

Brigidine College St Ives Yearbook 2006



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Foreward From the Principal - Mrs Joanne Atkins



Welcome to our 2006 Year Book. This new look edition ensures that you will be able to recall all the exciting events that happened in our community. The Year Book is a wonderful record of the diversity that is Brigidine.

Thank you to the many people who have given so much to our College. Your generosity and support enriches the daily fabric of our life.

Joanne Atkins

Mrs Joanne Atkins
Principal



Leadership List

STAFF

Principal		Mrs Joanne Atkins
Assistant Principal (Studies)		Ms Monica Appleby
Assistant Principal (Pastoral)		Mrs Joy Bruce
Assistant Principal (Mission)		Mr Michael Halliday
Year Co-ordinators	Year 12	Mrs Maree Lindsay
	Year 11	Ms Julianne Barrs
	Year 10	Mrs Anne Summerhayes
	Year 9	Mrs Moya Morgan
	Year 8	Ms Colleen McKeown
	Year 7	Ms Julia Bevan
		Lucille Flory (Assistant)
Heads of Department	PDHPE	Ms Jo Baker
	Music	Mrs Ros Boyd
	Visual Arts	Ms Lu Buckley
	Library	Mr Allen Carters
	Mathematics	Mr Michael Palme
	Science	Mr Robert Farr
	English	Mr Brett Harrison
	VET	Mrs Betsy Harvey
	IT	Mrs Janine Martin
	Drama	Miss DiAnne McDonald
	Languages	Mrs Annemarie Mitchell
	Social Sciences	Mrs Jennifer Preston
	Religion	Mrs Ingrid Thompson
Finance Manager		Mrs Alison Rylance
Director of Development		Mrs Helen Carlson
Director of Human Resources		Mrs Mary-Ann Shalders
Director of ICT		Mrs Karen Holt
Services Manager		Mr Brian Riordan

STUDENTS

Captain of College		Bronya Fraser-Hills
Senior Vice Captain		Ashleigh Knox
Vice Captains		Sarah Boreham
		Jennifer Edgar
		Samantha McCormack
		Claire Robertson

Captains of Clubs

Club	Captain	Vice Captain
Athletics	Ailsa McArthur	Christina Cagorski
Basketball	Jenny Choi	Natalie Ward
Dance	Chloe Brown	Elise Osborne
DEAS	Amy Leahy	Alison Francis
Debating	Gabrielle Malouf	Emelia Thomas
Drama	Madeleine Hillier	Lauren Daneel
Gymnastics	Alexandra Sim	Erika Aoyama
Hockey	Meghan Hamilton	Belinda Stewart
Music	Courtney Baker	Samantha Gilroy
Netball	Sarah Dixon	Sarah Fox
Sailing	Elizabeth Frost	
Soccer	Liesl Cornell	Ailsa McArthur
Softball	Kara Singh	Tamara Wright
Swimming	Fiona McDonald	
Tennis	Rachel Venteman	Clare Barclay
Volleyball	Juliana Betts	
Water Polo	Kate McRobie	Rachel Venteman

Presidents of Societies

Archimedian	Hannah Saul
Ciceronian	Emelia Thomas
Hellenic	Susannah Collins
Justinian	Sarah Bryant
Periclean	Esther Thurtell
Socratic	Caitlin Johnson

Presidents-Social Justice Societies

Liturgy	Claire Robertson
Prolife	Jessica Kirkby
St Vincent de Paul	Amy Beech-Allen

Captains of Houses

House	Captain	Vice Captain
Fatima	Laura Euers	Sarah Dixon
Kildare	Madeleine Gough	Sarah Bryant
Lourdes	Sarah Gardiner	Sarah Fox
Prague	Lauren Daneel	Alyce Muldoon

Board Report

Brigidine College St Ives was established by the Congregation of Brigidine Sisters over 52 years ago. In 1999 a legal entity was formed and a board assumed responsibility for governance and leading the College in pursuit of its Mission – to provide education that is centred on the Gospel, and faithful to the Catholic community and the Brigidine heritage.

The board is appointed by the Brigidine Congregation, and is responsible for setting policy, establishing effective leadership and sound management, and ensuring financial management and statutory compliance.

This year heralded the arrival of our new College Principal. Mrs Joanne Atkins was commissioned as the 12th Principal on 10 February 2006, with a memorable Commissioning Ceremony. This moving liturgical celebration was witnessed by staff and students, along with a number of Brigidine Sisters. Also present to witness the occasion were Mrs Atkins' mother, Roberta, and children, Tom and Isabella.

During the Commissioning Ceremony three symbols were presented to Mrs Atkins - to remain with her during her term as Principal. These symbols were (i) a lighted candle – representing the light of Christ which has guided our College since it was established in 1954, (ii) a bible – representing our mission of education centred on the gospels, and (iii) a lighted lamp – representing the lamp of learning passed down from the Brigidine Sisters when they handed over day-to-day management of the College to the laity last decade.

On the following weekend, parents and staff had an opportunity to welcome Mrs Atkins into our community at a cocktail party, attended by over 300 people, on the College green.

I am delighted to report that the transition to our new Principal has gone very smoothly. I congratulate Mrs Atkins on the manner in which she has approached the role and I thank the community for giving her such a warm and friendly "Brigidine" welcome.

While Mrs Atkins first role was to settle in to the job and life at Brigidine, she has certainly not wasted any time getting down to business. The launch of the strategic planning process is testimony to the determination that Mrs Atkins has to take our College forward. The input from parents, staff and students into the data gathering phase has provided a wealth of material for the planning committee to consider. Regular feedback will be provided as we move to finalisation and launching the plan in March 2007.

I wish to thank members of the planning committee – Mrs Sally Biles, Mrs Annette Chennell, Mr Brett Kimmorley, and Mr Clive Meyers, under the leadership of Mrs Atkins – for their professionalism and commitment to this project. As you would expect, I am also a member of this committee.

The Building Committee - chaired by Mr Clive Chandler, and including Mrs Joanne Atkins, Mr Brian Riordan, and members of the College executive – was busy again this year. Apart from ongoing maintenance work, this year's focus was on the upgrade of the quadrangle and canteen area. Roof sails will be a key feature of the new quad due for construction over Christmas. Soft-fall surfaces and landscaping will also provide a fresh and warm feel to the area. The canteen will be extended to provide additional service areas. Of particular interest will be the harvesting of rain water for recycling through toilet systems in the College. The cost of this work will be around \$1 million.

We rely on our annual Capital Appeal programme to provide funds to supplement our reserves and borrowings for building projects of this nature. Over the past six Appeals, parents and staff and others have generously donated \$1.8 million. This year our Appeal committee - chaired by Mr Brett Kimmorley and supported by Mrs Joanne Atkins, Mrs Helen Carlson, Mrs Dee De Laurier, Mr Tony Frost, and Mr Greg McHugh, - put in a magnificent effort and succeeded in raising another significant amount for our building projects. Thank you to the Appeal committee members and to those parents, staff and others who gave so generously.

Our College finances are well controlled by our Finance Manager, Mrs Alison Rylance, and staff. Mrs Rylance is a member of the College Finance committee which consists of Mr Tony Frost as Chair, Mrs Joanne Atkins, Mrs Louise Turnbull and myself. Despite the presence of around \$4.5 million of debt on our balance sheet, I am pleased to report that Brigidine College St Ives continues in a sound financial position.

I wish to thank the leadership and management team of the College, and the academic and support staff, for their commitment and hard work again in 2006. I am always amazed and inspired by their professionalism, enthusiasm and dedication. Thank you for your wonderful work, and specifically the way you have all worked collaboratively with your new Principal.

Our students also showed great loyalty to the College. They represented the College with grace and dignity – displaying the true meaning of 'Fortiter et Suaviter', and demonstrating that "Brigidine girls really can do everything". Thank you to Bronya Fraser-Hills and the College Student Leaders of 2006, and I congratulate Sophie Ticehurst and her colleagues on their appointment as Student Leaders for 2007.

To those students who have completed the HSC this year, we wish you a happy and successful future.

The Board of Directors carries out its duties with the assistance of a number of board sub-committees – some of which I have referred to earlier. I am grateful to the directors, staff and parents who have given generously of their time and talent to these committees.

To the parents and friends of the College, thank you for your support and hard work. The Parents & Friends Association, under the leadership in 2006 of Mrs Helen Thomas, has promoted parent involvement, raised funds and contributed greatly to College life.

Thank you to my fellow board members for your dedication and contribution – Sr Anita Murray, Sr Kathleen Butler, Mr Clive Chandler, Mrs Annette Chennell, Mr Tony Frost, Mr Brett Kimmorley, and Mrs Louise Turnbull. Also, thank you to Mr Sid Veyret who stood down from the board in May this year due to work commitments.

Finally, a special thank you to our Trustees - the Brigidine Sisters - for giving us the opportunity and encouragement to pursue the College Mission with passion and energy, and for supporting us with their presence, their wisdom and their prayers.

I, along with my fellow Board members, look forward to continuing our work of governance as we pursue the College Mission, working collaboratively with Mrs Atkins and the staff to deliver the best in education for our students.

May God bless our College and all involved.

Mr Luke Keighery
October 2006



The 2006 Brigidine Board of Directors

Principal's Essay

Honours Programme Principal's Essay 2006 Sophie Ticehurst – High Distinction Recipient.

Analyse the arguments for and against the proposition that 'Capital punishment has no place in a civilised society'. Refer to recent legal cases in your answer.

What is a civilised society? According to the Macquarie School Dictionary, to 'civilise' is to refine or to bring out of a savage state. To be 'civilised' is to be highly developed and also to be polite, controlled and orderly'. When these definitions are applied to a society, it is necessary to deem the boundaries as to what sort of behaviour is considered acceptable, particularly when applied to crime and punishment.

Capital punishment involves the conviction of those people responsible for committing a capital offence, and punishing them by death. The severity of an offence is judged according to the standards set by the states and governments of different countries.

According to statistics from 2005, over half of the world's countries have now abolished the death penalty in law or practice². To agree that Capital punishment has no place in a civilised society is to hold a view that the death penalty is too harsh or extreme a crime, pushing the parameters of civilised behaviour too far.

Stemming from this viewpoint are the arguments that a civilised society respects the basic human right to live, recognises the threat of convicting innocent people to death, and is aware that Capital punishment lowers the tone of or 'brutalises' society.

In conjunction with the definition of a civilised society, to disagree with the proposition that Capital punishment does not have a place in a civilised society is to essentially hold the viewpoint that the punishment is indeed appropriate in retaining society in a non-savage and controlled condition. Supporting this statement are the arguments that Capital punishment is appropriate retribution for the crime of murder, is a punishment that works as a deterrent for potential murderers, and is an action that prevents any chance of recidivism or criminals re-offending.

It has been argued that Capital punishment violates human rights laws that allow a civilised society to function successfully. This occurs when every individual feels safe and secure in their own environment. According to Articles 3 and 5 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights, it is stated that, "Everyone has the right to life, liberty and security of person" and "No one shall be subjected to torture or to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment"³. Therefore, it can be argued that everyone has an undeniable right to life, even those who commit the worst of crimes; and by sentencing a person to death and executing

them violates that right. In a recent legal case involving Capital Punishment, convicted drug smuggler Van Nguyen confessed to the possession of 396.2g of heroin which was more than twenty five times the amount that mandates a death sentence. After being convicted, Nguyen was held on death row in Changi Prison in Singapore, and after an appeal and clemency process it wasn't until the 17th of November 2005 that Nguyen's family received notice of his scheduled hanging on the 2nd of December 2005. While in prison, Van Nguyen wrote several letters.

*"Amidst these scores painful revelations an unspoken truth was exposed. I found myself in deep sorrow for the true victims; the families of those who suffer as a result of losing a loved one to drugs."*⁴

In this case, we can see that Nguyen was subjected to torture- through both what would have been the manner of the execution and also the amount of time spent on death row, where it is obvious that Nguyen spent a lot of time contemplating his own death. Through the letters, there is evidence to reveal that Nguyen had some sort of realisation about the impact and severity of his actions. The finality of the death sentence meant that Van Nguyen could not have a chance to redeem himself in society; a wasted life.

Although the time on death row varies according to particulars of the sentence, the act of Capital punishment is still seen to demonstrate an abuse of human rights laws through the torture involved in the method used to execute a criminal. This neglecting of human rights could demonstrate why Capital punishment has no place in a civilised society. In a civilised society, people respect the right to be "innocent until proven guilty"⁵ as stated in Article 11 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Along with the Institution of Capital Punishment is always the risk of executing people who may be innocent of the convicted crime. In a recent case study undertaken⁶ in the United States of America, it was found that since 1973, 123 prisoners were released after evidence emerged of their innocence of the crimes in which they were sentenced to death. Three of these cases occurred between the years 2005 and 2006. Recurring features in the faults of the cases included police misconduct, unreliable witness testimonies, physical evidence, unfavourable bias and inadequate defence representation. It is therefore clear that Capital cases have to be taken into extremely careful consideration.

In opposition to the argument, John McAdams

a professor of political science at Marquette University stated,

*"If we execute murderers and there is in fact no deterrent effect, we have killed a bunch of murderers. If we fail to execute murderers, and doing so would in fact have deterred other murders, we have allowed the killing of a bunch of innocent victims. I would much rather risk the former. This, to me, is not a tough call."*⁷

It is necessary to take into consideration that cases may contain hidden flaws, where perhaps there has been for example, police misconduct or unreliable witness testimonies. Death is too great a consequence to result from risk taking, especially when it is in this case study made clear that there are a number of circumstances that could obstruct a clear judgement of determining a sentence. The tragedy that results from being convicted for capital punishment is reflected in the case of Bruno Richard Hauptmann, the accused German kidnapper of the baby of aviator Charles Lindbergh sentenced to death in 1936. Until the day of his execution, Hauptmann claimed that he was innocent, and was said to have remained calm throughout all circumstances. In Hauptmann's last Letter to Gov. Harold G. Hoffman written in March 31, 1936, Hauptmann wrote,

*"My writing is not for fear of losing my life, this is in the hands of God, it is His will. I will go gladly, it means the end of my tremendous suffering. Only in thinking of my wife and my little boy, that is breaking my heart. I know until this terrible crime is solved, they will have to suffer under the weight of my unfair conviction. I beg you, Attorney General, believe at least a dying man. Please investigate, because the case is not solved, it only adds another death to the Lindbergh case."*⁸

These last words perfectly portray the tragedy of what is seemingly an innocent conviction. It is argued that Capital punishment has no place in a civilised society for the threat of convicting the innocent, acknowledging that death is a sentence that cannot be reversed.

