Dear parents,

All the fun of Founder's Day is over for another year. A huge thank you to our Pastoral Care Coordinator Mrs Horne, who organised the activities and the timetable of the day. The girls had a wonderful time and Bishop Daniel Delany and all the Brigidine Sisters, past and present, are surely rejoicing that our students have so many opportunities for self expression in this school which is a result of a vision and labour spanning two hundred years. We celebrate Founder's day at this time as it is close to the anniversary of Bishop Delany's death on 9th July. As many Brigidine Sisters as can, join us for Mass.

The girls looked and were beautiful at Mass this morning. The school fills our Lady of the Sacred Heart Church and that sacred space is especially beneficial for the orchestra and choir. At the Founder's Day Mass we always retell the story of the first six Brigidine’s who came to live together as Religious Sisters on the Feast of St Brigid 1807. The women were:

Brigid Brien 29 years
Eleanor Dawson 25 years
Catherine Doyle 29 years
Margaret Kinsella 48 years
Judith Whelan 37 years
Eleanor Tallon.

Eleanor Tallon, despite being chosen by Bishop Delany as the first leader, was asked to leave after a month.

These women were tutored in subjects religious and secular by a lay woman, Miss Judith Wogan Browne. She also taught them courtesy and etiquette. Judith did this because she was a close friend of Bishop Delany and was in fact, the executor of his will. Judith never became a Brigidine. She died in 1848 at the age of 98 and was buried with the Brigidine Sisters.
The Brigidines started slowly and methodically. As the education of Catholics was suppressed in Ireland at this time, the Sisters were not very well educated. They were educated enough in 1807 to share what they knew with the children in their school, and then gradually, through their own efforts, the level of education grew. What mattered was the care of each other and the sincerity. The things that still matter.

It did my heart good to be at Mass with our school community this morning and to feel the strength of this story of faithfulness and commitment. Even the remnants of the world of the Judith Wogan Browne and the first Brigidines have long gone, and the world now is such that I sometimes feel that I am living inside a washing machine. Today at Mass, a timeless peace settled on us and it was a special part of the wonder of the day.

**The Parents and Friends**

Many thanks to the thirteen mothers who came and assisted with the girls’ BBQ lunch. It seemed to me that a highly efficient organisation was set up and the mothers enjoyed their time together and of course enjoyed seeing the girls and their fun.

*May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell*

**Ms Kate Edmondson**

*Principal*

**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

**Upcoming Events (weeks two & three)**

- 24 July  Subject Choices for Year 11 2014 Website Closed
- 26 July  ILTA Italian Disco at Five Dock (Years 9-11)
- 26 July  School Musical (ABBA)
- 29 July  HSC Trial Exams Commence
- 30 July  Year 8 Information Evening for Electives in Year 9 2014
- 1 & 2 August  Year 10 Canberra Trip

**And Further Ahead**

- 5 August  P & F Meeting
- 8 August  National Curriculum Twilight In service for Staff
- 9 August  Indigenous Mass at St Mary’s Cathedral

Term 2 is the term that the school begins constructing a timetable for the following year. On 24 July we will have data on the elective subjects for Year 10 students entering Year 11 and on 30 August Year 8 parents and
students will begin the selection process for the elective subjects they will undertake next year. Constructing a timetable is a long and involved process and while we would like to be able to ensure that every student is able to take every subject that they would like to this is never the case. We have to make decisions about whether there is enough demand to run classes, whether there is adequate rooming and whether we have a teacher qualified to take the subject.

After their Information Evening Year 8 students will listen to subject forum presentations where coordinators will outline what is studied and answer any questions that the students may have.

On Monday 29 July the HSC Trial exams commence at the school. Some practical subjects have already had their exams, their HSC works and performances begin being marked from 3 August. This can be the beginning of a very stressful time for Year 12 students and I ask everyone to try and keep a level head. If there are any questions or issues that arise please contact the college.

On a personal note I would like to thank Mrs Horne for organising such a wonderful Founder’s Day and the whole school community, students and teachers, for making it such a wonderful occasion. The mass was beautiful and afterwards the girls got into the spirit of the day.

Mr Anthony Morgan
Acting Assistant Principal
BISHOP DELANY INTERNATIONAL ART COMPETITION

Last year students completed artworks for the Bishop Delany International Competition to celebrate 150 years of the centenary of Bishop Delany. Artworks were selected from around the world to be used in the publication of a book at the end of 2013. The images will also be used in an educational video. Girls volunteered to research and illustrate aspects of his life.

It is very exciting as 12 of our students had work selected for publication. Also, we had three of our students win first, second and third prize. The results are as follows:

- **Teresa Downey**: Chpt. 5, 2nd & Overall, 1st
- **Sabrina Chan**: Chpt. 5, 1st & Overall, 2nd
- **Tiffanie Leung**: Chpt. 5, Highly Commended & Overall, 3rd
- Charlotte Power: Chpt. 5, 3rd
- Nina Gordon: Chpt. 5, Highly Commended
- Olivia Cannon: Chpt. 12, 1st
- Jeslyne Fung: Chpt. 12, 2nd
- Zoe Kasif: Chpt. 12, 3rd
- Estelle Davis: Chpt. 15, 1st
- Zoe O’Brien: Chpt. 15, 2nd
- Lauren Edwards: Chpt. 15, Highly Commended
- Abbey Dorian: Chpt. 16, 2nd

The girls were presented with framed certificates at our assembly this week and the three winners will receive plaques at the next assembly. The Patrician Brothers have already made a U tube on the competition which can be viewed at:

http://www.patricianbrothers.com/home/artresultsf.html
At the assembly it was electric to watch the girl’s enthusiasm for the achievements of these students and the pride to be part of the Brigidine College Community.

