

Brigidine College Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS

TUESDAY 26 NOVEMBER 2013
Whole School Assembly

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2013
Year 8 Reflection day

WEDNESDAY 4 DECEMBER 2013
Parent Advisory Council 7-8pm

FRIDAY 6 DECEMBER 2013
Year 9 Reflection day

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,

Your Contact Details

One of the things that schools must do is to contact parents about ordinary and extraordinary matters that are relevant to their daughters. A school cannot fulfil this obligation if the contact details held at school are incorrect. I hope that your daughters have given you the form that needs for you to change your contact details in red biro should our details be incorrect. Your daughter should return this form to the student office. More and more people are not using a land line and have only mobile phones. If it is your policy to only answer the mobile if you know the caller, then perhaps you need to lodge the Brigidine numbers in your phone. It is particularly frustrating when we are provided with only mobile numbers and we cannot get a parent to answer or to respond to a message. In this matter, school and parents are accountable to each other.

Combined Brigidine Leaders Day

Thursday 21 November was a red letter day for our school Leaders. It was their turn to welcome the school leaders from Brigidine St Ives and Brigidine Indooroopilly to Randwick for a day of discussion and sharing of ideas important to their leadership. A tour of Brigidine House is very relevant for the girls from St Ives and Indooroopilly as here they see so much of the history of the establishment of the New South Wales province of the Brigidine Sisters at Randwick. Sisters Chanel and Jan spent the day with the girls and the whole day was organised and facilitated by our own Mrs Christina Day who was able to give free reign to her happy, inclusive nature.



It is certainly a shot in the arm for the teachers who were in attendance to see the girls' great and loving interest in their Brigidine heritage. Sophie Poidevan, our SRC Leader, announced at the Randwick Leaders Induction Assembly about the 2014 HSC class "we are the Brigidine sisters" and this idea was also a popular one on the combined leaders' day. The teachers and Sisters Chanel and Jan looked on as at the conclusion of the day, the girls gave one another a rapturous farewell with promises of continuing friendship on a Facebook site.



SCHOOL CALENDER DATES 2014

Staff returns	Tuesday 28 January
Year 7 and New Students Commence	Wednesday 29 January
Whole School returns	Thursday 30 January
Term 1	29 January – 11 April
Term 2	28 April – 27 June
Term 3	14 July – 19 September
Term 4	7 October – 18 December

Minds on Maths Challenge

This is a competition between the Year Eight mathematicians of all the Catholic secondary schools of the Eastern Region. We were thrilled here at Brigidine that our team were the winners. This is the first time in twelve years that a team of girls has won. Chiarra Harbutt, Rhianna Frahill, Holly Lockhart, Mikaela Jackson, Anthea Duffy and Jingfei (Jennifer) Hou were our Year Eight students in the winning team. They were prepared for the competition by their teacher Mrs Mabey. The girls have written a report which will be in the next newsletter.



Something to think About for Parents of the HSC class 2014

Included in this newsletter is a flyer about an alternative schoolies experience. This is a time of service to the people of Fiji as well as having fun together with other students from Sydney Catholic schools.

Parent Teacher Interviews are Coming Up

Mr Rawlings has written instructions for parents re booking for the interviews later on in this newsletter.

May Brigid Bless the House Wherein you dwell

Ms Kate Edmondson
Principal

FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Upcoming Events (Weeks 8 & 9)

25 November	Year 10 Careers Day
27 November	Year 7 Planetarium
28 November	Year 9 Food Technology Excursion Year 9 Recital Night in Synan 6.30 pm
29 November	Year 10 Last Day of Formal Lessons Year 10 Elective History Excursion Orchestra & Choir Rehearsal Night
2 December	Year 10 Activities Week Begins Year 9 Italian Camp
3 December	Year 9 Italian Camp Flute Concert in Synan 6.30 pm
4 December	Year 8 Reflection Day Parents Advisory Council Meeting
5 December	Christmas Concert in Cullen 7.30 pm
6 December	Year 9 Reflection Day Year 10 at Luna Park