There is an expectation in a civilised society that 'brutality' or humans acting like beasts, is behaviour that should be dismissed of because of its inappropriateness and futility. Through its very principle, it can be said that Capital Punishment lowers the tone of or 'brutalises' society by demonstrating that it is correct and appropriate to kill those who have gravely offended us or have gone against societal law. In a recent legal case involving capital punishment, the ring leaders of the Bali Nine Drug smuggling team Myuran Sukumalan and

¹John Wiley & Sons Australia, Ltd, 2003; *Macquarie School Dictionary Second Edition*

²Amnesty International; 2006; *The Death Penalty*
<http://web.amnesty.org/pages/deathpenalty-index-eng>

³*Universal Declaration of Human Rights; Articles 3 and 5;*
<http://www.un.org/Overview/rights.html>

⁴Quote from Van Nguyen; *Van Nguyen, the Death Penalty and Singapore*, 2005;
http://www.nswcccl.org.au/issues/death_penalty/nguyen.php

⁵*Universal Declaration of Human Rights; Article 11;*
<http://www.un.org/Overview/rights.html>

⁶Amnesty International; reports; *Human Rights v. the Death Penalty: Abolition and Restriction in Law and Practice*; <http://web.amnesty.org/pages/deathpenalty-info-eng>

⁷McAdams, J. professor of political science at Marquette University; Liberty Corner; 2006. clear thinking about the death penalty
<http://libertycorner.blogspot.com/2006/01/clear-thinking-about-death-penalty.html>

⁸Hauptmann, R; *Famous American Trials, Richard Hauptmann Lindbergh Kidnapping Trial 1935;*
<http://www.law.umkc.edu/faculty/projects/FTrials/Hauptmann/Hauptmann.html>

Principal's Essay

Andrew Chan were sentenced to death on the 14th of February 2006 for attempting to smuggle 8.3 kilograms of heroin from Bali to Australia. Outside the court while the proceedings were taking place, Indonesian protestors could be heard shouting "Death! Death!", and upon leaving the court, Chan was thrown down after being jostled by a media scrum⁹.

This particular example highlights the effects that Capital punishment can have on a society, of not only disrupting a civilised and orderly societal balance, but also shifting individual and societal standards to accept higher levels of brutality as normal and acceptable. This is further demonstrated where in the United States of America recent statistics showed that more murders take place in states where Capital punishment is acceptable¹⁰. It can therefore be argued that society neither tolerates nor handles torture well, an act which can transform society's nature to become rather uncivilised. This 'brutalisation effect' can give indication that Capital punishment does not belong in a civilised society.

On the opposing viewpoint, it can be argued that Capital punishment does indeed have a place in a civilised society as by providing appropriate retribution for a Capital crime, the order and stability that exists in a civilised type of society is effectively being promoted. This concept of retribution lies on the basis that all guilty people deserve to be punished, only guilty people deserve to be punished, and finally, that guilty people deserve to be punished in proportion to the severity of their crime.¹¹ In a recent case where Capital punishment is involved, Australian Cardiologist Dr. Aggrey Kiyingi is still waiting to face Uganda's High Court, based on circumstantial evidence that he was involved in the plotting of his wife's murder. If found guilty, Dr. Kiyingi is most likely to receive the death penalty sentence. According to the argument of appropriate retribution for crime, each criminal should get what their crime deserves and in the case of Dr. Kiyingi he would therefore deserve death. This is supported by the 'Eye for an Eye' concept¹² found in the Old Testament, whereby Capital punishment would be fulfilling proper justice. In another recent case involving Capital punishment, 39 year old Indian man Dhananjay Chatterjee was sentenced to death for raping and murdering a 14-year-old girl in Kolkata in 1990, and was hanged in 2004. Stated by Justices A.S. Anand and N.P. Singh, in delivering Chatterjee's

sentence,

*"Justice demands that courts should impose punishment befitting the crime so that the courts reflect public abhorrence of the crime."*¹³

This statement implies that by the act of Capital punishment, messages are communicated from the state and legal bodies out into society that crime is wrong and will be punished accordingly.

Another possible argument for the proposition is that Capital Punishment has a place in a civilised society as it deters potential criminals from committing crimes. An example of this deterrence was evident when the Australian Federal Health Minister Tony Abbott used Van Nguyen's death sentence as a warning to young people,

*"People need to understand that drug trafficking is a serious offence...it has even more drastic penalties overseas as we have been reminded today."*¹⁴

The sense of horror created by an execution such as Van Nguyen's could be used to prevent other would-be criminals from committing similar crimes,

*"One of the uses of our system of justice is to warn others...We are reforming, not the hanged individual, but everyone else."*¹⁵

An implication involved in the argument stems from a contradiction, that the brutalising effect that Capital punishment has on society leads to the outbreak of more murders as opposed to a deterrent effect. Either argument cannot physically be proven other than the statistics that have already been taken. Although the statistics from the United States of America indicate that more murders occur in the American states where Capital punishment is acceptable, on a more universal level it has been acknowledged that in those countries for example, Singapore, which almost always carry out death sentences, there is generally far less serious crime.¹⁶ This tends to indicate that the death penalty is a deterrent, but only where execution is an absolute certainty. Used as a deterrent to prevent further crime, Capital Punishment can be seen to help maintain an orderly and civilised society.

Finally, it could be argued that Capital punishment has a rightful place in a civilised

society as it helps to prevent recidivism or criminals re-offending. The overriding duty or purpose of the death penalty is after all, to protect the public and to prevent further chance of recidivism. The response to this argument however, is that the prevention of re-offending is simply not sufficient justification for the taking of human life. In support, it is claimed that there are other ways to ensure that offenders do not re-offend, such as imprisonment for life without possibility of parole.

"Capital punishment is our society's recognition of the sanctity of human life."¹⁷ On the other hand, it can also be argued that Capital punishment does respect the value of human life - in removing criminals from society potential harms for many innocent lives are effectively being eliminated. Also, there is no assurance that life imprisonment without parole protects society adequately. The offender may no longer be a danger to the public, but they still remain a danger to prison staff and other inmates. It can therefore be argued that Capital punishment is indeed appropriate in retaining society in a non-savage and controlled condition by eliminating criminals who have both committed crimes and are potentially still dangerous. There is evidently a multitude of arguments that both support and object to the proposition that 'Capital punishment has no place in a civilised society'. Although the punishment can be said to fulfill an appropriate form of justice through the 'Eye for an Eye' concept, it can also be argued that 'Two wrongs don't make a right', and ultimately, Capital punishment does not reverse mistakes that have occurred in the past. While ever civilised societies have the freedom to speak and be heard, to form opinions and follow beliefs, the issue of capital punishment will continue to remain a controversial one.

Sophie Ticehurst
Year 11
Honours Student

¹⁷Hatch, O. US Senator

⁹Wikipedia; Bali Nine, 2006;

http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Bali_Nine

¹⁰Amnesty International; reports; *Human Rights v. the Death Penalty: Abolition and Restriction in Law and Practice*; <http://web.amnesty.org/pages/deathpenalty-info-eng>

¹¹bbc.co.uk; *ethics-capital punishment-arguments in favour*; 2006;

http://www.bbc.co.uk/religion/ethics/capital_punishment/pr_o_index.shtml

¹²Bible Ref. Exodus 21:23-27, Good News Bible 2002 Edition;

hanged;

<http://in.rediff.com/news/2004/aug/14hang1.htm>

¹³Abbott, T. Australian Federal Health Minister; *Australians on Death Row*; 2005;

http://www.nswcccl.org.au/issues/death_penalty/death_row.php

¹⁴Michel de Montaigne;

¹⁵Amnesty International; reports; *Human Rights v. the Death Penalty: Abolition and Restriction in Law and Practice*; Justices Anand A.S and Singh N.P; 2004; Dhananjay Chatterjee hanged;

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¹⁶Abbott, T. Australian Federal Health Minister; *Australians on Death Row*; 2005;

http://www.nswcccl.org.au/issues/death_penalty/death_row.php

¹⁷Michel de Montaigne;

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Sophie Ticehurst

Capital Appeal



Mr Brett Kimmorley
Chair – Capital Appeal Committee

Mr Brett Kimmorley chaired this year's Capital Appeal Committee and welcomed to the Committee Mrs Dee De Laurier and Mr Greg McHugh. Other members included Mr Tony Frost (who has been on the Committee since the 2003 Capital Appeal), Mrs Joanne Atkins and Mrs Helen Carlson.

In September the 2006 Capital Appeal was launched to Year 8 parents and those parents new to the school this year.

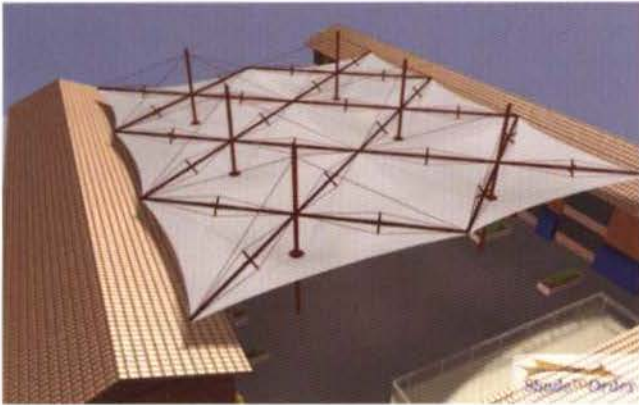
The plans for the Quadrangle and Canteen were displayed and parents were taken on a tour of the current Quadrangle to demonstrate the need to improve this area for our students. As if on cue, gentle rain fell during the site tour, further reinforcing the need to waterproof the area to give students a greater area to use in inclement weather.

Construction of the Quadrangle roofing and the extension of the Canteen is due to commence in December of this year so that the majority of the work can be completed prior to the beginning of Term 1, 2007.

Further work includes the refurbishment of the Year 7-10 bathroom areas, the purchase of lockers to replace those in corridors and classrooms and the harvesting of rainwater.

With the ongoing support of parents these exciting projects can continue to benefit our students.

Artist's impressions of Quadrangle and Canteen project



College Captain's Address

A G A P E; ... 'love, rather than charity.'

Flicking through various Catholic documents throughout the year, I have discovered that these papers are replete with the Latin words- "Eros and Agape". The 'agape' part I can certainly identify with. 'Agape', so I've been told, is significantly more than the love of intimacy, affection, or embrace, and such that most of us can most easily relate to. 'Agape' rather, is the love that 'sends us out', so to speak. Indeed, a word that I may proudly say, encompasses my experiences at Brigidine.

When you enter the gates of a private, Catholic school for girls, you arrive equipped with all the preconceptions that come with its title. Through my time here however, and most especially, as a result of my senior role, I am happy to say that I have neglected all those tapered assumptions. School is far more than a waiting room into the 'real world'. Brigidine in particular, is an extraordinary place, in that its environment breeds the desire within its students to willingly give of themselves. 'To serve', as they say. I have witnessed this on countless occasions.

When I was invited to share a reflection at this year's Australian Heads of Independent Schools conference, I learnt far more than how to appeal to the sense of humour of an audience of Principals. I began to further understand the idea of 'agape', and infact, how it has been right under my nose for the past six years. I began to recognise 'agape' in the teachers that so willingly devote time beyond classroom hours in order to assist a

student. I saw 'agape' swim throughout the corridors, most noticeably amongst friends. I have witnessed the 'receiving' attitude, transform into a mature sense of 'giving', particularly during times of hardship, and even loss.

You often hear people say, that school is most testing in its final year. I now see why. Above this however, it is, I believe, a time when individuality begins to develop into its finest form yet. Amongst our grade have emerged the gifts of musicians, actresses, mathematicians, artists, writers and athletes; many of whom will embrace such talents to become tremendously happy people. I can now proudly say, that I have known each of them.

To all my fellow senior leaders; congratulations. I have seen 'agape' within the assorted passions of each of you. Your compassion and ongoing allegiance to our project, "Children of the First Sunrise" has unleashed a bunch of qualities in you, that will endow you with a great sense of fulfilment in the future. To our peers and teachers, for your ongoing support in these endeavours; congratulations. The children of the Jawan community may now receive the education they too, are deserving of.

My endeavours to serve the school as College Captain were shaped by an enthusiasm, that I truly believe must be attributed to the peers, parents and staff who I have been surrounded by for six years. It is therefore only appropriate that I impart the following quote unto all those of the Brigidine community, whom I will so sorely miss;

"Destiny is not a matter of chance: it is a matter of choice. It is not a thing to be waited for: it's a thing to be achieved."

Bronya Fraser-Hills
College Captain 2006



Bronya addressed the College at the Year 12 Graduation Assembly



Bronya Fraser-Hills in the Musical - The Boyfriend



The Green Machine - Bronya at the Interhouse Athletics Carnival



The Senior Leadership Team

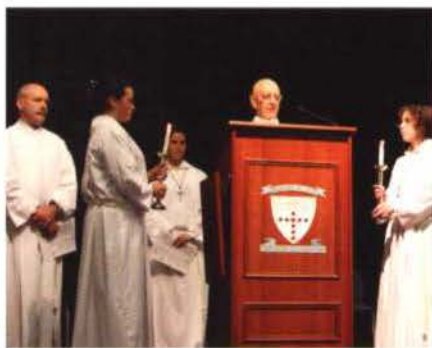
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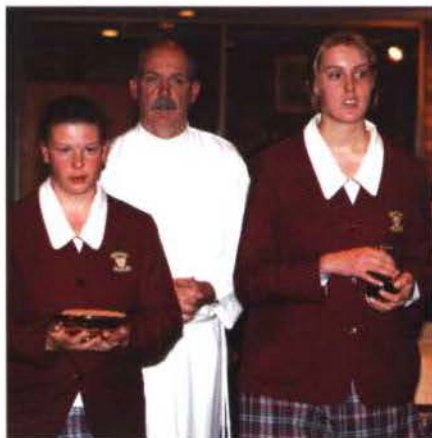
Spirituality



Liturgical Life of the College



Father Guy Carlson SJ leads us at the Mass of the Assumption



Karina Peters and Monique Swan with Mr Michael Halliday assist at the Graduation Mass



Year 7 are actively encouraged to be involved in their Liturgies held in St Brigid's Chapel



Year 12 Graduation Mass



Year 7 Mass in St Brigid's

As we cast our eye over the past year we can see again the liturgical life of our school has been rich and blessed. Throughout the year we have continued to be supported by the generosity of the local priests, namely; Fr Jack Robson, Fr Guy Carlson SJ, Fr Tadeusz Seremet SDS, and Fr Mariusz Adamczyk SDS. Without the presence of these men the liturgical life of the school would be greatly lessened. We are always grateful to them.

The word 'liturgy' comes to us from two Greek words 'leit'- public and 'ergon'- work. Knowing this helps us to see that the liturgy can be understood as either the 'work of the people' or the 'work for the people'. Whichever way we decide to understand the word we can be sure that each time we have gathered for a liturgy over the past 12 months the job we have been doing has been important.

Like a gentle heartbeat that sustains life, the Eucharist has been celebrated every Wednesday morning throughout the school year. These celebrations of the Eucharist have been, certainly for me, some of the most prayerful moments of prayer in my week.

