Dear Parents,

Night Patrol
Night patrol is an initiative of St Vincent de Paul whereby secondary schools have a time slot at night once a month to deliver food and beverages to the homeless of Sydney City. Brigidine has staff who love being a part of this venture and so many girls of the HSC class who want to be involved that the girls can only go out once or twice during their final year. **We need the assistance of parents who would help by being another adult present and who would also be prepared to drive the Vinnies Van.** If you are committed to social justice and would like to do something practical then this might be just the thing for you. The girls love it and the staff come back energised. If you can help, please send an email through to me via info@bcrandwick.catholic.edu.au. The rosters are done well ahead so you would know when you are needed.

Student Leaders
Last week staff and student leaders from Brigidine St Ives and Brigidine Indooroopilly visited Randwick for the annual student leaders’ day. This is a red letter day for the leaders as they get to know each other and something of the different histories of the schools. The gathering is at Randwick because so much of the history of the Brigidines is here at Randwick which gave birth to St Ives and Indooroopilly. In Term One of next year a staff member and four HSC students from Randwick will attend the justice and democracy forum which draws students from all Brigidine schools in Australia - South Australia, Victoria, New South Wales and Queensland. These opportunities allow the girls to feel connected to a long tradition and to like minds; a great experience for their general wellbeing.

May Bridget bless all you do to make good things happen in our world.

Ms Kate Edmondson
Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

STAFF SPIRITUALITY DAY – TERM 4
To be held on Friday 20th November. This is a pupil free day.

END OF YEAR ARRANGEMENTS
Girls in Years 7 – 10 will finish school for 2015 on our Presentation Day to be held on Thursday 10th December. Year 11 will conclude on Friday 11th with their Tutorial day.
All students in Years 7 – 11 are required at school on Presentation Day, in full summer uniform. There will be more details to follow as we get closer to the date.

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FAMILY VALIDATION REPORTS

Family Validation forms where recently sent home to all families. This form contains current information for your family within our school records. We ask that this form be returned to the school office whether there are changes or not.

COMBINED BRIGIDINE LEADERS’ DAY

On the 5th of November, the Brigidine Randwick, Brigidine St Ives and Brigidine Indooroopilly leaders assembled at Brigidine Randwick to spend the day together. Unsure of what the day had planned for us, we started the day with open minds and hearts, ready to welcome our counterparts. As we ate morning tea together, we introduced ourselves and conversed with the St Ives and Indooroopilly girls about things such as the difference in our uniforms, badges, school hours. It was clear that externally, there wasn’t really anything we all shared, apart from maybe our black leather shoes. As the day progressed, we congregated in St Anne’s, where we were greeted by Sister Chanel and Sister Jan. Brigidine Indooroopilly lead us in prayer and organised a beautiful and touching presentation in which the colourful threads that featured in our uniforms were woven across the room so that every person had access to it and could hold on to it. It was a symbolic and emotional display of the commonality that the three schools shared. We were all a Brigidine community, interconnected with the same heritage, goals and values.

Afterwards, as the weather began to clear up, we had a tour of Brigidine House, admiring the panels of history that described the shaping of the Brigidine community in Australia, which were displayed on the walls. We were also privileged to visit the small chapel and view the stained glass window depicting the key features in Saint Brigid’s life. We then went to read the panels on Mother John Synan and Sister Scholastica (Christina) Cullen and their significance in the Brigidine story, before enjoying lunch together. This time, our conversations were completely different, as we cheerfully shared the similarities between each of the schools, the subtle things that aren’t recognised in one glance at our uniforms.
We went back to St Anne’s to further this discovery of similarities. Each school presented a short talk on the events and programs run in their school and the leadership systems. It was evident that every school contributed to the community in a different way, whether it was musical performances, charities or immersion programs. It was also clear that the Brigidine spirit was very much alive in each and every school, and that channelling through these programs, were the very values that drove Saint Brigid. We then had some time to form small groups to share and discuss ideas about how, as leaders, we could better the school environment and community, form and strengthen bonds and friendships between the higher years and younger years, and to continue to demonstrate the beliefs and values at the core of Brigidine’s history, but also to maintain the connection and interaction between the three Brigidine schools. We all had great ideas to share. Ideas that I believe all of us can take away and implement into the school community. The day ended with a prayer that resonated strongly in every girl present, before we said our goodbyes. Upon reflecting on the day, there is no doubt that everyone grew to recognise and appreciate their rich Brigidine culture, and the interrelationship and unity between the Brigidine schools in Australia. It was a rewarding day that amplified the Brigidine spirit within all of us! A big thank you to Mrs Day, Sister Chanel, Sister Jan, Mr Gleeson and Mr Beiers for organising such a great day for everyone!

