Dear Parents,

Feast of the Ascension

Thursday 5th May is forty days since Easter. Ascension Thursday marks the day, after forty days of appearing to friends after His resurrection that Jesus ascended into heaven. Having returned to his father, Jesus did as he promised and sent the Holy Spirit, our helper to be help and comfort to all Christians. This gift of the Spirit will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday 15th May.
Finally, we recall Jesus’ promise: ‘I will come again and take you to myself so that where I am, there you may be also’ (John 14:3). Today we are meant to allow ourselves to experience in a special way Jesus’ absence. Like the disciples we are sad at his not being here with us where we can see him and touch him and experience being loved by him the way we can love each other. We are allowed to miss him, for this reminds us that we are not meant to find our final home in this world. Each of us has to walk our own journey. It will be a journey of joy and suffering, as was his. We are encouraged by Jesus’ words: ‘Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world’ (John 17:24). As today’s preface reminds us: ‘Christ has passed beyond our sight, not to abandon us but to be our hope. He is the head of the Church; where he has gone, we hope to follow’.

Father M Fallon MSC

I draw all parents’ attention to the invitation to hear Dr Ian Hickie at Marcellin College which is at the end of this newsletter. This is an initiative of Mr John Hickey, Headmaster at Marcellin, however OLSH College Kensington and Brigidine parents are also invited in order to ensure that this high profile speaker on a very important subject can reach as many listeners as possible. Please note the date and make it along.

**Happy Mother’s Day**
May Sunday be a fine and sunny day and all the Mothers in our community feel loved and valued; as indeed they should every day.

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell

Ms K Edmondson
Principal
FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Winter Uniform
All girls from Monday 9th May are expected to be in full winter uniform. This means that all girls are required to wear their blazer to and from school throughout Terms 2 & 3.

Please ensure that you have checked that your daughter’s kilt still fits and is of the required length (touching the ground when she is kneeling).

Spray Jackets
Girls in Year 7 must have the College Spray Jacket for wet weather days. If a student is in Years 8 – 12 they may wear either a plain Navy blue spray jacket or a plain Bottle Green spray jacket only. Spray jackets DO NOT take the place of the College Blazer and should only be worn when it is raining.

Girls in Years 8 – 12 are welcome to purchase a College Navy Blue Spray Jacket from the uniform shop for wet weather days.

Changes to Library Opening Hours
From Term 2, the College Library is open every day until 4:30pm. Any student is welcome to use the library to complete homework, assignments, or study. The library will be for quite study only. Please be aware that supervision will cease from 4:30pm. School buses will not be available at this time and it is the responsibility of parents to ensure their daughter knows how to get home using public transport or is picked up.

Date Claimer: Parent Forum – Think You Know Presentation (30th November 2016)
The College will hold a Parent Forum run by Thinkuknow.org.au on Wednesday 30th November 2016. ThinkUKnow Australia is a partnership between the Australian Federal Police (AFP), Microsoft Australia, Datacom and the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. The presentation aims to raise awareness about how young people are using technology, the challenges they may face online and how you can help them to overcome these challenges.

The following topics and issues will be discussed:

- Popular websites, social media sites and apps
- Privacy policies and settings
- Geotagging
- Scams, fraud and identity theft
Online grooming
Sexting
Cyberbullying
Reputation management
Reporting

These presentations are designed for parents, carers and teachers and we ask that young people do not attend. The sessions include short videos and real life case studies.

If you would like more details on ThinkUKnow go to www.thinkuknow.org.au

Instagram

It has come to the schools attention that many girls in Years 7 – 8 are misusing Instagram to deliberately ridicule and harass other girls and boys. This involves students from various schools around the Eastern Suburbs, who are anonymously rating other students.

The College does not allow the use of social media apps unless specific departments have sought permission from the Principal and we are aware of what the educational benefit is. The College strongly advises parents, if they allow their daughters to have these social media apps, that they actively supervise what their daughter is doing online. Parents can do this by insisting that they are a ‘follower’ on the girl’s account. Any misuse of social media will result in serious consequences including suspension and referral to the police as per our Policy and Sydney Catholic Schools Acceptable Use Policy signed by all parents.