We have also had the pleasure and joy of participating in the 'big' moments of liturgical activity throughout the year. Memorable among these of course was the Opening School Mass where our new Principal received her commission. In her words for Brigidine Matters for that week Mrs Atkins reminded us that: "leadership is based on service, empowerment and inclusiveness. Jesus demonstrated

this service leader model throughout his life – the authority by which the Christian leader leads "is not power but love, not force but example." These words on leadership as service are also an insight into what we are doing each time we gather around the Lord's table.

The cycle of prayer in St Brigid's Chapel with each year group has now become habit for all. All of the concerns, joys and celebrations of our lives are brought there and in a very true sense placed at the foot of the cross. Again these moments of quiet in the presence of God should not be underestimated for their power to heal, bring hope or restore confidence. These occasions of prayer are indeed periods of 'public work', that is; where each of us is, in their own way, doing the important job of helping build the Kingdom of God – there is no job more important.

Like the hub of a wheel, the liturgical life of the school is and should be the centre around which all other aspects of the school should revolve. In the Eucharist Christ shares with us his life and his way of living, his way of being for others. We are asked to imitate this life with our own. In the liturgical life cycle of our school we have promised to do just that with 'strength and gentleness'.

Mr Michael Halliday
Assistant Principal Mission

Opening Mass and Commissioning Ceremony

Mrs Joanne Atkins was commissioned as the new Principal of Brigidine College St Ives at the Commencement Mass on Friday 10 February.

Symbols of the Brigidine heritage were presented to Mrs Atkins by Sr Chanel Sugden CSB, Province Leader and other members of the Brigidine community.

The Brigidine Candle was the first of these symbols which had been blessed and was then presented to Mrs Atkins by staff member Mrs Mary Radcliff, its light rich with meaning for the Brigidines. It represented the light of Christ which has guided us on our way since 1954, the lighted candle welcoming Mrs Atkins into our tradition and into our midst as our Principal.

The second of the symbols was the Bible presented by College Captain 2006 Bronya Fraser-Hills. As a school committed to education that is centered on the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Bible was to remind us as a community of our core commitment: to be faithful to the work of educating in the light of the Good News.

The third of our symbols which was presented by the Province Leader, Sr Chanel Sugden was the Lamp of Learning. The Lamp of Learning has always been a central symbol for the Brigidine Sisters who established our College in 1954. The Congregation of St Brigid which was founded by Bishop Daniel Delany in 1807 was founded by him for the specific purpose of bringing the light of knowledge to banish the darkness of ignorance and fear that enveloped the uneducated and impoverished children of Ireland in his time. In our time this same congregation of Sisters, as they removed themselves from direct involvement in the daily affairs of our College, have passed on to us this awesome responsibility of bringing the light of knowledge into the lives of the young women and girls who surround us today.

Mr Luke Keighery, Chairman of the College Board, welcomed Mrs Atkins to the community at the Mass which was concelebrated by Fr Guy Carlson SJ and Fr Jack Robson.

Mrs Atkins said, "I look forward to continuing the tradition of the Brigidine Sisters, of developing young women who have strong intellectual values and a social awareness and who can take a meaningful place in our society.

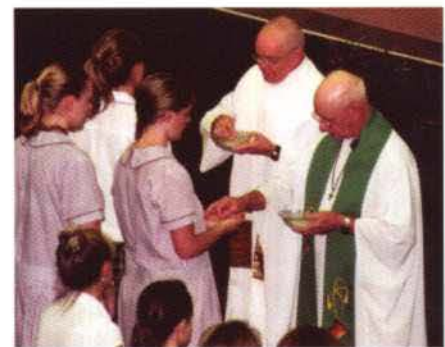
I believe leadership is based on service, empowerment and inclusiveness. Jesus demonstrated this service leader model throughout his life – the authority by which the Christian leader leads is not power but love, not force but example, not coercion but reasoned persuasion.

Leadership is not a job, not a role one plays at work. Leadership is the leader's real life.

As a Catholic school leader, what is fundamentally important, is respect for the dignity and sacredness of each person and a recognition of Jesus in our lives."



Mrs Joanne Atkins receives the Lamp of Learning



The Eucharist was distributed by Fr Jack Robson and Fr Guy Carlson SJ



The College Choir led by Mrs Ros Boyd and accompanied by student musicians



Luke Keighery, Joanne Atkins and Sr Chanel Sugden with significant Brigidine symbols

Year 12 Retreat

"Transformed by Love"

Have you ever wondered what heaven would be like? Would your family be there to greet you? Would you finally learn the meaning, the purpose, of your life?

These were the initial themes we reflected on as we considered our own journeys and the transformations we had already experienced in our lives and the transformations that might lie ahead.

We were able to spend time meditating, journaling and discussing our individual relationships with our

friends, family and with God. The warm, friendly and comfortable locations helped us settle quickly into contemplative moods where we felt safe in sharing our thoughts with the others in our groups.

Thanks to all the students who participated in a positive and respectful way. It makes each retreat experience a very rich and rewarding one when the students involved engage readily in the activities offered.

Thanks also to the staff who so willingly shared their own stories with

each group. Without your generosity these valuable experiences would be impossible. Hopefully every girl was able to take some lasting memory with them from the retreat experience and maybe even come to see the value of a life filled with love.



Year 12 Retreat Group at Grace Lodge in Yarramundi



Meghan Hamilton, Lauren Daneel, Lucy Eccles, Natalie Ward, Jess Kirkby, Jenny Choi, Beth Walker, Belinda Stewart and Mrs Jan Whiddon



Kate Kennett, Kate Miller, Bronya Fraser-Hills, Harriet Smith, Kathleen Searle, Mrs Maree Lindsay, Front: Chloe Singe, Steph Burge

Year 11 Retreat

“Reach out” and “Expand and Handle It” were the themes for the street retreat of 2006. We are incredibly fortunate at Brigidine that we are able to give the Year 11 students an experience like the one offered on this unique retreat. Its success depends very much upon the willingness of organisations to include school students in their day to day welfare and it also depends very much on the planning and logistical coordination offered by Mr Halliday.

On the first night when we are preparing for the “street” experience we emphasise that it is impossible for us to predict what will happen the following day when the girls go out to their various placements around the city. This year a group of girls who were working with the Cana Community attended the funeral of one of the community members. Never having met the man before, not knowing the people they were with and then being thrown into the emotional intensity of a sad situation like this was very testing indeed. When the girls returned that evening they commented on how welcoming and inclusive the other people at the funeral were. They were touched at being thanked for attending the funeral. They were left with a deep impression of the strong bond of love between the Cana community members.

This was just one of an array of experiences that reflected the girls’ maturity and readiness to extend themselves. It is always a pleasure and a privilege to be a part of this experience.



Camille Pollett and Kariien Van Rhijn



Rochelle Loader and Hannah Staas



Vanessa Vumbaca, Alison Maiolo, Francesca Turner and Kelly Kuper



Sarah Read - Jamming



Rachael Morrison – hanging around



Natasha Williamson, Anna Dunn and Jasmine Ackroyd



Simone Delaney, Pippa Letts, Caitlin Pyle and Tori Maher



Kiah Ridge retreat group - Tahmoor

Youth Minister



Mrs Michelle Grubba - Youth Minister, at her Open Day Stand



Mrs Grubba with Clare Marie born 8th January 2006.



'Sewn with Love' group with Mrs Grubba in St Brigid's

Youth Ministry has been developing well at Brigidine in 2006. The new Youth Ministry Space in the basement area of the McCammon building has been a wonderful and welcome addition to this beautiful school. It is great to have a dedicated space, a place to meet, talk, pray, work, share a meal, knit and sew!

Term 2 began with the initiation of a lunchtime quilt making group called Sewn with Love. The idea was to engage the girls in an act of charity that was hands on and which involved some sacrifice of their time and energy. In other words, they were involved in service. Exploring our human creativity, building relationships with others and the honour of service are some basic doorways into our experience of God.

I was delighted with the generous response of so many girls who gave up their lunchtimes over several weeks, and eventually recess as well, to hand sew quilts for families in our region who would be feeling the cold in the winter months. As a result, eighteen quilts and blankets were donated to St Vincent de Paul.

A flow on from Sewn with Love was another little lunchtime group which gained its title from the national movement Wrap with Love. During lunchtimes on Wednesdays we knitted and crocheted squares to arrange later into larger rectangular blankets. These will eventually be sent to where they are needed, anywhere in the world.

So far this year, I have been pleased to help plan and facilitate the Year 11 Retreat and Year 7, 8 and 9 Reflection Days. I have enjoyed creative involvement with the Year 11 and 12 girls in preparing a dramatic mime for the Founders Day Mass and I accompanied girls to the Year 10 Social Justice Day and the Diocesan Lighthouse Youth Festival in Somersby. I have grown to know many girls through the F.R.I.E.N.D.S programme (dealing with anxiety and life skills) in Year 8.

Also during Term 2, I began a series of class visits and lessons with Year 7 to introduce myself and the idea of Youth Ministry. A fruitful outcome of these lessons was the opportunity for some lively exploration of the notion of Church and its relevance to youth today.

During Term 3, the Prayer and Sacred Space (P.A.S.S.) programme ran again with small groups in Year 10. This lesson aimed to provide the girls with a greater awareness of their spirituality and another doorway into our experience of God through prayer. A visualization technique was used to help the girls relax and conceptualise sacred space, which then helped create prayerfulness. It was also an opportunity for them to consider the fruitfulness of listening inwardly (to our self and God).

Another small group began in Term 3, with girls from junior and senior years. We meet at lunchtimes in the Y.M.S., and, after sharing a meal, read the Word of God, reflect on its meaning and end our time together with prayer. I have been indeed heartened by the faith of these young women who rather courageously acknowledge the movement of God in their lives in times when it is almost counter cultural. We hope this group grows steadily in the future.

Youth Ministry is about planting seeds that will in their own time bear fruit. It is about being with young people and opening windows of understanding and offering new ways of seeing. It has been my pleasure to plant some seeds this year!

Mrs Michelle Grubba
Youth Minister

Community Outreach Programmes

An education that is centered on the Gospel and is faithful to the Catholic tradition is one which will be marked by vibrant activity in the service of Christ and his people. Such a life of service has been evident in our community during the past year.

Particular mention must be made of our strong commitment to the Geoff McMullan and Ian Thorpe Fountain for Youth Foundation. Over the course of the year the Brigidine Community was able to raise upwards of \$5000 to assist with the purchasing of Literacy Packs which were made available to the Wugular community of the Jawon people in the Northern Territory.

However this was not our only point of outreach. We continued with great success and a lot of fun to assist with Café Cana. We helped again with the Catholic Mission, Red Cross and Red Shield Appeals. As in previous years our Year 8 students ran their market day for the Candela community in Peru, while Year 9 made a very reliable commitment to assisting the teachers at The Sir Eric Woodward School for children with disabilities. Year 9 also ran a very successful 'Pink Day' in support of research into the prevention of breast cancer.

Students from the senior years again offered themselves as volunteers to help at the Marist Children's Holiday Camps and also offered support for an ex student Emily McMullan by running a sausage sizzle to help Emily raise some funds so that she could volunteer her services to an Aboriginal community in remote Australia. It was heartening to see that the Brigidine Spirit is not left at the school gate.

Special mention should also be made of the work of Mrs Read-Zorn and the Animal Welfare Society who continued this year to do such wonderful things in raising our awareness of the many important issues associated with animal welfare. St Francis would find many willing disciples amongst the students of Brigidine College St Ives.

We must pray that the years ahead will continue to be years alive with the awareness of the need to serve as this past one has been.

Thank you to all who in one way or another participated in all of the many good works mentioned above and of the many I have for want of space neglected to mention.

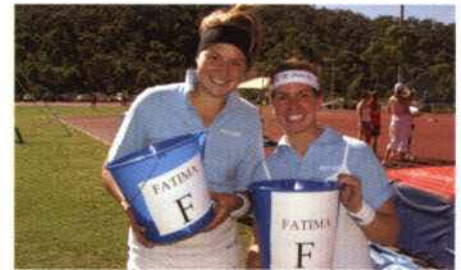
Mr Michael Halliday
Assistant Principal Mission



Children of the First Sunrise Project Launch



Ella Haines, Ash May, Tamara Wright, Suzanna Hall, Sarah Gardiner, Emma Hines, Jess Godsall, helping at the Children of the Sunrise Assembly Fundraiser



Fatima House Captains Laura Euers and Sarah Dixon help to raise money at the College Athletics Carnival



Mr Jeff McMullan addresses the College



Sarah Boreham and Jess Kirkby at the Senior Leaders Stand at Open Day promoting their Children of the First Sunrise project



Year 9 Pink Day, money was raised for Breast Cancer research



Senior Leaders with Mrs Orr at the Mothers' Day Breakfast



The College held a Sausage Sizzle to raise funds for Emily McMullan

Reflection Days with Year 7, 9 and Year 10

YEAR 10 REFLECTION DAY

After an intense 3 days of School Certificate trials, Year 10 were looking forward to a day of fun and relaxation. Our Reflection Day was just the opportunity we were hoping for. The Reflection Day was scheduled for Tuesday 26th September at the Treacy Centre Oxford Falls. We did not realize it, but we were in for a very special Day. First up, upon entering the Centre at Oxford Falls we were taken aback by the young energetic leaders who introduced themselves as the National Evangelical Team or NET.

This NET team turned out to be a fantastic group of young people (just like us) who had a great way of communicating and getting their message across.

The theme of the day was "Stepping Up". This theme was intended to help prepare us for our new roles in the senior school in 2007. As our day unfolded we played many games all reflecting this theme; "Stepping Up". Through these games and discussions we learned many leadership skills including communicating with your followers. In groups of twelve we spoke about and reflected on our encounters with God. For our group this also involved meeting Brendan, a Canadian hockey player, who regaled us with stories about his childhood and encouraged us to think about our relationship with God. Highlights of the day included games like Prince of the Parish, which gave wonderful insights into the lives of our leaders. At the end of the Reflection Day we felt touched by everyone's life stories. It truly was an amazing day.

A big thank you to all our teachers for organising this for us.

Anna Turnbull (Year 10)



Year 10 students with National Evangelical Team or NET members at their Reflection Day

YEAR 9 REFLECTION DAY

On Friday 25 of August Year 9 had its annual Reflection Day at the Treacy Centre Oxford Falls. The theme of our day was Reconciliation and to help us to investigate this theme we viewed a video entitled 'Out of the Dust'.

The story from 'Out of the Dust' is about the unusual consequences of a catastrophic car accident. This accident happened in the outback twenty six years ago. Eight young lives were lost and two very different communities were changed forever – one in suburban Sydney, the other in rural Bourke. All these years later, when one woman, Dani Haski, felt compelled to uncover the full truth about the accident, the results were very surprising for everyone concerned.

The result of Dani Haski's investigations as seen in the video was a very moving lesson on how people can overcome their pain and anger and eventually be reconciled if it is truly their hearts wish. Using the above story the students were taken through a variety of activities that helped them to reflect on key steps of any true reconciliation process. They were able to reflect on moments of brokenness in their own lives and how these wounds might be healed freeing them to move on.

Year 9 entered enthusiastically into the day, many commenting on how valuable it was for them.