Upcoming Events

9 December	Year 10 Social at the Round House Year 9 Commerce Excursion
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11 December	Year 11 “Year 12 HSC English Orals”
12 December	Presentation Day
13 December	Year 11 Tutorial Day
16 December	Parent / Teacher Interviews
17 December	Parent / Teacher Interviews Staff Service Reward Dinner
18 December	Staff Development Day
19 December	Year 12 ATAR Morning Tea Last Day of Term 4

Mr Anthony Morgan
Acting Assistant Principal

Term 4 Parent Teacher Interview Days – How to use SOBS

The online booking system will become live for parents on Tuesday November 26th at 6.00am. When you access SOBS (Schools Online Booking Service) please follow this procedure:

The Web Address is <http://sobs.com.au/>

When you access this address, if you are asked for a keyword for school selection, put in “Brigidine” and then select Brigidine College Randwick from the pick-list.

Choose the Parent login and follow the prompts. Please make sure you type in your email address and other details accurately. The system recognises you uniquely by your email address so you need to be consistent with the same email address if you change or add to your bookings. The system will otherwise register you as a new user if you use a different email address, so your bookings will not be emailed to you properly.

Please take note of the message regarding teacher availability and with which teacher, in a job-share pair, you need to place bookings.

Choose the time slots you need for students you have in particular Year Levels with the required teacher in that Year Level’s list.

There is also a booking portal on the School Website under the Parents Menu.

Mr M Rawlings
IT Administrator



Sports News

Congratulations to Molly Blakey and Jessica Thornton who have been awarded a New South Wales Catholic Colleges Blues Award for their achievements in Athletics. This is a very prestigious award and the girls will be attending a ceremony in February to receive this award.

Mrs Elder

Design and Technology

Congratulations to Johanna Roberts. Johanna's Major Design project has been nominated for inclusion into the prestigious 'DesignTech' for 2014. 'DesignTech' is an annual exhibition held at the Powerhouse Museum to showcase a selection of outstanding work from the thousands of candidates right across NSW that have completed the Design and Technology course.

Johanna's use of creative thinking strategies helped her design push the boundaries of conventional norms and with rigorous experimentation and testing resulted in a highly innovative garment made from Seaweed. Her work challenged the notion of what is generally considered a 'naissance' into a new raw material.

Having environmental sustainability as a core directive of her design brief meant that she had to maintain a very light Ecological foot print. This resulted in many extra challenges such as walking to the beach to collect the washed up seaweed and carrying it back home.

Congratulations to Johanna and to all our senior designers for their fantastic efforts and results.



Mr R Hainsworth



Year 11 Economics Excursion

On Thursday 13th November Year 11 Economics students visited the Reserve Bank of Australia, Martin Place. The keynote speaker was the RBA's Senior Economist, Dr David Orsmond, who spoke about the role of the RBA, particularly regarding Monetary Policy, the setting of the cash rate of interest and influences on the Forex Market. He also went on to explain Australia's role in the global economy and the importance of China to Australia's growth.

Our next speaker was a recent Economics graduate who is now working in the economics department of the RBA. She spoke of her current role at the RBA which consisted of analysing Japanese trade statistics and how this impacts on Australia.

We then observed a presentation on the RBA's production of banknotes, how to spot counterfeit notes and security features on our banknotes. We learnt that Australia has the lowest rate of counterfeiting in the world.

Our excursion concluded with a quick run through the RBA Museum, which consists of a display of historical notes and coins dating back to 1788.

All in all a most enjoyable and informative excursion.

Ms J Nicolas
HSIE Commercial Coordinator

Australian Vocational Student Award

We are delighted to hear that Laura Dillon, a Year 12 student from 2012, has won an Australian Vocational Student Prize for her outstanding commitment and achievements in Business Services as part of her HSC studies last year. Laura received a certificate and a cheque for \$2000 from the Minister for Education and the Minister for Workplace Relations to recognise her achievements.

Quoting from the Minister:

"Through your own experience, you know that vocational training is an important step in gaining skills and getting a nationally recognised and valued qualification".

Brigidine offers two Vocational Education Courses (VET); those being Business Services and Hospitality. Laura studied both of these and completed her Certificate II in Business Services for this award.

