

Brigidine College Newsletter

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COMING EVENTS:

MONDAY 18 JULY

2011

* Staff Development Day

TUESDAY 19 JULY

2011

* Students return to Term 3
in full winter uniform

FRIDAY 22 JULY

2011

* Year 8 Community Day

WEDNESDAY 27 JULY

2011

* CGSSA Netball

MONDAY 1 AUGUST

2011

* Year 12 Trials Begin

THUR/FRI 4/5 AUGUST

2011

* Year 10 Canberra Excursion

Welcome to our July Newsletter

PRAYER

Every creature, every rock and grain of sand
Proclaims the glory of its Creator.

This world is your creation

Rolled into a sphere

Packaged in sunshine

Gift wrapped in love

Given to us.

God, maker of heaven and earth, help us to respect and
Care for and enjoy your creation.

God, teach us to heal what we have damaged or

Polluted.

God, thank you for every species of plant and animal.

Help me to see the beauty in every detail.

God, may you help us to see the greater good in what

You have given us. May we appreciate the best possible

Gift anyone could give, Creation.

Nicole Lambert Yr 7 Brigidine.

Dear Parents,

I begin this last newsletter of Semester 1 2011, with a prayer written by Nicole, one of our Yr 7 students. It gives me much happiness to include the thoughts of this young wordsmith as it gives us all an insight into the growing Faith of a young woman.....after all, that is what we are here for.





Founder's Day Fun

Founders Day on Thursday of last week was a triumph for our student leaders and the staff who were crucially involved in its organization. The day began with Mass at OLSH church and the girls in formal uniform. Founders Day celebrates the life of Bishop Daniel Delany and the six women who became convinced by his vision of education for the poor of Ireland at the beginning of the Nineteenth Century. In his homily, Father Hearn helped us to see the truly miraculous transition of Bishop Delany's ideas into the community of Brigidine Randwick. Father Hearn later remarked to me that our Eucharistic celebration was made more special by the dignified participation by our Year 12 students who work with Mrs Day on the student liturgy committee. Their prayerfulness flowed over to the whole school population and I was most heartened by the participation of all the girls in the responses and the singing.

After Mass, the girls changed into their "fun" clothes for the day. The girls had all bought along \$10 each which paid for their lunch and for the "blow up things to jump on" which had been constructed in the school by the time the fashion parade was over. The staff delighted in the girls' innocent fun and we all said "they will all sleep well tonight" as we watched the girls have a very active day. The parents who came to help with the BBQ also seemed to know exactly the kind of day we were having and their help made a wonderful contribution to the sense of community.

It was very much the girls' day. Under the care of Mrs McGahan, the Yr 12 leaders came up with the ideas and it was all paid for by the students. I don't think I heard of any rancour on our Founders Day so it was a very fitting celebration for Bishop Delany who told his fledgling congregation of Brigidines "love one another and live together in peace and charity." Having fun together certainly helps the peace and charity come more easily.

STAFF CHANGES

Mr Zilich is having term three away from us on Long Service Leave. He is being replaced by Mr David Obadovich

Mrs Little is having maternity leave and we wish her all the best as she waits through these last weeks before her baby is born. Mrs Little is replaced by Ms Moly Lee.

Finally, Ms Kirby is leaving us after thirteen years here at Brigidine. She has been a wonderful Art teacher and has for many years held the position of Year Ten Coordinator. This latter role takes much perseverance and tenacity in remaining consistent in expectations as well as listening to the individual needs of girls. I thank Ms Kirby for the great skill she has shown in her role as Year Coordinator. Ms Kirby is replaced by Ms Louise Smyth.

THE GOOD FOOD AND DESIGN SHOW. FRIDAY 17 JUNE

This evening was a wonderful showcase of the talents of all the students and teachers in our TAS department. All the subjects had an important role: the IST girls created the digital graphics, Food Tech girls sold very special treats while the Hospitality girls served delicious finger food they had made during the day, the Yr 7 and 8 Technology students and the Design and Technology had something to display in the fashion parade. It is invigorating to experience how well received this evening is by parents (grandparents), students and teachers. Our sincere thanks to the TAS teachers who have the effort and inspiration to provide this showcase opportunity for our Brigidine girls. [For a description and photos of this enjoyable evening go to major events to view photos.](#)

BRIGIDINE DOES BROADWAY. TUESDAY 28 JUNE

This was another time when an audience walked away from a Brigidine concert shaking their heads over the girls' talent and our music teachers' ability to create the best possible program for the voices of girls and young women. So many words and notes to remember! Thanks to Mr McFadden and Mrs Ross who are the main creators of our concerts but also our other teachers who play a more minor, though very important, role in regard to choreography, playing in the orchestra and ticket selling. A big thank you to the parents who catered and served the supper.