Thank you to all the teachers who worked on the preparation of a very successful day.

Mr Michael Halliday



Year 9 Reflection Day back row Catie McLean, Emilie Ammann, Michelle Edwards. Front Nicola Ferendinos, Laura Lynch, Mrs Donna Kuper and Catherine Solomonson

YEAR 7 REFLECTION DAY

Our theme for the Reflection Day which was held at the Treacy Centre at Oxford Falls was "The Body of Christ". Year 7 with their Religion and Mentor teachers spend a very relaxing day examining what it means to not only be part take of but, also, to part of the Body of Christ.

The day, excellently prepared by Mrs Grubba began with a viewing of segments from the movie 'Chocolat'. In the movie we met Vianne, who via her chocolaterie brings love, compassion, and unconditional acceptance to the people of the village of Lansquenet.

The viewing of 'Chocolat' enabled Year 7 to learn something about the meaning of sacrament. Vianne the main character in the movie modeled a way of how people can be sacraments to each other. Vianne showed us how, by the ways in which she cared for the people around her, especially the rejected ones, and by the ways in which she showed compassion and love for the all the people of Lansquenet how we in fact can be the sign of God's real presence in the world.

The result of viewing and discussing 'Chocolat' was some very beautiful collage pieces reflecting a new understanding of how to be a sacramental person. Each collage piece made an individual letter, which, when put with all the others resulted in the words of our theme;

WE ARE THE BODY OF CHRIST. These letters which formed a poster were then used by Year 7 to decorate the chapel for a celebration of the Eucharist following the Reflection Day. A very successful day.

A big thank you to all the staff that attended and helped at the Reflection Day and a special thank you to Mrs Grubba for her very valuable contribution.

Mr Michael Halliday



Year 7 Reflection Day theme was 'The Body of Christ'

Year 8 Reflection Camp

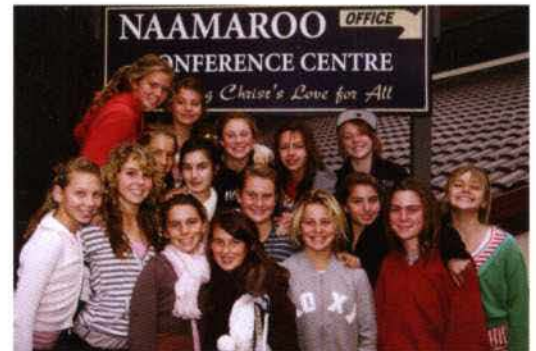
The Year 8 Reflection Camp was held on the 8th and 9th of June in the beautiful setting of the Naamaroo conference Centre at Lane Cove. Students reflected on their own lives and their relationships with others over the two days. During their reflection, students were encouraged to think about their own self-esteem and to establish strategies for maintaining resilience throughout the challenges of life's journey.

The students must be commended on their energetic and thoughtful approach to the activities. Their excellent 'plastiscene models' were made to symbolise the messages they had learnt about self-esteem and this formed an important part of a liturgy with Mr Halliday.

Thanks must go to Mr Michael Halliday, Ms Colleen McKeown (Year 8 Co-ordinator) and all the staff for their leadership of the girls throughout the two days.



Tahlia Woo, Abigail Martin and Katherine Ward with their plasticine figures



Year 8 Students at Naamaroo Conference Centre



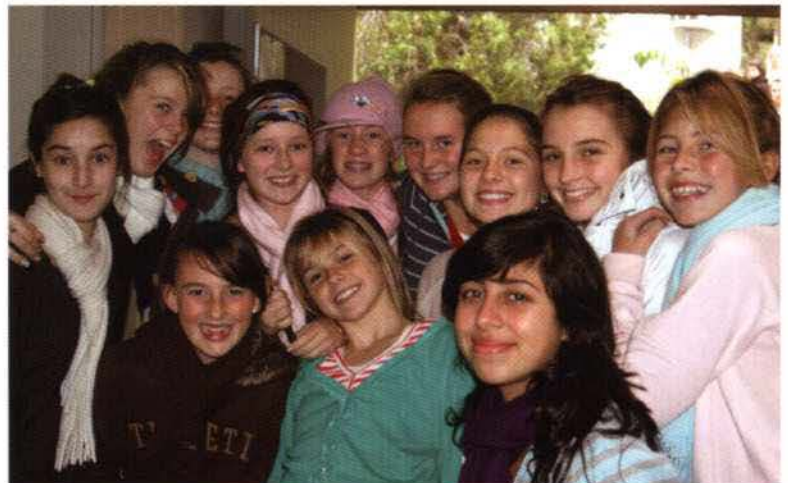
Jessica Hayman, Stephanie Jardine and Sarah Worsley with their plasticine figures



Year 8 Enjoying their cupcakes for morning tea



Rachel Marr and Maddie Deer



Year 8 have the best smiles!

Social Justice Societies



Jess Kirkby and Amy Beech-Allen prepare for a fundraiser



Sausage sizzle fundraiser



Liturgy Society President Claire Robertson

Liturgy Society

Liturgies of Word and Eucharist play an integral part in life at Brigidine College St Ives. This year has been a very exciting and enjoyable one for the Liturgy Society with many school masses, liturgies and prayers taking place.

School masses have become a significant aspect of what binds the Brigidine community together. Sharing the Eucharist is central to the Brigidine identity of "strength and gentleness" and to our attempts to help and care for others. Wednesday morning mass in the chapel is another element of school life which allows staff, students, and visitors an opportunity to reflect and pray in a friendly atmosphere. On this note, I would like to express my appreciation to all the priests who have celebrated Wednesday morning masses with us, but in particular Fr Guy Carlson. His innate ability to give words of wisdom as well as his guidance and prayers throughout the year have no doubt shaped the ways and attitudes of many people within the school community.

Numerous liturgies have also taken place throughout the year, including special year group liturgies and events such as Founder's Day. I would like to thank all the girls, parents and staff who have helped and contributed to the work of the Liturgy Society this year. Without your participation and enthusiasm, the life of this society would be much diminished. Lastly, a very big thank you to Mr Michael Halliday, whose guidance, encouragement and positive nature makes the Liturgy Society continue to grow and function as a fundamental aspect of Brigidine.

Claire Robertson
Liturgy Society President

St Vincent de Paul and Pro Life Societies

This year the Pro-life and St Vincent de Paul societies joined together to create the Social Justice Society. As a joint society we successfully increased the members to 40, had several large, fun filled meetings and contributed to a number of charities and needy causes over the course of the year.

Throughout the year we organised a variety of fundraisers including project compassion, the St Vincent de Paul winter appeal, which incorporated the sewn with love project, a Mrs Grubber initiative. Project compassion was a great success as was the St Vincent de Paul Winter Appeal which collected a large amount of necessities such as clothing and tinned food for those less fortunate than ourselves. The Sewn With Love project, founded by Mrs Grubber, our youth minister at the college, was also a great success. We were able to get a number of our junior students involved in the work of social justice, by making a number of quilts for the winter appeal.

This year, as representatives of the Social Justice Society, we both worked closely with the six senior leaders to bring The Children of the First Sunrise project to the school. We took up the challenge of Mr Geoff McMullan and the Ian Thorpe fountain for youth Foundation to supply a remote aboriginal community in the Northern Territory with reading materials. We had great success raising almost \$5000 for the project.

But we couldn't have done it without the help of Mr Halliday. Our thanks goes to him and indeed to the entire school community for their support and generosity throughout the year.

Jessica Kirkby
Pro-life society

Amy Beech-Allen
Saint Vincent de Paul society



Social Welfare Presidents, Amy Beech Allen SVDP and Jessica Kirkby PL



Liturgy Society - Natalie Mendes, Ashleigh Knox, Sophie Ticehurst, Claire Robertson – President, Madalaine Renshaw, Brigitta Williams, Emma Hines and Rebecca Welsby

Leadership Mass

On the 18th October the whole school with parents and members of the Brigidine Community gathered to celebrate the 'Leadership Mass' in Bowie Hall. Presided over by Father Guy Carlson SJ the theme of the Liturgy was 'Service to Others'. Speaking to the College Father Guy quoted Mrs Atkins.

"I believe leadership is based on service, empowerment and inclusiveness. Jesus demonstrated this service leader model throughout his life – the authority by which the Christian leader leads is not power but love, not force but example, not coercion but reasoned persuasion.

Leadership is not a job, not a role one plays at work. Leadership is the leader's real life.

Personal leadership is a never ending work in progress that draws on self-understanding: leaders thrive by understanding who they are and what they value. They explore new ideas, approaches and cultures. They create environments energised by loyalty, affection and mutual support. Leaders imagine an inspiring future and strive to shape it."

These words were apt for such an occasion where we bore witness to the passing of the Senior Leadership 'baton' from the 2006 leaders to the incoming 2007 leaders.

Sophie Ticehurst the 2007 College Captain addressed the school speaking of the importance and responsibility of Leadership.

Our celebration ended with each of the student leaders of Year 12 2007 receiving their badges of office. This was an important and joyous moment for us all to share as our senior leaders accepted their new roles.



Bronya Fraser-Hills pins Sophie Ticehurst



Ashleigh Knox pins Brigitta Williams



Claire Robertson pins Hannah Reid Anderson



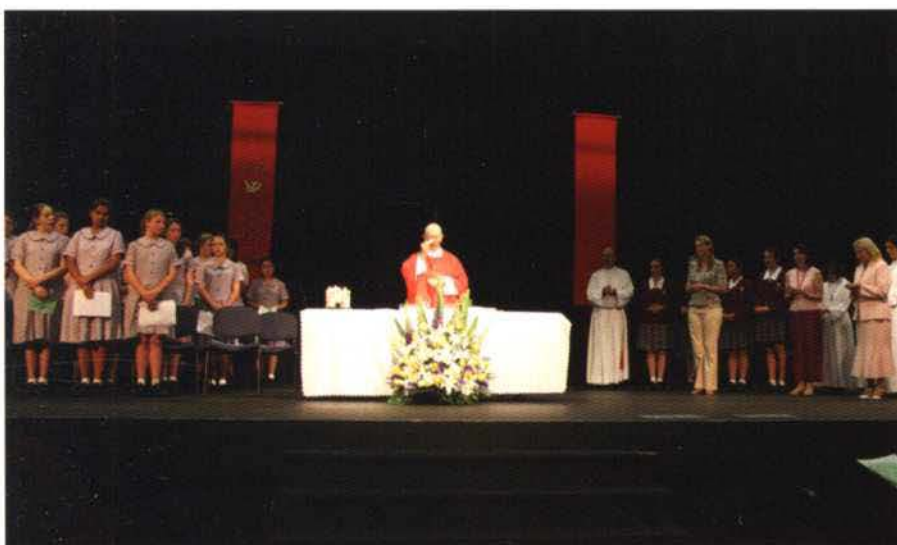
Sarah Boreham pins Mackenzie Fong



Jennifer Edgar pins Sarah Lawlor



Sam McCormack pins Madalaine Renshaw



Year 12 Leadership Mass held in Bowie Hall

Address by Incoming College Captain 2007

Let me begin with one of my favourite stories, the story of *'John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat'*.

All year round Rose's dog, John Brown kept her company. John Brown loved Rose, and he looked after her in every way he could.

"We are alright John Brown", said Rose, "Just the two of us, you and me".

Then, late one night, Rose looked out of the window and saw something move in the garden. It was a cat. When John Brown discovered this, he drew a line around the house and told the midnight cat to stay away.

'We don't need you cat', he said. 'We are alright Rose and I'. 'You don't need a cat', he said to Rose 'You've got me'.

The next morning however Rose did not get up. John Brown waited in the kitchen for his breakfast but nothing happened. John Brown went to Rose to see what was wrong.

'I'm very sick', said Rose 'I must stay in bed'.

John Brown thought a great deal about this; finally he went to Rose and asked:

'Will the midnight cat make you better?'

"Oh yes!" said Rose, 'that's just what I want'.

Immediately John Brown went out to the kitchen and opened the door. The midnight cat came in. Then Rose got up and sat by the fire, for a while. And the midnight cat sat on the arm of her chair and purred.

Sometimes we can draw the most complex of meanings from the most basic of stories. I don't mean to do that here, but the story has always given me much to think about.

When I was little, this story called *'John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat'* was one of my absolute favourites, and however childish the story may seem, I believe that the messages that flow from it, can really help us to deepen our understanding of the scripture readings we have just heard this morning.

'John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat' is a story which suggests to us what can be some of the important qualities of a good leader. It also suggests to us some of the important

qualities of good relationships. I think that we students, particularly those of us starting Year 12 could gain many insights about relationships and leadership from this simple little story.

I would like to share with you a couple of mine.

One of my favourite parts of the John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat story is the way in which John Brown 'looked after Rose in every way he could'. John Brown's behaviour; his kindness and care for Rose, teach us about that most vital quality of good leadership, that is, the ability and willingness to serve others.

As I reflect on this particular quality of service, it occurs to me that we here at Brigidine are in fact surrounded by good leaders every day of our lives. We need only think of our teachers and the staff of this school. We have all seen and know of their dedication and commitment of time. Their leadership through service is something I think you all would agree we can appreciate.

Last term on our Year 11 Street Retreat experience, my friend Eliza and I went to the Sir Eric Woodward School for children with severe disabilities. I know that quite a number of Year 9 students also visit this school every fortnight and I am sure they will understand what I am about to say.

For the entire time that we were at the Sir Eric Woodward School, I couldn't help but think what amazing people the teachers there were. They showed such patience and kindness with children who had the most demanding of both physical and mental disabilities. Yet time and time again these same teachers would insist that however tedious their jobs were, their demanding work was always so very rewarding. For these good men and women their day was a worthwhile success if they were able to extract just a smile or a laugh from one of these kids whose lives are so full of suffering and loneliness.

Jesus said in Mark's Gospel, "When you welcome even one of these little children because of me, you welcome me".



Sophie Ticehurst



Sophie Ticehurst College Captain 2007 and Bronya Fraser-Hills College Captain 2006 exchange the sign of peace and goodwill

Address by Incoming College Captain 2007

It is people like these teachers who not only make the world a better place, but also give us an example of what servant leadership is like. People like this inspire us to lead our Brigidine Community in the same way: to lead through service.

Of course, the business of serving and of leading is not confined to the teachers or for that matter to me the school captain or indeed the other vice captains.

As Martin Luther King once said:

"Everybody can be great because everybody can serve".

In other words all of us can be leaders because all of us can serve. Being considerate of each other, picking up a dropped folder for someone, inviting a girl who seems lonely to come and sit with you, little things perhaps that might at first seem insignificant, but these are all apart of serving others, and it is sometimes these little things that are in fact the greatest acts of leadership we can perform. You don't need to be in an elected position to perform them. We can all be leaders.

But let me return to the '*John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat*' story again.

