Dear Parents,
The first week of Lent. On Wednesday, Brigidine engaged in a very ancient ritual that proclaims that we know that our body is temporary our souls and spirits are eternal, and like our universe, can expand. We achieve this through gazing at our reflections in the mirror of God's expectations of us found in scripture. Lent is a time of self questioning. "How am I going in regard to who I say I am, who I long to be, in the deepest part of myself?" seems to me to be the basic question. For some personalities, this self exploration can be frightening. A healthy balance in thought and attitude is needed. To look honestly at our actions and attitudes and see them without self condemnation needs the weight of deep belief that God loves us without condemnation. The conclusions that we come to about ourselves are God calling us into an expanded place which is healthier for our spirits. It is not an occasion for us to get stuck in a spiralling mire of guilt and self rejection. The holiness, that is the result of our prayer and reflection in Lent, is only ever a resultant in a life that has made more room for God.

In Lent, Catholics are asked to pray, fast and give alms. The fasting alerts us to our belief that our life as Christians is not one long indulgence. By giving to charity, we acknowledge that unjust economic systems are endemic in our societies and that each of us take some responsibility to make things fairer. With this in mind, the Catholic Church has in Lent its largest request for charity which is known as Project Compassion. The money raised goes to Caritas which is the Church's biggest Charity. When there is a disaster, such as the hurricane last year in the Philippines, a great deal of money can be raised. Caritas gives money to the smaller disasters that don't get so well publicised and support aid workers who have made it their life's work to assist in poverty stricken areas. Because the money is ongoing then the workers can plan their best response to ease the suffering they see around them.

During Lent, each Brigidine girl will be asked to save $2 a week from any money she has to put towards Project Compassion. We are encouraging the girls not to go home and say to parents "I need $10 for Project Compassion" but to really think through how she will live sacrificially so that she can give the required amount. I do hope, though, that parents will also give to the needy of the world through our Project Compassion project here at Brigidine. Money can be put in an envelope with "Project Compassion" written on it and then put into the fees box.
"He has told you, mortal, what is good;
And what does the Lord require of you
But to do justice, and to love kindness,
And to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

**Another daughter to come to Brigidine?**
Sisters of girls presently in the school have priority of enrolment. Parents do through have to go through the application process. Ask your daughter to pick up an application form from the Brigidine Office. All applications for enrolment at Brigidine in 2015 must be at the school by Monday 28th April.

*May Brigid Bless the House Wherein you dwell*

**Ms Kate Edmondson**
Principal

**Rotary Youth Exchange Program - 2015**
I have received information about this program which is open to girls in Years 9, 10, 11 and 12. Details can be found at [www.rotaryyouthexchange.com.au](http://www.rotaryyouthexchange.com.au) Each student must be sponsored by a Rotary club. A list of the clubs in our district can be found at: [http://bit.ly/1hjRPpt](http://bit.ly/1hjRPpt). Completed application forms should be sent to the sponsoring club and the chairman of the Rotary Youth Exchange Committee District 9675, Mr Ian Gilkes ian@thegilkes.com

**FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL**
**Open Day**
Thank you to all staff and students who attended and assisted in ensuring Open Day 2014 was another huge success. Our students were fantastic and revealed how proud they are of their school. Each and every one of our students was great Ambassador for Brigidine. The staff have been planning and working hard for weeks and our Parents & Friends served tea and coffee to future Brigidine parents. Congratulations and thank you to our Brigidine community – students, parents, friends and staff.

**Getting Organised**
The beginning of the school year is the ideal time for students to:

- Make up a **study plan** after prioritising other activities in their life
- Map out the school year in terms of **tasks to be completed**
- Set up an interruption free **study space** at home for completion of tasks
- Ensure all **equipment and books** are purchased and available to them
- Find out what resources and assistance are available to support them
Establish a routine for studying and completing homework
Look ahead to the future and set personal and educational goals.

Aeolia Street
A reminder to parents that there is NO PARKING in Aeolia Street. Collection and drop offs should happen on Coogee Bay Road in the designated areas provided by the Council. The exit of the girls on to buses is very problematic for us and we are not helped by parents who are parked in Aeolia St.

Communication
Please do not call or text your daughter at school. The girls are not to be using their mobile phones between 8:30am and 3:20pm. If you need to contact your daughter in an emergency, this should be done via the school office. Likewise, if the College needs to contact you on behalf of your daughter, the office will do this. It makes things very difficult when girls are calling and texting their parents throughout the day via their mobile phones, when they should be communicating any issues they have to College staff.

Uniform
Again, I ask parents to ensure their daughters are in correct uniform attire before they leave home. This includes ONE earring in the ear lobe (see p.30 of the diary). No other earrings, nose rings, tongue rings are permitted. Beige or white bras are to be worn under the sports uniform and senior shirt. NO fluorescent coloured bras or bikini tops are to be worn under the uniform as these are clearly visible to all.

