Welcome to our March Newsletter

From Pope Francis’ Inauguration Mass 19th March 2013.
“The vocation of being a "protector", however, is not just something involving us Christians alone; it also has a prior dimension which is simply human, involving everyone. It means protecting all creation, the beauty of the created world, as the Book of Genesis tells us and as Saint Francis of Assisi showed us. It means respecting each of God’s creatures and respecting the environment in which we live. It means protecting people, showing loving concern for each and every person, especially children, the elderly, those in need, who are often the last we think about. It means caring for one another in our families: husbands and wives first protect one another, and then, as parents, they care for their children, and children themselves, in time, protect their parents. It means building sincere friendships in which we protect one another in trust, respect, and goodness. In the end, everything has been entrusted to our protection, and all of us are responsible for it. Be protectors of God's gifts!”

These fine words from our new Pope stand as an inspirational summary of how we should live. It speaks of attention to the needs of others and the need for sincerity in our relationships. I am excited about living at a time when our authenticity as Catholics is spoken about in terms of how we protect and provide for the most vulnerable. May Pope Francis be blessed with our support for his vision of a more loving and tender human family. May Brigid bless him and all of us:

Spread your mantle, O Brigid, Mary of the Gael,
May your protection never fail.
Spread your mantle over me,
Where’re I pass, where’re I be;
Weather foul or weather fair,
Keep me in your loving care,
Till I rest, my journey o’er, with God and you forever more.

(D.O’Laoghaire)

Ms K Edmondson
Principal

COMING EVENTS
Friday 29 March 2013
Good Friday
Monday 1 April 2013
Easter Monday
Tuesday 2 April 2013
Year 12 Study Day
Wednesday 3 April 2013
Year 12 Exam Commence
Friday 12 April 2013
Last day Term One

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
It is very important for students look back at what they have achieved so far and what they need to do before Term 2 begins. We are now almost half way through Semester One, students can still make a huge difference in their overall performance. The senior students have their Assessment booklets outlining the Assessment Tasks planned throughout 2013. This is very valuable and allows students to successfully plan prepare and complete tasks.

Thank you & The Year 7 Camp
Overnight camps and retreats don’t take place without the generosity of staff in order to give our students a different experience. It is an enormous commitment from teachers to be away from their families. We sincerely appreciate and are extremely grateful to the teachers who attended the Year 7 Camp this year - Mrs Parson, Mrs Day, Ms Ainsworth, Mrs Eves, Mrs Gouveia, Mrs Guiffre, Mrs Honig, Mrs Lee, Mrs McCarthy, Ms McColl & Miss Watson. The girls had an awesome time getting to know the rest of their year group and doing some extraordinary activities

Miss Watson kindly drove three of our College Leaders up to Collaroy to spend some quality time with the Year 7 students. The leaders were very excited to be doing this which has become part of what we do at Brigidine. The Year 7 students also loved having the Year 12 leaders visit them and participate in some of the activities. The leaders stayed overnight and returned to school with Year 7. Thank you to Miss Watson for her generosity in ensuring the leaders were given this opportunity.

Lent & Project Compassion
The Lenten Pastoral Letter of the Bishops of NSW “Sowing In Tears” talks about Lent words such as repent, return, recover, repair, renew… And so it truly emphasises to me that not only is Lent a time to prepare for the gift of the resurrection, but it is a time to reach out to others which may include ‘realigning our hearts and minds on God’, support each other, rebuilding broken relationships, working harder at existing relationships, spending more time with family or doing something to help others.

Our school community has done a good job so far bringing in the $10 per family. Some families have been more generous. We thank you all for your support in this endeavour as Caritas does great work for the poor and vulnerable throughout the world. We have one more week to go in encouraging our community to keep bringing your money in. To date the girls have collected almost $4,400. Our target is $7,500. This is a great effort and I am hoping the girls will continue this generosity till the end of next week. It only takes a little to make a big change and thereby making a real difference in the lives of others.

