

Brigidine College Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

Friday 12 April 2013

Last day Term One



Monday 29 April 2013

Pupil Free Day

Term 2 – School Resumes

Tuesday 30 April 2013

Students Return

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. This causes dangerous traffic for the students.

Welcome to our April Newsletter

Dear Parents,

Below is a section taken from the blog of *America: the National Catholic Review*, written by Terence W Klein. It emphasizes how important our world view is when talking about faith and the reality of the risen Christ in daily life.

“Here’s an Easter question. Why didn’t the resurrected Christ appear to those who had sought, or sanctioned, his death, people like the High Priest Caiaphas or the Roman Procurator Pontius Pilate? Wouldn’t that prove, beyond any doubt, that he had risen from the tomb? Jesus back from the dead, overwhelming his enemies? Why not bring his one-time enemies to their knees, both to ratify his resurrection and to compel confession of their sin?”

I’ve posed the question in a way that I hope answers it. Christ did not compel recognition from his foes because Christ does not compel, because God will not enter our world in a way that removes our freedom.

The sceptic should note that the disciples report that they themselves were not anticipating that Jesus should rise from the dead. Indeed, they fail to recognize him when he does appear. Each time, Christ must reach out to them in intimacy. He must call them by name, perform a much loved, and easily recognized, gesture, as when he breaks bread among them at Emmaus (Lk 24: 13-35).

But isn’t it entirely possible that Jesus could only be experienced by those who ran the risk of receiving him? Isn’t that why, when Peter first looked inside the empty tomb, he only saw wrappings, but when the Beloved Disciple looked, “*he saw and believed*” (Jn 20: 8). Isn’t it possible that, had his enemies’ hearts been open, they too would have seen Jesus? The resurrection of our Christ is not a story of power compelling penitence. It’s an invitation to see and to believe, to believe in order to see, and, in seeing, to love.” Terence W Klein



I communicated with parents earlier this week about Ms McGahan's secondment by the Catholic Education Office to be the Acting Principal at All Saints girls school at Liverpool. I have also received Ms Gail Hakos' resignation. In addition, Mrs Day our Religious Education Coordinator will be on long service leave in Term 2. These teachers all have Year Twelve classes so the executive staff of the school has been very busy ensuring that the school timetable is changed so that our HSC students will have the best possible teaching and learning experience. We will farewell and thank Mrs McGahan, Ms Hakos and Mrs Day at an assembly on the last day of this term. Early next week I will communicate to parents about the changes to the executive staff here at Brigidine which have been sanctioned by the Regional Director of the Catholic Education Office.

The girls come back to school in winter uniform. I expect each girl to attend to her uniform so that it adheres to our uniform code here at Brigidine. Wearing the uniform correctly is not only about self discipline; all girls then have the experience of knowing that they are making the contribution which they promised when they asked to be enrolled here. Keeping promises is well worth practicing.

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell

Ms K Edmondson
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

This is my final newsletter to you for 2013. As you know I will be taking up the position of Acting Principal at All Saints Catholic Girls' College, Liverpool from the beginning of Term 2 until the end of 2013, I will return in 2014. Although I am absolutely delighted and excited about this fabulous opportunity, I do feel sadness in leaving this vibrant community which radiates 'Strength and Gentleness'. My leadership role at Brigidine for the past three years and a term has been indeed an honour and privilege and has certainly taught me a great deal. I thank each and every one of you for your continued support, commitment, conversations and assistance throughout my time here. Thank you to the staff, parents and students for making my experience here so worthwhile. I take this opportunity to express my deepest gratitude to Kate Edmondson, our College Principal, for her trust and confidence in me.

Thank you

Our endeavours at Brigidine are always about offering young girls as many different opportunities as possible to become a part of a wonderful, caring and supportive community. Our College is exactly that place where each student is cared for and nurtured. I am sure that both staff and students are looking forward to the holidays. I take this opportunity to thank the staff for all their hard work and support throughout this incredibly busy term.



Project Compassion

I am so proud of our students and our community. The majority of students took on graciously the challenge of almsgiving by contributing \$10. There are still a few families that still need to bring this contribution to school. Brigidine has raised over \$7000 for Caritas. We as community have really taken on board **it only takes a little to make a big change**. This will make a significant difference in the lives of those who are much less fortunate than we are. Thank you to the Brigidine community.