Ivana Punyawan
DAME MARIE BASHIR VISITS THE IMMERSION GIRLS

At the beginning of this term, those of us that attended the Central Australia Immersion were fortuitous enough to have Dame Marie Bashir visit the College to share with her our experiences on the Immersion.

Dame Marie Bashir matched our many stories with her own personal experiences working in Indigenous healthcare which were without doubt extraordinary true-life tales that all left us taken aback. Having the opportunity to listen to the life of an accomplished woman such as Dame Bashir was an experience that will not be forgotten amongst the group.

Oozing with intelligence, Dame Marie Bashir was able to pair our stories of the Indigenous Communities with ones of her own, owing to the excitement expressed by every girl each time she spoke. The conversation was never dull as this was the first opportunity for us girls to search for the meaning hidden within the trip and share that meaning with others.

Although the trip allowed us to discover Indigenous culture first hand, Dame Bashir was able to shed more light on the culture and again further educate us on the subject. We all left the discussion further informed on Indigenous culture, particularly issues surrounding health, and inspired by such an influential woman who was able to achieve what she did in a time period when women such as herself, were a thing of rarity.

We all now appreciate further just how lucky each and every one of us are to have had the opportunity to attend the Immersion thanks to Dame Marie’s wise words that she kindly shared with us about our journey.

Amelia Rubio, Year 11
Social Justice Captain
YR 9 COMMERCE – OUT OF INTEREST TO ALL PARENTS

Year 9 Commerce this term have been studying Personal Finance as one of their topics. This week the girls went on the ASIC website as part of looking at The Financial Services Reform Act 2001. Some of the girls got very excited when they found unclaimed money owing to some of their relatives, so just letting everyone know, check out this site, do a search, type your name in and see if you have any unclaimed money that you have forgotten about.


Another great app to add to your phone from the same site is "Track my Spend".

TAS AT BCR

Congratulations to Jessica Braid of Year 12 on being nominated for inclusion in the 2016 DesignTech exhibition. Her Major Design Project ‘The family Management Hub’, has been nominated for entry into the combined Technology exhibition at the Powerhouse Museum. The exhibition show cases exemplary works from the 2015 Design and Technology HSC cohort.

Congratulations also to our Year 10 Graphic Technology students. They are about to become the first students to finish Brigidine’s newest subject. It has been a fantastic creative adventure.

Click on the links to view samples of some of the students work:

- http://bedoubleyou.co.vu/begun
- http://emilee.co.vu/
SPORTS NEWS

CGSSSA AQUATHON

On Monday the 9th of November a team of 37 students from years 7-11 headed out to Merrylands Pool to represent Brigidine in the CGSSSA Aquathon. The girls could enter as either a team or an individual. We had three students enter as individuals: Isobella Coghlan who came 1st in the Junior division; in the intermediate division, Jasmine Delaney came 2nd closely followed by Isobel Funnell coming in 3rd. In the teams event Jessica McBride and Marina Hatzigiannis came 1st in the senior division, Kirra Connolly and Charlotte Wilson coming in 1st in the Intermediate division and Chloe Dunn and Lara Reardon coming in 3rd in the Junior Division. Our intermediate team was also able to take home the shield for the highest overall point score in their division. All of the girls did really well in the hot conditions. Thank you also to the Year 10 PASS class for assisting on the day. Congratulations to all the girls who competed.
AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2015
In July this year, three hundred and eighty two Brigidine students sat for the Australian Mathematics Competition, sponsored by the Commonwealth Bank. This competition involved almost half a million primary and secondary school students from around 30 countries. Every participant has received a letter detailing their results from the competition which tested everything from basic numeracy skills through to advanced problem solving questions. Brigidine College is delighted that our students received 10 Distinctions and 75 Credits. Congratulations to all who participated.

