Dear Parents
This is a lovely prayer and an easy one to memorise. It comes from the Irish writer John O’Donohue.

May I live this day
Compassionate of heart
Clear in word
Gracious in awareness
Courageous in thought
Generous in love
Amen

Parent Teacher Interviews
Interviews will be held on Thursday and Friday of next week (27 and 28 June). You have probably booked your times on line. These interviews are a parent’s opportunity to discuss with teachers a daughter’s learning. It is best to talk about what has been directly observed. You should observe your daughters doing things which create learning; reading and note taking, memorising information, practising problem solving and creating assignments. In the classroom a teacher observes a student actively entering into the learning experiences that a teacher devises so that her students learn. The best feedback for students is what they are observed to be doing. While it may seem obvious to adults, students don’t always understand the connection between the action needed to learn something and the growth that comes from what is learned. So much of learning at the primary school level seemed to happen naturally and students remember gaining skills and knowledge without any conscious effort. Secondary education requires much more conscious effort and deliberate planning from students.

The semester reports for Years Seven to Ten will be available for parents in Cullen Hall during the interviews. The semester report is a summary of your daughter’s results on a variety of assessment items during the semester. Your daughter would have received feedback from her teachers on each of these already and all this information can be used in the interviews.
Retirement of Ms Judy Bruce
This is the last newsletter prepared by Ms Bruce who has given many wonderful years of service to Brigidine, first in the main office and since 2007, as the Principal's secretary.

Next week the staff will attend her retirement dinner; the last week before retirement is always a time of fond farewells and celebration of all that has been given and loved in a working life. Many girls have been beneficiaries of Ms Bruce’s kindness and many parents the recipients of her wisdom. I speak for the whole Brigidine community in wishing her much happiness and relaxation in the future.

Nearly holidays again
Teachers and students have lives of intense busyness punctuated by rests. The holidays come and go so quickly that I hardly dare be happy about the prospect of holidays; I certainly welcome a change from the routine that gets me to school and the routine of school. It is lovely to see the girls excited and happy at the prospect of the holiday.

I always encourage the girls to be responsible and peaceable daughters and to use the holidays to gain new and different skills. Certainly it is not much of a holiday for our Year Twelve students who should be studying for their trial HSC exams in the third week of next term.

St Brigid’s Blessing
May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell
Bless every fireside, every wall and floor,
Bless every heart that beats beneath its roof,
And every tongue and mind for evermore,
Bless every hand that toils to bring it joy,
And every foot that walks its portals through.
This is my wish today—my constant prayer—
May Brigid bless the house that shelters you.

Ms K Edmondson
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Upcoming Events (Weeks Nine & One)
26 June Last day of Formal Lessons for Term 2
27 & 28 June Parent / Teacher Interviews
28 June Year 12 Formal
30 June – 5 July Brigidine Ski Trip
15 July Pupil Free Day for Staff Development
16 July First Day of Formal Lessons for Term 3
18 July Founder’s Day Mass & Activities
19 July Year 11 Leadership Day
24 July Subject Choices for Year 11 2014 Website Closed
26 July National Schools Tree Day
26 July ILTA Italian Disco at Five Dock (Years 9-11)
26 July School Musical
**And Further Ahead**

29 July  
HSC Trial Exams Commence  

30 July  
Year 8 Information Evening for Electives in Year 9  

1 & 2 August  
Year 10 Canberra Trip

Coordinators have been speaking with Year 10 students this week and outlining the subjects available in their key learning areas and the specific requirements. Being informed is the best way to ensure that you and your daughter make the best decision for her future pattern of study. Last newsletter I wrote “Don’t Panic” and this still holds true. We are at the beginning of a long road. Subjects are never finalised until around week 5 of term 1. Please ensure that your daughter’s choices are logged into the Edval website by Wednesday 24 July. This will allow us to begin deciding what subjects will run in 2014.

I spoke with Year 11 students the other day about how quickly time is running out for them. They only have one term left of Year 11 and then they begin their HSC. I asked them to try and organise some structure into their lives now (if they haven’t already) to make the transition into Year 12 as smooth as possible. They begin HSC assessments in Term 4.

Again I encourage all parents and their daughters to attend the Parent / Teacher Days this term. Book a time with your daughter’s teachers by using SOBS. It can be found here: [http://www.sobs.com.au/](http://www.sobs.com.au/)

I hope that everyone has a relaxing and safe break and all students return refreshed for the final semester of 2013.

**Mr Anthony Morgan**  
**Acting Assistant Principal**

**CONGRATULATIONS**

Brigidine Year 8 students participated in the worldwide Language Perfect Competition from 20 to 30 May. During these 10 days Brigidine College, Randwick students answered 5,466 questions on line!! Questions answered in each language: **Italian: 3957, French: 909**

Big congratulations to Jea Hee Ahn who won the Brigidine Language Perfect Competition 2013. Jea Hee won an iPod Shuffle.

**Mrs Johnson**  
**LOTE Coordinator**

The Australian Red Cross Mobile Blood Service is visiting Coogee, Alfreda Street - opposite McDonald’s Monday 1 July, **9.00am - 3.00pm** (8 more donors needed) If you haven’t already made an appointment to give blood, you can **make an appointment online** or call us on **13 14 95**.

