Dear Parents,

**PRESENTATION AFTERNOON THURSDAY 12 DECEMBER**

1.30pm COMMENCEMENT

All parents are invited to attend our end of year presentation of awards to our students. The afternoon usually concludes about 3pm and the students are able to leave or to wait at school to catch their bus. We have asked the girls to be in pristine summer uniform with their blazers. For this reason on **Wednesday 11 December**, the girls do not wear their uniform but can **wear modest casual clothes to school**. They need to wear a full shoe of some kind as these are the safest on the stairs and in some of the specialist rooms.

**Evangelii Gaudium**

This apostolic exhortation from Pope Francis has been welcomed by both secular and the Catholic press. I have not read all of it, however, I so far agree with the reviewers that the Pope is setting out for us what he thinks it means to be Church and to be a member of the Church. The language and ideas are full of freshness and enthusiasm. The Pope knows well the dark side of the human family, acquainted as he is with poverty and corruption and the betrayal of those within the Church who have harmed vulnerable people rather than helping them. Yet, his writing is hopeful and joyful, created by eyes looking more at God and God’s grace rather than at the frailty of human beings.

You can find Evangelii Gaudium at:
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 10 & 11)
9 December Year 10 Social at the Round House
Year 9 Commerce Excursion

11 December Year 11 HSC English Orals (This is a high stakes assessment task)

12 December Presentation Day

13 December Year 11 Tutorial Day

16 December Parent / Teacher Interviews

17 December Parent / Teacher Interviews
Staff Dinner

18 December Staff Development Day

19 December HSC 2013 ATAR Morning Tea
Last Day of Term 4 for staff

Upcoming Events
28 January (Tues) Staff return
29 January (Wed) Year 7 and New Students Commence
30 January (Thurs) Whole School returns
29 January – 11 April Term 1
28 April – 27 June Term 2
14 July – 19 Sept Term 3
7 October – 18 Dec Term 4

Mr Anthony Morgan
Acting Assistant Principal
Term 4 Parent Teacher Interview Days – How to use SOBS
The online booking system became live for parents on Tuesday November 26th at 6.00am. When you access SOBS (Schools Online Booking Service) please follow this procedure:
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. Placing bookings closes at 11pm on Sun Dec 15th. You can still VIEW them after this.
Mr M Rawlings
IT Administrator

Upcoming Opportunity in 2014 – Italian, Design and Food Tour to Italy
During the 2014 September/October school holidays, Brigidine will be offering an Italian, Design and Food tour to Italy to elective students in Years 11, 10 and 9 (2014). Please note places are limited and are taken on a year level and elective subject choice basis. If the opportunity becomes available for other students to attend we will advise at that time.

Your daughters have been informed of this tour and we wish to inform you that the information afternoon will be held at Brigidine early in Term 1, 2014.

Mrs M Johnson and Mrs D Ginzburg
Sports News
Congratulations to Karly Vouros in year 7 who has been selected to represent NSW in the 2014 FFA Futsal National Championships. Karly has been selected in the U13 Girls Lightning Squad and will attend the National Championships in Canberra during the school holidays. Good luck Karly.

Congratulations to Samantha Murray in year 11 and Jennifer Chun in year 11 who have been selected in the NSW U18’s development squad for AFL. This now puts the girls in contention for selection in the NSW U18’s team.
The girls were chosen after starring at the NSW Youth Girls Championships in Wagga Wagga and we wish them all the best with selection.

Mrs Elder

Tuesday Touch
We have had a very disjointed start to the season with wet weather and poor air quality leading to the cancellation of a few games. None the less the Brigidine teams have been performing well in all grades and providing some tough competition for all the schools. I would like to thank all the parent managers that have been supporting their teams and also the Year 11 House Captains who have been coming along each week to help support.
We still have another term to go and remember that touch will begin again on the February 4th 2014

Mrs Elder
Year 10 PASS
As part of the Yr 10 Physical Activity and Sports Studies program, the girls have had the opportunity to enjoy a unit on Surfing! This has been taking place at Maroubra Beach and run by a group called Let’s Go Surfing! The girls have thoroughly enjoyed being out in the great outdoors, as well as experiencing the fabulous health benefits of paddling and surfing!