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**Sacramental Program 2016**

Would you like your daughter to be Baptised or Confirmed?

Confirmation is usually held for Brigidine students in August/September.

Send your daughter’s name to

info@bcrandwick.catholic.edu.au

Attention Mrs Day
National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy 2016

LETTER TO PARENTS

In May 2016 the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) will be completed by students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. NAPLAN has the support of all State and Territory Education Ministers and will assess the literacy and numeracy skills of students across Australian schools.

The results of the tests will provide important information to schools about what each student can do, and will be used to support teaching and learning programs. Parents will receive a report indicating their child’s level of achievement. Each student’s level of achievement will be reported against the national minimum standard.

Student background information (student name, gender, date of birth, language background and Aboriginality) will be collected as part of the National Assessment Program. This information is treated confidentially and held securely to ensure that every student’s right to privacy is maintained.

The NAPLAN tests will be conducted from 10-12 May 2016.

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In the Numeracy tests students do not require any measuring tools such as rulers or protractors. In Years 7 and 9 there will be two Numeracy tests: one where a calculator is allowed and one where calculators are not to be used. For the calculator test, the student should use the calculator that they currently use at school.

Friday 13 May – A ‘catch-up’ day is scheduled for students who missed a test or were absent on a test day.

Students may be considered for exemption from the tests if they:

- are newly arrived in Australia (less than one year before the test) and with a language background other than English, or
- have significant intellectual disability and/or significant co-existing conditions which severely limit their capacity to participate in the tests.

All other students are expected to participate in the tests. Disability adjustments which reflect the student’s normal level of support in the classroom may be provided. Large print, Braille, coloured paper versions and electronic tests are available to meet the needs of individual students.

Access to disability adjustments or exemption from the tests must be discussed with the school principal and a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Students may be withdrawn from NAPLAN by their parent or carer. This is a matter for consideration by parents in consultation with the school principal. If you wish to withdraw your child from the tests, a parent or carer consent form must be signed.

Please make an appointment with the principal of the school your child attends if you would like to discuss your child’s participation in NAPLAN.

Additional information about NAPLAN can be found at [www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_supportIndex.html](http://www.nap.edu.au/NAPLAN/Parent_Carer_supportIndex.html).
As one of two people playing 'Elle Woods', I can speak for both myself and Kyra when I say it's an exciting, overwhelming, and incredibly fun experience playing such a dynamic and interesting character. Remembering Reese Witherspoon as the absolute version of the blonde lawyer in the movie, and gawking at the talent and expertise of the Broadway cast, the task to do the character justice is a big one.

The great thing about the character of Elle is that throughout the musical she discovers who she is, what she wants, and charms everyone by proving herself in the funniest, and most entertaining way possible. Plagued by heartbreak, leaving friends, growing up, and figuring out the future (all exemplified by a continual outburst of song and dance), *Legally Blonde*, is a musical everyone will connect with and love.

The character Ellie Woods is played by Grace Ackary and Kyra Mcmorrow

*Legally Blonde the musical coming to Brigidine from 16th June 2016*

**SPORTS DEPARTMENT NEWS**

**CGSSSA SOCCER 2016**

On Wednesday 27th April 2016, our Junior and Senior CGSSSA Soccer teams represented Brigidine College Randwick in the CGSSSA soccer tournament at Meadowbank Park and Morrison Fields.

The Juniors were so excited to play their first game, having many new players in the team. The Junior team had two wins, three draws and one and loss through their round matches but managed to finish second in their pool, putting them through to the semi-finals against Loreto College. The girls were focused and determined and at full time the scores were even. The game then went into golden goal, 5 minutes each way. The girls kept fighting and again, after extra time, the teams were even. The teams then went into a penalty shoot-out. It was nail biting 5-all! Then the next shot won it for Brigidine and we were through to the grand final! The grand final was another nail biter, the girls had played 7 matches and were still going strong. Unfortunately, they lost in the match in a very close and heavily contested 0-1 to Monte.
The senior team had a phenomenal start to the competition, winning 4 and drawing 1 out of 6 round matches. The team went through to the semis, which was an awesome game of football by both teams. Brigidine were unfortunately defeated by the reigning champions, Woolwich. All in all, the girls put in a valiant effort especially the Year 12s who represented their school in soccer for the last time.

