

Brigidine College Newsletter

December 2011
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Welcome to our December Newsletter

2012 COMING EVENTS

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*



One of the best things about the HSC is that the results come out just before Christmas and this gives us all something very tangible to be merry about. The joy here in this image of Mary and Elizabeth's greeting was apparent at Thursday's celebration morning tea for the class of 2011. As girl met girl and teacher met student there was an authentic display of good will and unstinting happiness for the other. I saw the same joy yesterday in the staffroom as teachers exclaimed over the girl's performances especially those girls who had not had expectations of being high achievers but who had slogged away anyway and received a just reward in their results.

May all Brigidine students, staff and parents, no matter what the context, experience this holiday something of the generous happiness that comes when something nice happens for someone. May we all be graced to have moments when we see with greater clarity how "something nice" for us is wrapped up in our salvation story which has the birth of Jesus on the first Christmas morning as an important element.

God bless each of us and have us return to be together again

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell.

Ms K Edmondson
Principal

THE SCHOOL'S ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE.

2011 Higher School Certificate

- 151 band 6 results were gained by 62 students in a cohort of 127. The staff members were thrilled with the numbers of girls who gained a result that was higher than expected in all the bands.
- Brigidine students sat examinations in 29 BOS courses. The results in 4 courses were below state average. The results in 4 courses were more than 10% higher than the State average.
- The highest ATAR is 99.45
- Four girls were named as top All Rounders (Band 6 results in 10units). Two girls not named as top All Rounders received an ATAR above 98
- Brigidine was nominated as number 80 in the Sydney Morning Herald's Top 100 schools
- Two girls were nominated for DesignTECH and one of these gained a place in the Powerhouse exhibition.
- One girl was nominated for ENCORE



SCHOOL CERTIFICATE 2011

Students in Bands 4, 5 and 6 (percentage of cohort)

Course	Brigidine	State
English (literacy)	96.08	84.25
Mathematics	59.83	47.43
Science	77.32	69.03
Australian History	64.05	57.42
Australian Geography	65.61	57.18

NAPLAN 2011 Year 7 (Percentage of Students in Each Band)

	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy
Band 9					
Brigidine	16.3	24.8	17.0	17.0	13.5
State	11.2	8.3	12.1	10.0	15.7
Band 8					
Brigidine	36.9	35.5	31.2	27.0	29.8
State	19.9	16.4	21.2	19.6	15.5
Band 7					
Brigidine	25.5	26.2	32.6	32.6	29.8
State	23.7	23.1	28.5	21.4	24.8
Band 6					
Brigidine	18.4	9.9	18.4	19.1	19.1
State	25.8	26.7	21.9	29.1	24.1
Band 5					
Brigidine	2.8	2.8	0.7	4.3	7.8
State	16.0	18.9	11.0	12.8	15.8
Band 4					
Brigidine	0	0.7	0	0	0
State	3.5	6.6	5.3	7.1	4.0



YEAR 9 (Percentage of Students in Each Band)

	Reading	Writing	Spelling	Grammar & Punctuation	Numeracy
Band 10					
Brigidine	9.9	17.7	7.8	5.0	7.9
State	9.2	9.9	7.9	5.9	12.7
Band 9					
Brigidine	21.3	18.4	24.8	12.1	17.1
State	15.8	12.0	19.9	12.6	15.9
Band 8					
Brigidine	31.9	34.0	40.4	42.6	25.7
State	25.3	22.7	28.5	31.6	21.8
Band 7					
Brigidine	22.7	16.3	22.7	29.8	31.4
State	25.4	20.8	24.3	25.3	25.6
Band 6					
Brigidine	10.6	11.3	2.8	5.0	14.3
State	18.1	18.5	13.0	14.6	18.9
Band 5					
Brigidine	3.5	2.1	1.4	5.7	3.6
State	6.3	16.0	6.5	10.0	5.1

Congratulations to *Jessica Thornton and Molly Blakey* who competed in the AUSTRALIAN ALL SCHOOLS ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS in Brisbane over last weekend. Jessica received a GOLD MEDAL in the 4x100m relay a SILVER MEDAL in the 400m and a BRONZE MEDAL in the 200m and 100m. What an incredible achievement.

Molly was running up an age group in the U16 and achieved 5th place in the 400m and 4th place in the 4x100m relay.

Congratulations to both girls on such a high level of achievement.

Ms Emerson
Sports Coordinator



FROM THE ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

Our 2011 school year finally draws 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 and compassion even more alive in our community in so many ways.

It was so exciting to acknowledge and celebrate the wonderful achievements of so many students in our community at our Presentation Day ceremony this week. I hope that this inspires and motivates the rest of the students to aim for this high recognition. I hope that they also see that even though it takes commitment and hard work to reach one's personal best it can be done. So as I have always stressed and continue to do so, students have to believe in themselves and try their very best always striving to reach their potential in all they do.

Our HSC results are just excellent and a true indication of what our students are capable and what they can achieve. These wonderful results are a true demonstration of the commitment we have to our students in providing them with every opportunity for them to achieve their absolute best. Congratulations to the girls and congratulations to our **amazing**, dedicated and hard working Brigidine staff.

I extend my sincere gratitude to Brigidine's entire school community for their strong and continued support throughout this year as we worked together for ongoing school improvement. We have had challenges and initiatives in working towards a greater positive learning environment.

On behalf of the College community, parents, staff and students, I thank our College Principal, Ms Kate Edmondson, for all that she does towards making Brigidine a diversified place to learn and work.

On a final note, Christmas is always a warm welcoming time of year. It is the season of goodwill and one that is filled with joy as we prepare ourselves for the coming of our Lord. As we journey through this very special time of year, let us remember the true meaning of Christmas.

May the Christmas season bring love, peace and hope into all our hearts, into our homes and into our world. May it be a festive and joyous time for you and your families blessed with happiness, kindness, consideration and above all love? I hope that 2012 is a successful and prosperous year for all.

**Christmas blessings,
Mrs Antoinette McGahan**



NATIONAL BASKETBALL – SILVER MEDAL

What an incredible result! Congratulations to our Basketball Team who travelled to Bendigo to attend the National Basketball Championships. The girls were placed in Division One in the Open Category and were narrowly defeated in the Gold Medal play-off to receive 2nd place and the Silver Medal.

Congratulations to all the team and support staff, especially Coach Lauren Brahe, Manager Peter Panousis and Assistant Manager Pamela Panousis. Special thank you must go to Ms Mansfield who travelled with the team and spent the week making sure the event ran smoothly for the girls. It goes without saying that without the support of Lauren, Peter and Ms Mansfield, the girls would not have had the opportunity to experience such an exciting competition.

Congratulations to everyone involved and to all the parents and support team for making this event such a successful time for the girls. Thank you to Randwick City Council for their financial contribution that assisted the team with travel expenses.



Team:

Vanessa Panousis; Alexis Mavrantonis, Victoria Nikitianos, Dru Toleafoa, Carolina Knight, Natalia Katsionis, Emma Job, Kate Ryan, Tamara Moskalova.

Support Staff:

Coach:	Lauren Brahe
Manager:	Peter Panousis
Assistant Manager:	Pamela Panousis
Support Teacher:	Ms Mansfield

Ms Kate Emerson
Sports Coordinator