To the Students

As Term 1 ends I remind all students across all years that this is the opportune time to reflect on what you have achieved and what you need to do before Term 2 begins. **Each student can still make a difference in her performance and achievement before the end of Semester 1**. I encourage each student to always remember the following saying which really sums it all quite well –

“Fail to prepare, then prepare to fail.”

Finally I wish everyone a well deserved, restful and safe holiday. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Mrs Antoinette McGahan
Assistant Principal

PROJECT COMPASSION

As of last Friday our Project Compassion donation to Caritas is sitting on just over \$7,000.00 which is our largest Project Compassion fundraising amount to date. Congratulations to Year 8 Xavier (Ms Tita's homeroom) who were the first class to bring in their donation and all of Year 9 who were the first year group to bring in their donations. We also had a very generous homeroom teacher who matched his students dollar for dollar to encourage them to bring in their money. It's a wonderful effort from all of us and more importantly it will be used extremely well by Caritas.

If there are any students who have not yet brought in their family donation of \$10.00 could I please urge you to do so. This money is urgently needed and it will be greatly appreciated. Remember too, that this donation comes about because we are willing to forgo and give up certain luxuries for Lent, and as Ms Edmondson stated in this newsletter over 6 weeks ago, this donation of \$10.00 per family amounts to less than \$2.00 per week which is not an onerous sum. Hopefully we will be able to make an official presentation to Caritas at an assembly next term. Wishing you all a wonderful holiday.

Mrs Day - Religious Education Coordinator



HEALTHY TREATS

On 3 April, some students from years 7-10 volunteered to stay after school to participate in the Healthy Treats program.



This program allows junior students to contribute to the Night Patrol Program as they are too young to go out themselves. At this session students baked fruity oat biscuits and zucchini savoury muffins. Everyone had a fun time cooking with their friends, and enjoyed the opportunity to provide healthy snacks for the homeless of Sydney's streets. A big thank you to the TAS department for allowing us to use the kitchens, and to Mrs Gouveia, Ms McColl and Ms Chaloner for helping us out.

Meredith Soh, Jaynell Vila, Zoe Luc

"OPENING THE HEART"

Please come to "mass, talk and reflection" this Wednesday April 10th from 5.30 pm to 7 pm at St Patricks in the City. The focus of the talk is on "Opening the Heart". This is part of the Marist Laity Australia monthly meetings. Mass will start in the Church and then move to the crypt. For more information contact info@maristlaityaustralia.com or just turn up.



SPORTS NEWS

CGSSSA SWIMMING

Our 2013 Swimming Squad competed at Ryde Aquatic Centre on Tuesday 19 March. This year our squad competed in **Division 2** and was placed **FIRST**. The girls gained some excellent results, placing us 5th overall! With this result we will compete in Division 1 in 2014. We are now awaiting results to determine which students will be selected in the Combined Catholic Colleges team. Congratulations to all girls and we wish all CCC representatives the best when they compete at the next level. Special thanks to Hannah Denney and Erika Williamson who assisted the team on the day!



2013 Swimming Squad

Charlotte Wilson	Erika Williamson
Emily Barrett	Hannah Denney
Casey Trivas	Jessica Thornton
Grace Galway	Hayley King
Liana McMorrow	Emma Smith
Jacquie Fiala	Lauren Eskin
Senna Gulden	Phoebe Horgan
Hannah Sinclair	Bella Raymond
Rachel Turner	Georgie Penry
Keeva Mead	Ruby Breen
Samantha Benbow	McKenzie Bell

Ms Kathy Mazzeri & Mrs Atkins
PD/H/PE Department



CONGRATULATIONS to **Molly Blakey and Jessica Thornton** who competed in the National Junior Athletics Championships in Perth on the 11-15 March. Both girls did exceptionally well and are incredibly talented athletes.



Jessica Thornton won a gold medal in the 400m, silver medal in 100m and the 4x200m relay and also gained a bronze medal in the 4x100m relay.



Molly managed to win the 400m and finished with 4 gold medals in the 400m, 100m, 4x100m relay and 4x400m relay.

Molly needed to compete up an age in the Under 18 400m and won this as she already has her qualifying times to compete at the World Youth Championships in Ukraine in July.

Molly is now one of 21 students in Australia to attend The World Championships. Congratulations Molly and good luck!

Tuesday Touch

A reminder to all girls who participated in the Tuesday afternoon touch competition, that you must return your singlets by the end of term. If your shirt is not returned by then a \$50 charge will be placed on your school fees.