Initially in the story John Brown had a great deal of pride in the way he looked after Rose. He guarded his role jealously. Looking after Rose was his job. No one else and certainly no midnight cat was going to rob him of his position. It is not until John Brown realises that in order to do what is best for Rose, he needs to compromise his own position and allow others to help. It is at this point in the story that John Brown realises that he does not have all the skills. Here John Brown learns the meaning of humility, the ability to realize and accept that everyone around you is gifted, gifted differently perhaps but none the less gifted.

John Brown's behaviour teaches us that humility is an essential quality for good leaders to have.

This same message of humility is reinforced by our Gospel story today. In the story we hear Jesus' disciples arguing about which was of them is the greatest. It is worth noting, I think, the response of Jesus to his disciple's discussion. He teaches that none of them was greater than an other.

Indeed if they are to seek honour at all, they must realise that it will only come to them through humble service.

Part of being a leader is to recognise that everyone is equally, if differently gifted. We can all give, yes, but we can all listen and to learn too.

As your School Captain for 2007, and I am sure that I can speak for all the members of the Student Leadership Group, it is our desire to serve and to make use of all the qualities and gifts we have to best assist our school. It is our hope that we can be available to every single girl in this school no matter what the circumstance. Just as Rose valued both John Brown and the Midnight cat, we begin our year wanting to know, recognise and to value every individual in this school.

In my opinion both John Brown and Rose are role models. John Brown in his ability to love and to learn and Rose in her ability to care and to teach John Brown how to act. Of course as leaders we must be role models who set a good example, we must strive, as the words from the Bible teach us, to act justly, to love tenderly and walk humbly with God.

My hope for 2007 is that within the school we can encourage and maintain a strong sense of optimism and care for each other. We can only do this if everybody shares their gifts. John Brown, Rose and the Midnight Cat all had their part to play in this beautiful little story of happiness.

Let us all pray that, with God's help in the coming year we will all have a similar generosity and humility to each play our part in making Brigidine College St Ives a place where we are all happy to be.



Our Year 12 Senior Leaders proudly wear their new badges of office.

Weddings in St Brigid's



Tenille Mainwaring (Class of 2002) married Benjamin Kolarik on the 27th August 2006 in St Brigid's Chapel. The wedding was presided by Father Barry Nobbs. Tenille was attended by three bridesmaids one of which was her sister Holly (currently Year 9 at Brigidine).



Sandra Scott (class of 1987) married Adam Rekrut of Winnipeg, Canada on the 8th October in St Brigid's Chapel. Sandra's two bridesmaids were her sister Jenny Scott (class of 1989) and good friend Ilona Johnson (class of 1987) both ex Brigidines. Samantha Morris also attended the wedding as a guest (class of 1987).

Sandra met Adam in Hong Kong whilst she was teaching English there.

Sandra now works as a School Counsellor and spends her time working for the DET at Neutral Bay, Artarmon and Northbridge. Adam is a High School Teacher and currently works at Marist College on the North Shore teaching History and Geography.

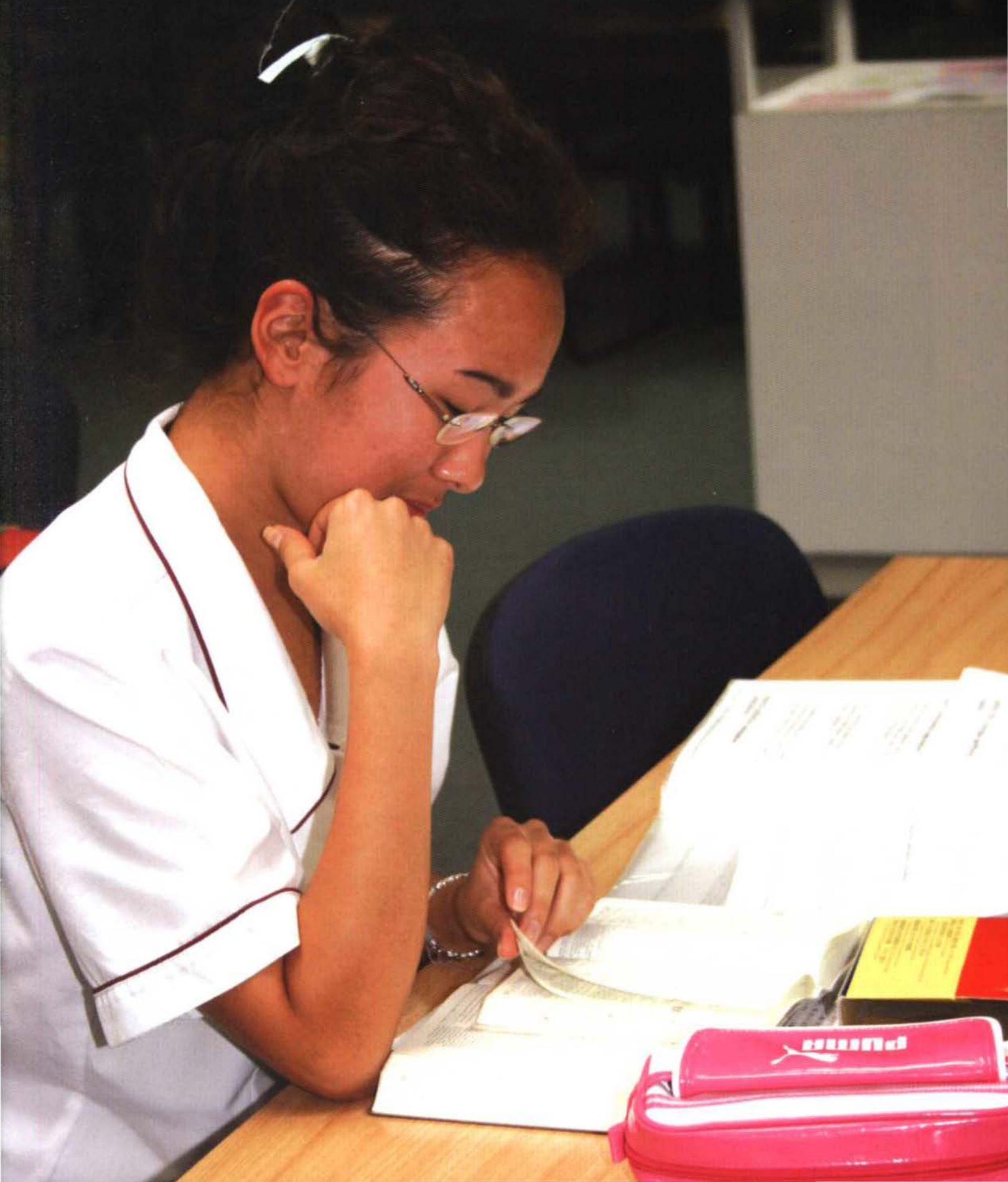


Danielle Gibson (Class of 1987) married Ian Clarke on the 29th April 2006.

A gathering of close families and friends attended the wedding in St Brigid's on a perfect Autumn day.

Pictured left to right is Marc Gibson, Gabrielle Hawke (nee Gibson class of 1984) her bridesmaid, Mr Bryan Gibson (father of the Bride), Danielle, Ian (the Groom) Mrs Denise Gibson (mother of the Bride), Paul Gibson and Nicole O'Connor (nee Gibson class of 1979). The newlyweds plan to settle in Willoughby.

Academic



Social Sciences



Year 8 Excursion to the Zoo Maddison Deer, Rachel Marr, Alexandra Thoma and front Jessica Gilder



Year 9 Market Day Stall Holders, Jo Mayne, Ashleigh Stinson, Anna Tysoe, Eily Shepherd



Saskia Ek displays her Geography Project



On the road again... Year 8 Maddison Deer, Brooke Crouch, Rachel Tams, Emily Layton, Jessica Gilder and Suzannah Curby

Staff: Mrs Jennifer Preston, Head of Department, Miss Melissa Cash, Ms Sue Gibson, Mr Liam Dunphy, Mr Mark Hill, Mrs Maureen Mahon, Mrs Kata Collimore, Mrs Marilyn Lucas.

Another busy year at Brigidine for the Social Sciences Department, with excursions, guest speakers and games to bring a touch of reality into the classroom. Geographers Melissa Cash, Liam Dunphy, Sue Gibson, Mark Hill and Maureen Mahon have been developing skills in the implementation of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) software with a view to facilitating student use with maps and satellite photographs. Kata Collimore had her Year 9 Geography students clay modelling the processes of tectonic plate movement, folding and volcanism.

Commerce teachers Marilyn Lucas and Jennifer Preston organised another successful Market Day for Year 9 Commerce and integrated the Be Real Game into the Employment Issues topic of Year 10 Commerce. The Be Real Game allocates simulated job roles and personal histories and places students into decision - making situations.

Year 11 student, Megan Chatterton, distinguished herself in the Price Waterhouse Coopers Australian Business Studies competition, being placed in the 99.5 percentile band of the 4152 NSW students in Years 11 and 12 who competed. Economics teacher Betsy Harvey along with Mrs Preston and Mrs Lucas competed in the Teachers On-Line Australian Business Week business simulation of running a million dollar company over 8 successive quarters. The experience gained in making decisions and allocating resources translates readily into the classroom teaching of Business Studies and Commerce.

Elective Geography has proven a popular choice in Year 9 and for 2007 Year 10. Appreciation of issues such as

global warming, desertification and oceanography contributes to expanding the world view of these girls.

A visit by Rob Lilwall who is "Cycling home from Siberia" was an inspiring glimpse into the challenge of cycling from the town of Magadan in Siberia to London via Australia. After speaking to all of Year 10 Rob pushed on to Melbourne where he was laid low by malaria apparently hiding in his liver since Papua New Guinea, where he had been bitten by lots of mosquitoes. Three days in hospital with a drip in his arm, and an assortment of pills, and he was on the road to health. However, he lost 8% of his body weight and so had to cancel his intended ride around Tasmania (how our well laid plans can crumble into dust!).

A Commonwealth Bank grant of \$3500 is being used to develop video commercials to explain financial literacy. Commerce students will develop the ads to be shown at school assemblies to get across concepts such as avoiding excessive mobile phone bills and minimizing debt exposure.

Year 10 Geographers investigated the Pymont/Ultimeo peninsula using field work to gather primary data about the growth and decline of urban areas and the changes in demography and land use there. Sydney Harbour as a working and tourist harbour was viewed from onboard a Matilda Cruise vessel. Year 10 Commerce visited the Downing Centre courts and State Parliament House, observing law making and the interpretation of laws in criminal cases. Year 8 Geographers studied endangered species and their habitats at Taronga Zoo.

Mrs Jennifer Preston
Head of Social Sciences



Year 9 Market Day stalls were overwhelmed with purchasers

Mathematics Department

Staff: Mr Michael Palme, Head of Department, Mrs Jacqui Bridges, Mrs Maryanne Brooks (Term 1 only), Mrs Karen Dunsmore, Mrs Louise FitzGerald (Term 1 only), Mr Patric Hobsbawn, Mr Greg Johns, Mrs Maree Lindsay, Mrs Elizabeth May, Mr Clive Meyers, Mrs Rosyln Summerfield, Mrs Marye Taylor.

Changes were afoot in 2006! At the end of 2005, we farewelled Mr Justin FitzGerald as he made the move to the Hunter Valley. Mrs FitzGerald continued to work until the end of Term 1, earning plenty of frequent flyer miles! Mrs Karen Dunsmore, who had previously done relief work at the College joined us full-time from the end of Term 1. Problem solving lessons for Years 7 & 8 in the Task Centre were put on hold for the year, to allow for the development of lessons involving more use of computers. And, the final stage of the new Years 7 to 10 syllabus was being implemented, with Year 10 sitting for their School Certificate based on the new ideas within this syllabus.

Highlights:

- **Computer aided Mathematics**

The fortnightly computer class for Year 7 focussed on the work started by Mrs Maree Lindsay last year involving Geometers' Sketchpad where students investigated Geometry with step-by-step booklets and Practice workbooks. Year 8 concentrated on Representing Data using computers. Mathematics classes in the computer rooms were

often very quiet places as the girls used their ear-phones to listen as well as reading and completing activities.

- **Out-of-school hours**

Before school Mathematics tutoring sessions continued this year, being offered by senior students and co-ordinated by Mathematics teachers. A big thank you to Mrs May and Mr Johns for making sure there was always someone ready to help.

- **The Year 11 Extension One** class took their first tentative steps into Differentiation & Integration. On a rare sunny day, at the time, they investigated the rates at which their distance was changing over time then graphed their ideas.

- **Challenging Mathematics**

All Year 7 students and some students from Years 8, 9 and 11 participated in this 75 minute Australian Mathematics competition.

Term 2 saw six Year 7 students sign up for the Math Challenge, answering questions out of class time. Catherine Dell, Tara Dingle, Isobel Leonard, Clara Nalbandian, Sophie Walsh and Lauren Ward are all to be congratulated for their enthusiasm and their achievements, with Clara recording a credit grade.

Mr Michael Palme
Head of Mathematics



Year 7 learn the Parallel Line Dance!



Year 11 Extension 1 class study Differentiation and Integration



Open Day Mathematics Stand Mr Michael Palme, Mrs Maree Lindsay, Mrs Liz May and Mr Clive Meyers



Year 7 students with their certificates of participation for the Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians

Computing Studies



Corinne O'Sullivan, Ashleigh Stinson, Ely Shepherd and Kate Thoedore-Gallagher 8th in NSW Preliminary Final of the RoboCup



Annie Lindsay, Claudia Gatto and Emilie Amman with Mr Dunphy



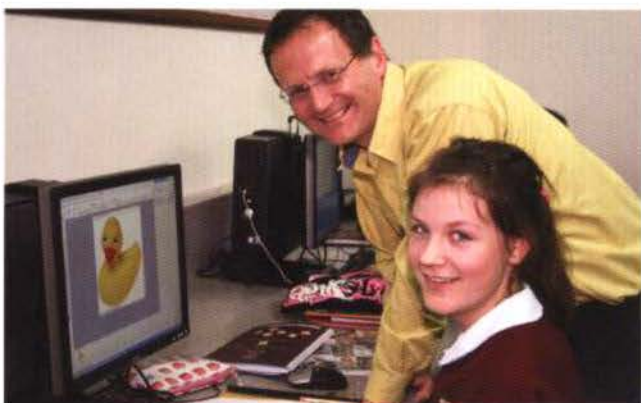
Abbey Townsend films Year 10 Drama Students in her ICT Class



Belinda Stewart's Air Flight Programme



Year 10 Drama Students are filmed by ICT students Beckie Woodruff, Kristen Woodward and Jenny Veal



Mr Dunphy and Eiki Lemmetty



Rosie Fay, Jasmin De Florio, Kath Meers & Claudia Gatto 4th in NSW Grand Final RoboCup

Staff: Mr Liam Dunphy, Mrs Janine Martin, Heads of Department

Year 9

The Year 9 class raised the standards this year by having four teams compete in the NSW finals of the 'RoboCup'. The girls choreographed their Lego robots for the dance competition. The best performance was 4th in NSW with a recommendation to enter the National competition.

Year 9 students prepared their Flash animated interpretation of the Just 4 kids booklet "Open the door, Explore Brigidine".