YEAR 7
Distinction: Grace Robbie
Credit: Darci Walsh, Madelyn Jansezian, Ashley Lam, Emma Mintoff, Grace Murray, Holly Champion, Eve Visser, Sophie Durkin, Hannah Kavich, Sienna Baker, Zoe Bakerman, Katerina Goicoechea, Nicole Kavadas, Claudia Mason, Justine Vallejera, Jocelyn Toner, Zoe Townsden, Tiana Goutzas, Sarah Nolan, Agatha Phang, Charlotte Tate, Imogen Breen, Jordyn Lam, Kasey Llewellyn, Elena Trupke, Brianna He, Daniela Stamatellis.

YEAR 8
Distinction: Jasmine Delaney, Nicola Jones, Isobel Funnell, Siobhan Considine
Credit: Tara Mintoff, Lauren Leung, Natalia Waterson, Rosalie Nardo, Jessica Scandurra, Bridgette Williamson, Audrey Xu, Hannah Donovan, Mitra Mousavi, Delwyn Tjahjadi, Natasha Dedich, Ashleigh Walker, Christabel Chang, Jia Han, Joni Tan, Loren Puyat, Lauren Torkel, Lucy Hely-Hammond.

YEAR 9

YEAR 10
Distinction: Holly Lockhart, Elizabeth Connon, Rhianna Frahill, Natasha Cahill, Poppy Karagiannis
Credit: Rhiannon Soliman-Marron, Michaela Inglis, Chanelle Le Bechennec, Kelly Deng, Alice Desmons, Arya Shinde, Mikaela Jackson, Bonnie Burns, Rebecca Rosenberg, Alice Zhang, Sally Wang, Bridget Tan, and Kyra McMorrow

The Junior Overall Recipient for 2015 is Jasmine Delaney (Year 8) Top 10%
The Intermediate Overall Recipient for 2015 is Holly Lockhart (Year 10) Top 4%
Our Overall Prudence Award winner for 2015 is Holly Lockhart. The Prudence Award is for the student who achieved the school’s highest number of consecutive correct answers.

Susan Egan, Mathematics Coordinator

CHANGES TO SSTS APPLICATIONS AND THE INTRODUCTION OF THE SCHOOL OPAL CARD

The School Students Transport Scheme (SSTS) gives eligible students free or subsidised travel between home, on the approved train, bus or ferry services.

From **TERM 1 2016** Transport for NSW will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for travel under the School Student Transport Scheme via a new online process

**Automatic Renewal:** Most parents, guardians and students won’t need to apply for a School Opal care if they have already been given a school student travel pass and will automatically receive a School Opal card in 2016.

However, parents, guardians and students will need to apply if the student:

1. is just starting school and has not had a pass before
2. is in a transition year (for, example Yr 6 to 7)
3. is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary schools or
4. if the student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address)

**Online application form:** Schools will no longer keep the SSTS application form as parents, guardians and students can go online from November 2, 2015 to complete their application form, print it out and return it to school. The application form is available at transportnsw.info/school-students

If you have any further questions or need further information please contact Passes and Schemes on 02 9891 8900 or 1800 227 774
CAREERS NEWS

Important dates for our 2015 HSC graduating class:

September 30 - UAC Entries – on time entries need to be completed
September 30 – School’s Recommendation Scheme (SRS) applications close
November 30 - Educational Access Scheme (EAS) applications due
December 16 – HSC results released by BOSTES
December 17 – ATARs released by UAC on their website at 9am
6 January 2016 – Change of UAC preferences for main round of offers
20 January 2016 – Offers released by UAC 6pm

Also a reminder to all Year 12 students, I am contactable by email to assist with any queries regarding UAC, the application process, accepting offers etc. Continue to check your school email account and the Careers Edmodo page for updated information regarding careers.

UNIVERSITIES

UNSW Scientia Challenge Years 7 – 10
Closes 22 November
Runs 19 to 21 January
UNSW Kensington
For gifted and talented Years 7-10 with 3 days of workshops.
https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/for-gifted-students/scientia-challenge-yr-7-to-10/

UNSW Art and Design Media at UNSW Careers and Industry Evening
14 December, 6.00pm to 8.00pm
John Niland Scientia Building, UNSW Kensington

UNSW New Dual Degree Civil Engineering and Surveying
Five years with professional engineer and a professional surveyor accreditation.