Congratulations to **Ruby Breen and Jessica Thornton** and **Grace Bambridge** who have been selected into the CGSSA Rep Touch team to compete in the Combined Catholic Colleges Competition. Well done girls and good luck.

Mrs Kate Elder
Sports Coordinator



THE CLANCY PRIZE - "WE ARE WINNERS"

On Friday 17 March I attended 'The Clancy Prize' at Australian Catholic University. This is the Visual Arts Exhibition for the Sydney's Catholic Secondary Schools.

It was a privilege knowing that 12 Fauves paintings from Brigidine were chosen to be part of a collaborative artwork. These paintings were created by Year 7 last year.

It was called '*There where we are, we find God*'. As one of my paintings was chosen, I represented Brigidine College in the Clancy Prize. Guess what? We won first prize for a collaborative art work. I accepted the certificate from one of the judges Lachlan Warner who is a lecturer in Visual Arts. It was great experience seeing everyone's wonderful paintings and representing Brigidine.

The following girls were winners:

Antonella Campos-Donohoe, Kaitlin Colla, Tara Cunney, Jingfei Hou, Anastasia Kharitchova, Emma McGee, Brigitte Roberts, Bianca Schwaiger, Sarah Stirrat, Bridget Tan, Sandy Wooden, Alice Zhang.

Carolina Knight (Year 11) and Maxine Williams (Year 12) also represented Brigidine College, Randwick in the exhibition. I think we are all winners.

Bridget Tan – Year 8



YEAR 9 EXCURSION - ART GALLERY NSW

On 15 March, Year 9 Visual Art students had the opportunity to visit the Art Gallery of NSW. The three main exhibitions that we visited were: Art Express (selected HSC works from 2012's Year 12), the John Kaldor Family Collection and 'Soul of Simplicity', seven centuries of Korean ceramics. The main point of the excursion was so that the students could gather some inspiration for their work now and in the future.

The guide explained to us that we were not allowed to take flash photos of the paintings unless they had signs saying we could. All aboriginal artworks were not to be photographed either as they are sacred to the aboriginal people. The first exhibition we visited was the Art Express exhibition which contains various selected artworks of the Year 12 students from the HSC of 2012.

There was such a variety of artworks in the exhibition ranging from photographs, to ceramics, to paint on canvas. I really enjoyed the different stories and depth that a lot of the artworks portrayed, from peoples attempts to capture what it's like to dream, the struggles of mental illnesses, the absolute silliness of first world problems or the importance of communication all through different types of artworks. It definitely gave me a real idea of what I would maybe like to do in regards to art for the future.



The second gallery that we visited was the John Kaldor Family Collection. This was a fun gallery to visit and had some crazy things and was a real hit with everyone. The collections range was so extravagant you wouldn't know what you'd come across. A scary realistic clown lying down in the middle of a room, to a dark mysterious room that contained nothing to be scared about whatsoever but the pure mystery of the room still sent chills down my spine. This was a real fun factor of the gallery that expressed the ability to make art into the strangest things.



The very last exhibition that we visited was: 'Soul of Simplicity': seven centuries of Korean ceramics. This was a very important exhibition for us to visit, as visual art students are doing ceramics this term. Even though our time was restricted in this last exhibition we still got to see a vast amount of different ceramics. The ceramics in this exhibition are collected from the Goryeo and the Joseon dynasties and many were loaned from the Museum of Oriental Ceramics (Osaka in Japan), which contains the most extensive and outstanding collections of Korean ceramics worldwide. It was great to observe the beautiful ideas and patterns that were put on these ceramics and it definitely put great ideas into the heads of the girls as what they would like to do on the surface areas of their pots. We could consider the detail we would include and how we would incorporate colour into our ceramics.

After we visited our last exhibition we went to collect our bags and with parental permission were dismissed to make our way home or caught a bus back to school. I think the excursion was a great experience and as well as being fun and educational put some great ideas into our heads as to what we would like to put into art as students studying art. It was definitely worthwhile and was a great way to spend the afternoon. I hope to go back to the gallery sometime soon. ☺

Estelle Cartwright, Year 9 Winifred.

**INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY
ART PRIZE
RANDWICK CITY COUNCIL 2013**



Cassandra Ciccarelli has won First Prize (19 years and under) in the International Women's Day Art Prize. This exhibition is held annually at the Community Centre for the Randwick City Council.

