the first, second or hundredth gale.

One of the most calming and powerful actions you can do to intervene in a stormy world is to stand up and show your soul. Soul on deck shines like gold in dark times. The light of the soul throws sparks can send up flares, builds signal fires, causes proper matters to catch fire. To display the lantern of the soul in shadowy times like these – to be fierce and to show mercy toward others; both are acts of immense bravery and greatest necessity.

Struggling souls catch light from other souls who are fully lit and willing to show it. If you would help to calm the tumult, this is one of the strongest things you can do.

There will always be times when you feel discouraged. I too have felt despair many times in my life, but I do not keep a chair for it. I will not entertain it. It is not allowed to eat from my plate.

The reason is this: in my uttermost bones, I know something, as you do. It is that there can be no despair when you remember why you came to earth, who you serve, and who sent you here. The good words we say and the good deeds we do are not ours. They are the words and deeds of the One who brought us here. In that spirit, I hope you will write this on your wall: ***When a great ship is in harbour and moored, it is safe, there can be no doubt. But that is not what great ships are built for.***
From 'You Were Made For This'. Clarissa Estes

COMING EVENTS

Friday 1 March 2013

BCR Swimming Carnival

Monday 4 March 2013

Years 7 & 8 Vaccinations
Catch-ups

Wednesday 6 March 2013

College **OPEN DAY**

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.



Do you have another daughter you want to enrol at Brigidine? Sisters have priority enrolment at Brigidine but only if the enrolment forms are lodged at the office by 29 April 2013. Students can ask for an enrolment form for their parents from the student office.

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell,

Ms K Edmondson
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

This year in implementing our new Behaviour Management Policy we have revamped the College Planner to reflect this. One the key aspect of this policy is to instill in our students respect for self, others and our environment – Page 17 in the Planner clearly outlines these fundamental and basic principles.

RESPECT, RULES, RESPONSIBILITY

Brigidine College Randwick recognises the need to promote a climate within the College Community which promotes a high degree of responsibility and respect within students.

Respect can be demonstrated by the following:

Respect Yourself

You always act with respect and dignity for yourself by:

- Taking pride in your uniform and appearance;
- Using language & conduct that is appropriate at all times and in all situations; and
- Having high standards in your class work and home work.

Respect Others

You are a member of the College Community. As such you should show respect by:

- Representing the community in a positive manner at all times and in all situations;
- Being courteous and prepared to help others;
- Acting safely with concern for others;
- Being considerate of others around you at all times;
- **NOT** touching another student's or teacher's property or person; and
- Adhering to the "**Hands Off**" rule.

Respect Property and the Environment

Students should be aware that the environment and school property are made available for the use and enjoyment for all. This can be shown by:

- Looking after your College environment and caring for school property by cleaning up after yourself;
- Not interfering with the property of others;
- Not vandalizing or defacing property; and
- Being responsible for your own property and valuable items.



COLLEGE PLANNER

The College Planner provides parents / carers with information about the following

- How to use the Planner – Page 4
- Parent/Guardian and Student Permissions – medication, photos, ICT Policy, movies – Page 5
- Behaviour Management Policy – Page 19
- Antibullying Policy – Page 23
- Uniform Policy – Page 27
- Procedures to Follow – Page 31

This information assists parents when they are seeking an answer to a question or a query or they are seeking clarification about some aspect of the College. If you are unable to find the information you require, please do not hesitate to contact the College.

Also in the Planner this year, we have created a Home/School Communication Page for each day to allow correspondence to take place between parents / carers and teachers. I would encourage all parents / carers to familiarise themselves with the College Planner so that we are able to assist you in the best way we can.

