

# Brigidine College Newsletter

December 2011  
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## Coming Events

Tuesday 6 December 2011

Second Hand Book and  
Uniform Sale - Synan Hall

10.30am to 6.00pm

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Friday 9 December 2011

End of Year Musical

'Mersey - Beat'

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Wednesday 14 December

Presentation Day

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Thursday 15 and Friday 16

December 2011

Parent Teacher Interview

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## Welcome to our December Newsletter

### SOME 2012 DATES:

**Friday 27 January**

- Staff return

**Monday 30 January**

- Year 7 until 12.30pm

**Tuesday 31 January**

- Year 7 all day

Years 8 to 12 until 12.30pm

**Wednesday 1 February**

- Feast of St Brigid Mass 9.30am in  
Cullen Hall

**Friday 24 February**

- Meet and Greet Cocktail Party in  
Cullen Hall

**Wednesday 7 March**

- Brigidine Open Day

### **CAPITAL WORKS AT BRIGIDINE:**

There are a long list of areas at Brigidine that need change and refurbishment. Over the Christmas Holidays another Science Lab will be modernised. A large part of my role as Principal is to ensure that the school has a pleasing ambience and contemporary spaces. As soon as we make changes all students benefit. In justice to the school and other parents, parents should ensure that their Brigidine fees are finalised by the end of the year.

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell.

**Ms Kate Edmondson**  
Principal



## FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Our 2011 school year is quickly drawing to a close: another busy, challenging and exciting year in our community. We come to that time of year again when we welcome the opportunity to reflect on its challenges, successes and achievements. Our community has much to celebrate. As with every year the events have seen the Brigidine spirit and the sense of justice even more alive in our community in so many ways.

## COMBINED LEADERS DAY

Last Friday we had 4 Year 12 leaders from Brigidine Indooroopilly, 19 Year 12 leaders from Brigidine St Ives and 20 of our own Year 12 leaders here at Randwick. The young leaders spent the day discovering the commonalities and discussing their goals and objectives for 2012 as Brigidine Leaders. Overall the day was a huge success.

## YEAR 10

Our Year 10 students finished last week. They definitely seem to have enjoyed the many varied activities over the last week or so. The girls are extremely lucky to have such dedicated teachers who are so prepared to provide them a diverse program.

As I expected, each and every Year 10 student looked beautiful at their formal. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who assisted in the organisation of this evening and all those parents who assisted with the supervision.

## PRESENTATION DAY

We have our annual Presentation Day on Wednesday 14 December commencing at 1.00pm in Cullen Hall. We expect all students from Years 7 to 11 to be present at school for this event as it is a perfect opportunity for our College community to acknowledge and celebrate the academic achievements of our students. Parents are most welcome to attend this event. I look forward to seeing many of you join us on this very special occasion.

## PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Our end of year Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Thursday 15 December and Friday 16 December. On both days the sessions available for appointments are 8.30am – 11.00am and 1.45pm – 3.20pm. **Bookings can be made through SOBS from 6.00am 3 December 2011.** The link is <http://sobs.com.au/pt/loginpage.php> or on the Brigidine Website please go to the "Brigidine Parents" section and access the Parent Teacher Interviews portal there which links to SOBS. (Schools' Online Booking System).

Please read the Teacher Availability notice carefully on the SOBS site as some staff may be unavailable or have an alternative staff member standing in for them.

Even though the countdown is truly on for the upcoming holidays and festive season, it is important that the students remain focused. Thank you for your continued cooperation and support.

**Mrs Antoinette McGahan**



## CURRICULUM NEWS

The elective subject choices for students entering Years 9 and 11 have been finalised and parents can expect a confirmation letter in the next week. There is still an opportunity for students to adjust their patterns of study for 2012, however, many classes are full.