Dates to Note:

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Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Brigid Taylor
Assistant Principal
UNIFORM NEED ALTERING?
Too long, too tight, elastic not right? I have over 50 Years experience in sewing and doing alterations and now I do them for my Grandson’s uniforms! If you need prompt, affordable help with making those uniforms fit just right, please call me. I can also come to the uniform shop if you need help with fitting. Tina 9399 8009 or 0410 540 084

VOLUNTEER’S FOR CANA COMMUNITY
Teresa House is a refuge run by volunteers, founded by Cana Communities to look after the homeless, (mentally ill and otherwise fragile people who find themselves on the streets). Teresa House provides them with dinner, a hot shower, bed and breakfast overnight. The laundry roster for this project is in need of new recruits!
Do you have A CAR; A WASHING MACHINE; and TIME to add maybe five/four loads (depending on the size of yr washer)
to your washing for the fortnight??????
This job involves picking up the used sheets & towels from Teresa and returning the clean laundry in two weeks time.
If you would be interested and maybe have further questions

CONTACT:
Mary
[Email address] OR mob ph no: 0402213184
SPORTS NEWS

The annual swimming carnival was held under perfect conditions at Botany Pool on Friday 21st February and with a record crowd and record number of participants the scene was set for a fantastic carnival filled with lots of colour, cheering and water fun. All students must be congratulated on their enthusiasm and participation throughout the day and it was so enjoyable to see such high levels of school spirit. A huge thank you to all the staff and student helpers who worked so hard all day especially the PE Department, it was a great team effort by everyone.

Congratulations to all the AGE CHAMPIONS and to the winning house and good luck as they progress further on to the CGSSSA Carnival.

12 yrs Champion  Isabella Coghlan, Regina Mundi
13 yrs Champion  Angela Jebb, Brigid.
14 yrs Champion  Charlotte Wilson, Winifred
15 yrs Champion  Emily Barrett, Brigid
16 yrs Champion  Emma Thompson, Aquinas
17 yrs Champion  Hayley King, Winifred
18 yrs Champion  Emma Smith, Xavier

Year Champions
Tuesday Touch

Congratulations to all girls who reach the semi-finals in the Tuesday Touch Competition. Brigidine had ten teams who made the finals and they played their hearts out in every game. Seven teams have now made it through to the Grand Final to be played next Tuesday 11 March:

4.15pm Brigidine 9 v Kambala
   Brigidine 10 v OLSH 5
   Brigidine 17 v Moriah 5

5.00pm Brigidine 2 v OLSH 2
   Brigidine 8 v Brigidine 6
   Bridigine 13 v St Clares 5

Good luck to all our teams.
**CGSSSA Touch**
On Wednesday 5 March Brigidine competed in the Catholic School Touch Competition. We entered one team in the Open Division coached by Emma Ryan and one team in the Under 15’s coached by Kate Murphy and Natalie Murphy. The girls played exceptionally well, winning their pods and moving into the semi-finals. Unfortunately both teams were defeated in the semi-final but they played their best to the very end. The senior team ended their run with a draw at full time and then moving into a drop off. We would like to thank the students on their solid performance along with the coaches-Emma Ryan, Kate Murphy and Natalie Murphy, as well as the parents who came along to support on the day. We were very proud of you.

**Junior Team:**
Olivia Gooch  
Paige Winder  
Tully Votano  
Jessica McBride  
Heidi Cummings  
Bella Slattery  
Jasmine Duffis  
Holly Duncan  
Mary Conrecode  
Miah Hannah

**Senior Team:**
Monique Taukamo  
Mayliss Callion  
Amanda Logori  
Shanelle Peeti  
Victoria Stojanovic  
Hannah Sinclair  
Kathryn Masterson  
Jessica Thornton  
Chelsea Winder  
Ruby Breen  
Jennifer Chan  
Rose Seelin

**NSW AFL Team**
Congratulations to Jennifer Chan in year 12 who has been selected into the U18 NSW AFL team. Jen will be competing against all other states in the National Championships in May in Canberra.

**CGSSSA Summary**
Good luck to all the girls who have been selected into the CGSSSA Swimming Squad. They will be competing in the championship on 18 March.

*Mrs Kate Elder  
Sports Coordinator*
Year 11 Biology Field Trip to Lachlan Swamp at Centennial Park

On Wednesday 26th February, Year 11 Biology along with Ms Dable, Ms Schneider and Mrs Moldrich set off for our field trip to Lachlan Swamp at Centennial Park. We divided into two groups and went into Lachlan Swamp examining the biotic features such as the population of 12,000 thousands of grey-headed fruit bats as well as the impact they were having on flora within set quadrats. We also looked at the abiotic features both inside and outside of Lachlan Swamp. We walked around the park discussing the adaptations of the main flora and fauna such as the Paper Bark trees, and Tawny Frog Mouth and relationships between different species. There was shrieking, screeching, and a lot of bat poo, but all in all it was a very fun trip!