GENERAL REMINDERS

Just a reminder of some important expectations of students and implications for parents:

- The school day commences at 8.35 am when the first bell rings. The girls are expected to go to their Period 1 lesson at this time. The class roll is called at 8.40 am. **Please make sure your daughters arrive at school on time.** Students should arrive before 8.30am to ensure they are ready for Period 1.
- Girls who arrive late for any reason should report to the Office immediately to sign in. If a student arrives late without written explanation, the student is supervised in Tullow. A note of explanation from parents in the diary is sufficient to explain the lateness and to allow entry in their Period 1 lesson. Two unexplained lates will incur 20 minutes of detention during lunchtime and three lunchtime detentions will incur one hour detention on a Tuesday afternoon.
- Both Informal and Formal Assessments are critical to the learning of all students. **ALL** assessments count towards their final reports.
- Every student should have homework, revision and preparation to do **EVERY NIGHT**. If this is not possible on a specific occasion, then extra time should be set aside on the next night to compensate.
- Bus and train passes are a privilege. Students are required to meet the conditions set out by the transport authorities. These authorities actually have the right to withdraw passes if used incorrectly. **Students are required to catch the bus for which the pass has been issued. Also students are not permitted to lend their passes to anyone.**
- If your daughter is absent from school, please ring. A note of explanation is required on the first day of her return.
- All students should be in their Summer Uniform. **No makeup is to be worn.** One of earring in each ear (studs or sleepers). Hair tied back with ribbons in uniform colours. White ankle school length socks with the bottle green trim. **Black leather low heeled shoes - lace up only.** Variations to the uniform are not permitted. **The PE uniform is ONLY to be worn to school when the student has sport.** Refer to pages 27 & 28 of the school diary for more details.

Finally, the traffic around Aeolia Street and Prowse is increasing and causing many issues especially for buses. This is a reminder to all parents that there is **NO PARKING** in Aeolia Street. **Collection and drop offs should happen on Coogee Bay Road in the designated areas provided by council.** The worst times to collect and drop off your daughters are between 8.25 am—8.35 am and 3.15 pm—3.40 pm. Perhaps you might consider arriving and departing outside these times. Double parking is also not permitted and **IT ONLY TAKES A MINUTE TO CREATE AN ACCIDENT.**

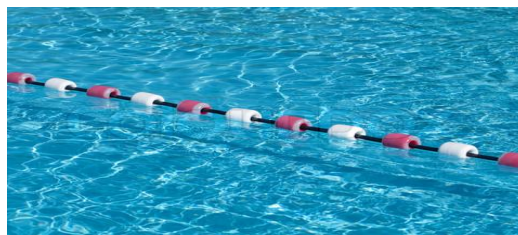
Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Mrs Antoinette McGahan



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

THE ANNUAL SWIMMING CARNIVAL WILL BE HELD
ON FRIDAY 1st MARCH
AT BOTANY POOL.



Students in Year 7 will be bussed to the pool and back to school at the end of the day. **Year 7 must arrive at school for 8.00 Roll Call. It is estimated that students will be back at school between 2.30-3.00pm**

Students in Years 8 to 12 must make their own way to the pool and home. **Roll Call will be at the pool at 8.30am.** If any student in Year 8 to 12 needs to catch the organised school bus they must fill in the permission note and return this to their roll teacher. If catching the bus you need to be in the Main Quad at 8.00am. The carnival will commence at 9.00am and finish at approximately 2.00pm.

All student supervision will conclude at 2.15pm. Therefore, could all parents/carers please ensure that your daughter has made adequate arrangements for her return home at the conclusion of the carnival. Pool authorities do not permit children to remain at the pool and they must leave at the conclusion of the carnival.

Please note that the Swimming Carnival is a **compulsory** College event. If your daughter is absent on the day of the carnival due to illness, please contact the school and inform them of her absence either by leaving your message on voicemail or contacting the office at 8.00am. On her return to school she must present a doctor's certificate to her roll call teacher.

The carnival will be held regardless of weather

All students must come prepared with hats, sunscreen and drink bottles. If it is wet weather you are advised to bring appropriate clothing.

If you are still not sure about the weather conditions or if the carnival will go ahead, SMS 'Brigidine' on 19922767. This will send you a message regarding the carnival. The message will be available at 7.00am on the day.

Canteen facilities **will be available from 10.30am.**

Dress for the Carnival

Students may dress up in their House Colours for the carnival but they must make sure they are in appropriate clothing to travel in. **NO PAINT IS TO BE USED AT ANY TIME AS DRESS UP.** If you do not wish to dress up you are to wear correct PE uniform.

