Dear Parents,

Thirty parents came up to Brigidine on Tuesday night for the parent consultation meeting in regard to the Strategic plan 2014-2016. It was an evening of vibrant discussion and I am very grateful to the parents for their knowledge of Brigidine and their ideas about possibilities for the school community. The evening was facilitated by Miss Kate Clancy who has had long experience in Catholic Education as a Principal and as a consultant. There will be a similar meeting for staff and for the students before we begin discussion with the Catholic Education Office about our plan.

NAPLAN Results

Mr Morgan has included today our NAPLAN results. These are very pleasing. NAPLAN is meant to be a "snapshot" of student skills and understanding at a particular time of the year and we do not do a massive amount of "training for NAPLAN" here at Brigidine. Learning at Brigidine is much more varied than achievement on tests and we all try to notice and celebrate important learning that goes on in extracurricular and relationship building activities. Doing well on NAPLAN and the HSC is very gratifying but not nearly as important to our human family as girls who are learning to establish and maintain quality relationships with God, themselves and others.
Is your daughter going to leave Brigidine?
We have a waiting list for some Years at the moment. If you know that your daughter is leaving us I would be grateful (and I am sure that parents on the waiting list would be also) if you could let us know. The Australian Government requires parents to write a letter to the Principal informing that their daughter is leaving and the school in which she will be next enrolled. We have to enter this information in a data base.

Languages Other than English at Brigidine
State and Federal Governments are struggling with the fact that students are not choosing to study a foreign language. The numbers in French and Italian are small and I have decided that the school community can no longer afford to maintain two languages in its curriculum. 2014 will be the last year that we offer French to Year Eight students and we will not offer French to Year Seven next year. I understand that there are changes coming from the Federal Government for LOTE in 2015 and we will wait until we hear something definite from the State Government about what we have to do before we make any more, if any, changes.

Monday 11th November
I have permission from the Catholic Education Office to finish school at 2.30pm on Monday 11th November. This is so that the staff can be involved in consultation for the development of the Strategic Plan. Supervision of students will be provided at the school as usual and the school special buses will continue to run. Girls either stay at school until their bus comes or they go straight home. Girls are not to be in shopping centres in Brigidine uniform.

May Brigid Bless the House Wherein you dwell

Ms Kate Edmondson
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL
Upcoming Events (Weeks 4 & 5)
24 October Twilight Staff Meeting on National Curriculum
25 October World Teachers Day
27 October Confirmation at OLSH 6 pm
30 October Richard Harland Talk in Library
1 November
All Saints Day
Eastern Suburbs Netball Gala Day

4 November
Modern History Lecture Day

5 November
School Leaders – Whole School Assembly

8 November
Year 8 Sculptures By the Sea (periods 3-6)
HSC Concludes

**Upcoming Events**

11 November
Years 8 & 10 Assessment Week begins

13 November
Year 7 2014 Parent Information Evening

14 November
Year 7 2014 Student Orientation Day

18 November
Years 7 & 9 Assessment Week begins

Term 4 is the time that Year 11 students begin finalising their patterns of study for their HSC year. There are a few things that students and teachers need to keep in mind at this time. Firstly, students do not have to “drop” a subject, secondly, they do not have to “drop” now and finally, they should only “drop” if they are completely certain that it is the right thing to do. It is most important that parents, and students, look at their Year 11 final reports before making any decision. They should also discuss any decision with their teachers and our Careers Advisor, Mrs Wallace.

In the next couple of weeks we will be in a position to be able to send out confirmation letters for elective subjects in 2014. Students entering Years 9 and 11 in 2014 are able to change their electives as long as there is room in the classes that they wish to take up. Students in these years do not finalise their patterns of study until week one term one in 2014.

*Mr Anthony Morgan*
*Acting Assistant Principal*
**NAPLAN 2013 RESULTS FOR BRIGIDINE COLLEGE RANDWICK**

**National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN)**

Students in Years 7 and Year 9 sat the National Assessment Program in Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) in May this year. NAPLAN assessment results provide valuable information about student levels of literacy and numeracy. An analysis of these results assists school planning and is used to support teaching and learning programs.

The following show the percentage of Brigidine College students who have achieved in the top two proficiency bands.

### NAPLAN RESULTS 2013

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Students at Brigidine are clearly achieving well above the national levels. It is worth noting, that it is unfair to compare one year group to another as they sit different tests and have differing abilities.

The NAPLAN Tests serve two useful functions:

- They identify areas of student need which can be targeted through a range of specific programs at the school
- They allow teachers to evaluate the effectiveness of these programs

NAPLAN tests were developed as diagnostic tools to assist schools in ensuring their students develop skills and strategies that will help them achieve their best in their future learning. At Brigidine we look to develop and enhance skills in Literacy and Numeracy that will better help our students as they move towards their senior years of schooling.

**SPORTS NEWS**

**Tuesday Touch**
Unfortunately the start of the Touch Season did not go as planned and hopefully all games will commence next Tuesday 29 October. If all team managers could please meet 10 minutes prior to the start of their game at the sign on table and bring their signed child protection notes.

**Asthma and Sport**
A reminder to all students and parents that any student who is asthmatic needs to be responsible and carry their puffer with them at all times especially during Sport and P.E.

**Mrs Kate Elder**
“THE WIZ”
On our return to term three of 2013, a large and very lucky group of Brigidine students received tickets from Mrs Ross to see a preview performance of ‘The Wiz’ musical at the Seymour Centre. It was a fantastic and rewarding experience, which we enjoyed immensely.