Cassie's video work titled *Metamorphosis* was exhibited last year at *Brigidine College Annual Visual Arts Exhibition*. It explores ideas of gender and the audience found it very engaging and challenging.

Johanna Roberts and Natalie Tveshor represented the school with their paintings. *Maxine Williams* exhibited sculpture.

The exhibition is now closed however, Cassie's video will shortly be available for viewing on the council's website.

**Ms Deirdre Brennan
Visual Arts Coordinator**



LIBRARY NEWS

LIBRARY COMPETITIONS

Parents, please encourage your daughters to enter at least one of the competitions that are being run in the library between now and Book Week, August 16. The competitions are listed below and are open to any of the 7 to 10 year groups.

1. READING CHALLENGE

Students who read at least 20 books across at least two genres will be eligible for a Brigidine Reading Challenge Participation Certificate. There will be a major prize of a visa card with \$50 value and in the case of a truly outstanding run of entries, there may be an additional prize. Examples of books and genres have been posted on the College Library site: 'Info-quest'. If your daughter is not yet accessing the library site with its many assignment/research tips and competition opportunities, then she is missing out on a lot: please send her to me for some assistance.

The girls must demonstrate their reading in a number of ways:

- a print reading log or journal that takes three or four sentences to summarise each book, then adds some interesting, well supported impressions of the book
 - a film, delivered on CD, in which the student takes on the role of reviewer. Others may be involved in the film – see the library site for details.
 - a book review blog
- These items are due the first day back at school in Term 3.**

2: POSTER CHALLENGE

Students are to create a poster on the theme: 'Read a book and take flight'. There will be a number of beautiful items of jewellery with a flight theme that will be offered as prizes for this option in the Competition. The entrants will be ranked, with the ranking being used to give the overall winner first pick of prize and so on. The posters will be published in the library, on the website and on the electronic newsletter. **They are due on the first day back at school in Term 3.**

3. ORIGINAL GOTHIC PHOTOGRAPH COMPETITION

This competition requires students to take a photograph that can be classified as Gothic because of its atmosphere, treatment of nature, treatment of architecture and/ or treatment of characters. The library site supplies examples of gothic elements. The prize-winning photograph will be published in this newsletter on and the library site, with the winner will receive a striking 'silver' filigree and black feather down bracelet that can definitely be classified as Gothic.





I have provided the photograph below, taken from my kitchen window, as an example for the girls. Yes, doing the dishes at my place can be very atmospheric! **These photographs are due the second week of Term 2, 2013 and should be emailed to me a trish.kennedy@syd.catholic.edu.au.**

Ms Trish Kennedy
Teacher Librarian

FOR SALE

Jumper Size 14 - good condition \$20

Contact Wen - 0410606072





Randwick City Library and Information Service will be hosting some events for teens during the upcoming school holidays. Included in the events programme is their regular Teen Book Club - a great environment which will encourage students to maintain their reading skills over the school holidays. Additionally there will be a tween art activity and two Dungeon & Dragon events (these were extremely popular last school holidays and they have improved the structure of the events). All events are suitable for the high school student age range and are low-cost or free. *Please note students will need to contact the library to book into events.*

Dungeons and Dragons Introduction

Tuesday 16 April 2013 2.00pm - 5.00pm

11 - 18 years Bowen Library Free!

Adventurers wanted; the city of Fallcrest awaits! Join us on a fun beginners' fantasy quest. Learn how to create a character and get ready for the Epic D&D session on Friday.

Teen Book Club

Wednesday 17 April Bowen Library 4pm - 5pm

Those of high school age Free!

Join fellow readers in a fun discussion of various titles, genres and film adaptations. This month members will be looking at the genre of Sci-fi through the classic 'The Hitchhikers' Guide to the Galaxy' by Douglas Adams.

Dungeons and Dragons Epic

Friday 19 April 2013 Bowen Library 10.30am - 4.30pm

12 - 25 years \$5.00 for library members \$10.00 for non-members (Library membership is free)

Experienced players and noobs are invited to a six hour event with pizza for lunch. Sharpen your swords and practise your spells people. Prizes may be awarded for the best 'Play of the day'. (Haven't played before but want to battle with some trolls? Sign up for the introduction session on Tuesday 16 April first.)

Clay Ninjas

2pm - 3.30pm Tuesday 23 April Bowen Library

10-15 year olds \$3.00 Learn how to make your own Magiclay ninjas (or a mini figurine of your choice). Pirates beware!