Year 10

The Year 10 class used their multimedia talents to produce a high quality production showcasing the Year 10 drama project in Commedia and the HSC music performances. Their digital media skills were enriched by workshops using PhotoShop Elements and Apple Garageband/Podcasting.

Information Processes & Technology

Year 11

Year 11 IPT students created a tutorial package for Year 10 students to help them practise their ICT skills for the

School Certificate. For their Multimedia, group project they produced a memorabilia website that profiled all the students in their year group.

Year 12 IPT

Year 12 students produced decision support systems that helped the user to decide what mobile phone, iPod or even learner motorbike to buy as well as helping to organise personal budgets, which university to choose or which pet best suits your lifestyle.

They finished the year by creating a personal multimedia digital portfolio that showcased their assorted talents (academic and co-curricular) so that future employers or institutes of further education may be encouraged to consider offering them a position in life after Brigidine.

Software Design & Development

Jessica Schneider completed her Preliminary course online through the CEC in Lismore.

Belinda Stewart produced an Air Flight Programme for the Australian Air Force Cadets as part of her major HSC project.

Mr Liam Dunphy
Computing Studies

Science Department

Staff: Mr Rob Farr, Head of Department, Mrs Heather Chaplin, Mrs Glenda Chidwari, Mrs Audrey Coburn, Miss Simone Webb, Mrs Virginia Reed, Mrs Nikki Greig, Mrs Anne Layton, Mrs Mary Radcliff, Mrs Anne Summerhayes, Mrs Olga Pasfield (terms 1,2,3), Mrs Judy Gerhardt and Mrs Margaret Driscoll (Science Assistants)

2006 has been an exciting year in the Science Department. At the beginning of the year we welcomed Ms Simone Webb to the faculty as we wished Ms Kirsty Scott all the best in her new position at PLC Sydney. Mrs Olga Pasfield has continued to teach Mrs Nikki Greig's classes whilst Nikki continued her maternity leave.

Following the implementation of the science action plan in 2005, we were pleased to see an increase in the number of our Year 10 students achieving bands 5 and 6 in the School Certificate to 63% of our candidates (against a state average of 31%). Year 10 Science students were very active in the Chernobyl Childrens' charity. The study of the pros and cons of nuclear energy in the science syllabus was made particularly relevant by this cause.

Once again, our girls did extremely well in the Australasian Science Competition, with 559 students in Years 7 to 10 receiving 104 Credit, 36 Distinction and 4 High Distinction awards. We especially congratulate Natalie Mendes and Clare Needham of Year 7 and Greta Cumming and Alexandra Ross of Year 8 for their High Distinctions! Considering the nature of this competition, these results are outstanding.

Excursions have been held at Long Reef, and the CSIRO has held the "Labs on Legs" presentations for Year 9 at school, along with the "Snakes Alive" reptile talk for Year 8, always exciting, yet a little scary for some! Year 7's rock platform study proved to be a very valuable experience – it's surprising what lies beneath us!

Mrs Reed and Mrs Chaplin continue to devote their lunch times to the Science Club. The wide variety of experiences offered make this club one of the more sought-after for our junior students.

With the ever-increasing use of technology and the wider debates occurring in our community regarding water, the environment, global warming and nuclear power, Science subjects are more relevant now than ever. Debate based on knowledge and facts, rather than rumours and bias will be essential to our students' generation.

Mr Robert Farr
Head of Department



Vanessa Pennino meets 'a dragon'



Sophie McMichael and Jessica Roberts explore the rock platform



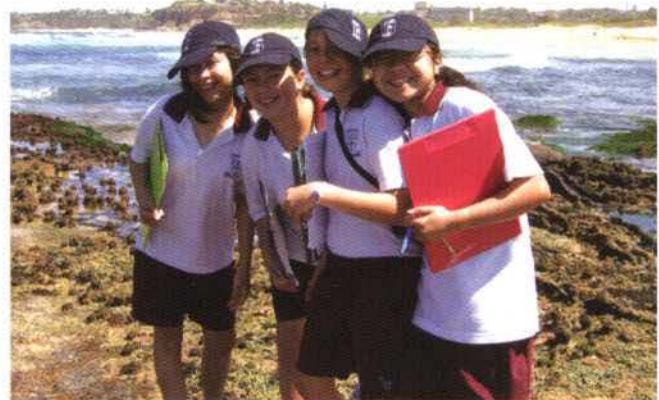
Courtney Calloway, Sarah Watkins make friends with a Blue Tongue Lizard



The Science Department is always a firm favourite on Open Day with the variety of experiments on show drawing a large crowd



Sophia Brindle, Alex Hooper, Isabella Johnston cuddle up to the Olive Python named George



Danielle Moore, Taylor Masone, Emily Watts and Cristina Olizon on the rock platform

TAS Department



Ariella Testini, Sarah Followill, Lauren Jansen, Bo Ristuccia



Imogen Carlisle, Anna Kuper and Lauren Pelser show their presentation skills



Suzannah Curby, Renae Jolly and Briana Crutch Year 8



Holly Lance and Lucinda Jones (behind) of Year 10



Mrs Sue Brown Head of Department works with Katherine Barber and Nickola Bowden

Staff: Mrs Sue Brown, Head of Department, Miss Amanda Angelo, Mr Russell Bebb, Mrs Sue Frawley, Miss Rebecca Hill, Mrs Michelle Read-Zorn, Mrs Jan Whiddon. Support Staff – Niki Bargh (Food Technology), Brian Manifold (Workshop)

Food Technology

Highlights include Excursions to:

Sydney Tower Restaurants - Year 11 went to further their understanding of food preparation in a commercial kitchen.

Kelloggs - Year 12 went to witness food product development

Open Day – students demonstrated food preparation skills to visiting parents, making sweet and savoury snacks

Annual Exhibition - The girls draw on their experience in Year 11 to prepare and serve finger food

Thank you to our Food Technology Assistant, Mrs Niki Bargh, for her capable and willing assistance in the smooth running of the practical classes.

Textiles and Design

Much creativity and enjoyment have been had experimenting with and using new equipment and learning new techniques, such as, computer prints, the Babylock Overlocker and the digital sewing machines. The new embellisher machine has offered yet another technique in fabric decoration.

Year 9 students have completed some well coordinated sleepwear for themselves. Surface design techniques such as machine embroidery, couching

and appliqué were used to complete a wall hanging as well as researching a Textile Artist.

Year 10 has been inspired by contemporary fashion designers to create an outfit for themselves. They are always interested in current trends and use magazines and the internet to research the latest styles and fabrics.

They are also working well to create a costume of their choice.

Year 11 students have been building on their skills and using more advanced techniques in producing some creative designs and items leading on to Year 12. These have included swimwear, patchwork quilts, jackets, bags, and other outfits.

Year 12 girls have completed their HSC Major Textiles Projects. They have worked extremely hard, often after school and a whole day as an incursion to be as creative and innovative as possible in the construction of their designs. The girls have made either apparel, costume or furnishing designs; many using surface decoration techniques such as silk painted fabric, appliqué, beading, marbling, machine and hand embroidery, quilting, embellishing, gathering, and constructing silk paper. All their effort has been great and we wish them well in the HSC.



Katherine Ward and Rebecca Chandler show their creations.

TAS Department

Technology (Mandatory)

All Year 7 & 8 students complete 3 projects a year. These include computer based projects producing a brochure introducing the school or developing a website about themselves and their interests.

Other very interesting projects have included:

Wood projects – pencil boxes, mirror frame, silver rings, T shirts with transfer digital printing or surface decorations such as lace and beading, electronic games, model making, café food, environmental design - a board game constructed to increase awareness of water conservation and recycling, and architectural drawings.

Design and Technology

Year 9 students have worked on making a decorative box, silver jewellery, and will be followed by constructing an electronic circuit.

Year 10 have produced a turned wooden bowl, and will then construct an item of furniture from wood. These classes are of great interest to the students and their work is always admired on Open Day and displayed at 'thexhibition'.

Staffing

At the end of Term 1 we said farewell to Sarah Roberts who made a valuable contribution to the Textiles Technology area. We welcomed Sue Frawley in Term 2 who came to us with much experience and interest in Textiles.

Many thanks must go to the enthusiastic and dedicated staff in this department for their willingness to support the girls in so many areas, particularly in the many extra hours of help offered at lunchtimes, after school, and during the holiday period. They are all very hardworking, creative, and love to see the girls learn new skills and become confident in design.

Mrs Sue Brown
Head of TAS



Niamh Hitchman working on her jewellery design



Danielle Tooley, Year 10 sanding her almost completed coffee table



Sinead Keaveney sanding her toy truck



Jenny Cornell with Mr Bebb in the workshop



Year 8 in the workshop



Ashley Watson creates a Carousel

English Department's Public Speaking Competition



Mrs Bruce assisted by Bronya Fraser-Hills, presents Clare Keighery Year 10 with her certificate for 2nd Place



Winner of the English Department Public Speaking Prize - Amy Dreise Year 11 with Mr Brett Harrison, Head of English



Year 9 Award Recipients Emma Fletcher, Theresa Renshaw, Ashleigh Fong, Jade Jacobs and Corinne O'Sullivan

It is often said that Public Speaking is a fearful undertaking and one of the hardest activities for almost everyone. However, for the last few weeks all girls in Year 7-11 have met this challenge with bravery and innovation. Last Thursday night saw the completion of what has been an especially engaging public speaking competition.

The finalists brilliantly handles such challenging topics as "Strive for Peace", "We live by slogans" and "We need more elitists". We wish to commend all those who participated in the competition and to say thank you to all those involved in this fabulous night, particularly our Speaker of the Year for 2006, Amy Dreise. Congratulations go to the place getters for 2006, they are as follows:

Year 7

First Place: Daniella Rice (Kildare)

Second Place: Lauren Harcombe (Prague)

Third Place: Chloe Papandrea (Fatima)

Highly Commended:

Chelsea Hayward (Fatima)

Kathleen O'Neill (Fatima)

Year 8

First Place: Victoria Boyd (Prague)

Second Place: Rebecca O'Brien (Lourdes)

Third Place: Lauren Louw (Lourdes)

Highly Commended:

Hannah Goodwin (Lourdes)

Sophia Brindle (Fatima)

Year 9

First Place: Corinne O'Sullivan (Lourdes)

Second Place: Jade Jacobs (Kildare)

Third Place: Ashleigh Fong (Kildare)

Highly Commended:

Emma Fletcher (Kildare)

Theresa Renshaw (Fatima)

Year 10

First Place: Olivia Rolleston (Fatima)

Second Place: Clare Keighery (Fatima)

Third Place: Anna Turnbull (Prague)

Highly Commended: Kathryn Boyd (Prague)

Year 11

First Place: Amy Dreise (Fatima)

Second Place: Madalaine Renshaw (Fatima)

Third Place: Lauren Reynolds (Fatima)

Highly Commended: Eva Chapple (Lourdes)

Winner of the Interhouse Public Speaking Competition: Fatima

We especially wish to thank the adjudicators for their time and skill. Many adjudicators make themselves available year after year to support this competition.

Sincere thanks to:

Year 7 Mrs Kay Dexter
Mrs Jan Whiddon
Miss Sam McCormack

Year 8 Mrs MaryAnn Brooks
Mrs Fiona Payne
Miss Joanne Alessi

Year 9 Miss Laura Galvin
Miss Tina Jedrzejczyk
Miss Bianca Clulow

Year 10 Mr Pat Moran
Miss Andree Baxter
Miss Elizabeth Galvin

Year 11 Miss Sophie Hill
Miss Lisa Sharland
Miss Linda Kearney

The English Department

Music Department

Staff: Ms Ros Boyd, Head of Department, Mrs Lorna Hall. **Music Tutors:** Mrs Lisa Buchanan, Miss Emma Lizzi, Mr Ross Hall, Mr Matt Roberts, Ms Ami Williamson, Mrs Judith Allan, Mrs Judith Gee, Mr Bob Henderson.

In 2006, it is pleasing to see the music department continue to develop and flourish.

At the beginning of the year our wonderful production of "The Boyfriend" hit the big stage of our new Bowie Hall. After many rehearsals it was great to see such a successful and entertaining performance. Congratulations to all the cast and crew, and a huge thankyou to all the staff who worked tirelessly behind the scenes. (see separate article page 90)

Our ensembles have moved from strength to strength, with the Choir increasingly in demand for performances, and the Concert Band winning Silver Awards in both the NSW Band Festival and the Yamaha Festival. The Band was also awarded a development grant of three hundred dollars at the NSW Band Festival, a great achievement! Congratulations and thank you to all the girls who attend rehearsals and performances with such enthusiasm and commitment. Performances this year include: Opening Mass, Open Day, Music Cabaret Evening, Music Club Festival Concert, and a variety of cocktail parties and community events.

The Music Club has continued to flourish under the leadership of Courtney Baker and Samantha Gilroy

(both Year 12). The list of girls who have achieved bronze, silver and even gold badges continues to grow, with some students also being awarded Music Lines on their blazers.

At the time of printing we are busy preparing for the Music Club Eisteddfod, and the auditions for next year's musical, "Bye Bye Birdie." There is never a shortage of performance opportunities at Brigidine!

The showcasing of a Music Performance at each Principal's Assembly has continued this year, with outstanding soloists and ensemble performances throughout the year, providing much entertainment to the whole school.

Amidst all this, the classroom music lessons continue, with elective music classes enjoying the Music Computers and programmes now housed in their own Music Composition Suite to assist in their composition skills; and junior classes displaying their skills on guitars, keyboards and glockenspiels.

Congratulations and thank you to all the girls who have participated in music activities throughout the year, the College is certainly a more musical place with your help, and your experience at school much richer.

Thank you also to Mrs Lorna Hall, whose unfailing encouragement and assistance help to make all these activities possible.

Mrs Ros Boyd
Head of Music



At the Year 12 Graduation Mass the Choir was accompanied by Samantha Gilroy whose talent will be greatly missed by the College



Caroline Day Year 11



Our Brass section of the College Band, Katja Oswald, Alice Keighery, Danielle Costa and Ann-elise Lindsay



Stephanie Jardine



The College Band led by Mrs Hall performed on Grandparents' Day



The Clarinet Ensemble entertained our guests on Open Day

Language Department



Year 9 French Drama Workshop Golnoush Tavana, Emma Fletcher, Phoebe Chennell-Dutton and Ashleigh Ryan



Italian and French students display their certificates awarding them top 10% and Distinctions nationally in ACER tests

Staff: Mrs Annemarie Mitchell, Head of Department, Ms Monica Appleby, Mrs Julia Bevan, Mrs Keiko Hosogoe, Mrs Maria Jackson, Miss Eleanor Preston

I would like to acknowledge Mrs Hosogoe who leaves the Languages Department this year. She began teaching Japanese at our College in 1991. She is a passionate and dedicated teacher who is loved dearly by the students. True to Japanese tradition she is a perfectionist in her teaching and in everything she does. This year Mrs Hosogoe started the Japanese Club which was attended by many junior and senior girls. The activities included origami, calligraphy, animation, food, songs and games just to name a few. We will miss her greatly in Languages, but she will continue to teach in the VET Department.