Congratulations

On 26 June the Sunday Telegraph reported that Brigidine ex student Rosie Squires has been named the best young newspaper journalist in the country. This means that Rosie has won the Walkley Foundations Young Journalist of the Year. The prize awards her investigation in to the treatment of the elderly in Sydney Nursing Homes. Rosie did her HSC at Brigidine Randwick in 2005. Congratulations to Rosie on this achievement from everyone here at Brigidine.

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell and your holiday.

Ms Kate Edmondson

Principal



From the Assistant Principal

The term has finally come to an end. It's certainly been very productive and busy in so many different ways. We have had a number of major school events over the last few weeks. We have had the TAS Evening, the Music Concert, Founder's Day and Parent Teacher Interviews.

FOUNDER'S DAY

Celebrating Founder's Day is a special day in our school calendar. The Mass was an excellent opportunity to express our faith as a Christian community. The activities the rest of the day allowed the staff and students to integrate in a social manner which was community building across all facets of school life. Thank you to all the parents especially those who helped on the BBQ. Without their help this day would not have been as great a success as what it was. This should be inspiration for other parents in our Brigidine community to join in and help in other community events at the school. This is a great opportunity for parents to create a real connection with the school and their daughters. [Photo Loop.](#)

PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Parent Teacher Interviews were successful. I hope that the feedback parents received from teachers will enrich the positive learning environment at Brigidine. Ms Edmondson & I received many compliments about the school this is always most encouraging.

HOUSEKEEPING

Just a couple of reminders for parents:-

1. School resumes Tuesday 19th July 2011
2. Students return in winter uniform
3. Students must wear their blazers to and from school

Finally I wish our students, staff and their families a safe, enjoyable and well deserved break. Hopefully, we will return revitalized, refreshed and rejuvenated for another busy term.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

Mrs Antoinette McGahan
Assistant Principal



St Cath's Netball Competition

Grand Finalists

Brigidine Year 8 Division C team are winners of the Grand Final of their division. This Wednesday night competition at St Cath's is a great opportunity for Brigidine girls to show initiative and to build a team together.

Mind on Maths Challenge

On Thursday the 23rd of June, 2 year 10 & 2 year 9 girls competed in a "Minds on Maths Challenge Stage 5" against 27 schools in the Archdiocese of Sydney. They worked intensely on problems based on the "Working Mathematically" strand in the syllabus.

There were 4 different activities: Cooperative Problem Solving, Investigation, Real life Problem & Problem Solving Relay. After such a hard, grueling & challenging day for all those Maths enthusiasts and the teachers who were marking & supervising different activity groups, the final total was finally reached.

The Brigidine girls WON the **2nd place** overall. With so much pride and excitement, on behalf of our college, we would like to thank Natasshya Sutanto (10), Fleur Chang (10), Chantelle Liew (9) and Joanna Cheng (9) for their spirit and enthusiasm. We congratulate the girls on being great ambassadors for our college.

Also thank you to Mr & Mrs Sutanto for driving them to and from St Ursula's Kingsgrove.

Maya Mabey

Mathematics Teacher



Founder's Day Mass – [Go to Major Events to view Founder's Day Photos](#)

I would like to extend a huge thank you to the Liturgy Committee for their outstanding contribution to our Founder's Day Mass. It was a most beautiful liturgy and eucharistic celebration and it brought home to our Brigidine students the tradition, history and faith of Daniel Delany and the early Brigidine Sisters. Students from the Liturgy Committee reenacted the coming together of the First Brigidines with Hannah Michael recounting how Bishop Delany (Holly Jones) called Eleanor Tallon (Cassie Groves), Brigid Brien (Casey Lewis), Eleanor Dawson (Chantelle Towma), Catherine Doyle (Taylor Clark), Margaret Kinsella (Cabrini Broderick) and Judith Whelan (Bronte Chadwick) to be a part of the First Brigidine Community.

Special mention must be made of our fantastic choir and orchestra. Both Mr McFadden and Mrs Ross must be congratulated for the truly beautiful music which they produce for every liturgical occasion. It does transcend us into the divine presence which is the ultimate purpose of music in Mass.

