

# Brigidine College Newsletter

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## Welcome to our September Newsletter

### Brigidine Basics:

A Brigidine girl is asked to wear her skirt so that it is long enough to touch the floor when she is kneeling. She cannot have ornamentation of facial piercing. Her hair can be any colour natural to human beings.

Our school community needs each girl to be well presented and each girl owes it to the school community which is nurturing her to be so.

### Thanks a Million:

Many thanks to the parents of Year 12 Art students who helped out at the Art Show. Also contributing to the community feel of the Art Show was the playing of the LATEENS. The Brigidine musical ensemble have been so well rehearsed by Mr McFadden that they can play without his conducting. We deeply appreciate the playing and the performance of this group at a number of events through the year.

### Good Thinking

It is also interesting to reflect about what opens and closes our hearts on a daily basis. I am aware that some days my heart is more open than other days. Even in the course of a single day, there are moments when my heart is more open or more closed. Sometimes it is closed because of tiredness, worry or busyness. I know that my heart is closed whenever I feel grumpy or self preoccupied, when the world looks ordinary, or when the critical voice is strong in my head, whether directed at myself or others. When I stand in a supermarket line and all the people I see look kind of ugly I know that my heart is closed.

P154. *The Heart of Christianity (Marcus J Borg)*

### In Memoriam

On behalf of the whole community at Brigidine Randwick, I offer to Mr Warren Condon our sympathy on the death of his beloved wife. Mrs Condon has been sick for a year. Mr Condon is our English Coordinator and throughout the year he cared for his wife while also remaining completely faithful to his task as a teacher here. His love, care and dedication was an inspiration to us all. Until very recently the students would have had no idea of the load he was carrying; his preparation of the Year 12's was as remarkable as always.

***NEW TO THE WEBSITE THIS FORTNIGHT: The following events have a complete report on the website.***

### CGSSA Athletics.

This carnival was held in the sunshine of 20 August. Brigidine Randwick was third after Loreto Kirribilli and Monte St Angelo. Our team had a fabulous day and the girls enjoyed supporting one another in all events. We have a particularly strong Junior team however the excellent result is the result of the efforts of all the girls. Many thanks to our PDHPE staff, especially Ms Scardino, who is in charge of Athletics at Brigidine.



## **CGSSSA Tennis**

This carnival was held on 4 and 5 September. Congratulations to our Brigidine team which was so successful.

## **Yr 11 Business Services Work placement**

Many thanks to Ms Catanzariti for organizing the work placements for her Business Services class. She reports that the girls had a wonderful and worthwhile experience. As well as going outside the school for work placement this class uses a model office and a special bank of computers here at Brigidine. It is important that the girls have technology that is close to what they will use in the workplace.

## **St Brigid's Fire and Buddies Day**

Mr Zilich has written at length about his initiatives. Buddies Day in particular gives the girls an opportunity to see that kindness really does make a difference. Please read the whole report on the website.

## **EVENTS IN THE LAST FORTNIGHT:**

### **ART Show 2010**

It is all over again for another year. Having your work "hung" is a fantastic learning experience for all the girls especially the Yr 12 girls who have put their heart and soul into their major work. The teachers also put their heart and soul into the whole show and on behalf of the whole community I thank them for the hours of thought and construction that goes into the Show. My thanks go to all the parents who so generously donated prizes for the raffles and to the members of the P and F who sold the tickets. Ms Routh came to me this morning with the modest amount of profit we made. As with all things at Brigidine the emphasis is on giving all the girls a really good experience rather than raising money for the school.

### **Yr 12 Design and Technology.**

On Friday 3 September the markers were here to mark the D and T major works. From 5pm Mrs Ginzburg opened the display to parents, students and staff. This is always an intimate and very loving event as the girls receive accolades from their teachers and their parents. As with the Art, we all are touched by the creativity of the girls knowing that this has been supported by the creativity of the teachers. The hours of work put into these creations by students and teachers is not to be underestimated. I saw some of the year 12's this morning who have finished their Art and D & T practicals and they certainly look like very different girls. They can take a deep breath and give themselves over now to their other subjects. Every year we counsel the Year 10 girls not to do more than two subjects which have major works and every year the Yr 12 girls recognise the wisdom of this choice.



## National Science Youth Forum Rotary Dinner.

Ms Selinger our Science Coordinator attended this dinner along with the parents of the Year 11 Brigidine girls who were chosen to attend.

These were **Lucy Bracken, Olivia Kilponen and Amanda Beck.** **Marsha Sudar** who has just returned from the International Science Youth Forum also attended.

## Launch of the Strategic Plan of Catholic schools of the Sydney Archdiocese.

Last night I attended the cocktail party which was a part of this launch. The plan will inform the new Five Year Brigidine Plan.

I thank and congratulate our Junior String Quartet, **Jessie Wei, Tara Tjandra, Aidann Stathis and Kia Fitzsimon,** who played during the function and as always were such wonderful ambassadors for their school and family.

## ITEMS OF INTEREST:

**P & F Uniform and Book sales.** Attached with this newsletter is a flyer about this initiative from our P & F Executive.

## Transport

### CityRail

#### New CityRail Timetable from Sunday 10 October 2010

On Sunday 10 October 2010 a new CityRail timetable for the Eastern Suburbs & Illawarra and South Coast lines will start. Service frequency for other lines across the CityRail network will remain the same however some departure times may change. There may also be minor changes to bus timetables. Students and parents need to be aware of these changes as the new timetables start when school children are returning from school holidays.

**In particular we ask that HSC candidates are reminded to check their new timetable before the end of Term 3, in order to plan their journey.**

View new timetable on [www.131500.com.au](http://www.131500.com.au)

## 125 Years - Something to Celebrate

Come and celebrate 125 years of The National Shrine and Parish of Our Lady of the Sacred Heart Randwick. An evening of dinner and dancing with The John Field Band at Marcellin College Hall, Avoca Street, Randwick. Tickets \$45 and \$20 concession. Tickets on sale from the Parish Office 9399 6775 (during office hours) and after Masses from Sunday 8 August.

## On the move to end Dementia

If you would like to contribute to fundraising to end dementia you might like to investigate [www.memorywalk.com.au](http://www.memorywalk.com.au) This web site will give you all the information you need to join in.

## Interested in educating girls?

Try looking at [www.mydaughter.co.uk](http://www.mydaughter.co.uk) This is a site dedicated to issues about girls' education in Britain. I found it very relevant for the Australian context as well.



## ***EVENTS OF THE NEXT FORTNIGHT***

<b>Friday 10 Sept:</b>	<b>Mrs Condon's funeral and Years 10 and 11 exams begin.</b>
<b>Wednesday 15 Sept:</b>	<b>CGSSSA Dance Competition.</b>
<b>Friday 17 Sept:</b>	<b>Assembly.</b>
<b>Monday 20 Sept:</b>	<b>Year 7 Science Incursion.</b>
<b>Tuesday 21 Sept:</b>	<b>Informal day for Year 12.</b>
<b>Wednesday 22 Sept:</b>	<b>Graduation. All students must attend in correct uniform.</b>
<b>Friday 24 Sept:</b>	<b>End of term and Brigidine's Got Talent.</b>
<b>Monday 11 October:</b>	<b>First day of Term 4 for staff and students.</b>

