

Brigidine College Newsletter

24 May 2013

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COMING EVENTS

Monday 27 May 2013

Year 7 & 8 Exams commence
Vaccinations Year 7 & 8

Wednesday 29 May

Night Patrol

Tuesday 4 June

Year 11, 2014 Information
Evening

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.

Dear Parents,

This week I signed a cheque for \$7300 which has been sent to CARITAS as Brigidine's contribution to the 2013 Project Compassion Lenten appeal.

Many different families are drawn to educate their daughters here at Brigidine and it is essential that a culture is established in the school which is authentically Catholic. We do this by insisting on two things: our attitudes and actions which treat all things Sacred as being sacred and we give girls training in charity. Giving to charitable causes that assist people who have been lumbered with very difficult life circumstances is the bedrock of Catholic culture. The liturgical life of the Church is there to assist us to grow in love of God and neighbour. Throughout our canon of sacred scripture there are innumerable exhortations from God and Jesus to have honest care of the poor. None of us has permission to surrender to cynical hopelessness when it comes to improving the world, even though it is one of the great temptations offered by the consumer driven economy in which we live. There are brazen and insidious voices all around which suggest that no one is to be trusted and that to give of ourselves is to be set up for a painful rip off. The girls at Brigidine are being trained in the tradition of our Church which can lead them to wonderful transcendence.

*It is the transcendence of following a crucified Christ whose glory is in self giving service to the despised and rejected. This transcendence creates a new space of redemption beyond the vacuous re-enchantments of the false prophets. It is an open space of honest, personal, intimate encounter. It begins in trusting the other, offering a hospitality which is not only physical but intellectual and spiritual, going out to meet them with generosity, treating them with dignity and simplicity. **Because You Give Me Hope.***
James Hanvey s.j.

With Fr Hanvey's words in mind I point out the invitation to a fund raiser here at Brigidine for the work of Sr Philippa Murphy in the Sudan. The friends of Sr Philippa have organised a great night when our community can come together to assist Sr Philippa and her OLSH congregation. All money raised goes straight to Sr Philippa who is developing a school in the education starved area of Southern Sudan.



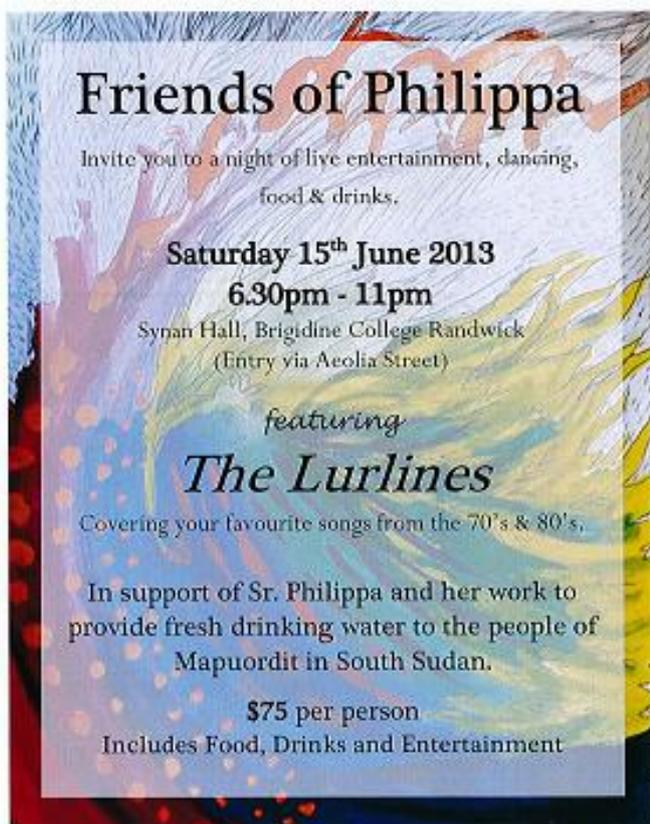
In addition, last Tuesday the student leaders launched our Winter Appeal. We are looking to provide a range of clothing and toiletries that can be useful for people living on the streets or in crisis accommodation. Each Year group has been given a responsibility

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| Year Seven: | Toiletries |
| Year Eight: | Beanies, Scarves and Gloves |
| Year Nine and Ten: | New Track pants and Jumpers |
| Years Eleven and Twelve: | Blankets |

All these items will either be given to Sr Sheelagh for her daily work with the homeless of King's Cross, to St Vincent's De Paul or kept here at Brigidine to go out with our Year 12 girls and their families on Night Patrol.