If you would like to request a change it should be put in writing and given to Mr. Morgan. Students can adjust their pattern of study until the start of week 5 in first term 2012

**Anthony Morgan**  
Curriculum Coordinator

### Ms Foster Awarded

On Thursday 24 November I accompanied Ms Foster to the University of New South Wales to see her receive an award for her outstanding care of pre service teachers. Two student teachers recommended Ms Foster for the award and it was wonderful to hear the glowing tribute they had written about her for the ceremony. I congratulate UNSW for instituting this award for teacher mentors. Looking after student teachers is a very necessary task and yet it can be seen as being quite onerous. Ms Foster found many hours to spend helping two future teachers and who knows the good that this will do their students.



**Ms Kate Edmondson**  
Principal

## EASTERN REGION YOUTH FORUM

On Monday 21 November, two representatives from Years 8 to 11 attended a Youth Forum at the Catholic Education Office in Daceyville. The topic of discussion was a highly relevant one: Body Image. Along with many other Catholic schools around the Eastern Region, we enjoyed a rewarding and insightful afternoon.

After a delicious afternoon tea, we gathered to listen to Dr Dan White address us about his own encounters with body image problems facing youth. This led us into discussions amongst both our school group as well as larger mixed groups, into the prevalence of body image issues for youth today. The discussion opened our eyes to the need for awareness surrounding this issue, and led to a sharing of ideas about educating and actively preventing such problems on a school level.

Overall it was an inspiring but also confronting afternoon that has brought to our attention the importance of encouraging positive body image within our school community. We would like to thank Mrs Ross for organising the day.

**Kate Myers - Year 11**



## AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION 2011

On 4 August 2011, three hundred and twenty four of our students sat for the Australian Mathematics Trust Competition. This prestigious competition involved almost half a million Secondary school students from Australia and the South Pacific and is one of the largest Mathematics Competitions in the world. I would like to congratulate all the Brigidine students who participated and tried their best, but special mention must be made of the following students who received certificates for their outstanding academic performance.

### YEAR 7

**DISTINCTION:** Ivana Punyawan, Aoife Daly, Caitlin Goutama

**CREDIT:** Tayla Dizon, Lowri Funnell, Mia D'Agostino, Ellycia Setiadi, Celine Sayegh, Jigeo Woo, Monique Degiovanni, Lauren Edwards, Emma Michael, Sally Walker, Nina Gordon, Tiffanie Leung,

Maia Pagola, Grace Ackary, Jessica Deng, Bronte McNamara, Stella Kim, Emma Thomson, Yvonne Banh, Lauren Wilson, Tamara Arias, Georgia Condell, Estelle Davis, Rachel Iskander, Leanne Leong, Sabrina Johnson, Mackenzie Robb, Jaymie Shephard.

### YEAR 8

**DISTINCTION:** Darlene Tjahjadi, Jaynell Vila

**CREDIT:** Anna Le, Mariana Espinel-Ramirez, Lucy Kelley, Brenda Leung, Rebecca O'Donnell, Crystal Whiteley, Kristie Chandra, Jessica Braid, Joanna Gunawan, Natalie Chandra,

Tahlia Clements, Amanda Ligori, Elania Alexander, Aoife Kane, Anna Molihan, Sarah McCormick, Marianne Alfieris, Louisa Garcia-Dolnik, Hannah Kim, Niina Lagesen, Madison Downey, Anthea Nguyen.

### YEAR 9

**CREDIT:** Jennifer Lim, Ilana Eklof, Maylene Lam-Hang, Chantelle Liew, Krysta McMahan,

Emma Brophy, Sarah Quilligan, Vivienne Deng, Samantha Sepe, Grace Kane, Adeline Ho, Carina Lam, Brenna Riley, Olivia Allison, Leoni Suniary, Dru Toleafoa.

### YEAR 10

**HIGH DISTINCTION:** Fleur Chang

**DISTINCTION:** Tara Tjandra, Hannah Denney

**CREDIT:** Shareena Dounis, Emily Cheung, Edna Chiu, Beth Meldrum, Jasmine Alzate, Kyra Charalambu, Fiona Rivai, Bronte Franklin, Caroline Suniary.

**The Prudence Award Recipient for 2011 is Fleur Chang.**

**Mrs Susan Egan**

**Mathematics Coordinator**



## Order of Australia NSW Youth Community Service Award

On Wednesday the 23 November, Suzi Ihar of Year 11 was one of 21 young people from NSW who were specially selected to receive the 2011 *Order of Australia - Youth Community Service Award*.