Welcome to our Year 7 students. We hope that you enjoyed your taste of Italian and French. Years 7 and 8 girls made beautiful masks this year to celebrate *Carnevale*, which ends as Lent starts. Students voted for their favourites in various categories.

The winners were:

Favourite full mask, the most elegant and the most imaginative:
A. Shanahan

Favourite half mask and the prettiest:
S. Domazet

The most colourful:
A. Ross

The most Italian:
N. Cleary

The most sparkly:
C. Meathrel



Year 8 French Day Hayley Williamson, Chloe Brennan, Amelia Bayliss, Erin Westhoff, Amelia Shanahan and Isabella Johnston



Year 8 French Day - students eating 'Pain au Chocolat'



Year 9 Italian Commedia dell'Arte Workshop



Year 8 Italian 'Goldilocks and the Three Bears' - Ellen Spadon, Christina Meathrel, Greta Cumming, Jessica Dilworth, Ally Ross

Language Department

Cultural activities this year included: making Carnevale masks, Il Libro della Giungla (The Jungle Book) bilingual puppet show, Commedia dell'Arte performance, Drama Workshops, French Day, Leichhardt visit, Alliance Française visit, pizzas, gelato, antipasto, sushi, Obentoo lunch boxes, French pastries, lunch at the Little Snail restaurant, watching Italian and French films, Study Days for HSC Continuers and Extension students and speaking practice with Italian and French native speakers.

The International Food Fair, together with Founders Day, is a highlight of the year. It happens because of your input and support. Thank you very much. The proceeds for 2006 go to Year 12's chosen charity, The Children of the First Sunrise.

The Australian Language Certificate tests were held in August. We would like to congratulate Years 9, 10 and 11 French and Italian students on their performance in listening and reading skills. This was also the first year that the Australian Council for Educational Research introduced an Italian First Certificate test in listening skills for our Year 8 girls. Their results were great and they should be proud of themselves for their achievement.

In closing, I would like to thank the Languages staff for their dedication and hard work and the students for their enthusiasm and interest in their study of Italian, French and Japanese.

Mrs Annemarie Mitchell
Head of Languages



Year 10 Elicia Cantelo, Bianca Zyra, Eleanor Chandler, Stephanie Tesson eating snails at the Little Snail Restaurant



Year 7 French creating crepes - Chloe Papandrea and Georgia Boyle



Students learn to make sushi with Mrs Hosogoe



Clockwise from front, Emily Gentle, Elise Bulla, Rachel Grady, Jess Tasso, Sinead Keaveney, Stephanie Gotsis, experience Venice



Stephanie Domazet Year 7 Carnevale Mask



Year 7 and 8 Carnevale Mask Winners



Year 11 Italian - Leichhardt Excursion at The Merchant of Venice Mask Shop



Year 10 Italian Language Students, Bianca Zyra, Sinead Keaveney, Sarah Stephens enjoying the cultural experience of gourmet pizza for lunch

English Department

Staff: Mr Brett Harrison, Head of Department, Ms Andrea Foster, Miss Britt Fuller, Miss Emma Conolly, Ms Julianne Barrs, Ms Kelly Young, Ms Ngaire Wallace, Mrs Noela King, Mrs Rhonda Miller, Mrs Robyn Stone and Mrs Sandra Stuart.

The English Department welcomed two new teachers in 2006: Ms Emma Conolly and Ms Britt Howes. Both teachers were welcomed by the Brigidine community and their contributions to the English Department have been greatly appreciated.

The achievement of Brigidine students in the compulsory Board of Studies exams in Year Ten and Year Twelve was a pleasing testimony to the productive partnership between our students and their teachers. In the Higher School Certificate examination, eighteen percent of Brigidine Standard English students achieved Band Five, compared to the state average of two percent. The average examination mark of Brigidine students in Standard English was 10.31 marks above the state mean.

In Advanced English, eighty two percent of Brigidine students were placed in Bands Five and Six, compared with the state average of forty six percent. The Higher School Certificate average mark for Brigidine Advanced English students was 5.43 marks above the state mean.

Results in the Year Ten School Certificate examination were also

impressive. Twenty four percent of our students were placed in Band Six. The state average was six percent. Similarly, forty eight percent of Brigidine students achieved Band Five. The state average was twenty three percent.

The annual Brigidine Public Speaking competition was well supported by students, parents, friends and former students. It is pleasing to witness the growth in acumen and oratory skills as the student progress from Year Seven to Year Eleven. Students approached their speeches with enthusiasm and spoke knowledgeably on varied topics such as: "Strive for Peace," "We Live By Slogans" and "We Need More Elitists." This year's winner was Amy Dreise (Year Eleven). Amy delighted a large audience with her wit and discernment when she delivered her competition winning speech at the Awards Ceremony.

In Term One, students from Years Seven to Eleven were entertained by a performance poet and political satirist, Mr Tug Dumbly. The students enjoyed Tug's satirical sketches and the lively performance of his poems.

In Term Three, Year Eleven and Year Twelve Standard students visited Glen St Theatre to watch a performance of Michael Gow's iconic Australian play "Away." Year Twelve Advanced students travelled to Bondi Beach Theatre to watch a production of William Shakespeare's "King Lear." Another group of students attended a performance of "The Tempest" at the Sydney Opera House Drama Theatre.

In August, Year Twelve students met Senator Marise Payne, a Federal Senator for NSW. Senator Payne spoke about her career, her experiences in Federal parliament and her treatment by the press. Senator Payne was an inspiring speaker. She demonstrated compassion, integrity and conviction to her belief that women can fulfil their career goals in their chosen field.

Thank you to all of the members of the English Department for their dedication, expertise and ability to foster a love of literature for each of their students.

Mr Brett Harrison
Head of Department



Senator Marise Payne talking to Year 12 on 'Women in Politics'



Year 11 being entertained by performance poet Tug Dumbly



Year 12 Extension English, back, Clare Barclay, Emma Hines, Emily Topp, Gabrielle Malouf, Chloe Singe, Claire Bowditch, Front Caitlin Johnson, Madeleine Hillier, Lauren Daneel, Juliana Betts and Jennifer Edgar. The girls are presenting their Major Works for Year 12

Honours Programme

Honours Programme students have once again been active in competitions. This year, Laura Lynch (Year 9) and Clair Gavin (Year 12, 2005) were awarded Highly Commended Certificates in the 2006 Commonwealth Essay Writing Competition. This prestigious writing competition attracted over 6,000 entries from 1,350 schools across the Commonwealth. A fine achievement by our girls!

Other enjoyable and challenging competitions we entered were the Asia Wise Competition, the Da Vinci Decathlon and the Macquarie Bank Future Problem Solving Competition. Two teams of students very capably represented the College at a Year 8 Geography Quiz Day. The girls answered questions on world geography facts, including questions on flags, countries, maps, Australia and general geographical knowledge.

Each student in the Honours Programme must submit an annual essay to the Principal. Topics set by Mrs Atkins in 2006 covered a number of thought provoking issues including capital punishment, the Americanisation of Australian culture and advertising and self esteem.

In addition to the completion of several academic tasks, Honours students undertake many hours of service to the College and wider communities. The year finished with participation in a leadership training course and a new

'pilot' Resilience Training Programme.

Our first 'Honours Newsletter' was created by Laura Lynch and Michelle Edwards, both of Year 9.

My thanks go to Miss Andrea Foster and Mrs Janine Martin for so generously looking after the Honours Programme girls during my long service leave. Thank you also to Mrs Susan Gibson who assisted with the Asia-Wise Competition.

Mrs Betsy Harvey
Honours Programme
Co-ordinator



Year 9 Asia Wise Competition; Angelique Williams and Tess Renshaw



Year 8 Asia Wise Competition; Elisa Gillard and Emily Briggs



Year 10 Asia Wise Competition; Charlotte Owen and Catriona Daly



Honours Stand at Open Day - Amy Dreise and Sophie Ticehurst



Year 11 Future Problem Solvers Sophie Ticehurst, Lauren Reynolds, Candice Dilworth and Simone Delaney

Visual Arts



Ashley Vescio and Amy Balsdon having fun with the underwater photography project



Ashley Vescio - Digital Photography

Staff: Ms Lu Buckley, Head of Department, Mrs Lucille Flory, Ms Kieren Taylor and Mrs Jo O'Connell (art assistant)

Residing in our new Romuald Visual Arts Centre was the highlight for this year for both the teachers and students. The centre consists of three classroom studios, an Apple Macintosh computer lab, sculpture courtyard, H.S.C. studio and exhibition foyer. It is truly an inspiring space for teaching and learning.

During Term Three we celebrated the Centre with the Blessing of the Romuald Visual Arts Centre by Sr Chanel Sugden csb along with a Champagne Opening of our 2006 HSC Art Exhibition. A collaborative duo who works under the title "Ms & Mr" opened the exhibition. "Ms & Mr" or Stephanie and Richard nova Milne spoke about their own aspirations and gave some insightful and encouraging words to our students.

This year we also designed and made a mosaic for our sculpture courtyard. Twelve students and four teachers were involved in the project – Susie Collins, Simone Delaney, Clare Hoekman, Natasha Wright, Michela Hamman, Elizabeth O'Connor, Ellen Hill, Catie McLean, Sarah Younghusband, Natasha Burbury, Rebecca Quinn, Elki Lemmetty, Mrs Lucille Flory, Mrs Jo O'Connell, Mrs Jan Whiddon and myself. The project involved many hours of cutting and gluing ceramic and glass tiles to create symbols significant to Brigidine – the cross, the oak leaf, the lamp of learning and Celtic designs. The final result completes our sculpture courtyard with its colour and warmth – a great effort and a great result.



Year 10 Gaby Stokes



Year 10 Yvonne Tong



Year 12 Lauren Langley



Year 11 Sophie Ticehurst



Year 11 Ashley Vescio



Year 7 Alissa Osada-Phornsiri with Natalie Mendes create with clay

Visual Arts

THE BRIGIDINE COLLEGE ST IVES ART COLLECTION:

A new and exciting initiative by the College Board began this year. We now have our own Brigidine College St Ives Art Collection. Each year the Board will purchase one HSC work for the collection. Congratulations to Julia Chung for winning this years selection with her painting titled "Areurndaun Jungwon" (Beautiful Garden).

The H.S.C. 'Bodies of Work' demonstrate the use of a range of media, from traditional painting and drawing to the more contemporary art practices of digital media and installation. The talent and imagination displayed in both the concept and technique is of high standard and we congratulate the girls for their achievements. It is also encouraging to hear that many of our students hope to continue their tertiary education in art related fields.

After their Bundanon Camp experience our Year 11 students – thought what

better way to spend the last day of term than jumping into The Aquatic Centre pool 'dressed up' and carrying props for their underwater photography. These photographs were later manipulated into Photoshop to produce a colourful and interesting array of digital images based on distorted portraits. To complete the Preliminary Course students shot and edited a movie based on the theme of 'memory'.

An excursion to the Art Gallery of New South Wales to see the Archibald Prize Exhibition inspired Year 10 students with their own Self Portrait canvas paintings, while year 7Q students held their own 'Brigibald Prize' and painted people from the college community.

This year we have introduced Visual Design as an elective in year 9. The course follows the same syllabus content as the Visual Arts course but involves the studying and making of 'designs' such as commercial logos, object design, layout etc. rather than

the traditional forms studied in Visual Arts such as sculpture, painting, ceramics, photography, film etc. Both courses have been very popular. Still life objects were one of the projects for the Visual Arts class and their paintings show great promise for excellent senior students!

Introducing Year 7 and 8 students to the facilities of our new centre and utilising the new formats of digital imagery and video making will pave the way and allow us to build on these skills in the middle and senior years. The students have enjoyed their artmaking and studying this year and we all look forward to developing these talents further next year.

Thank you to my colleagues Lucille, Kieren and Jo for their fantastic efforts and enthusiasm for teaching Visual Arts.

Ms Lu Buckley
Head of Visual Arts



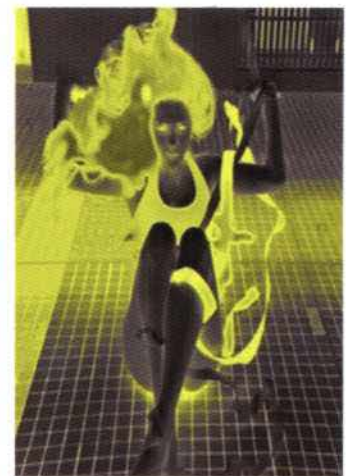
Year 12 Kate Kennett



Year 11 Annie McLean



Year 11 Clare Hoekman



Morgan Davis - Digital Photography



Year 12 Natalie Ward



Year 10 Emily Greenwood creates in the Quadrangle

The Library

Staff: Mr Allen Carters, Head of Department, Mrs Philippa Goddard, Liz Heffernan, Library Assistants

Throughout the year the library has been well used both during class time and also during recess and lunch times. We work hard to ensure that the library here at Brigidine is a place where all feel welcome. If we are to counter-act the world-wide turning away from the printed word in favour of the internet we must provide a service that users want to try. I have always been of the belief that libraries are very much a service industry and as such we must at all times be client focussed. Students assess information in a variety of ways and a modern library must ensure that facilities are available to read, write, draw, record, discuss and so on. Every now and again people will comment that the library is a bit noisy. However, as I walk around a large percentage of the talk that I hear is work related and even those groups who are talking about "other matters" are usually doing it in a manner that does not disturb others, and in a facility that strives to offer something to every one, a place where the girls can "hang out" with their friends is O.K. At the end of the day if I can look back and say I provided an inclusive service that encouraged all who came to us then that, I think is a very fine thing.

Mr Allen Carters



Jo Cameron, Tori Gikas and Candice Dilworth study in the Library

Learning Support

Over the past few years, the nature of Learning Support has gradually changed from a withdrawal model to an adjustment model for students with learning difficulties. In line with Board of Study policy, mainstream teachers are taking more responsibility for modifying material they present in their classes to cater for the strengths and weaknesses of all students. In achieving that goal, the Learning Support department plays a major role in supporting the teachers to facilitate these outcomes.

Throughout the year conferences, network meetings and other professional development have played important roles in providing practical solutions and ideas for classroom teachers.

The second area of focus for the Learning Support department in 2006 has been literacy. Each year we have a number of students whose reading and spelling skills require additional attention. Regular sessions have focused on the explicit teaching of both spelling and decoding skills, an integral element of the programme being fostering the transfer of skills to the work students do in mainstream subjects.

Some small group lessons continue to cater for students who need support with mainstream content as do two options on the elective lines in Years 9 and 10. The focus of these lessons is on written work. Students who take these classes have trouble organizing their ideas and getting them down on paper in a logical format.

Parents and friends of the school continue to provide invaluable support with Special Provisions. Their roles as readers and scribes provide students with specific learning difficulties the same opportunities as their peers to demonstrate their knowledge in exams and assessment tasks.