Whilst some of the girls had previous surfing experience, the majority were first time surfers and I can honestly say that they had all managed, to some degree, to stand up by the end of the unit! A fantastic achievement! I think the photographs say it all!
Year 10 Commerce Excursion
On Wednesday 20th November Year 10 Commerce students went on an excursion to the Downing Centre Law Courts and State Parliament House. At the Downing Centre we were able to observe a wide range of cases in both the Local and District Courts. The cases also were either civil or criminal cases.

Ms J Nicolas
HSIE Commercial Coordinator
Minds on Maths Challenge
On the 20th of November, six Year 8 students were selected to compete in the Stage 4 “Minds on Maths” challenge at St Ursula’s College, Kingsgrove. The event was attended by CEO Eastern Region schools. We worked together as a group to solve a range of mathematical problems including Geometry, Fractions and Algebra. We actively participated in a problem solving relay and raced to get in the answers for the event.

The day began with 2 bonus activities which were followed by a group investigation on Geometry. We then went on to Fractions and another investigation called “Nerdy Numbers”. Afterwards we played a game of Mathematical Heads or Tails and did an individual speed activity. Our final activity was the problem solving relay.

At the end of the day we emerged as the victors becoming the first all-girls team ever to win in the past 12 years. Thanks to Mrs D’Angelo, from the CEO, for organising this event, to St Ursula’s for allowing us to use their hall and Mrs Harbutt for driving us to the event. And special thanks to Mrs Mabey, our Maths teacher, for accompanying us to the venue.
Year 8 Team: Holly Lockhart, Chiara Harbutt, Rhianna Frahill, Mikaela Jackson, Jennifer Hou and Anthea Duffy
White Ribbon Walk
On Monday 25th November, 38 girls from Years 7 to 11 joined 4 staff members in the White Ribbon Walk - a walk to raise awareness about the issue of domestic violence against women.
The walk began at 7.15am at High Cross Park and we joined many people in the walk to Coogee for some informal speeches, some entertainment and a BBQ breakfast.
Although the crowds were down on last year, the significance of the cause was met with enthusiasm by all involved.
It is particularly good to see so many girls who joined us again this year for the event.
Thanks in particular to Mrs Sandell, Mrs Ross and Mrs Dawson who gave up their time and accompanied us on the day.

Ms Watson
**Eastern Suburbs Sustainable Schools**

On Tuesday, the final meeting of the Eastern Suburbs Sustainable Schools Network was held at the Centennial Park Education Centre. At this meeting awards were given to various local schools for their contribution to Environmental Achievements by their students within their community. The categories for the awards were: Water; Energy; Waste; Biodiversity and Student Leadership and Empowerment. Thank you to the three councils that made this awards ceremony possible, those being: Randwick, Waverley and Woollahra.

Brigidine was awarded the winner in the **Biodiversity Category** for their Environmental Project out at Wellington at the Burrendong Arboretum. This project was the brain child of Mr Kevin Burg who has been actively encouraging and leading students here at Brigidine to look after the environment for the last 23 years. Mr Burg is retiring this year and he will be greatly missed in his leadership in this area, but we know that he will continue to look after the environment and spread the word of how to decrease our carbon footprint on the planet. He is an excellent example of an environmentalist.

