

# Brigidine College Newsletter

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## News bites:

### Year 10 Canberra Excursion

This informative and inspiring excursion was made possible by the funding supplied by the Australian Government Initiative of Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER)

### Brigidine Basics

Supervision of Students begins at Brigidine at 8.20am. Students should be in the Quad or the canteen and Kilbride courtyard if they arrive before 8.30am. The bell to get ready for school goes at 8.35am

### Thanks a Million

To all the parents who supported Brigidine by telling their daughters that they are expected to pick up their rubbish. The cleaners tell me that the school is cleaner than it has ever been. This could not have happened without teachers and parents ensuring that the girls understand that we mean what we say.

## Welcome to our August Newsletter

### "Good Thinking"

"The root of all sin is fear: the very deep fear that we are nothing: the compulsion, therefore, is to make something of ourselves, to construct a self flattering image of our selves we can worship, to believe in ourselves-our fantasy selves. To sin is always to construct an illusory self that we can admire, instead of the real self that we can only love" Herbert Mc Cabe quoted in "Why Go To Church" by Timothy Radcliffe OP. Pg21

### Ms Antoinette McGahan

In the last newsletter I neglected to tell you that Ms McGahan has been appointed to the permanent position of Assistant Principal at Brigidine. I am very happy about this appointment; Mrs McGahan is easy to work with, very committed to Brigidine's welfare and has a very compassionate and wise view of the pastoral needs of our students. Many thanks to ex student and Brigidine parent Mrs Anne Maree Keogh for her assistance as a member of the selection panel.

### Specific to Year 12 parents

This is a hard time for Year Twelves as they get their Trial marks back and keeping going can seem so hard. Every girl should come to school every day as the teachers are still teaching new work which will be a part of the HSC exam. I have spoken to the girls about adopting healthy attitudes to the task ahead; one being if they stop trying, then they are guaranteed to not do well, and another being not telling themselves over and over how hard it is. Simply coming everyday, listening in class and keeping going at night for some time is what is needed. Each girl needs some time of relaxation. They will have the liberation of the study time at home after graduation. This takes grit; it is not impossible. Year 12 students in Art, Design and technology, Music and Drama, now know the date of the marking of their practical.

**I am not happy with the uniform for Year 12 at the moment and I have told the girls that they will not be allowed to be introduced to the school and their parents at the Formal Assembly on Graduation day if their uniform is not as I have asked it to be many, many times.**



## Visit from Brigidine St Ives

Sr Chanel Sugden visited with two St Ives staff members for discussion with Ms McGahan and Ms Day about pastoral care and spirituality in the two schools. We hope that we will be able to do more work together for the benefit of both school communities. The Principal of St Ives and I attend a meeting once a term with all the other principals of Brigidine schools in Australia.

## 1st September

On this date a panel of CEO people will come to the school for what is called 'Cyclic Review'. It is part old fashioned inspection of the school and part reflection on Brigidine's strengths and weaknesses as well as formulating the direction for the future. The 1st September will have its own unique organization to accommodate the panel members walking around the school and an Assembly.

## New baby girl

We were thrilled to hear that Mrs Marissa Parkes' baby daughter was born on 19 August.

## COMING EVENTS

**23 August:** *Science Week*

**27 August:** *Year 7 Reflection Day here at Brigidine.  
Your daughter has a sheet telling you about it.*

**30 August:** *Sport and Co Curricular photos*

**1 Sept:** *Year 9 Community Day*

**2 Sept:** *Art Show Opening night*

**3 Sept:** *Art Show. CGSSSA Tennis*

## BRIGIDINE FEES

**Are you up to date with your school fees?**

The junior years at Brigidine are currently at capacity and there are Catholic girls waiting for a place. Once again my thanks and admiration go to parents who make sacrifices so that their daughter can come here to school and so make payment of the fees a priority in their household budget. Brigidine cannot operate without parental fees and we need all the fees we can get to provide for the girl.



## ARTifacts - An Invitation

Visual Art Exhibition

Synan and Tullow Halls

Opening night : 7pm Thurs 2nd Sept 2010

**Continues: Fri 3rd Sept 9am-5pm**

**Mon 6th Sept 9am-12**

**Special Guest: Mrs Samantha Robinson**

**Artist-Ceramicist**

**Music by the LATEENS**

The gala occasion celebrates the creative energies of our Brigidine College artists.

**ENTRY IS FREE**

**FREE CAR PARKING**



