

# Brigidine College Newsletter

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## COMING EVENTS

**TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2014**

Staff Return  
Uniform Shop Open  
from 8am-2pm

**WEDNESDAY 29 JANUARY  
2014**

**Year 7 & New Girls Commence**

**THURSDAY 30 JANUARY 2014**  
Whole School Returns



## 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,

The end of the year is on us again with its terrible busyness. My last task today is to write to you.

The HSC class of 2013 is celebrating on Cullen verandah as I write. We taught 28 courses to our HSC students in 2013 and the results show that 25 are well above the state average. Food Technology was our stand out this year at 13.11 above the State average. My heart is particularly gladdened by the huge percentage of Band 5 results. This is because of good teaching and very hard working girls courageously believing in themselves even though they are not getting the accolades handed out to the top achievers.

On Tuesday night we held a special dinner for staff to farewell the three men who are retiring and six staff who have been serving at Brigidine for over twenty years. Our retirees are Mr Kevin Burg, Mr Brian Jones and Mr Allan Mc Fadden. Mrs Elder, Mr Milanov, Mrs Dawson, Mrs Solberg, Mrs Ross and Mrs Wetherell received an award for twenty years of service. The dinner was a wonderful time; it is very important that the Brigidine staff is a close knit collegial group so that our professional learning happens as a habit.

Over the holidays, two toilet blocks will be refurbished. This is such a relief to me as they have been less than I would like for the girls. Also four classrooms in the Kilbride block will be refurbished and will have new furniture. The enclosed verandah off these classrooms will have the carpet ripped up and high quality vinyl put down. I am very disappointed that the work to be done on the entrance to the school must wait until Easter as we have not had the final go ahead from the Randwick Council. In the 2013 September holidays, the verandah of the Science block was enclosed and resurfaced with heavy duty vinyl. This has given the school some more civilized wet weather area for the girls. I was able to do this with the funds raised by the P and F levy that parents pay as a part of their Brigidine fees each year.

May you all have refreshing and happy holiday. For the first time in 33 years I am having Christmas without any of my children. It was going to happen one day and here it is upon me. They are off doing wonderful things and I am happy for them. When they were teenagers I dreamed a sardonic dream of Christmas day alone eating Pringles on the couch while I watched old movies undisturbed. That dream is long gone.

Finally, a million, million thanks to all of you who read the newsletter and our documents and keep up with our communications, who do all you can to ensure that your daughter complies with the rules of our community, who wouldn't dream of dropping your children off in Aeolia Street because of the danger and who tell us honestly about your experience with the education we offer your daughter. Brigidine is as it is because of the intelligent and solid support we receive from our parents.

May something precious and vulnerable be born in your hearts this Christmas; something that you will rejoice in as your deepest truth and may 2014 bring you, and those you love, many blessings.

*May Brigid Bless the House Wherein you dwell*

**Ms Kate Edmondson**  
**Principal**

#### **FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**

##### **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**



# *Merry Christmas from the staff of Brigidine College*