Thank you also to Father Peter Hearn; our Year 8 Altar Servers Georgia Sciberras and Sinead Docherty; the Liturgical Movement Students Katie Nejaim and Bronte Courtenay; the readers who included Jade Evans, Ellen Choulman, Holly Jones, Olivia Kilponen, Cassie Groves, Lori Trevitt and Taylor Clark; Hannah

Rayment, Maddie Wilcox-Kerr and Courtenay McNally for the offertory procession and our IT specialists Jess Lagos and Kate Myers for handling of the Power Point which can sometimes be a little tricky!

Finally I would like to thank Ms Trish Thomas from the Catholic Education Office who trained Jess Lagos, Hannah Rayment, Casey Lewis, Chelsea Nelson, Natalie Johnson and Mary Ellen Yannakis in their roles as Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist.

As Father Peter said at the conclusion of the Mass he couldn't quite remember seeing as many students in the sanctuary during Mass.

It was just fantastic to see our students taking on such an active role in the Mass and the Liturgy Committee is already looking forward to the planning for the Year 12 Graduation Mass.

Christina Day

Religious Education Coordinator

BRIGIDINE TRIUMPHS (almost) AT TITRATION

In the brisk morning air of Friday 17th June, a crack squad of 21 highly trained titrators, their skills honed to knife-edge sharpness by weeks of intense training, boarded the bus for the trip down the hill to Moriah College. They went, fully armed with deadly accurate burettes and pipettes, and glassware cleaned to sparkling perfection. The NSW Schools' Titration Competition was about to begin.

The opposition teams were waiting, apprehensively, as our teams arrived exuding confidence. We set up, ready to begin this competition in which extreme precision in technique, accuracy in calculation and reliability across each team of 3, would decide who were the ULTIMATE TITRATION CHAMPIONS.

The 90 minutes of the competition passed swiftly, as solutions were added, drop by tiny drop, until the indicator gave the first hint of colour change. Measurements were taken and repeated, calculations were made and rechecked, as the clock ticked down. Then it was over, and the agonizing wait for the results began. We passed the time, carefully wrapping and repacking all our equipment for the trip back up the hill. And then, at last, the results were announced: "Brigidine team 1, score 114, 4th; Kambala team 2, score 108, 3rd; Brigidine team 3, score 100, 2nd; Moriah team 5, score 79, 1st." Just beaten – must have been the home ground advantage!

We now must wait for results from 19 other centres around the State to be collated, before we know overall team rankings and also individual scores. From these results, qualifiers for the National Titles will be selected – let's hope we have some Brigidine representatives there!

Congratulations to all the girls who took part. They trained hard for several weeks, attending after-school training sessions, and were enthusiastic participants and gracious guests of the host venue, Moriah College. We thank the science staff of Moriah College for being a host venue for the competition, and the Royal Australian Chemical Institute for once again sponsoring the competition.

Finally, a big THANK YOU to Ms Rochelle Hunter, our laboratory technician, for preparing many litres of solutions, and for getting our glassware perfectly clean for our practicing and for the competition. We could not have done it without her.

Mr Kevin Burg

Science Department

PD/H/PE

NSW Combined Catholic Colleges Cross Country

Congratulations to Rachel Howard of Year 12 who gained a silver medal at the NSW Catholic Championships and to Kate Murphy who gained 10th place. Both girls will now go on to compete in the NSW All Schools Cross Country Championships. Good Luck Girls!

Molly Cocks Year 11

Congratulations must go to Molly Cocks who has been awarded the Under 17 Life Saver of the Year. Molly is a member of Clovelly Surf Club and played an important role in saving a women's life on New Year's Day this year. Without the quick response of Molly and her efforts in keeping the lady afloat the lady would have not recovered. After she spent 2 weeks in intensive care the lady returned to the Surf Club to personally thank Molly and her patrol for saving her life. Well Done Molly on your brave efforts, we are very proud of you.

Yr 10 History Excursion

Last Friday on the 24th of June, the whole of Year 10 were treated to special day aboard Sydney Harbour on Ferry. From the water, we were able to uncover the events which took place during the 19th century that shaped the world famous attraction we see today.

With the wind blowing in our faces, we cruised all the way from Watsons Bay to Cockatoo Island. Each of us gained valuable knowledge about the experiences of groups who lived in the area and the various developments that have been undergone over the years

A stop on Shark Island gave us a chance to explore to the natural environment, while also proving us an opportunity to view our own city from an entirely new perspective. The weather was absolutely perfect and only added to a wonderful learning experience overall. For me, I feel this excursion has allowed me to have a greater understanding of the city which I call home. I'm sure that our History teachers Mrs Andersen, Ms Cheeseman, Mrs Khachigian, Mrs Christofides and Ms Edmondson also had a very enjoyable and informative day.

Maxine Williams

Year 10 Student

