Dear Parents,

I have come back after my week away to a very busy school. The Sports Awards on Tuesday was a very enjoyable Assembly. Mrs Elder had invited Paralympian, Elke Cole, to speak to the girls and also to present awards. Elke’s address was inspiring on many levels. She lost her leg to cancer when she was three years old and we were inspired by her courage to reach her potential despite her disability; she spoke of sacrificing the partying life of a teenager in order to train consistently for her swimming event and so we were inspired by her determination and single heartedness. She was a very balanced young woman and I felt the Brigidine girls’ brains computing as they compared their journey towards personal excellence with Elke’s and absorbed the advice that she was indirectly giving them.

Our Visual Art Exhibition, with the opening on Tuesday night, was a great success and we were all proud of the high standard of the work. The Year Twelve Art students have the night as a special one and the central focus. Thanks go to members of our P and F who assisted with catering and with raffles. Mrs Brennan, Ms Smyth and Mr Scivetti spent hours putting the show together. The Year Eight girls made life sized paper mache dogs which were all displayed in the Main Quad. ”The Dogs” were a great hit with everybody and brought warmth and vitality to the exhibition. Some dogs will continue to be exhibited in the Library and I have a corner here in my office where one could sit snugly if one of the girls will lend me one for a while.

During the coming week the HSC Design and Technology girls will have their major work marked and exhibited for parents and friends on the night of Wednesday 4th September, 6-8pm in Tullow. The HSC Music students will have their performances marked on the afternoon of 3rd of September.
I had a wonderful week in Hawaii; it was busy and hardworking as we became immersed in the wedding planning industry. One highlight for me was visiting the Damien and Marianne museum which is attached to the Catholic Church at Waikiki. I knew the story of Father Damien going to live with the lepers on Molokai, however, to my shame, I had never heard of the American Franciscan, Mother Marianne Kobe, who led the Franciscan women who also lived on Molokai and ran the hospital and the home for healthy girls born to leprous mothers. So advanced was Marianne’s knowledge of hygiene and cleanliness (a self taught nurse) that, unlike Damien none of the nuns caught leprosy and lived long years serving the Hawaiian people. I am reading her biography at the moment and her story is compelling and the history of Hawaii fascinating. Marianne was canonised in December of last year.

My daughter and I had a delightful morning swimming at Kaulia Beach on the windward side of the Oahu. I spoke with an elderly gentleman in the velvet water who appeared to be just snorkelling until I noticed that he was wielding a metal detector under water. "You'll see me on TV" he said and then explained that what he was looking for was treasure, most often jewellery that he hands to the police who then track down the owners. The world over, happiness is achieved through a purposeful life and practising random acts of kindness.

_May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell._

Ms Kate Edmondson  
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL  
Upcoming Events (weeks eight, nine and ten)  
2 September  
Year 11 Final Exams Begin  
Year 10 History Performance (periods 5 & 6)  
3 September  
HSC Music Marking at Brigidine (Synan Hall)  
Archbishop’s Award for Student Excellence  
4 September  
HSC Design & Tech. Marking at Brigidine (Tullow)  
Design & Tech Parent/Friend Viewing @ 6 pm (Tullow)  
10 September  
Year 11 Music Recital Evening  
11 September  
Parent Advisory Council 7 pm  
12 September  
Whole School Assembly 2:25 pm  
13 September  
Year 11 Exams conclude  
Year 9 Geography Excursion to Cronulla
Year 11 begin their end of course examinations this Monday. They will return for the final week of school and then begin Year 12 courses in week 1 of term 4. At the risk of sounding repetitive, now is the time for those Year 11 students who haven’t started already to organise themselves and get serious about their learning. Experience has taught us that Year 12 work and learning gathers speed very quickly, the longer you wait the more you will have to do. Many students will want to “drop” subjects as soon as possible. I will speak with the girls in the first week of Term 4 about the process involved in altering their pattern of study for the HSC. Until then they need to complete the Preliminary course in all their subjects.