Congratulations to all the girls, they supported each other wonderfully and displayed a great competitive spirit and admirable sportsmanship.

Special congratulations for four of our girls who were selected for the next level, CGSSSA Representative Team: Christina Lucantino, Amelia Rubio, Karly Vouros and Heidi Cummings. This is a great result for Brigidine and shows the calibre of our soccer teams. Well done, girls!

Also a huge thank-you to Jim Hayes (Parent), Tommy McMorrow (Parent) and Elyse Harmanis (ex-student) for coaching the girls. Your experience and commitment was very much appreciated by the staff and students. Thank you also to all the other parents who came to support your daughters.

On a final note, we would like to pass on these words from coach Jim Hayes, reinforcing what great competitors Brigidine girls are:

“The team are a great group of girls and their manners and demeanour were impeccable. They all tried their hearts out and actually played themselves to a standstill. From a coach’s point of view, it was a 10/10 effort in sportsmanship, courage and determination. The girls represented Brigidine College for all it represents and more”
Junior Team
Evie Shooks Yr 7, Hannah Todd Yr 8, Jade Sharma Yr 8, Sarah Nolan Yr 8, Jasmin Helene Yr 8, Daniela Stamatellis Yr 8, Chloe Finch Yr 9, Holly Duncan Yr 9, Mary Vouros Yr 9, Elisha McMorrow Yr 9, Kate Hamilton Yr 9, Sinead Hayes Yr 9, Mary Conrecode Yr 9, Isabella Garafalo Yr 9

Senior Team
Karly Vouros Yr 10, Jaeme Last Yr 10, Marli Cartmer-Congiu Yr 10, Yasmene Placer Yr 10, Gabriella Charles Yr 10, Julia Zajkowski-Ryan Yr10, Kristala Alexandrou Yr 11, Marina Hatzigiannis Yr 11, Eliza Graaf Yr 11, Daniella Merenda Yr 11, Heidi Cummings Yr 11, Amelia Rubio Yr 12, Christine Lucantonio Yr 12, Kelly Iriarte Yr 12.

Mrs Kehati and Mrs Culhane

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The Annual Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 13th May at ES MARKS FIELDS Kensington
ENTER via BARONIA AVE

Students in Year 7 will make their own way to ES Marks and home. Year 7 must arrive at ES Marks for 8.30 Roll Call. It is estimated that the carnival will finish between 2.00 and 2.30pm with all supervision finishing at 2.30pm.

Students in Years 8 to 12 must make their own way to the ES Marks and home. Roll Call will be at the field at 8.30am. The carnival will commence at 9.00am and finish at approximately 2.00pm.

All student supervision will conclude at 2.30pm Therefore, could all parents/carers please ensure that your daughter has made adequate arrangements for her return home at the conclusion of the carnival.

Please note that the Athletics Carnival is a compulsory College event. If your daughter is absent on the day of the carnival due to illness, please contact the school and inform them of her absence either by leaving your message on voicemail or contacting the office at 8.00am. On her return to school she must present a doctor’s certificate to her roll call teacher.

The carnival will be held regardless of weather. All students must come prepared with hats, sunscreen and drink bottles. If it is wet weather you are advised to bring appropriate clothing. However if the grounds are closed and we have to cancel the Carnival, emails will be sent to all families, so please make sure the school has your up to date email address. IF CANCELLED A NOTICE WILL BE PLACED ON SENTRAL

Canteen facilities will be available from 10.30am.
**Dress for the Carnival**

Students may dress up in their House Colours for the carnival but they must make sure they are in appropriate clothing to travel in. NO PAINT IS TO BE USED AT ANY TIME AS DRESS UP. If you do not wish to dress up you are to wear correct PE uniform.

All students must be aware of sun safety and wear appropriate clothing to prevent sunburn as well as using sunscreen and wearing a hat. Stay hydrated and drink plenty of water.