Mrs R Dawson



ASX Schools Share Market Competition 2013

Over the last 10 weeks Years 9 and 10 Commerce students have been participating in the ASX Schools Share Market Competition. The competition involves students using a hypothetical \$50,000 portfolio to buy shares in the top 100 companies listed on the ASX. Students are able to buy and sell shares using real time prices and at the end of the 10 week period the student/s with the highest valued portfolio win the competition. The volatility in the share market over the past year has provided students with an invaluable lesson regarding share market investing.

Congratulations to the following students, who managed to make a paper profit of almost \$3,180 in an extremely volatile market. The average return on portfolios amongst NSW participants was a profit of \$500.

1st Place: Year 9 Team The Flying Investors - Nina Gordon and Amalia Moutzouris

And followed very closely by the following students who made a paper profit of \$3,174 and \$2,708 respectively:

2nd Place: Year 10 Team The Magliones - Aoife Kane and Helena Mitrovic

3rd Place: Year 9 Team JRB Money – Jess Deng, Rachel Iskander and Brooke Srbonovska

Most of the teams performed extremely well throughout the competition. Thirteen of the sixteen teams were able to return a “profit” while the remaining team unfortunately made a small “loss”.

Well done girls!



Ms J Nicolas
HSIE Commercial Coordinator



Sculpture by the Sea

On the 8th of November, the students of year 8 went on an excursion to Bondi Beach to view Sculpture by the Sea. We went on this excursion to observe the different sculptures and the way they had been built.

We started the day at school and at 11:00 we left for Bondi Beach. After we got off the bus we ate lunch at a park and then continued on to the beach. At the beach we walked around in groups taking photos and drawing the sculptures. There were many amazing sculptures there such as red crows sitting on a black tree and a giant glass ball that reflected the ocean. Each of the sculptures had a different meaning. Sometimes you had to look at them from a different angle or even some of them you had to look inside of them to understand.

My favourite sculpture had to be the glass ball because I thought it looked beautiful in the way it reflected the ocean whichever way you looked at it. I thought it was placed in just the right spot to not only reflect the ocean but use the ocean to contrast the rocks that the glass ball was sitting on.

Overall I thought that this excursion was very enjoyable and I hope that the year 8 classes next year get to experience this as well. Thank you to Rhiannon Soliman-Marron and Chiara Harbutt for supplying some of these pictures.

Holly Lockhart, Year 8





**BRIGIDINE
GIRLS**

**AT
BONDI
FARMERS
MARKETS**

**30TH
NOVEMBER
10-4PM**

Selling products
designed and made in
Year 9 Design and
Technology.
All profits to be given
to the RU OK DAY
organisation.



Social Justice Group
St Brigid's Parish
COOGEE NSW 2034

22 November 2013

The Principal
Brigidine College
RANDWICK NSW 2031

Dear Ms Edmondson, Staff, Students and Parents,

Devastation can bring out the best in people. We have seen this week in the response of Coogee and Randwick parishioners to the call for help for the Philippines.

After extra appeals at Mass for three Sundays running, people still contributed \$3500 to Caritas and donated 43 cartons of clothing, blankets, towels and sheets (weighing 50 - 80 kilos each, over 2000 kilos). Ruby, one of the POW Filipino nurses, who care so lovingly for our frail, aged relatives, said: "I can't believe that you would do this for us."

Local schools, St Brigid's and Brigidine, as well as Eastwood Marist Brothers (who sent a 15 seater van laden with contributions) helped enormously. A St Brigid's mother put out the call on Facebook, and the school emailed parents. Mothers rallied to help sort and pack the final 10 cartons so we could be ready for the courier company, Imrex, which donated a container, picked up, and will deliver to the charity warehouse saving us many thousands of dollars.

A parishioner quietly dropped in lunches and morning teas for the sorters. Others came to drop materials, saw the enormity of the task, and returned to join it. Relatives and friends from all over Sydney collected and delivered bags. We discovered gems within like brand new school uniforms from a shop or factory and packets of small sized underwear people had gone out to buy specially.