I would like to congratulate the girls for their enthusiasm with this competition.

Ms Deirdre Brennan
Visual Arts Coordinator

SPORTS NEWS
Congratulations to Hannah Denney who has been awarded the Pierre de Coubertin Award for her contribution to sport at Brigidine College. Hannah received her award at a State Presentation day last term. Hannah was able to attend the workshop during the day and listen to some very inspirational stories by Olympic athletes before being awarded her certificate.
Hannah was presented by Fiona de Jong, Director of Sport and Acting Secretary General of the AOC and James Chapman, silver medallist in rowing, London 2012.

Mrs Kate Elder
Sports Coordinator
YEAR 10 PHYSICAL ACTIVITY 7 SPORTS STUDIES (PASS)
Last term, Yr 10 PASS, as part of their practical syllabus, participated in a unit of Rock climbing at the Sydney Indoor Climbing Gym, St. Peters.

The girls were instructed on correct fitting of equipment, belaying, safety and climbing techniques. The various climbs, which were all colour-coded, enabled the girls to work cooperatively with their partner to challenge themselves with the variety of climbs.

The class participated with great enthusiasm and all agreed it was a fun, enjoyable way to get fit!

This term the girls will put their bodies on the line when they participated in circuit training at Titans Fitness, Coogee.

Ms Mazzeri
PD/H/PE Dept

Ski Trip 2013

In the rainy beginnings of the morning on the 30th of June, 50 Brigidine students loaded their luggage onto the bus and began the long journey to Perisher. With our snacks at hand and our minds on the snow, we were all very excited to see what the trip had in store for us. For many people, the trip gave them their first opportunity to see snow. After a couple of hours driving, we stopped in Goulburn to recuperate. We then climbed back onto the bus for another two hours or so until we reached the ski hire where we were given everything we might need, from helmets to ski boots, to battle the cold weather and icy slopes. We soon after arrived at our accommodation, Smiggins ‘Snowy Gums’ where we were given our room key and hot food.
The next morning after a quick start, dressed in our skiing attire and ready to take on the slopes, we headed out into the snow. Beginning is always hard, the strange feeling of having to move your skis or your snowboard as well as the rest of your body on such unpredictable and unstable terrain. Once we were in the routine again, it became natural to wake up, get ready, eat breakfast then trudge down the hill in the snow to the on snow room where our poles, skis and snowboards were kept.

And even though it became gradually harder to wake up every morning with the slowly increasing fatigue and sore muscles, we all became much better skiers/boarders and we all thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.

The chalet was comfy and the food was great and highly anticipated after a long day out on the slopes. We were provided with activities every night to keep us entertained, we had a trivia night, movie night, games nights but our favourite one was night skiing. It was freezing but the snow was good and lots of fun, a completely different experience to skiing or snowboarding in daylight.

On behalf of the 50 students who attended the incredible trip this year, I would like to thank all of the teachers who accompanied us including Miss Michaels, Ms Alley, Miss Gouveia, Miss McColl and Miss Chaloner for giving up their time in the holidays to take us. I would also like to give a huge thank you to all of those people who put so much time and energy into making sure we had the best time possible. Can’t wait until next year.

Riley Cogin – Year 9
THE ANNUAL VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION
This year we are honoured to have the exhibition opened by Wendy Sharpe, artist and winner of the Archibald Prize. The opening is on Tuesday 27 August from 6pm.

It will continue on the Wednesday and Thursday 8.30am-5pm. The La Teens will once again be serenading us with their performance under the banner of Mr Mc Fadden. Our P&F will be there with drinks and nibbles to complement the experience. All parents are encouraged to come and celebrate the achievements of your daughters in the Visual Arts. Pictured here are Year 8 students working on the dog sculptures.

We look forward to seeing all parents there, especially parents of Year 12 Visual Arts who will be taking centre stage in Synan Hall.

Ms Deirdre Brennan
Visual Arts Coordinator

National Self Detection Program for Scoliosis
July and August are the months when it is recommended that girls in Years Seven and Nine download the self detection brochure from the Scoliosis Australia homepage. It can be found at www.scoliosis-australia.org. The website contains comprehensive credible information about scoliosis. Through the forum, girls and their parents can obtain general advice from certified specialists who manage patients with spinal curvature. Three girls per thousand require active treatment (spinal brace or surgery). In its early stages, scoliosis can be asymptomatic and so screening in the age range of Years Seven and Nine is a sound preventative health measure.
SCHOOL CLOTHING ITEMS FOR SALE
1 x senior shirt – size 18, excellent condition - $20
1 x jumper – size 18, excellent condition - $35
1 x sports jacket – size 18, medium condition - $40
1 x blazer – size 18, excellent condition - $50
1 x kilt – size 18, excellent condition - $40
2 x junior dresses, size 16, good condition - $30 each

Contact person: Constance Docos on 0413 537 784