It is a very beneficial self affirming experience for every girl when they make the effort to contribute. I ask parents to support their daughter in making her contribution. It is essential to her Catholic education.

Ms Kate Edmondson
Principal



HELP PHILIPPA PROVIDE WATER - A BASIC HUMAN NEED

FOR TICKET ENQUIRIES CONTACT
GABRIELLE STRINGER
MOB: 0421 059 513 OR gabriellem.stringer@gmail.com

TICKET DETAILS:
Name: _____
Address: _____

No. of Tickets: _____ Total Amount: _____

Tickets to be sent to: Above address
or Collect at door

PAYMENT DETAILS:
 DIRECT DEPOSIT (EMAIL BANK RECEIPT TO gabriellem.stringer@gmail.com)

ACCT NAME: FRIENDS OF SR PHILIPPA
BSB: 633-000
ACCT NO: 141712547
REF: (YOUR SURNAME)

CHEQUE (POST WITH THIS SLIP TO PO BOX 580 ROSE BAY 2023)

PAYABLE TO: FRIENDS OF SR PHILIPPA

FOR MORE INFORMATION
<http://olshoverseasaid.org/projects/mapuordit.html>



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Upcoming Events (Weeks Five & Six)

- 24 May Debating versus St. Ursula's at St. Ursula's Kingsgrove
- 24 May Year 11 Legal Studies Excursion
- 27 May Year 7 Vaccinations
- 27-31 May Year 7 & 9 Exams
- 27 May Year 12 Modern History Excursion
- 30 May-2 June SMH Careers and HSC Expo
- 31 May Debating Elimination Rounds (venues tbc)
- 31 May World Vision Conference at Luna Park
- 4 June Year 11 2014 (Year 10 2013) Information Evening
- 4 June Ski Trip Meeting (6:15 pm in the Cullen Centre)
- 5 June Science Competition

Year 12 students and their parents attended the Parent/Teacher Meetings last Wednesday evening and are now on the downhill run for the Higher School Certificate. Please remember that Term 2 is a short term. The girls have been constantly reminded that it is a nine week term but with the Queen's Birthday holiday, the Athletics Carnival, a Staff Development Day and Parent/ Teacher Meetings in the last week of term it is actually only an eight week term. Their HSC Trials commence on Monday 29 July.

Year 11 and Year 10 students have just finished their Semester 1 exams and now is as good a time as any to remind you all of the Record of School Achievement (RoSA).

The RoSA is a **cumulative credential** in that it allows students to accumulate their academic results until they leave school. The RoSA records completed Stage 5 and Preliminary Stage 6 courses and grades, and participation in any uncompleted Preliminary Stage 6 courses. It is of specific use to students leaving school prior to the HSC. The Literacy and Numeracy tests that are an optional part of the RoSA will be held sometime in November. Any parent who would like their daughter to sit these tests should contact the school in October of this year. There will be another chance to sit them around April of next year.

All Year 10 students and their parents should attend the Information Evening being held in the Cullen Centre on Tuesday 4 June at 7.00pm. On this evening we will outline the process for subject selection in stage 6 (Years 11 & 12). There will also be a short talk on careers and study options for courses off campus.

The Athletics Carnival was a great success and thanks go to our Sports Department for their excellent organisation of the day. There is a full report of the day elsewhere in this newsletter.

Year 10 & 11 Music students also took part in their Recital Evenings recently and thanks go to Ms Ainsworth and the Music Department. We are truly fortunate to have so many talented students (and teachers) at Brigidine.

Mr Anthony Morgan
Acting Assistant Principal



COMMISSIONING MASS FOR WORLD YOUTH DAY PILGRIMS

On Friday 17 May students from Sydney Catholic Schools attended a Commissioning Mass at St Mary's Cathedral. The Mass was celebrated by Cardinal George Pell, Archbishop of Sydney, Bishop Peter Comensoli, Auxiliary Bishop of Sydney and the World Youth Day Chaplains.

Brigidine Year 11 student Brenna Riley, her mother Liz and I attended this Mass. The overall spirit and engagement by all present at this celebration of the Eucharist was moving.

If this spirit continues the experience for Brenna will be extraordinary.