Thank you all.

Considering that last Sunday Father Terry had to read out the Church's public apology for mishandling abuse, this week seemed to be God's reassurance to him and to us that the Church in Coogee is doing God's will, loving Him, one another and those in need. We all needed that reassurance.

With our very sincere appreciation,

St Brigid's Social Justice Group

Per Dianne Mullin



**ALTERNATIVE
SCHOOLIES
EXPERIENCE
FIJI
NOV 2014**



**EXCLUSIVELY
4 SYDNEY
CATHOLIC
SCHOOLS**

Celebrate & Reward yourself
with FUN & ADVENTURE

Make a difference get involved
with BUILDING PROJECTS &
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Immerse yourself with locals

- Create the precedent
- Be the visionary
- Dare to be different
- Change a life

**MAKE
MEANINGFUL
MEMORIES
NOT REGRETS**



**HARVEST
INROADS**



THE ALTERNATIVE SCHOOLIES IS COMING!



Where: FIJI

When: 22 - 29 November 2014

How much: \$2500 - \$2900
(indicative pricing)

What's included:

- Return economy class airfare
- Accommodation
(in simple multishare rooms)
- Most meals
- All transfers
- Activities
- Community projects
- Fun & adventure
- Pride & sense of accomplishment



- *Open to all school leavers even under 18's!*
- *Strictly alcohol and drug free!*



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Second Hand Uniforms for Sale

Sport track pants	size 10	very good	\$30
Sport track jacket	size 14	good	\$25
Sports bag		good	\$5
Senior shirt	size 10	very good	\$20
Senior shirt	size 12	good	\$15
Senior shirt	size 12	very good	\$20
Junior shirt	size 10	very good	\$20
Sport Track jacket	size 12	good	\$30
Kilt	size 10	very good	\$50
Sports shorts	size 10	good	\$12
Sport hat		fair	\$5
Blazer	size 12	good	\$90
Summer dress	size 12	very good	\$45
Sport top	size 14	fair	\$5

Cassandra Mob: 0420 939 118

SENIOR BLOUSE x 3	size 12	\$15 (Fair condition)
BLAZER x 1	size 14	-\$75 (Good condition)
JUNIOR DRESS x 1	size 14	-\$30 (Good condition)
KILT x 2	size 14	-\$50 (Excellent Condition)

Edna Mob: 0423 245 170

or after 12 November contact **Whitney:** 0433 072 755

Blazer, size 14, excellent condition, \$80
Kilt, excellent cond ,size 8-12, \$50
Pullover, size 16, good cond., \$30
Track jacket, size 12, good cond., \$30.
Long sleeve jnr winter shirts, 1x size 10x 1x size 14, good cond., \$10ea.
short sleeve sport polo, size 10, fair cond., \$5
Long sleeve sport polo, good cond., size 10-12 \$10.
Swimmers, size 8, good cond., \$8
Jnr Blue apron science/food tech good cond., \$5
3 piece hospitality uniform, \$45

Contact Jeneva

Mob: 0408412777

1 x Kilt (size 10-12) - \$30

1 x Blazer (size 10-12) - \$40

Contact: Jenny

Mob: 0412 226 725



UNIFORM	PRICE	SIZE	CONDITION
Blazer	\$100	16	new
Blazer	\$90	14	excellent
3 long sleeve blouse	\$15 each	sml-med	excellent
Long sleeve blouse	\$10	14	great
2 track suits	\$50	sml-med	great
2 sports tea shirts	\$10 each	sml-med	good
Long sleeve sport shirt	\$15	sml	great
Sports bag	\$5	new	
3 uniform dress tunics	\$25	sml-med	great
3 woollen pullovers	\$25	med	excellent
2 kilts	\$55	med	excellent
Sport shorts	\$10	sml	excellent
Swimming bathers	\$15	sml	new

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 SHELLEY,	FRANKENSTEIN	\$5

Contact Rachel

Mobile: 0402 606 886

UNIFORM	PRICE	SIZE	CONDITION
Blazer	\$150	16	Excellent

Contact Jenny

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