1 in 3 Australians will need blood, but only 1 in 30 donates. Donated blood helps cancer patients, people with blood disorders, mothers-to-be and newborn babies, as well as trauma and surgical patients.
TAS GOOD FOOD AND DESIGN SHOW
Congratulations to Mrs Ginzburg and all the TAS teachers for another wonderful show last night. It is always a very girl-centred event with the music and imagery of the girls' popular culture as a backdrop for their creations. A great night for the whole school community.

SRC WINTER APPEAL
In this cold season Brigidine has worked to do their part to help the homeless and less fortunate in Sydney. This year all the girls have been asked to bring items including blankets, toiletries, tracksuits gloves and beanies.

We have been overwhelmed with the number of items brought in by all the years and a big thank you goes to all the SRC representatives for collecting the items and reminding all the girls to bring their donations.

The items will be taken to the St. Vincent de Paul Night Patrol Program participated in by many year 12 students.

Beth Meldrum
SRC President
SPORTS NEWS
NSW SURFING
The Brigidine College surfboard riding team competed in the Regional School Surfboard Championships recently. The contest was held on 9 and 10 May at Cronulla Beach.

Members in the Brigidine Team were Grace Bambridge, Lisa Scott, Brooke Emerson, Caitlin Duffus, Charlotte Wilson and Shanelle Peeti.

The girls surfed well in their heats on both days. Grace and Brooke progressed to the semi finals which were surfed in small and deteriorating conditions.

Congratulations to the team who were fine representatives of Brigidine. Thank you to chaperone Anita Peeti, who was a great support for the team and to Ms Michaels.

CONGRATULATIONS
To Molly Blakey who has been announced a Captain of the Australian Youth Athletics Team! Molly will lead the team as they travel to the Ukraine in July to compete at the World Youth Athletics Championships.

We are so excited and proud as a school to have a student represent at this level and we give Molly all our support and best wishes as she prepares for her event in the 400m.

CONGRATULATIONS
To Jessica Thornton who has been selected into NSW Combined Catholic College Touch Team. Jessica will be competing at the NSW Championships later in the year.

CCC BASKETBALL
Congratulations to our Representative Basketball Team who competed in the NSW Combined Catholic College’s Championships.

The girls played extremely well on day one, defeating Port Macquarie and Hamilton, and then entered the quarter finals comfortably defeating Bathurst. In the semi -finals they were defeated by 2 points on the bell, so narrowly missing out on a place in the Grand final.

A huge thank you must go to Coach Victoria Nikitianos who coached the girls with precision and we are grateful for her time and expertise. Well done to every girl in the team on such a tremendous effort.

CCC Basketball Team members:
Kate Ryan, Natalia Katsionis, Tatyana Pogonza, Dru Toeleafoa, Taylor Saltirov, Jasmine Saltirov, Tamara Moskaleva and Eloise Hall.

Mrs Kate Elder
Sports Coordinator
ST CATH’S NETBALL COMPETITION 2013
Brigidine was involved in an interschool netball competition at St Catherine’s School during Term 2. We had eight teams competing in the 8 week competition and the girls participated with enthusiasm and determination. The girls displayed great teamwork and sportsmanship and they represented the school beautifully.
Five teams made it through to the semi-finals which was a wonderful result. Unfortunately four Brigidine teams played each other, allowing only 2 teams to go through to the grand-final.

The grand finals were held on Wednesday 18 June and we had two teams involved. Our Year 8/9 Div 2 team played fantastically against OLSH and came away with a convincing win 22-7.

Our Senior 2 team had a much closer grand-final against St Clare’s. The girls played a nail biter, trading goal for goal for much of the game, with the lead changing at least 10 times. At full time the score was 14-14 and the girls went into extra time. It was a frantic 2 minutes of extra time and the girls stayed calm under the pressure. The score remained a draw 18-18 after extra, extra time and the girls were ecstatic with the result after a gruelling match.

Congratulations to all the girls involved and their parents for their ongoing support. Another great St Cath’s season.

![Winners of 8/9 Div 2](image1)
![Senior 2](image2)

Tully Votano
Annalise Jones
Charleigh Donnelly
Shirley Chia
Jessica McBride
Sara Downey
Elizabeth Connon
Wiki Te Rata
Mauve Mullane

Georgia Thomson
Roisin Broderick
Sophie Poidevin
Aleena Udomdej
Casey Pepper
Sami Squadrito
Jemma Mitsias
Holly Stratton

Miss Jennifer Michaels
PDHPE Department
LIBRARY NEWS

Year 11 Art Students dropped into the library recently to investigate the influences on Abstract Expressionism in the course of the twentieth century. Their engagement with a wide range of print and electronic texts highlighted the link between political turbulence and a revolution in the arts involving the rejection of traditional ways of representing. The girls were particularly affected by a range of texts conveying the horrors of the two world wars and were better able to comprehend the impact of these events on the art world. New Art for New Times was the exhibition theme.

Some very keen chess players are honing their skills in the library during recess breaks. The concentration of these girls is impressive.
Talented Year 7 students Ellie Cotton and Lauren Eskin scooped the Gothic Photo Competition with the entries featured below. Ellie’s nuanced shot of a grave site exploits light and shade in order to evoke the world beyond the physical. Lauren’s very different but equally interesting image depicts a poisonous angel trumpet against a backdrop of decomposing leaves. Both girls revealed their understanding of gothic iconography as well as their capacity to frame compelling images.

Students recently took the opportunity to borrow newly catalogued, student-requested books at First Pick Book Club. Fantasy, Horror and Romance are the most popular genres but Realism is the only option for some girls.