Law Degree Insight Evening at University of Newcastle
18 November, 5.30pm to 7.00pm
Watt Space Gallery
CSU Year 10 Subject Information
HSC subjects advice useful for future careers.
http://www.csu.edu.au/oncampus/getting-to-uni/year-10-information

CSU Online Digital Forensics Course

The University of Sydney Sydney College of the Arts Portfolio Day
21 November, 10.00am to 3.00pm
Sydney College of the Arts, The University of Sydney, Park Drive, Lilyfield
Receive feedback on your portfolio and tour SCA.
http://whatson.sydney.edu.au/events/planning/portfolio-day

The University of Sydney Sydney College of the Arts Degree Show
18 to 24 November, 10.00am to 4.00pm
Bachelor of Visual Arts and Bachelor of Visual Arts (Honours) students’ work exhibition.

Western Sydney University Course Decision Day
4 January, 4.00pm to 8.00pm
Parramatta South Campus, corner of James Ruse Drive and Victoria Road, Rydalmere
Advice on admissions, course options, career opportunities, scholarships, and services.
http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/future/future_students_home/events_at_uws/course_decision_day

Western Sydney University Communication Career Portfolio Day
10 November, 9.30am to 2.30pm
Werrington South Campus
Show your portfolio of writing, videos, or creative work, speak to staff and you may have an early offer into the Bachelor of Communication or Bachelor of Screen Media.
http://www.westernsydney.edu.au/humanities_communication_arts/hca/blog_and_news/communication_career_and_portfolio_day

ANU Online Chat
22 December, 12.00pm to 6.00pm
Advice for future study options.
http://www.anu.edu.au/study/events/chat-with-us-online

UOW College Information Evening
12 January
University of Wollongong
Future study options.
http://www.uowcollege.edu.au/about/events/index.html

**Arts, Business, Education, Engineering, Health, Humanities, IT, Justice, Law, Science Open Universities Degrees**
Most with no entry requirements.

**CQ University Online Information Session**
21 December, 9.00am to 4.00pm
Advice on full time, part time and distance course programs.

**EducationUSA**
Interested in applying to U.S. colleges or universities. Obtain testing advice, how to apply, financial aid, visas. The U.S. Consulate's EducationUSA Sydney Centre, allows students, parents and career advisers to visit by appointment.
https://www.educationusa.info/australia

**TAFE**
**Sydney TAFE Information Sessions and Events**
Job Skills Day. 17 November, 9.30am to 2.00pm, St George TAFE and Randwick TAFE
Counselling & Career Development Seminar. 17 November, 5.00pm to 6.00pm, Petersham TAFE
Business and Finance Information Session. 17 November, 6.00pm, St George Street
Music Career and Course Info Night. 17 November, 6.30pm to 7.30pm, Ultimo TAFE
Counselling & Career Development Seminar.  18 November, 4.00pm to 5.30pm, Randwick TAFE
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http://sydneytafe.edu.au/newsevents/events

**COLLEGES**
**Academy of Interactive Entertainment 2016 Work Experience Program**
Years 10 to 12 in 3D animation and programming.
http://www.aie.edu.au/StudentInformation/workexp

**Sydney Dance Company School Holiday Workshops**
14 to 15 January
Pier 4, 15 Hickson Road, The Rocks
For experienced young dancers with direction from professional choreographers.
Contact: Tamara Wheeler on 02 9258 4818 or tamaraw@sydneydancecompany.com

**William Blue College of Hospitality Management Info Night**
19 November, 5.30pm to 7.30pm
The Rocks Campus, 1 – 5 Hickson Road Sydney
Course and career opportunities.
Contact: 1300 851 237 or enquiries@williamblue.edu.au

**Australian National College of Beauty Info Night**
19 November, 5.30pm to 7.30pm
Wellness Centre, 235 Pyrmont St, Pyrmont
Course and career opportunities.
http://www.ancb.edu.au/events/info-night-sydney

**Wollongong Design Studio Foundation of Interior Design**
 Starts February
Five week course with 3hrs/ week. Learn basic fundamentals of interior design with professionals.
Contact: info@wollongongdesignstudio.com.au

**Sydney Institute of Business and Technology Drop In Information Sessions**
Weekly on Thursdays from 12.30 to 1.30pm and 5.30 to 6.30pm
11 York Street, Sydney.
Pathway entry to Macquarie Uni.