As we head towards the end of Term 3 we have had, and will have, HSC markers visiting and marking the work of Year 12 students in a number of practical courses. Our students’ Design and Technology works will be marked on this Wednesday and our Music students’ performances will be marked on Tuesday. While I may not have a lot of experience in judging practical work I can assure you that the work and performances are all of a very high quality. The parents of our Design and Technology students will be able to view the works on the evening of 4 September in Tullow. The Visual Arts Exhibition which closed on Thursday 30th Aug, and in which our Year 12’s works were given pride of place, demonstrated the very high standard of our students’ work. Thank you to all the students, parents and teachers who helped make this year’s exhibition such a success.

Mr Anthony Morgan
Acting Assistant Principal
SPORTS REPORT
On Tuesday we were all very grateful to have Elke Cole a Paralympian swimmer attend our Annual Sport Awards. Elke was able to share with us her inspirational life journey and provide some great advice to all our students.
Elke grew up in Frankston, Victoria and began swimming as part of her rehabilitation after she was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 2. After a round of chemotherapy was not successful, Elke had her leg amputated in order to save her life.
Elke began her international swimming career at the age of 15 and has participated in Beijing 2008 and London 2013, winning gold and bronze medals. Elke gave a very motivational speech that touched all who were present and also presented our major award winner with their trophies.
The CGSSSA Dance Team also performed in Jazz and Contemporary and they did an amazing job.
Thank you to Shelley Bags for her assistance on the day and with the choreography of the routines.
Congratulations to all the girls who received awards especially to the following:

SPORTS AWARDS 2013

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Junior Sports Champion 2013
Ruby Breen

Senior Sports Champion 2013
Hannah Denney

Pierre De Coubertin Award
Hannah Denney

Sr Sheelah Mogan Spirit Cup
Xavier Captains
Emma Phibs
Jaci Fiala

Netball Umpires
Thank you to the following girls who so generously gave up their time to assist St Bernard’s Primary school with umpiring. The girls travelled with the school to Penrith for a full day of umpiring and we greatly appreciate their effort.

Paige Winder
Chelsea Winder
Mary Anderson
Livy Gooch

Dance
Good luck to the Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop and Contemporary dance teams as they make final preparations for the CGSSSA championships on 1st September. The girls will be holding one more cake stall on the 3rd September to help raise money for their costumes, so please come along and support them.

Tuesday Touch
Touch football will commence on 22nd October at Queens Park and by now all girls should have entered their teams. Thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to act as managers. Information will be sent home before the end of term.

Mrs Kate Elder
Sports Coordinator
Sincere congratulations are given to the following science students from the Science Department.

**NYSF**

**Erica Soon** in Year 11 has been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum in January 2014 in Perth.

The NYSF program consists of a mix of scientific, formal, personal development, and social activities. These range from laboratory visits to sports evenings and from a bush dance to group dynamics. One of the most important elements of the January Forum is the program of half-day visits to research and industry facilities. Students go on a range of visits depending on their stated areas of scientific interest. The range covers physics, maths and computing, chemistry, biomedicine, animal and plant biology, earth and environmental sciences, and engineering. The aim is to inform, inspire, and challenge students to consider what working in different fields is really like. They have a unique opportunity to talk to dozens of practicing scientists and engineers at and about their work.

Students in Year 10 should look at the following website. Applications for you open April 1, 2014 and close 31st May, 2014. Girls are actively supported by their local Rotary Club throughout the process.

Over the years our students have highly valued the experience offered by NYSF.


**National Chemical Analysis Competition: Titration Competition.**

A team of Year 12 girls has been invited to participate at the 2013 National Chemical Analysis Competition held at the University of NSW on September 14th. This competition is held annually and run by the Royal Australian Chemical Institute. It is quite an achievement to be good enough to be selected.