Holy Week & Easter
Next week is certainly the most important week in our Church’s Liturgical calendar. It is a time when as a faith community and on a personal level, we reflect in particular on the struggles that our fellow human beings are suffering in many parts of the world. It is a time to remember the Easter message which is always one of love, renewal and hope. I wish everyone the blessings of Easter. May the hope of Easter and the joy of our Risen Christ be real in our lives every day.
**Behaviour in Public**
I would like to remind the girls that whilst we acknowledge that each girl is unique, when they are in school uniform they represent the entire Brigidine College community. Each student is expected to be on her best behaviour at all times especially when in public. This means that students are

- To behave with respect and dignity;
- To be courteous and polite;
- To refrain from using inappropriate language;
- Not to loiter in shopping areas, at train stations or at cafes;
- To travel directly to and from school without any diversions unless physically accompanied by a parent or guardian;
- To be wearing the correct full school uniform; and
- To act in a responsible and mature manner.

**Impetigo**
There have been a couple of reports of Impetigo. Impetigo, or school sores, is a highly contagious skin infection caused by the bacteria, Staphylococcus and Streptococcus. The infection is characterised by inflamed blisters that pop, weep and form crusts. Impetigo is more common during the warmer months. Treatment options include antibiotic cream, ointment, syrup and tablets.

The incubation period is the time between being exposed to the bacteria and the development of signs and symptoms. The incubation period is usually one to three days for Streptococcal and four to 10 days for Staphylococcal infections.

If your child has Impetigo, then they must stay home as Impetigo is highly contagious. If you send your child to school with Impetigo, then you will be contacted to take them home.

**Next Week and End of Term**
All students are expected to attend every day over the three weeks as normal. Good Friday 29 March and Easter Monday 1 April are public holidays. Year 12 Half Yearly Exams begin on Wednesday 3 April. They have been given Tuesday 2 April as a Study Day. School term ends on Friday 12 April.

Next term begins for students on Tuesday 30 April and students are expected to return in their winter uniform. Winter uniforms should be checked for size and length so any alterations or adjustments that are needed can be made well in advance.

Finally, thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

*Mrs Antoinette McGahan*

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**Year 12 Chemistry & Physics Excursion To Ansto**

On the 28 February, Mr Burg and the Year 12 Physics and Chemistry students went out to the Australian Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) which is situated in Lucas Heights. We went to ANSTO to further our learning about nuclear science. We learnt about medical and industrial radioisotopes and the different forms of radiation produced from unstable isotopes (alpha, beta, gamma rays). We were shown to the Open Pool Australian Light Water Reactor (OPAL), where we learnt about the science behind the reactor’s capabilities. The excursion to ANSTO was a very enriching experience as we learnt about the benefits of nuclear science in medicine and industry, and contrary to the media, it is not always a dangerous substance only used in warfare. We were also made aware of ANSTO’s very strict guidelines with the handling of nuclear waste and nuclear materials and the architectural containment of nuclear reactors, in case something in the reactor went wrong.

Overall the excursion was an enjoyable day of learning and fun with friends and on behalf of the Year 12 Physics and Chemistry class I would like to thank Mr Burg for accompanying and driving a bus load of excited noisy students to and from ANSTO.

**Tanya Balakumar, Year 12**

**Library And D & T Joint Project**

The library is privileged to have the talented Design and Technology Department and their Year 10 elective students on board with a refurbishment project that involves the creative recovering of sixteen old blue sofa chairs. We are investing in various high quality fabrics with the girls treating the project very seriously: the library is the ‘client’ of these skilled girls, with their assessment developing their capacity to meet industry standards.

No wonder so many of our girls go on to high flying careers in Design and Technology related professions! This project will not only build the girls’ skills but it will also allow them to contribute directly to the ‘fabric’ of their school and the beauty and function of their learning environment. Mrs Little and I thoroughly enjoyed sourcing fabrics: we were like kids in a candy store.