Parents and family members are all welcome to attend on the day but a reminder that all students are expected to sit in the stands with their house.

We hope to see lots of participation from all girls and great team spirit. Good luck to all teams and all competitors.

Congratulations to Senna Gulden and Lauren McNamara who have been selected into the Combined Catholic Colleges AFL team. These girls displayed such incredible talent to be selected into this team and the opportunity to compete at such a high level. Well done girls and we wish you all the best in the next level of competition.

Congratulations to Tara Wilkes of Year 7 who won Bronze Medal in the 50m Backstroke at the Combined Catholic Colleges Swimming Meet. Tara will now represent NSW Combined Catholic Colleges. This is an incredible achievement at such a high level of competition and for such a young girl.

Ms Kate Elder – Sports Coordinator

**LIBRARY NEWS**

Please encourage your daughters to speak to the library staff about workshops and meetings relating to 2016 Writing Challenges. Girls who write and illustrate a story on the theme of Refugees by October 10, 2016 will be in the running for one or more visa vouchers (up to $100) and become eligible for the Philippa McDonald Cup. While students will be rewarded for creativity and interest value, their interpretation of the theme must also be in keeping with the values of a fair and just society. This link will provide you with the details: [https://goo.gl/Xevo6n](https://goo.gl/Xevo6n)

In addition, some students will be participating in the Write a Book in a Day Competition. See [https://www.writeabookinaday.com/index.php](https://www.writeabookinaday.com/index.php)

Last year the winner of the Philippa McDonald Cup was Sophie Ozkan of Year 7. The 2005 and 2014 winners had the opportunity to meet our very special ex-student at a College assembly. Philippa McDonald is a fine role model for our girls: she epitomises the attributes of strength and gentleness which are the hallmark of any Brigidine girl who embraces the charism of the Brigidine tradition. As an ABC journalist, Philippa McDonald has served the Australian community through raising
awareness of the stories that we all need to know about, stories that include the plight of refugees and other disadvantaged people.

We commenced this term with the library’s second phase of orientation for our delightful Year 7 girls. A Library Canvas page has been set up so that the girls can refer to information and videos relevant to research skills and gain easy access into a wide range of source. So far this year we have concentrated on the skills of gathering and sorting information, referencing processes for assignments and e-book borrowing.
VISUAL ART DEPARTMENT NEWS

Year 8 working on their insects in Visual Arts. They are engaged and working in groups. The insects will be display at the Visual Arts Exhibition in August.

Ms Deirdre Brennan
Visual Arts Coordinator
CAREERS NEWS

University

UNSW Scholarships Information Evening 2016
Interested in finding out more information about scholarships available at UNSW register to attend the information evening being held at UNSW on June 22:

Career Paths in Music, Theatre and Performance
For Year 12 students interested in a career in Music, Theatre and Performance - UNSW is holding an information evening on relevant courses and career paths available.
Go to the following link to register to attend.

UNSW Year 10 Subject Selection & Information Evenings
5 May, 10 May, 18 May 2016. 6.15pm to 7.30pm
Sir John Clancy Auditorium, UNSW Kensington
Subject advice for UNSW courses.

University of Sydney Year 10 Information Evenings
16 May, 18 May and 23 May. 6.00 to 8.00pm
HSC subject choice advice and how to apply in the future to university. ATAR, scaling, prerequisites and assumed knowledge, career pathways and Uni life.
Register at http://sydney.edu.au/study/admissions/events-for-future-students/year-10-information-evening.html

Your Path to Sydney University 2016 An Information Evening for Students and Parents
25 May Revesby Workers Club
Find out about ATARS, marks, cost and courses offered, scholarships and alternative pathways.
http://sydney.edu.au/study/admissions/events-for-future-students/your-path-to-sydney-uni.html

UTS Bachelor of Accounting Information Evening
17 May . 6.30pm to 7.30pm
Haymarket
Years 11 and 12 and parents.
**UOW Open Day Wollongong Campus**  
13 August, 10.00am to 4.00pm  
http://www.uow.edu.au/openday