Our successful Chemistry students this year are: **Jasmine Cummings, Jasmine Lawrence and Caroline Suniary**. We wish the girls well and look forward to hearing back from them after the event.
Year 7 Taronga Zoo Excursion
On Thursday the 22nd of August the Year Sevens of Brigidine College Randwick, ventured out on a whole day excursion to Taronga Zoo. This excursion was based upon the current topic we are studying in Science: Habitats and Interactions. The science department put together a fun, informative programme that allowed us to learn and interact with the animals.
When we got to the zoo we split ourselves into groups and wandered around the zoo completing the activities set, whilst still enjoying the amazing exhibits. We had to go around looking at how and why the animals lived where they did and record all of their information and findings. We also had to pick an animal and write in more detail, information about the actual animal and how it thrives in its enclosure.
During the day we attended a presentation run by one of the Taronga Zoo keepers, to show the different sorts of animal species in the zoo along with invertebrates, vertebrates and also sorting species into categories depending on their body type, structure and textual features. The show was a huge success and allowed us to use hands on, visual and hearing techniques to experience the true ways of how animals reproduce, feed, nest, how they interact with their surroundings and how they have adapted to their habitats. Luckily, we experienced a rare opportunity to touch and take pictures of a Green Tree Frog, the Australian Sugar Glider Possum, a miniature python (which was totally harmless) and a Tawny Frog Mouth.
As a year group, Year Seven had a magnificent opportunity to experience the world’s animal kingdom first hand. We got to look at all the animals, watch a fun yet informative show about our current science topic, take part in the amazing seal show, expand our science and arts skills and knowledge and enjoy an awesome day with all of our close friends.
Mia Pisanos and Lara Pagola

Ms Tapp
Science Department
YEAR 8 ITALIAN AND FRENCH STUDENTS LANGUAGE PERFECT COMPETITION
Brigidine Year 8 ITALIAN and FRENCH students will participate to the LANGUAGE PERFECT NSW State COMPETITION.
There will be a great prize for the winner!!
Watch out NSW!

Language Perfect NSW Showdown!

Start date: 8am, Monday 9th September
End date: 8pm, Monday 16th September

YEAR 8 - YEAR 9 – YEAR 10 – YEAR 11 STUDENTS OF ITALIAN WILL PARTICIPATE IN:
Co.As.It PHOTO COLLAGE & WRITING COMPETITION 2013

Create original work based on the theme:
Imparare l’italiano:
immagini dei momenti più belli della lezione

YEAR 8 and YEAR 9
Create a poster/collage with photo snaps which capture the best moments of your learning with a short story in the form of a poem or narrative. Entries must be written in Italian only. A minimum of 30 words. Paper size A3.

Year 10 - Year 11
Write an essay on the following statement "la lingua italiana: i miei ricordi di classe" including images to support your view. Entries must be written in Italian only. Minimum 150 words. Paper size A3 or digital media.

Due date: 16 September.

Mrs Johnson
Language Department
BUSINESS SERVICES WORK PLACEMENT FOR YEAR 11

On Monday 5 August Year 11 Business Services students completed their second week of Work Placement. We wish to congratulate the following students for their professional attitude and behaviour. All the employers gave a glowing report and the students came back to school happy to have put their knowledge and skills into practice.

Albertina BURNEY, Marissa COSTAS, Sarah DUNCAN, Isabelle FOX, Kayla KOKDEN, Lulu LYONS, Sara NICOLOSI, Raine Iris Nicole ONG, Casey PEPPER, Heather PERKINS, Emily RAGUSA, Ruby RALLIS, Jasmine TOMS, Andriana MAVROVELIS, Emily WILSON.

We also thank the employers and their staff for their commitment and support. They are:
Aboriginal Health Centre, AIFS, Belle Property Randwick, Chifley Public School, Cushman & Wakefield, Galilee Catholic School, Infinite Chiropractic, Jenkins Engineering, KU Children’s Services, Nudie Foods, PSA of NSW, Raine & Horne Maroubra, Randwick City Council, Teekay Shipping, The Hughenden Hotel.

Isabella Catanzariti
Business Services Teacher
LIBRARY NEWS

Italian Story Telling Week
Italian Story Time Week – a wonderful Languages-Library initiative that took place in the library last week – has spilled into Italian Story Time Fortnight and looks certain to become a regular feature of our library programming. Our Year 8 and 9 students had a wonderful time listening to Italian versions of story time classics such as The Ugly Duckling and The Little Mermaid in our Readers’ Lounge via audio supported texts – and of course the girls had the opportunity to read these stories themselves. Mrs Monica Johnson and I have had a satisfying time shopping for Italian illustrated readers and novels that will help to bring Italian culture to life for our girls.
Year 10 History - 1960s technology
Whenever possible, we support the girls’ research via virtual texts with print text and material objects. In their foray into 1960s technology, Ms Fairall’s Year 10 History class came face to face with a 1960s hair-dryer.