*Mrs R Dawson*

**Year 9 Commerce Small Business Day**

Year 9 Commerce students had a go at being Entrepreneurs on Wednesday, after studying a unit of work on Running a Small Business and Selling and Marketing. The students had to plan, set up and run their own small business either as a partnership or sole trader. This was done with amazing success in the main quad with the target market being the year 7 students. These young Entrepreneurs all decided that the product that was sure to sell to their target market was food so the businesses had a variety of food on offer such as selling strawberries dipped in chocolate, pizza, spiders, cup cakes, lolly sticks, chocolate pizza and jelly cups. This was a fabulous learning experience for all involved looking at marketing including promotion and target market, location, operations and most of all finance. It was very pleasing that all businesses made a profit on the day. A big thank you to all the students and staff who supported this activity and of course the parents of these girls.
Mrs R Dawson
Year 9 Italian Camp
On the 2nd of December, 28 eager Year 9 Italian students met at Central station to travel to Broken Bay for an exciting Italian camp full of activities. With no internet reception, it was a great way to escape the real world and bond with our peer and teachers.

We participated in some camp activities including a rope course which challenged us. We also experienced an archery challenge. We were split in 4 teams related to the Hunger Games. Fortissimo!

In the evening we gathered together around a beach fire, sang songs and cooked dampers and roasted marshmallows. Che delizia!!

We had an amazing time bonding and learning new things about each other. FORZA ANNO 9!

Emma Michael, Year 9
Social Justice Day

On Wednesday the 13th of November our new school Captain Sophia Lekkas, and Social Justice Leader Katie McQuaid attended the 2013 CEO Social Justice Forum addressing this year’s Australian Catholic Bishops Social Justice Statement: “Lazarus at our Gate”, alongside Vice Captain Hannah Sinclair, our SRC President Sophie Poidevan and fellow students Grace Kane, Aisling Power, Brenna Riley and Olivia Carlsen Gadd supervised by Ms Chaloner.

The Social Justice statement calls on the Christian Community and all Australians to stand in solidarity with our neighbours around the world who are living in conditions of extreme poverty.

The day began in the auditorium where we sat with students from Catholic Schools from all over Sydney. The aim of the morning session was sharing, many schools spoke about programs in their school communities which had a positive impact upon the local, national and international community. It was through the sharing of stories and experiences that we were able to communicate our passion for social justice and develop ideas for our own school community.

After the morning session and a delightful morning tea we were split up and attended forums on several current social justice issues such as the production of fair trade chocolate, asylum seekers and homelessness. It was in these small forums that the issue was examined and detailed more clearly so we are now truly informed on the matter. We also addressed how, as a community, we could address the problem and hopefully make a difference.

This day aimed to focus attention on the need of those at our metaphorical ‘gate’ and how we as a school and Catholic community can work together for the aid and benefit of those closest to us. After attending this day I feel that we have greater information on a range of issues as well as new and fresh ideas for our schools Social Justice Group ‘St Brigid’s Fire’. I am excited to be a part of this year’s ready and enthusiastic social justice team. We meet every Monday at lunchtime in DC4 and everyone is welcome to come along!

Olivia Carlsen Gadd
Year 10 Design & Technology
Throughout Semester 2 Yr 10 Design & Technology students have been working in conjunction with Mrs Kennedy from the school Library on a chair re refurbishment task. The students were given a very specific brief with the challenge being to remove the existing fabrics from the chair stripping it back to its bare bones, then recovering the frame with a desirable fabric chosen by the client. The students really enjoyed this group challenge produced some amazing designs.

Well Done Girls

Mrs McCarthy
Tae Kwon Do Black Belt Grading
On the 30th November 2013 we graded in Tae Kwon Do, to a Senior Black Belt. Charlotte and Francesca have trained for almost half their lives and for Chiara it’s been 10 years of training, to gain the chance to become a black belt, and it feels amazing that we have finally achieved it.

