

Brigidine College Newsletter

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THANKS A MILLION

Thanks a million to Ms Kate McGrath and Ms Daphne Nikitianos who together volunteered to organize the Year 10 Formal. This function was held last night. It was a difficult task for two people to organize a Formal for our Year 10's and both women attended to a great many details as well as baking until all hours for cake sales here at school to try to keep the costs down for the tickets and other expenses. In retrospect, I should not have allowed the Formal to go ahead with only two adult organizers, so **present Year 9 parents**, there will have to be a greater parent involvement in 2011 if there is to be a Year 10 Formal. From students, who attended the Formal, 11 parents offered to help Ms McGrath and Ms Nikitianos with supervision.

Welcome to our December Newsletter

GOOD THINKING

A Trojan horse sits outside the gate of your heart. Its name is bitterness. It is a monument to every attack you have endured from your fellow human beings. It is a gift left by people who have wronged you.....But to accept the gift is to invite ruin into your life. You see, there is more to that horse than meets the eye. The feeling of justification it brings is the deceptive artistry of a master craftsman. Though decorated with the promise of vindication, it is only a lure. The celebration is short lived. Once inside the walls of your heart, it quietly releases its destruction. Its plot quietly unfolds from the inside out. To become a person of character, you must learn to recognize the Trojan horse of bitterness. And more important, you must never bring it inside.....The only remedy is forgiveness.

Andy Stanley in Like a Rock

The Church season of Advent has begun. We will have an advent liturgy next week here at school and perhaps Year 7 girls are asking for an advent wreath or a set of advent candles to be lit in their home as that year group do a study of Advent.

Advent is the time of preparation of our hearts so that we are able to each year enjoy Christmas in a deeper way. On a most superficial level the present and food buying is a part of that preparation. In the Catholic tradition preparation to accept a gift from God, in this case the gift of the vulnerable, helpless baby Jesus, is always about having a good look at the reflection our hearts make in the mirror of the Gospel. So the tinsel and the music in the supermarket jar grotesquely with the kind of thinking needed that will bring us to a conclusion about how we are living our lives and how effective our efforts are to become the kind of person we know God wants us to be. No matter what our conclusion, on Christmas morning the gift comes and we engage again with the reality that all our struggles occur in the safety net formed by God's infinite and abiding love.



BRIGIDINE BASICS DATES FOR THE BEGINNING OF 2011

Monday 31 January.	Orientation morning for Year 7. 8.30am to 12.30pm
Tuesday 1 February.	All girls at school until 12.30. Year 7 and Year 11 Peer Support leaders until 3.15pm
Wednesday 2 February:	Classes begin
Friday 4 February:	Mass of St Brigid

Monday 6 December: Ms Rebecca Cocks has had an email sent through to you about the Annual Second Hand Book Sale and Second Hand Uniform Sale to be held on this date.

Congratulations to **Carina Lam** who has won the Wylie Pool Art and Poem Competition. Ms Routh, Brigidine Art Coordinator, has all our Year 7 girls enter this competition and as well there were the competitors from the other schools around the Eastern Suburbs. This is the second year in a row that a Brigidine student has won this competition so congratulations also to Ms Routh who can see the potential in this competition for her students' development.

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!!*

Brigidine helps education in Southern Sudan

Attached to this newsletter is the flyer for the cocktail party which will be held at Brigidine on 12 February 2011. The recent Mufti day organized by Ms McGahan and our student leaders raised almost \$1300 - given that we don't have one whole cohort here at school that is a very generous result and clearly many families gave more than the \$2 asked for. This money has gone to the group of ex students organizing the event who call themselves "Friends of Sr Phillipa Murphy" and will buy ingredients for the party. I ask all parents to consider coming to the cocktail party. Sr Phillipa will attend and will address the guests. 100% of the money raised will go to Sr Phillipa. This is everyone's chance to truly make a difference to the lives of an impoverished people.

PRESENTATION AFTERNOON

Monday 13 December 2010. To begin at 1.00pm SHARP in Cullen Centre. All Parents Welcome.

Ms Kate Edmondson
Principal