All students must be aware of sun safety and wear appropriate clothing to prevent sunburn as well as using sunscreen and wearing a hat. Stay hydrated and drink plenty of water.

We hope to see lots of participation from all girls and great team spirit. Good luck to all teams and all swimmers.



Congratulations to Jessica Thornton who competed in the NSW Junior Athletics Championships. Jessica competed in the U16's group and won Gold in the 100m, 200m and 400m. Fantastic achievement Jessica!

EQUESTRIAN

Good luck to the girls competing in the 2013 Equestrian State Interschool Championship. The girls will be competing against students from all over NSW at Horsley Park on 1st to 3rd March. Best of luck girls and we look forward to your results.

Natalie Melis, Zoe Cass, Stefanie Cass (Year 9) Kate McLennan (Year 10) and Bree Irvine (Year 11).

AFL

Any student interested in playing AFT for Maroubra Saints are encouraged to attend trainings at Heffron Park on 5 March from 4.30pm onwards. Any girl who has an interest in AFL or a willingness to try a new sport are encouraged to attend. For details please contact Mike Reiners or Vanessa Cann. Phone 0425 244 087 email maroubrasaints@gmail.com

NSW COMBINED CATHOLIC COLLEGE

Any student who would like to attend trials as an individual in Netball, Basketball, Cricket and a variety of other sports, need to register now ONLINE. This is for students who are representing their sport at a very high level and would like to trial for Rep Teams at NSW Catholic Schools level.

All information regarding selections is now on the website and parents need to register in order to enrol their daughter. Please follow the directions below:

Parent Access

1. Please go to the website www.csss.nsw.edu.au
2. **GO TO THE HELP BUTTON**
3. Select **I AM A PARENT/GUARDIAN**. You can either retrieve your password or get a password.
4. Set up a PARENT ACCOUNT
5. Now you can log in
6. Select the sport you are interested in
7. Select REGISTER. Here you will either be asked to make an EXPRESSION OF INTEREST or to REGISTER. This is different for each
8. Once you have completed all the information an email will be sent immediately to the diocesan/association rep, principal and sports coordinator for approval (Consent)
9. Select you payment option – direct deposit or credit card. You will not be marked as paid immediately as accounts need to be manually reconciled. This usually takes 7 working days.
10. You can log in at any time to see the status of your registration.
11. Please make sure your details (email address and mobile) remain up-to-date so that you can be emailed or sent a text message.

Ms Kate Elder – Sports Coordinator



MOCK TRIAL NEWS

Brigidine v St Clare's College

Our first Mock Trial for the year will be held on Wednesday 27th February at 4.30pm at Brigidine College in CU1.

The trial should conclude at approximately 7.30. Family and friends wishing to attend to support the girls are most welcome.

Good luck to the team!



Ms J Nicolas
HSIE Coordinator

SHARING THE VISUAL ARTS WITH YOUR DAUGHTER

Last year at parent teacher interviews I met many wonderful parents who asked the question "How can I support my daughter in the Visual Arts?"

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to look at art in galleries and public places. Unfortunately, students tend to head to the computer and look at tiny reproductions of artworks which give them no idea of scale, texture or colour. There are so many wonderful books out there where we can view art. Best practice is to view the actual artwork.

We live in Sydney where there are many free opportunities to look at artworks close up. This can be a lovely experience to share with your daughter and family. It is not necessarily about understanding everything you view but just being open to the experience. If you are looking at a painting, step up close and step back. When viewing a sculpture, walk around it. Ask questions, then enjoy a coffee.

You can be more organised and view online the exhibitions coming to the city. All the major galleries have permanent collections you can wander around and enjoy the time with your daughter.

The *Art Almanac* will give you details of exhibitions all around the state and can be found online or bought for \$4 at any gallery. Here are some suggestions to start with.

Art Gallery of New South Wales, Art Gallery Road, Sydney NSW 2000 Open 10-5pm daily, except Christmas Day and Good Friday www.artgallery.nsw.gov.au/

Established in 1874, the Art Gallery of NSW is proud to present fine international and Australian art in one of the most beautiful art museums in the world.