‘The Wiz’ was an adaption of the famous musical ‘The Wizard of Oz’ and featured aspects that were much the same, including the famous yellow brick road, all four witches, the scarecrow, the tin man, the lion and of course, Dorothy. However, all the music had been reinvented and was played by an orchestra at the back of the stage. The brilliantly in-character cast included Kelly Hoskin as Dorothy, Gary Pinto as The Wizard, Carmen Smith as Glinda, Jason Stevens as The Lion, Monique Reynolds as Addaperle, Paul McLeod as The Scarecrow, Dom Scard as The Tinman, Kate Lindsay as Aunt Em, and Kate Parker-Frost as Evillene.

All characters, including extras as the inhabitants of Oz, acted, danced and sang. The costumes were extensively researched and custom fit for each member. It is a little known fact that Dorothy’s shoes are not supposed to be red, as in the classic movie, but in fact silver as they were worn in the musical. The musical included themed songs including “Be A Lion”, “So You Wanted To See The Wizard” and “Ease On Down The Road.”

Each of the separate scenes was perfectly choreographed and fascinating. The tornado scene, where Dorothy is swept away into the magical Land of Oz, was acted out with enthusiasm, with sound effects and dramatic lighting to increase the terrified atmosphere of the scene.

We would like to thank Mrs Ross and the Music Department for making this rewarding experience possible.

*Anthea Duffy and Andrea Jacenyik, Year 8*

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING (VET)

Each year students studying a VET course (Hospitality and Business Services) in year 11 and 12, complete one week working in their various fields at selected businesses in our community. At the end of the year each employer is asked if they wish to nominate an "Outstanding Student at Work Placement". We are very proud to hear that the following students were nominated by their respective employers. They were: Marissa Costas and Keely Trevitt nominated by Bold Food and Savannah Clarke nominated by Belle Property Randwick. Our congratulations to these three students who are excellent ambassadors for the school.

*Mrs Dawson*
LIBRARY NEWS

Dogs in the Library

After the Brigidine Art Show in August, an event which always brings great joy to our community, a group of very special dogs, created by our talented Year 8 artists, moved into the library. This assortment of lovable characters have enriched our space with warmth and humour and supported our book displays of fiction and non-fiction relating to animals. We are also displaying a truly beautiful section of ceramics produced by Year 8. I am not alone in believing that the student who created the image – top left – of a wolf baying at the moon has a future as a successful Australian designer if she chooses to follow that path. We will feature more of the ceramics in the next newsletter.

This exquisite fairytale beast bays at the moon while the wire dog’s ticker is exposed.

Our library’s inclusive policy is extended to dogs... of the paper and cardboard kind. Many of our junior girls enjoy a cuddle with our newest library members.
All of our pooches have their fans...

but the dog everyone wants to adopt is BUD.
**OLSH Primary School visit**

In order to share the joy of the dogs, we invited Year 5 students from OLSH Primary School and of course we included the boys. In fact, there are men on staff who were educated by the Brigidine Sisters, on this site, some decades ago!

During their visit, the students participated in an Art competition (involving the drawing of dogs) and a writing competition (coming up with an interesting sentence or two about a dog that could be used in a story). Jessica Valenzuela won the writing prize for the excellent effort: ‘I stared at myself, my flawless self had been turned into a dog! I tried to scream but it came out as a whimper as the shadow advanced.’ The winners of the Art competition were ‘Alana M’ and ‘Erin’, with their appealing work featured below. OLSH students also participated in a fun Languages activity which involved learning an Italian pop song that focused on naming the different parts of the body.
Libby Gleeson Author Visit

On August 15, Years 7 and 8 were treated to a visit by our awarding winning author Libby Gleeson. Hearing Libby read so expressively from her books *Mahtab’s Story* – about a refugee family struggling to flee Afghanistan - and *Red* – about a girl losing her memory after a catastrophic tsunami triggered by global warming – was a truly amazing experience. The girls descended on the library after the visit in order to borrow Libby Gleeson books. We were soon ‘borrowed out’ so I have ordered more of Libby’s books.
At the end of October, Years 9 and 10 will be visited by Wendy Sharpe, an Archibald Prize Winner and Australian War Artist for East Timor, as well as Richard Harland, best-selling author of young adult steam punk fiction.

Happy reading and viewing!

Trish Kennedy
Teacher Librarian

Second Hand Uniforms for Sale

Blazer, size 14, excellent condition, $100.
Pullover, size 16, good cond., $30
Track jacket, size 12, good cond., $35.
Long sleeve jnr winter shirts, 1x size 10, 1xsize12, and 1xsize14, good cond., $10ea.
short sleeve sport polo, size 10, fair cond., $5
Long sleeve sport polo good cond., $10.
Swimmers, size 10, good cond., $8
swimmers, size 12-14, new, $15
Blue apron science/food tech good cond., $5
Kilt, excellent cond ,size 8-10, $60
Snr blouses, 5xsize 12, good cond., $20 ea.
3 piece hospitality uniform , $50
School bag, $10.

Contact Jeneva
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1 x Kilt (size 10-12) - $30
1 x Blazer (size 10-12) - $40

Contact: Jenny
Mob: 0412 226 725

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**Or whole uniform package $250**

Dress uniform tunic
Blazer
Pullover
Kilt
2 long sleeve blouses
Track suit
Sports shirt

**Year 12 Books:**
SAMUEL BECKETT, *WAITING FOR GODOT* $5
RAIMOND GAITA, *ROMULUS MY FATHER* $10
MARVIN SPEVACK, *JULIUS CAESAR* $10
MARY SHELL, *FRANKENSTEIN* $5

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