

# Brigidine College Newsletter

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## Welcome to our November Newsletter

### BRIGIDINE BASICS:

#### PRESENTATION AFTERNOON Monday 13 December 2010

This is the last day of formal classes at Brigidine. Girls arrive at school as normal in the morning. Presentation Afternoon begins at 1.00pm. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Tuesday 14 December and Wednesday 15 December are Year 11 Tutorial days and parent teacher interview days. More about the organisation of these days in the next newsletter. Thursday and Friday of that week are Staff days.

On Presentation Afternoon we present many awards to the girls for their academic and pastoral achievements as well as having performances from musicians and dancers.

### Good Thinking

*May I live this day,  
Compassionate of heart  
Clear in word  
Gracious in awareness  
Courageous in thought  
Generous in Love  
John O'Donohue*

"Fear is found not only in the hearts of the refugees, sometimes in the hearts to whom they flee. Sometimes there is good reason for anxiety; we want to be sure that the asylum seekers are genuine and don't have other agenda; we want to do justice to those who have been queuing longest for refuge; we want to discourage the ruthless profiteers.

But if we are honest with ourselves, there may be fear of outsiders here, and our leaders and the media can reflect and magnify that in us.

Sadly, there are those who whip up unnecessary anxiety in this area. The UN reports that in 2009, Australia received 6170 asylum applications amounting to 1.6 of applications received by industrialized countries. Canada, a comparable country to Australia, received 33,250 applications.

Afghanistan was the single largest source country of people claiming asylum in industrialized countries, but only 940 applications were made in Australia, 3.5 of the international total. Afghans are four times more likely to seek asylum in Norway than in Australia. So maybe we have less to fear than we think. Maybe those who do come will prove a blessing, like so many before them from other cultures."

**Anthony Fisher OP. Bishop of Parramatta**



## Mufti day for Brigidine students

**Friday 26 November** will be a day when the girls do not have to wear uniform but can come to school in “mufti” with the proviso that their clothing is modest and they have shoes with a strong sole and covering for the foot (i.e. no thongs). The girls will bring \$2 for the privilege and the money will be given to a group of Brigidine ex students who, on 12 February will hold a cocktail party in Synan Hall to support the work of Sr Phillipa Murphy (also a Brigidine ex student) in Southern Sudan. Parents will realise that there has been no education for Southern Sudan for a number of years because of a long civil war. Now 25 year olds are going to school for the first time. Volunteer teachers from all over the world are going to Sudan to help this tiny country improve its education and its educational facilities. The money from our mufti day will be given to the ex students to buy materials that they will need for the cocktail party. The Brigidine Community will be asked to support the event in other ways as well. More to come about this very worthy cause

## Year 10 Post School Certificate Program

Brigidine Yr 10 Coordinator, Ms Kirby, is responsible for devising and monitoring this program. The details of the program and an explanatory letter from me was sent home with Year 10 girls last week. Ms Kirby and other teachers put a good deal of thought and energy into the activities of the program. This is not learning that is assessed for a credential, this is learning that we believe at Brigidine to be crucial for Year 10 girls at this stage of their development: financial education, career education, values based sex education, manners and decorum and much more. I hope that parents find the program varied and interesting. It is very important that every girl attends each day. Year 10 finish formal classes on Friday 3 December. **They must be at school at midday for Presentation Afternoon, Monday 13 December.**

## P and F Book Sale and Second hand Uniform sale

Many thanks to Mrs Rebecca Cocks who with Ms McGahan, Brigidine Assistant Principal, is organising this great help to parents. You will find the full details of the sale on the Brigidine website explaining how to submit and buy items: [Sale Information](#)

## 125 years of the MSC Priests at OLSH Randwick

15 November is the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first MSC parish priest at Randwick. We join with the parish in congratulations and celebrations. It is not an easy time to be a priest and I make sure that Fr Hearn knows how lucky we think we are to have his influence and that of the other priests in our school. The MSC's go out of their way to speak with the girls in a language about Jesus and Catholic spirituality that the girls can understand and appreciate. May our MSC's sincerity and love be able to penetrate the fog of negativity produced by the popular culture in which our girls live.



## Final weeks of the Brigidine year

It would be greatly appreciated if you could let me know if your daughter is not going to continue at Brigidine. There is now information which Brigidine has to collect on behalf of the Government in regard to the tracking of enrolments and we like to make sure that the girls leave with our best wishes. You will notice in this newsletter that the school is having a concert and a performance of Shakespeare before we finish up. Please consider coming along to both or either to support the girls and their teachers.



## The Ultimate Heartbreak (Songs to Sing and Sob Along To)!

On Saturday 11 December 2010 beginning at 7.00pm, the College Concert will be held in the Cullen Centre. Come along and enjoy *'The Ultimate Heartbreak' - Songs to Sing and Sob Along to!!*

## Drama Performance



A Midsummer Night's Dream performances will be held Thursday 2nd December at 4pm (NOTE change of time) and Friday 3rd December at 6:30pm. *SEE IT COME TO LIFE ON BRIGIDINE COLLEGE'S CULLEN LAWN.....*Come along with your picnic blanket and basket. All welcome.

**Ms Foster Drama Coordinator**



## CGSSSA Aquathon

At the CGSSSA Aquathon 2010, both the **Junior** and **Senior teams** placed **1st overall** and Brigidine managed to gain the **winning School shield** again for the second consecutive year! A detailed report is available on the College website under What's New.

Our girls have done very well in the CGSSSA competitions. Many thanks to the PDHPE staff for the time they put into training and coaching of the girls

## ACARA: Australian Curriculum Assessment and Reporting Authority

Earlier this week you would have received an email about a Privacy Notice for parents informing you that the Authority will be using personal information about families that is collected by Brigidine to determine the school's Index of Community Socio-Educational Advantage for non-government schools. This index will assist ACARA to compare Brigidine with other schools in similar areas and you will find this on the new *My School* website ([www.myschool.edu.au](http://www.myschool.edu.au)) which is advertised as being available on 3 December 2010. You would also have received by email an information sheet from the Catholic Education Office which gives you the detail regarding Communication No 1 to Parents.

**Ms Kate Edmondson**  
**Principal**