Museum of Contemporary Art, 140 George Street, The Rocks Sydney
Open Monday to Wednesday 10-5pm, Thursday 10- 9pm, Friday – Sunday 10-5pm
<http://www.mca.com.au/>

Located in Sydney, the museum contains Australian and international contemporary art exhibits, including a collection of Aboriginal Art.

White Rabbit Gallery, 30 Balfour St, Chippendale NSW 2008
Open 10-6pm Thursday to Sunday www.whiterabbitcollection.org/

The White Rabbit Collection is one of the world's largest and most significant collections of contemporary Chinese art. It focuses on works produced after 2000.

Deirdre Brennan
Visual Arts Coordinator





WYD13 – The pilgrimage of a lifetime!

In July this year, over 300 students from Sydney Catholic schools will gather, along with millions of pilgrims from all over the world, in Rio de Janeiro to celebrate World Youth Day XXVIII. This once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will also give each of our students the chance to celebrate Mass with our newly elected Pope!

On the way to Rio, students will participate in a range of mission work projects throughout Latin America which is sure to enrich their own, and the local communities, World Youth Day experience. Furthermore, all pilgrims will then participate in a post-WYD retreat on the border of Brazil and Argentina at the newly named wonder of the world, Iguazu Falls.

It is not too late to register for our World Youth Day pilgrimages. All students who register will receive a \$500 subsidy from the Catholic Education Office Sydney. For further information, please see our Youth Ministry Coordinator, **Mrs Robyn Ross**, for further information.

Uniform Shop News

WINTER UNIFORM FITTINGS:

- Saturday 23rd February
- Saturday 2nd March
- Saturday 9th March
- Saturday 16th March

Appointments must be made for these fitting dates by phoning the uniform shop on a MONDAY ONLY between 8.00am-2.00pm. Telephone: 9398 6710 extension 8.

Anne Scivetti
Uniform Shop Manager



Sisters of Charity Outreach

Would you like to volunteer with us?

Sisters of Charity Outreach is committed to supporting people in need within NSW through the active participation of trained volunteers and staff. Our motto is "Compassion in Action"

Roles of Volunteers

Visiting the socially isolated [<i>South East Sydney or Liverpool Area</i>]	Supporting mothers and children escaping Domestic Violence [<i>South West Sydney</i>]
Helping in Court Support [<i>Darlinghurst or Liverpool</i>]	Transporting country people from airport/rail to medical appointments. [<i>Needs to live near Airport/Central railway</i>]
Hospitality & Reception [<i>Accommodation Cottage, Westmead</i>]	Assisting in shop/raffle/markets days [<i>Darlinghurst</i>]
Assisting with Parent Support Programs [<i>Liverpool</i>]	Counselling [qualified] [<i>Darlinghurst</i>]

Training Essential -5 units [3 hours each]

- **There are 3 volunteer training programs beginning Tues, Mar 19 [Westmead] and Wed, Mar 20 [Darlinghurst] and [Liverpool].**
- **Other training programs begin May 29 and Sept 4 2013**

Applications or enquiries Ph: 9822 5980 or 8382 6430 or www.sistersofcharityoutreach.com.au

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS FOR SALE

ITEM	SIZE	CONDITION	PRICE
Senior Jacket	12	Very Good	\$60
Junior Dress	12	Fair	\$20
Kilt	10	Good	\$30
Track Suit	16	Excellent	\$50
Pullover	12	Very Good	\$25
Short Sleeve Blouse	10	Good	\$10
Sport Shorts	10	Excellent	\$8
Swimmers	10	Excellent	\$10
Sports Cap		Good	\$2
Back Pack		Good	\$30
Sports Hav-a-Sack		Good	\$5

Contact: Ms Giulia Inga: 0407 293 121

GARMENT	SIZE	CONDITION	PRICE
School Dress	6	Excellent	\$50
Pull Over	12	Excellent	\$40
Tracksuit	14	Excellent	\$80
Short Sleeve Polo	12	Excellent	\$18
Shorts	6	Excellent	\$12
College Back Pack	Medium	Excellent	\$30
Sports Cap		New, unused	\$5
Sports Hav-a-Sak		Excellent	\$8

Contact: Margaret Chan 0422 573 989 / 8033 1157 or email:

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