**UOW Year 12 Information Evenings for May**  
Sutherland . 5 May. 6.00pm to 8.00pm  

**Western Sydney University Mid Year Info Day**  
21 May, 10am to 2pm.  
Parramatta South campus, corner of James Ruse Drive and Victoria Road, Rydalmere.  
http://www.uws.edu.au/midyear/home/mid-year_information_day

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**TAFE**

**Hospitality Management Scholarships**  
Interested in a career in the hotel industry?  
Three $10,000 TAFE scholarships on offer at the Hotel Career Expo Sydney  
TAFE will offer three scholarships for its Diploma of Hospitality Management (SIT50416) to be taken up in 2017! This exclusive offer is available only at the 2016 Hotel Career Expo, held at InterContinental Sydney. Students who are over 18 (or will turn 18 in 2017) can apply. The full fee for this course is valued at over $10,000.  
Register now for the Hotel Career Expo 16 May 2016 - InterContinental Sydney! The 2016 Hotel Career Expo is the ultimate gateway to the best career opportunities available in the hotel industry! Students can access recruiters and key influencers from 20 amazing Australian and international hotel brands, as well as career-focused interactive booths and inspiring seminar sessions. The Expo is on 16 May 2016 at InterContinental Sydney.  
Register to attend the Expo at http://hotelcareerexpo.com.au

**Australian Apprenticeships Job Pathways Charts**  
Career pathways from an Australian apprenticeship.  

**Australian Apprenticeships Government Website**  
Info on apprenticeship programs, apprenticeship centres, government initiatives.  
PRIVATE COLLEGES

College of Event Management Info Session
6 May, 6.00pm
Lvl 9, 28 Foveaux St, Surry Hills
Course and career prospects. To register

Le Cordon Bleu Prospectus NSW

GENERAL

Cultural Care Au Pair Information Sessions
Advice to work in child care as an au pair, nanny in the US.
Sydney. 14 May

An Evening with Daphne Guinness
12 May. 6.00pm to 7.30pm
Powerhouse Museum
Hear advice from a leader in the fashion industry. Includes entry to the Isabella Blow- A Fashionable Life exhibition.
http://sa2.seatadvisor.com/sabo/servlets/TicketRequest?presenter=AUPMUSEUM&event=ICDG0516

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS FOR SALE

Senior Uniform
Size 6 Kilt $20
Size 14 Blazer $50
Both in good condition and have been dry cleaned.
Contact Monica 0401 701 111

Senior items for Sale in excellent condition

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Please contact: Stephanie Fenech on 0422071618
**Brigidine Blazer**
Brigidine Blazer Size 8 $50
Great condition. Dry Cleaned
Contact: Monica on 0420 975 960

**Items for Sale**
- 3 X size 12 winter shirts $10 each
- 1 X size 16 winter shirt. $10 each
- 1 X size 16 sports shirt $5.00
- 1 X size 12 sports track suit jacket $20.00
- 1 X size 14 track pants $20.00
- 1 X size 16 track pants $20.00
- 1 X size 10 jumper $10.00
- 2 X size 8 summer tunics $15.00 each
- 2 X size 16 summer tunics. $15.00

All in pretty good condition, a couple of ink stains on one or 2 tunics.

Please contact Sharon on 0400 812 113

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**UNIFORM NEED ALTERING?**
Too long, too tight, elastic not right? I have over 50 years of 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
AN EVENING WITH
PROFESSOR IAN HICKIE
ON ADOLESCENT MENTAL HEALTH

THUR, 16 JUNE 2016
7.00 - 8.30PM
MARCELLIN COLLEGE RANDWICK
195 ALISON ROAD, RANDWICK
FREE EVENT - BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL - RSVP 10 JUNE
BOOKINGS: WWW.TRYBOOKING.COM/198974

Co-Director, Health and Policy
Brain & Mind Centre, University of Sydney
Executive Director
Brain & Mind Research Institute, The University of Sydney

Professor Hickie is an internationally renowned researcher in clinical psychiatry and a leading voice on mental health issues, with a special interest in youth mental health, and the prevention of and early intervention in emerging mood disorders.