Library refurbishment
Our highly talented Year 10 Design and Technology students will be refurbishing our library sofa chairs with quality fabrics and their own creative constructions under the care of Ms Kylie Little and Mrs Bev McCarthy. All of the girls consulted with me recently about the project, responding to the challenge of meeting their client’s brief with absolute professionalism. These girls have fabulous ideas; we can’t wait to see the final products. Naturally we’ll be having a ‘Library Warming’, with these girls the guests of honour.
Trish Kennedy
Teacher-Librarian

New Programs at the Museum of Contemporary Art
The Museum of Contemporary Art is offering After School Art School for students in Year 10-12. The program is run over five Thursday evening sessions, and encourages the students to examine contemporary art-making techniques while mentored by an artist and MCA artist educator. They also have a free evening for students aged 12-18, on the 18 August and 10 November.

For more information go to www.mca.com.au/youngcreatives
It enriches your Visual Arts education to reach and meet students from other schools who have an interest in the Visual Arts at a leading arts centre such as the MCA.

Ms Deirdre Brennan
Visual Arts Coordinator
WORLD YOUTH DAY IN RIO de JANERIO

I recently returned from a pilgrimage to and around South America, with the main purpose of attending World Youth Day in Rio de Janeiro. It was a once in a lifetime opportunity and very rewarding in the end. Being the only student from Brigidine, I met a lot of people. On my bus group I was with the students from OLSH, Marcellin, Marist and St Mary’s Cathedral. As you can imagine it was a little awkward at first but we all became friends pretty quickly.

The first place we visited was Lima, in Peru. This is where we participated in our two days of mission work. The mission work was mentally, emotionally and physically challenging. The first day we went to a Catholic school up in the shantytowns. We were greeted by the excited smiles of 5-13 year olds. The language barrier was a challenge, the kids would jump around, screaming trying to tell you something and you would just have to nod and say “no Espanola”. We moved into the classrooms, where we ran a catechesis session; we acted out a parable and our volunteer guide would translate it to the kids in Spanish. The little kids then coloured a picture for each of us. In the second session for the day, we moved into the biggest classroom, which had been arranged into two sections. This is where we taught the kids how to brush their teeth and then they received a fluoride treatment. Obviously these kids didn’t have the best dental hygiene but they were happy to learn. The following day we went to the shanty towns again, this time to do some physical work. We helped in the clearing of land and the building of stairs on the side of the hills. The town we were in only had electricity and running water a few hours a week, there was a communal kitchen, chapel and a day care centre for young children. The staircases that we built help residents get in and out of their houses to these facilities.

After Lima, we then went to Cuzco, where we had a day to relax and adjust to the high altitude. The following day we caught the train to Machu Picchu. This was really eye opening to see this abandoned village, built by the Incas in the 15th century. It is 2430 meters above sea level and is a religious site. It was a lot to take in standing at the top of Machu Picchu.
Our next stop was Rio. I’ll never get over what it was like to walk through the streets with 3 million other pilgrims! Everybody was so happy, cheering and singing songs dedicated to the Pope or about their country. The first three days we went to catechesis sessions where bishops from various places in the world would talk to us about current issues. Most nights we went to Copacabana beach, where many youth festivals were held. Pilgrims from other countries would see our Australian flags and stop us to ask for photos, we also swapped our little koala key rings for a souvenir from their country. Due to the rain, our sleep out was on Copacabana beach. It was amazing to wake up to a picture perfect sunrise and to the final mass said by the Pope.

After Rio we went to Argentina, for a retreat programme. The past two weeks we had been moving non-stop, and Iguazu Falls was our time to stop and reflect on what we had seen. We had all faced many challenges, including sickness, lack of sleep, and skipping meals. You name a sickness and someone in our bus group had it; rashes, food poisoning, altitude sickness, and even homesickness. This brought us all closer, making our retreat programme a whole lot more enjoyable.