On the day of the grading at we all started to frantically practice for the theory section of our grading, and in no time at all, we had to get started. It began with a run and warm up, moving straight into the theory. First of all we did our basic sets of blocks and kicking, and then moved on to our patterns. We did little combinations of moves called Self-Defence and One-Step-Sparring. Both of these help to deal with how to get out of difficult situations. After that, we started on our kicking, and then pad-sparring (different combinations on the pads with a partner). Then, already tired, we started our point-sparring, where you put boots and gloves on and lightly kick and punch your partner. Not long after, we started our main sparring. This took what was left of our energy; wearing big shields, arm and shin guards, head guards and mouth guards, plus moving around and fighting for 40 minutes straight. When we had finally finished, many of us were crying tears of happiness. We knew that we had done it. We can’t lie and say it was easy. With injuries, pain and sickness, we still kept on going. We knew that the belt was right in front of us, and we just had to take a step forward to grab it.

That’s what we did. After almost 3 hours of non-stop kicking, remembering over 70 combinations and a whole lot of hard work, we stood to receive our belts. One at a time we were given the belts, smiling and crying with joy.
We have finally reached a life goal and it feels amazing. We are all glad to say “We are Black Belts in Tae Kwon Do”. This achievement experience is something that no one can take away from us. After every hour of training, every kick on a pad, every drop of sweat that ran down our faces, we had finally accomplished a one in a thousand opportunity. From now on, we will wear our belts with pride, strength and joy.
Chaira Harbutt, Franceseca Pascuito, Charlotte Nicolaides

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Thankyou
To everyone that donated items, boxes or helped pack and deliver...

A huge thank you!

We are so grateful for all that you have done. A call went out to family, friends, school, work colleagues and the community. No one asked for thanks, but all did it out of the goodness of their hearts.

It is impossible to know or list individuals, but you know who you are. Below is a list of businesses and organisations that donated in some way.

- Australia Post- Waterloo Staff
- Botany City Church
- Brigidine College Randwick- Staff and Year 9 girls
- C3 Balmain Church
- Kensington Public School
- Kennards- Moore Park
- Kingsford Mitre 10
- Lakes Baptist Church- Gorokan
- Noni B- Tuggerah
- Paperbox Thai Noodle Bar- Kings Cross
- Tyrepower- Toukley
- Woolworths- Lakehaven
- Wyong Anglican Church

We managed to collect enough items to pack and send 119 huge boxes. Hopefully the Filipinos that receive the goods will find comfort in the items and in knowing that strangers from Australia are thinking about them.

None of this would have been possible without the donation of time and the freight containers from IMPREZ. They sponsored the containers that will transport your donated items

Thanks again

Alfredo and Rachael Dizon
2014 JUNIOR BASKETBALL
HOSTED BY EASTS BASKETBALL LEAGUE

STARTING IN EARLY FEBRUARY 2014
U8, U10’S, 12’S, 14’S & 16’S BOYS & GIRLS DIVISIONS
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7-11 YEAR OLDS - TUES JAN 14TH
11-14 YEAR OLDS - WED JAN 15TH
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SCL BASKETBALL TRYOUTS
REPRESENT THE EASTERN SUBURBS
IN THE 2014 SCL BASKETBALL COMP
WWW.HOOPSFORHEALTH.COM.AU/SCL
**Second Hand Uniforms for Sale**

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**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., $10 ea.
- 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
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Or whole uniform package $250

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

Contact Rachel
Mobile: 0402 606 886

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Contact Ted
Mobile: 0432284952
For Sale
Summer dresses size 12 x 2, size 10 x 4
swimmers size 14 x 2 and size 8
sports polo shirts S and XS
Sports shorts size 8 x 2, size 7 and size 5
sports bag
Track suit top size 14
Track suit pants size 12
Blazer size 14
Winter blouses size 12 x 4 and size 8 x 5

All fair condition, make an offer - Mel 0424 643 284

For Sale
Sport uniform pants and jacket – size 14 girls $60 both (excellent condition)
Sports shorts x 2 – sizes 8 - $15 each
2 x Kilts – size 10 - $15 each
2 x summer school dresses – size 8/10 - $15 each
School cap – never worn - $10

Mixed bag of aprons, winter shirts, Brigidine swims suits (x 2) free if everything purchased
Total $130

Contact Julia – 0435 295 952