**Ms Trish Kennedy**

**Teacher Librarian**
Year 12 Design And Technology Excursion 2013

On Wednesday 27 February the Year 12 Design and Technology students went on an extensive excursion around Sydney, involving three key sites, Central Park Broadway, University of Technology and The Power House Museum. We started the day at the conveniently located Max Brenner chocolate store for a debriefing and then made our way up to the roof top gardens of the Quadrant apartment. From there we were able to gain a clear perspective of the scale of the project that is Central Park.

We were introduced to the Central Park project by Lisa McCutchion from Frasers Property. She provided us with a great insight into the massive development and of the sustainability issues that the company is working on. Lisa’s depth of understanding was invaluable and gave us a complete overall picture on what is surely to be a landmark project for Australia and abroad.

Next we ventured into the creative world that is the faculty of Design, Architecture and the Built Environment at U.T.S. The faculty tour conducted by Courtney Woonton gave the students an opportunity to brush shoulders with and see tertiary design students in action. Courtney generously offered us a number of good contacts which our students can use to gain information and technical support. The 3D Extruder of the UTS will be especially helpful. These contacts will assist now and into the Year 12 students future design careers.

To finish off the day we made our way down to the Powerhouse Museum’s Design Tech seminar which gave the Year 12s valuable guidance and direction for the development of their Major Design Projects.

Exhausted? Yes. Inspired? Absolutely

Mr Richard Hainsworth
Design & Technology Department
Sports News
Tuesday Touch
A fantastic 12 week season has come to an end with Brigidine College once again being awarded the CHAMPIONSHIP SCHOOL. This was the result of our winning teams who played their hearts out to win their Grand Finals.

Congratulations must go to all 19 teams who participated in the competition held over two terms. Every student represented the school at the highest level and was great ambassadors for Brigidine College.

A sincere thank you to all the parent managers and all the parents who came along each week to support their daughters. It would not be possible to enter this many teams without your continued support.

A huge thank you to Ms Michaels who helped co-ordinate the teams and came along each week to support.

Congratulations to the following girls who were awarded BEST AND FAIREST in their divisions.

- SENIOR A  HANNAH DENNEY
- SENIOR C  JENNIFER CHAN
- JUNIOR B  MAYLISS CAILLON
- JUNIOR C  VICTORIA STOJANOVIC
- JUNIOR D  TEEBANA BALAKUMAR

Congratulations to the 12 teams that reached the semi-finals and the 7 teams that made it through to the Grand Finals. Of these 5 teams won their Grand Finals. Congratulations to the following teams on your successful season and good luck to everyone for the next competition.

- JUNIOR A  BRIGIDINE 10
- JUNIOR B  BRIGIDINE 12
- SENIOR B  BRIGIDINE 5
- SENIOR C  BRIGIDINE 7
- SENIOR D  BRIGIDINE 17
Brigidine Five
Division – Yr 10-11 Senior Division 3
CHAMPIONS
- Hannah Sinclair
- Roisin Broderick
- Milly Wilson
- Emma Smith
- Kathryn Masterson
- Rose Seelin
- Holly Stratton
- Sarah Duncan
- Ariella Jelic
Parent: Paul Masterson

Brigidine Seven
Division – Yr 10-11 Senior Division 3
CHAMPIONS
- Samantha Murray
- Ilana Eklof
- Cassandra Defrancesco
- Jennifer Chan
- Sara Joukhador
- Corrine Lawrence
- Tamarra Kennedy
- Sophia Lekkas
Parent: David Lawrence

Brigidine Ten
Division – Yr 8-9 Junior A Division 4
CHAMPIONS
- Ruby Price
- Ruby Breen
- Caity Duffus
- Chelsea Winder
- Olivia Gooch
- Mia D’Agostino
- Mia Bataille
- Yasmin Brischi
- Billie Hooper
Parent: Chris Price
Nino D’Agostino

Brigidine Twelve
Division – Yr 8-9 Junior A Division 4
CHAMPIONS
- Ailish Mead
- Ali Godfrey
- Brooke Emerson
- Grace Lavorato
- Sinead Docherty
- Bronte Carolan
- Poppy Aldous
- Sophie Chadwick
- Emily Donohoe
- Tata Hayes
Parent: Philip Docherty