Iguazu falls were amazing. We could hear the roar of the water falls as soon as we got off the bus. We had the opportunity to walk down under the falls, and renewed our baptismal promises. Everywhere we looked a rainbow was seen in front of each big waterfall.

We were treated with a nice five star hotel in Buenos Aries. A hot shower and a good dinner was exactly what we needed. Previous accommodation was simple and showers were cold. In Rio, we stayed in the overseas passenger terminal, renamed Aussie Central. For that week we shared a room with 100 other girls, sleeping on mattresses on the floor.

The trip was a once in a lifetime experience, which would not have happened if it weren’t for Mrs Ross. She worked for hours on end organising and helping fundraise. Thank you to everyone else that helped raise funds.

World Youth Day was a fantastic experience one in which I will never forget. I have made so many new friends and seen some amazing places.

Brenna Riley
Hospitality News

Last Wednesday evening the first Brigidine My Kitchen Rules, competition was held. It involved two Year 12 Hospitality classes preparing two dishes each and serving to 30 seated special guests. The Hospitality students commenced the task at 3.30pm and had until 6pm to do all of their food preparations, set up of a makeshift candlelit restaurant and commence serving.

The dishes of the night were a Prawn linguine, Pumpkin gnocchi, Chocolate tart and Berry meringue stack.

As each class had served up a winning dish after the votes were counted a tie was called. Congratulations to the two head chefs of the evening, Taylor Taueli and Elyse Harmanis, for their fine leadership over all preparation, plating and workflow.

Congratulations to the Hospitality students for their fine efforts over the evening. Thank you to the teachers and students that attended and helped to make the evening fun and successful.

Donna Ginzburg
TAS Coordinator
ST Vinnie’S NIGHT PATROL

On a monthly basis, a small group of Year 11 and 12 students with the supervision of teachers and parents head out into Sydney’s CBD to partake in Night Patrol.

Night Patrol is a program run by St Vincent de Paul which allows students the opportunity to venture out onto Sydney’s streets and offer a hot coffee and a conversation to Sydney’s homeless. Sometimes we are the only people these men, women and children might talk with all day.

Night patrol for us was an incredible experience as it really opened our eyes to just how many people are living in tough conditions and don’t have all the luxuries that we all do and often take for granted. The men, women and children who we meet seem to have pretty hard lives and Night Patrol gives us the opportunity to perhaps make them feel a little better – even in the smallest of ways.

Night Patrol is an amazing program, allowing us to be able to give up our own time to volunteer and give back to the community in which we live. The experience really opens your eyes to the issues facing society. It was especially valuable conversing and engaging with these people, gaining each other’s respect over a cup of coffee, a bite to eat and a simple smile. The girls who attended Night Patrol on the 21st August had an incredible time, discovering how easy conversations flourished and how grateful everyone was for the volunteer’s time and their efforts.

Summing up, the experience was fantastic. To help others and to forget our own problems for just one night and to lend a hand to the less fortunate is a distinct and wonderful experience that everyone should become involved in. With special thanks to parent Mr Ray Broderick and teachers Mr Campbell and Ms Chaloner, our night out was an amazing experience that we will never forget.

Madeleine Wheatley and Courtney Limbert
CYBER-SAFETY
Ask.fm is frequently mentioned by Principals as a tool which is being used by a large number of students.
Cybersmart has recently put up some information which centres around Ask.fm.


"The platform is itself is not the issue – the behaviour is." It was worth including this link in our newsletter this week under a Cyber-safety heading and we are asking parents to look at it. The site answers many questions they might have about the proper use of the Internet and keeping students safe online.

Mike Rawlings
IT Manager

YEAR 11 2014 SENIOR BLOUSE
On Monday 9 September and Monday 16 September 2013 the uniform shop will be taking orders for the senior blouses. Cost is $45.00 each.
Full payment is required at the time of fitting.

Thank You
Mrs Scivetti

CLARINET LESSONS
Clarinet lessons are available at school this term with our new teacher Daniel Watterson. Any student interested in lessons should collect a form from the music department. Lessons are $30 for a half hour lesson. We also have Clarinets for hire at $150 per year.

Ms Ainsworth
Music Department