Mrs Robyn Ross
Youth Ministry Co-ordinator



NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

In January 2013, I attended National Youth Science Forum (NYSF). Out of 2000 applicants, I was one of the 432 national students who attended, along with 18 internationals.

NYSF is a two-week long event that includes laboratory visits, lectures, and group discussions, as well as having some parties and dinners. Students are able to choose the discipline of the laboratory visits they attend. I chose molecular and human biology, so I went to a Pathology department of Canberra Hospital and Sports Science laboratory. It helps students going into Year 12 and who are interested in science to make informed decisions about future careers in science.

I certainly found the experience exciting and helpful; it confirmed my passion to follow the path of medical science, which I am currently pursuing. I am also helping this year's Year 11s who are interested in applying for NYSF 2014.

Jasmine Cummings
Year 12



YEAR 12 WORKPLACEMENT

On Monday 6 May, Year 12 Business Services students completed their second week of Work Placement. All the employers gave a glowing report.

We wish to congratulate the following students for their professional attitude and behaviour:
Savannah Clarke, Montana Geraghty, Claudia Konakov-Sindicich, Kelly McClure, Tylar Morelli, Estelle Roditis, Tiarna Taufa.



Savannah and Montana were offered positions at the completion of Year 12. We also thank the employers and their staff for their commitment and support:

- Belle Property Randwick,
- Chifley Public School,
- KU Children's Services,
- PSA Sydney,
- Sydney Art's Club,
- Taylor's Real Estate, and
- Infinite Health Randwick.

Miss Catanzariti
VET Teacher



CANTEEN MENU UPDATE

[Canteen Menu](#)



NEWS FROM THE CAREERS OFFICE

The Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo 2013 will be held at the Royal Hall of Industries, Moore Park [Venue Map](#). This is an important educational event for Years 10, 11 and 12 students and their parents. The expo will be over four days - Thursday 30th to Sunday 2nd June, 10am to 3pm.

Exhibitors will be available for:

- information and resources for the HSC
- career and study advice
- international exchange and GAP year programs
- Australia's top universities, TAFE and training colleges

Seminars will cover:

- HSC subjects and study advice
- tertiary courses and careers

For the complete seminar program over the four days go to:

http://www.hscandcareers.com.au/index.php/seminar_and_career_forum_programs_2009/

Admission is \$10 per person, \$25 for 3 or more (including one parent), and under 15 is free. Tickets are valid for all four days, including seminars and SMH, no credit card or EFTPOS facilities available.

Lynne Wallace
Careers Advisor



TAS EVENING – P & F Raffle

Dear Parents,

Our fabulous TAS evening is on the Thursday 20 June. We would love some donations for our raffles on the night. All the proceeds from the raffles will go straight to the Design and Technology Department.

Some wine, Champagne, Gourmet food, Gift vouchers, would be much appreciated. If donations could be in before Friday 15 June that would be fantastic, leave with the ladies in the office in a bag with TAS night on it, or contact Liz Davis on 0414 819 211 and she will be very happy to collect from you.

Liz Davis
P & F Committee

REPRESENTATIVE FOOTBALL

Congratulations to the following girls who have been selected into the CGSSSA Open Representative Team:

Tara Hayes, Amelia Rubio and Christine Lucantonio

These girls will be travelling to Bathurst to compete in the NSW Catholic Schools Competition.

Mrs Kate Elder
Sports Coordinator



ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

What a beautiful day we had for our Annual Athletics Carnival. School spirit was running high and participation levels were fantastic as the whole school involved themselves on both the track and in the field. It was great to see the students being so supportive of their peers and encouraging all athletes in their House. Thank you to all the staff who worked so hard all day to ensure the carnival ran smoothly.

Congratulations to all competitors especially the Age Champions:



12 years Age Champion
 13 years Age Champion
 14 years Age Champion
 15 years Age Champion
 16 years Age Champion
 17 years Age Champion
SCHOOL CHAMPION:

Isabella Slattery
Charlotte Wilson
Ruby Breen
Jessica Thornton
Molly Blakey
Hannah Denney
Jessica Thornton

Xavier
 Winifred
 Xavier
 Regina Mundi
 Brigid
 Aquinas

HOUSE SPIRIT: BRIGID



Captains
 Kyla Marias and
 Katrina Torrissi

WINNING HOUSE: AQUIINAS



Captains
 Bella Raymond and
 Rebecca Duncan



FANCY DRESS COMPETITION WINNERS:
'Polynesian Castaways'