Ms Dable
Science Department
English Department
The English Department is currently on a rigorous programme of Discovery! We would like to welcome Ms Taylor to our Department and Mrs Sassine, who is with us whilst Mrs Sandell is on sick leave. We all wish Mrs Sandell a speedy return to health.

We have selected our suite of texts for the new HSC prescriptions for the graduating class of 2015. The theme for the Area of Study is Discovery and Standard English will be studying the novel *Swallow the Air* by Tara June Winch and Advanced will by studying the novel *Wrack* by James Bradley.

As a result, we have begun to programme for this year’s Year 11 Preliminary courses. In Standard English we will be looking at poetry about the Fresh Horizons inspired by travel, and the short stories of Tim Winton in *The Turning*. In Advanced English we will be studying the Powerplays in *Antony and Cleopatra* and comparing Austen’s *Emma* with its modern reincarnation in the film *Clueless*.

Ms Fairall has recommenced her creative writing club meetings, which are held every Wednesday Week B at lunchtime in KL2. Ms Fairall has already attended a day of professional development, bringing back invaluable resources on the current HSC. Mr Condon has attended a day on English as a Second language training and Ms Jarman has also attended a day on the National Curriculum. Mrs Wetherell and Ms Bassil are also soon to undertake professional development, with a focus on the senior curriculum.

We are looking forward to visits from Bell Shakespeare in Year 9, for our study of *Romeo and Juliet*, and Year 12 Advanced will participate in a Masterclass on *Julius Caesar*. Poetry in Action will once again visit to transport Year 12 into the poetry of Wilfred Owen. We are looking forward to the Cultural Literacy events organised by Ms Kennedy in the library which support our teaching and learning in English.

Ms Jarman
English Coordinator

Miss Fairall and the Creative Writing Club
on Ash Wednesday
Alternative Schoolies Week exclusively for Sydney CEO Schools

Harvest INROADS in partnership with the Sydney Catholic Education Office, is proud to offer the graduating Class of 2014 the opportunity to mark the end of their schooling in a fun yet meaningful way.

Motivated by the negative images we see every year of celebrations on the Gold Coast, we decided to create a viable alternative for students.

This alternative is the opportunity to travel to Fiji where students can unwind, relax, enjoy the attractions of this island paradise while also having the opportunity to get involved with the locals and make a real difference. Based on the highly successful model of the Rio World Youth Day mission projects, Schoolies will be immersed in local culture and work alongside community partners, on established and ongoing service projects. Please note: Under 18’s are welcome to join the Harvest INROADS experience as it is strictly ALCOHOL DRUG and TOBACCO FREE.

Activities during the Schoolies Experience will include:

- Helping with various building and infrastructure projects within the nearby villages.
- Teaching English to primary school students alongside their teachers.
- Preparing traditional meals with the women of the village and delivering them to families in need.

In partnership with the Sydney CEO, Harvest INROADS is offering a program which is reserved exclusively for your students. The details are as follows:

- Where: Fiji
- When: 22 - 29 Nov 2014
- How much: $2280 including roundtrip international airfare from Sydney
- This experience is strictly alcohol, drug and tobacco free

For other information please contact the Youth Ministry Coordinator – email: robyn.ross@syd.catholic.edu.au

Mrs Robyn Ross
Youth Ministry Coordinator
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

Music Lessons Available
Due to a large number of Senior music graduates in 2013 there are a spots available for private instrumental/voice music lessons. Interested students are encouraged to collect a form from the music department. Instruments are available to hire for $150 per year. Tutors contact details and questions about the lessons should be directed to the music staff.

Miss Ainsworth
Music Coordinator
UNIFORM ITEMS FOR SALE

All good condition.

- 4 size 10 winter shirts
- 4 sports jackets- size 12, 14 and XS
- 2 size 6 kilts
- 3 size 10 sports shorts
- 1 size 12 sports long pant
- 2 size 10 sports shirts
- 3 size 12 summer dresses
- ---------------------------- $200 the lot
- 3 size 16 blazers------ $60 each

Ring Michelle on 0414 291 568 or 9349 7333

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For Sale Uniforms (make an offer)
size 10 and 12 sports uniforms, shorts, pants, jackets, bags, swimmers
size 10 and 12 girls uniforms
size 12 kilt and blazer
winter blouses 10 and 12
Call Melissa 0424643284

Second Hand Uniforms for Sale
Sport track pants size 10 very good $30
Sport track jacket size 14 good $25
Sports bag size 10 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 size 12 fair $5
Blazer size 14 excellent cond $80
Summer dress size 12 good $90
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

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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 Jenny
Mobile: 0403 257 204

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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  

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CONTACT: Susan – 0412 738 908  

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