**International Screen Academy School Holiday Film and Acting Workshop**
11 to 14 January, 4.00pm
242 Young Street, Waterloo
Ages 15 to 18.
Movie writing, directing, cinematography and screen acting skills expert advice.

**SAE Sydney Open Day**
30 January, 11.00am to 3.00pm
Level 1, 11-17 York Street
Course and career opportunities in sound production, design, film and animation.
Contact: 02 8241 5200 or sydney@sae.edu
GENERAL

QANTAS Casual Flight Attendant Positions, Melbourne, Brisbane based
Closes 22 November

Top 100 Graduate Employers 2015

SAVE THE DATE

2016 Brigidine Snow Trip

Sunday 10 July – Thursday 14 July 2016

Open to Year 8 & 9 students

Any questions please see Ms Alley or Ms Michaels
We at T's Textbooks have been selling second-hand and new textbooks for over 25 years; we do all the guesswork and legwork in obtaining and supplying the correct textbooks for each student.

Ordering
- Online - The booklist will be available on our website www.tstextbooks.com.au please select Brigidine College and the year from the drop down menu and follow the prompts to complete your online order.
- In person – All buying and selling of textbooks is only done at warehouse/shop 13/77-79 Bourke Road Alexandria NSW 2015 (near Bunnings, closest crossroad Gardeners Road).

Textbook Orders
With regards to second-hand textbook orders we operate on a “first come, first served” basis. So the earlier the student places their order, the more likely they are to receive second-hand textbooks. Where a second-hand textbook is unavailable we can supply new at the RRP. **We highly recommend you place your order prior to the 15th December 2015.**

Payments
- Credit Card (Mastercard/Visa/Eftpos) For any second-hand items we will take payment once the order is complete, picked up or dispatched. For any new items, we will take prepayment at the time your order is processed in-house. Please note this may result in several transactions on your credit card, totaling your order.
- Cash – payment to be made in person.

Collection
- The student is welcome to pick up their books from our warehouse/shop, or
- We can organise an Australia Post Express eParcel Courier (a $12.00 shipping surcharge is applicable to each delivery) to deliver the books directly to the student’s address in Metropolitan Sydney.

Buying textbooks – The “buy-back system”
We only buy current edition good condition textbooks. The student is welcome to bring their books to our warehouse/shop for inspection or they can email us a list of books for sale and we will let them know which ones are of interest;
- Cash - The student may choose to receive a cash payment; or
- Credit – The student may choose to receive credit towards their textbook order which is calculated at a higher rate than a cash payment.
ALL NOTICES WILL NOW BE IN THE NEWSLETTER FOR 2 MONTHS ONLY, UNLESS REQUESTED TO KEEP THE ADVERTISEMENT GOING

UNIFORM ITEMS FOR SALE

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Please Contact Kathy on 0438 787 200

1 x School Blazer size 16 - $40
2 x Summer Dress size 14-16 – 1 x $20 & 1 x $30 (good condition)
Summer Sport Shorts size 14-16 - $15
Sports Short Sleeve Polo T-Shirt Size 14-16 - $20
2 x Winter Skirts Size 14-16 - $40 each
Track Suit Jacket Size 16 - $35
Swimming Bag - $25
Prices are negotiable

Uniform for sale - all in a very good condition

Junior Summer Uniform

4x Dress size 12-14 $20
3x Blazer size 12-14 $45
2x Pullover size 12 also available

Junior Winter Uniform

3x Skirt size 10-12 $25
2x Long-sleeve blouse size 12 $20

Summer Sport Uniform
Short sleeve polo size 12 for FREE with purchase

3x Shorts size 12 for FREE with purchase

2x Swimming costume size 10-12 $10

2x Sports cap (NEW) $7

**Winter Sport Uniform**

2x Track jacket size 16 $20

2x Track pant size 12 for FREE with purchase

**Senior Uniform**

3x Short-sleeve blouse size 12 $20

**Compulsory Accessories**

2x College backpack $10

**Optional Extras**

Book bag also available

PRICES NEGOTIABLE-why not check and try 😊

Please contact/text Hery on 0423 245 207- after 6pm

**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
Brigidine College
Music Department
Presents

FOUR SEASONS
OF
JERSEY GIRLS

WHEN: 7:30pm Tuesday
December 1st
WHERE: Cullen Hall
TICKETS: $10 Adults
$5 Concession
Children

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