Brigidine Seventeen
Division – Yr 8-9 Intermediate Division 5
CHAMPIONS
- Zoe Luck
- Holly Fishwick
- Kristie Chandra
- Teebana Balakumar
- Niina Lagesen
- Sarah McCormick
- Caroline Recking
- Miriam Mercer
- Kayla Carrol
- Louisa Stenenson
Parent: Timothy Fishwick
**CGSSSA Touch**

On Wednesday 13 March, Brigidine College entered an U15’s and Open team in the Catholic Schools Touch Championships. Both teams played extremely well with the Junior Team reaching the Semi Finals. The depth of talent amongst our girls was evident with the selection of 4 students into the CGSSSA Squad.

Congratulations to Ruby Breen, Ruby Price, Jessica Thornton and Grace Bambridge, and good luck with the trials and further selection.

Thank you to our coaches Emma Ryan, Kate Murphy and Natalie Murphy. It is fantastic to have such dedicated ex-students who are willing to pass their skills onto the younger players.

Congratulations to all teams who put in a fantastic effort on the day and displayed incredible skills at such a high level in this sport.

**JUNIOR**
- Ruby Breen
- Ruby Price
- Jessica Thornton
- Tully Votano
- Olivia Gooch
- Mia Hannah
- Caitlin Duffus
- Monique Taukamo
- Amelia Rubio
- Chanelle Peeti
- Paige Winder
- Chelsea Winder

**SENIOR**
- Lisa Scott
- Grace Bambridge
- Tylar Morelli
- Lindsy Bennett
- Hannah Denney
- Elyse Hamanis
- Rebecca Wilson
- Emma Smith
- Rose Seelin
- Ariella Jellic
- Danielle Duncan
- Mayliss Caillon
- Jemma Mitsias

**Southern Courier Junior Sports Champion**

Congratulations to **Jessica Thornton** who has been awarded the Southern Courier Junior Sports Champion for 2012. Jessica received this award based on her outstanding achievements in Athletics and Surf Lifesaving.

This is a fantastic recognition for Jessica who has been working extremely hard in all her areas of competition and with a significant long term goal to compete in the 200m sprint at Rio de Janeiro Olympics in 2016. Jessica is well on her way!
School Girl Head Of The River

Congratulations to Ellyn Featherstone, Abbey Featherstone and Elisa Sfara who represented Brigidine College at the School Girl Head of the River Rowing Regatta.

Mr Featherstone said it was commented on a number of times, that it was the first time anyone from Brigidine College Randwick had competed and what a good effort it was from the girls. The three girls made the Finals and although they were disappointed not to place, that was an incredible effort against some very tough competition.

Well done girls. Brigidine is proud of you and your efforts and good luck with your Rowing.

Ms Kate Elder
Sports Coordinator
Swimming Carnival 2013
We were finally blessed with beautiful weather for our annual Swimming Carnival and the spirit of Brigidine College definitely came alive in an array of colour and house spirit.

Attendance was a record high and this is indicative of the great enthusiasm our students show for the Swimming Carnival, and they were proudly led by all Year 12 students and the diligent House Captains.

Special thanks to Melissa Hill (ex student), Janet Hill and Kerry Ellis for their official presence on the day. Thank you to the PD/H/PE staff for all their hard work to ensure the smooth running of events on the day, and thank you to all the Brigidine staff for their support in making the carnival such a successful day.

Congratulations to all Age Champions and the Winning House – WINIFRED.

- 12 years Champion  Lauren Eskin
- 13 years Champion  Charlotte Wilson
- 14 years Champion  Emily Barrett
- 15 years Champion  Grace Galway
- 16 years Champion  Hayley King
- 17 years Champion  Emma Smith
- 18 years Champion  Gabrielle Raymond

- SCHOOL CHAMPION 2013  Hayley King
- WINNING HOUSE 2013  Winifred  Captained by Johanna Roberts and Monique Hoareau
- HOUSE SPIRIT 2013  Regina Mundi  Captained by Kelly Cremen and Elyse Harmanis

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