This award was created by the late Dr John Lincoln AM, a member of the Order of Australia Association who believed in the value of volunteers in our local community. He thought it was important to recognise and encourage young people with an excellent record of community service.

Suzi Ihar is a prime example of such a young person. Her own personal interests in social justice and the environment have made her very aware of the needs in her local, national and global community.

She has taken action on these needs through years of volunteer work with Randwick City Council, the Brigidine College Social Justice Committee, and various school environmental groups such as Stream Watch and the Bush Haven Project.

Susan possesses all the great qualities of a volunteer which makes her so deserving of the award: enthusiasm, passion, positivity and, most importantly, humility.

The award was presented to Suzi at Government House, Sydney by *The Governor of NSW: Professor Marie Bashir AC, CVO*.

Brigidine College is very proud of Suzi's achievement and we wish her all the best in her efforts to improve our world!

**Mr Mark Zilich**  
**Social Justice Coordinator**



## ASX SCHOOLS SHARE MARKET COMPETITION

Over the last 10 weeks Year 9 Commerce students have been participating in the ASX Schools Share Market Competition. The competition involves students using a hypothetical \$50,000 portfolio to buy shares in the top 100 companies listed on the ASX. Students are able to buy and sell shares using real time prices and at the end of the 10 week period the student/s with the highest valued portfolio win the competition. The volatility in the share market over the past year has provided students with an invaluable lesson regarding share market investing.

Congratulations to the following students, who managed to make a paper profit of almost \$910 in an extremely volatile market. The average return on portfolios amongst NSW participants was a loss of \$350.

- **1<sup>st</sup> Place: Team Furious** - *Carina Lam; Joanna Cheng; Leoni Suniary*

Followed very closely by the following students who made a paper profit of \$855 and \$788 respectively:

- **2<sup>nd</sup> Place: The Con Artists** - *Gabrielle Bryson; Larissa Barblescu*
- **3rd Place: Team Loco** - *Adeline Ho; Alyse Chryssavgis; Elissa Manaker*

Most of the teams performed extremely well throughout the competition. Seven of the fourteen teams were able to return a “profit” while the remaining 7 teams unfortunately made a small “loss”. Well done girls!

**J. Nicolas**

**(HSIE Commercial Coordinator)**

## END OF YEAR MUSICAL



# MERSEY-BEAT

FRIDAY 9<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2011

8pm start

Cullen Centre

***Tickets \$2 Students/Children/ \$5 Adults***



## PE UNIFORMS

Monday 5 December will be the last day for Brigidine bike pants to be ordered from the uniform shop. A reminder that for Tuesday Touch only the PE shorts or the school bike pants can be worn.

Rugby tops can also be worn by any student in Year 7 to 10 with their PE uniform as of 2012, so remember to order these from the uniform shop on Monday 5 December 2011.

## NATIONAL BASKETBALL

Good luck to our Open National's Basketball Team that is travelling to Bendigo on Sunday 4 December to compete in the National Schools Championships. The girls will be competing against schools from across Australia over the week and we wish them all the best for a safe and successful tournament.

*Vanessa Panousis; Alexis Mavrantonis; Victoria Nikitanos; Dru Toleafoa; Carolina Knight; Natalia Katsionis; Emma Job; Kate Ryan and Tamara Moskaleva.*

## TUESDAY TOUCH 2012

We have had a very successful start to the Touch Season at Queen's Park with many teams finishing near the top of their division. Due to missed games from wet weather, the competition will begin ONE WEEK EARLIER than previously organised, and play Round 6.

**TOUCH WILL COMMENCE 31 JANUARY 2012** – FIRST DAY BACK AT SCHOOL and play Round 6.

Make sure you make a note of this and notify your team members during the holidays to remind them as this will be the first day back to school for some year groups.

A reminder that only School PE Shorts and School Bike Pants can be worn for Tuesday Touch.

**Ms Kate Emerson**  
**Sports Coordinator**





# MERSEY- BEAT