It is important to remember that a differentiated curriculum truly provides for the broad range of needs of students in a class and that 'fairness is everyone getting what they need – not all getting the same.' Lavoie (2004)

Mrs Nola McMullan
Learning Support Teacher



Amelia Shanahan in the Library Info Lab



Melissa Windass and Aleesha Rodgers use the computer system in the Library to work on assignments



Year 11 Students use our Library for study sessions



Learning Support - Mrs Nola Mc Mullan holds a seminar on Teaching Methodology

History Department

Staff: Sherryl Bremner, Head of Department, Mrs Sharon McKinnon, Ms Andrea Foster, Ms Diane Gleeson, Miss Rachel Malpass, Ms Susan Gibson, Ms Colleen McKeown, Mrs Noela King

"Our history in disrepair" screamed the headline in the Weekend Australian of 19-20 August, 2006. Paul Kelly, the writer of the article, was reporting on the History and Science Summit held in Parliament House that week..... Meanwhile, back at Brigidine College, St Ives, History students had been engaging in some exciting learning and discoveries of their own about History.

Year 12 students had just finished the Trial HSC and their final Assessment tasks for their courses. Topics that they had examined and studied for included World War I, Germany 1918-1939, Leni Riefensthal and the Conflict in the Pacific. Ancient History students had studied New Kingdom Egypt Society, Akhenaten and Rome in the Augustan Age. For the first time all Ancient History students in New South Wales studying this subject study a compulsory topic, Cities of Vesuvius. Extension History students studied 'What is History: an examination of historiography over time and a case study on the Tacitean View of the early principate'. I am sure that students did not feel that History was in "disrepair".

Nor did Year 11 History students feel that what they studied was not rigorous enough as they tackled Bismarck, the Meiji restoration and the World at the beginning of the twentieth century. Ancient History students studied history, science and archaeology, the tomb of Tutankhamen and Roman Britain.

Year 10 students enjoyed a "Hands on History" activity where they got to feel History, not just read about it and discuss it. It is interesting that many of the topics advocated by experts discussing what should be taught in

school history courses, actually are already taught in the Mandatory Australian History in Years 9 and 10. Significantly, Brigidine students perform better than the state average, with 77% of the 2005 Year 10 cohort gaining Bands 5 and 6 in the School Certificate, while only 29% of the state achieved those bands.

Elective History students in Year 9 study a range of history from ancient Greek women, shipwrecks, preserved human remains, the American and French Revolutions to Nelson Mandela and Martin Luther King. Year 10 students have experienced for themselves in their studies how historians love a good debate as they studied Robin Hood, Joan of Arc, Richard III and the Missing Princes, the Tudors, Jack the Ripper, Mussolini and John F Kennedy.

Year 8 studied Medieval History and Contact and Colonisation. The highlight for these students is the Medieval Day which is held each semester. The costumes and the variety of foods for the feast are a testament to our students' creativity and interest in enjoying their work.

Year 7 students have been introduced to the delights of timelines and primary and secondary sources as they began their studies in what is history and then they explored ancient Egypt and even some work on ancient China.

As always, it is the hard work and dedication of the History staff that I must acknowledge as it they who ensure that at Brigidine, History is certainly anything but in a state of disrepair. Thank you Ms Foster, Mrs Gibson, Mrs Gleeson, Mrs King, Ms Malpass, Ms McKeown, Mrs McKinnon.

Mrs Sherryl Bremner
Head of History



Year 10 Hands on History Incursion Natasha Wellings, Morgan Dwyer, Lisa Tait, Michaela Hamman, Elise Bulla



Year 10 Jess Tasso and Eleanor Chandler work at the Hands on History Incursion



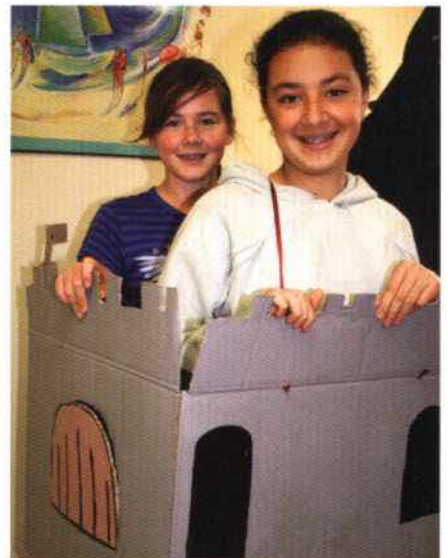
At the Year 8 Medieval Day our Damsels were - Front Sarah Watkins, Sarah Lewis, Kandace Marcellino, Millie O'Loan, Imogen Carlisle. Back Jessica Jones and Lara Turton



Emilie Hamilton, Charlotte Owen, Natalie Lavelle-Mangen and Elisha Foti get into the spirit of things at the Year 10 Hands on History incursion



Our Court Jesters definitely had the most colourful and fun costumes



Year 8 Medieval Day- the Castle was Brooke Everett and Sara Abdi

Drama Department



Emelia Thomas Year 12 HSC Individual Performance



Katy Jenkins Year 12 HSC Individual Performance



Year 11 Play Lauren Reynolds and Amy Dreise



Year 10 Drama Shakespeare Festival nominees Sinead Keaveney and Natalie Steele

Staff: Miss DiAnne McDonald, Head of Department, Ms Kelly Young, Mrs Tamara Powell (Term 1) & Ms Ngaire Wallace (Terms 2,3,4)

Year 12

Our two wonderful Year 12 classes in 2006 have demonstrated high standards of professionalism and commitment both on and off the stage. There certainly has been plenty of Drama in the Drama Rooms! Our outstanding group-devised performances included *Hear No...See No...Speak No...*, *Rollercoaster*, *Shooting Stars*, *Best In Show*, *Sell Out*, *Shelf Life*, *The Last One* and *I Spy*. These were showcased at the HSC Drama Night in July.

Our individual performances demonstrated a great sense of theatricality and characterisation. Courtney Leach even performed her brilliant Monty Python inspired performance "Tomkinson's Schooldays" at a full school assembly. A packed Bowie Hall thoroughly enjoyed the Individual Performance and Project Evening in June.

In addition to performance work, students grappled with the new content on the HSC Drama syllabus. The new topic Contemporary Australia Theatre provided fabulous stimulation to performance and class discussions, as did our other content topic, Irish Theatre – many a time could the Irish accent be heard outside the Drama Room! All of our Year 12 Drama students worked incredibly hard and deserve the accolades. I wish our Drama girls a life filled with drama of every kind!

Year 11

The Year 11 Drama course covers all aspects of theatrical production including directing, design, performance, acting, group performance, individual performance, reviewing, and scriptwriting. The Year 11 classes have attended a wide variety of live theatrical performances including *OnStage* (Seymour Centre) and the internationally successful production *The History Boys* (Sydney Theatre Company). Many of our Year 11 Drama students have been active members of the Glen Street Subs Club.

The majority of the Year 11 students were also involved in the magical Year 11 Play, *Our Town*, which played to packed audiences in June including a number from local and distant schools who are studying the play for their HSC. All students were moved by the extraordinarily emotional performance. The Year 11 students performed in the Drama Showcase in October, enthraling the audiences with the sophistication of their theatrical skills.

The Year 11 classes have been delightful to work with – their performance and theatre work have displayed their talent and passion.

Year 10

Year 10 Drama students consolidate their dramatic skills, with a particular emphasis on COMEDY. We begin with a unit on Shakespeare in Performance allowing us to creatively interpret Shakespearean work in any way including movement, music, duologue and scene. We then look at contemporary comedy and then trace back to comedic roots to the Italian masked comedy of the *Commedia dell'Arte* and 19th century melodrama. We finished the year by studying the absurdist play *The Bald Prima Donna*.

Our Year 10 Drama students are encouraged to see mainstream productions and be involved in outside school shows. All Year 10 students were taken to the Zeal Theatre's production of *Gronks* at the Sydney Theatre and participated in a fantastic workshop with the actors from Zeal. A terrific year of Drama!

Drama Department

Year 9

We had a record 98 students in Year 9 Drama this year and they have loved it! For nearly all Year 9 students, this year has opened their eyes to the wonderful world of Drama! It's been fabulous to see our Year 9 students gain so much self-confidence in their own performing abilities, and to learn how to work in group situations. In Year 9 drama students are involved in improvisation, play building, script analysis, group-devised performances, voice and movement skills, non-realistic skills and theatrical history – all through a variety of practical, experiential and theory work! Year 9 have also discovered the joys of logbook work.....and were all taken to The Sydney Theatre Company's production of *The Bourgeois Gentleman* at the Sydney Theatre.

The Shakespeare Festival

The Shakespeare Festival is a prestigious international competition and once again Brigidine College excelled! At the Regional Final we were represented by outstanding Year 10 Drama students: duologue (Sinead Keaveney and Natalie Steele), scene (Olivia Rolleston, Felicity Littlewood, Angie Bosman, Anna Pentelow), and movement (Shari May, Stephanie Oesterheld, Stephanie Vrandich). Sinead Keaveney and Natalie Steele were nominated for inclusion in the National Shakespeare Festival Showcase to be held in January 2007. This is akin to being selected for a national sporting team! A tremendous achievement for Sinead and Natalie and a credit to their Drama teachers.

Our Year 11 Drama students also represented the College in the AHISA Festival of Speech in early Term 4.



Year 9 Drama Group - Lauren Tyler, Rebecca Quinn, Natasha Hall and Breeana Alder

Staff

It is not uncommon to find Drama teachers at Brigidine working with our Drama girls after school and on weekends. We are so fortunate to work with such passionate and motivated students. And of course, everyone loves to wear their Drama Blacks around the school!

The Drama staff has been busy this year, especially as the numbers electing Drama increase each year. Both Ms Wallace and I attended the National Drama Conference at NIDA in October. Mrs Young spent 2 weeks HSC marking all over the state – a wonderful professional development experience. Mrs Young and I marked HSC Trial performances in a variety of schools. I have been involved in lecturing at the Sydney University HSC Drama Day as well as running workshops for teachers.

Thank you to my wonderfully supportive colleagues this year. Drama is a demanding subject but we are truly blessed to have such passionate and energetic students whose love of Drama makes our job such a joy!

May your lives be filled with Drama! Remember that all the world's a stage....

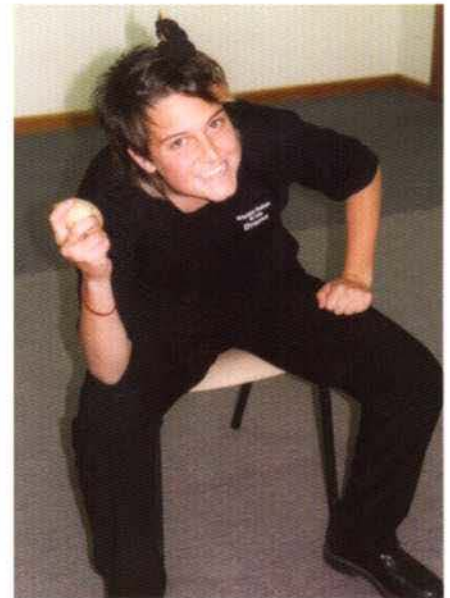
Miss DiAnne McDonald
Head of Department



Year 11 Play Madalaine Renshaw and Brigitta Williams



Year 12 HSC Drama Group Performance 'The Last One' Alison Francis, Lauren Daneel, Ailsa McArthur



Tori Gikas Year 11 Individual Performance



Year 10 Drama- Melodrama- Tash Wellings, Sarah Kimmorley, Lisa Tait, Ashley Blake and Natalie Steele

Religious Education



"If you have knowledge, let others light their candles in it."

-- (Sarah) Margaret Fuller

Staff: Mrs Ingrid Thompson, Head of Department, Brodie Byrne, Kata Collimore, Michael Halliday, Francis Jayaraj, Colleen McKeown, Maureen Mahon, Moya Morgan, Mairead Naicker, Phil Shirvington (Philosophy), Anne Summerhayes.

2006 has been another eventful year for the Religious Education Department at Brigidine St Ives. Students sitting for the 2005 HSC achieved outstanding results and are to be congratulated on their commitment to study and the effort that they put into preparation for their assessment tasks and exams. As a result they were rewarded with both 1 and 2 unit results well above state averages.

Not to be outdone Year 12 2006 are working diligently. It is not uncommon for me to arrive at my office in the morning to find numerous 'practice' essays pushed under my door. This is work that the students elect to do themselves and the girls are to be commended for their commitment to improvement and to doing their personal best.

2006 has also seen the launch of the new Studies of Religion Senior Syllabus and as the Year 11 students complete their preliminary year, I am happy to report on the interest and enthusiasm that they have shown in this new and exciting course. To date they have covered a wide range of topics including The Nature of Religion,

Religions of Ancient Origin, Depth Studies in Christianity, Islam and Judaism and a short history of religion in Australia pre -1945. In their senior year topics studied include Christian, Jewish and Islamic Environmental Ethics, Religion and Peace, Religion and Non Religion, and Significant People and Schools of Thought from the three monotheistic traditions.

In Years 7-10 we are in the final stages of implementing the new Broken Bay Religious Education Syllabus. This syllabus is designed to call students to Catholic discipleship and offers them numerous ongoing educational experiences that will enable them to follow Jesus as members of a Catholic community in their journey of faith. We have also introduced a new set of more modern and user friendly texts "To Know Worship and Love". The Religious Education Staff have worked diligently to develop programmes of learning that best suit the needs of all our students here at Brigidine. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the RE staff directly for their fine commitment and for the enthusiasm that they show for the subject they teach.

Mrs Ingrid Thompson
Head of Religious Education



Year 9 present their Liturgy to their class members



Caitlin Fitzgerald-Carter, Niamh Hitchman, Claudia Gatto, Phoebe Chennell Dutton and Clair De Sousa



Year 9 presenting their reconciliation assessment tasks - Emma Anstee, Sian Owen, Ann-elise Lindsay, Emma McRobie and Oliva Boyle.



Year 9 RE Class present their Reconciliation assessment tasks -Aleesha Rodgers, Melissa Hall, Kelly Lawlor, Emily Grgurinovich and Hayley Reeves

VET - Vocational Education and Training

Staff: Mrs Betsy Harvey, Head of Department and Mrs Keiko Hosogoe.

The delivery of Certificate II in Business Services at Brigidine College St Ives is facilitated by the operation of a Practice Firm. Our firm, TechnoVision, trades virtual products with over 130 similar Practice Firms throughout Australia. The girls gain hands on experience in customer relations, communication, handling mail, creating business documents, using spreadsheets and databases and processing financial business documents.

During Term Three, the Year 11 VET girls visited Power Scan Imports Practice Firm, at Wiley Park Girls' High School. The aim of the excursion was to examine the way in which another virtual business operated and to do some trading with fellow students.

Year 11 also assisted Mrs Pamela Ledley, our Careers Advisor, in the implementation of a destination survey. This involved contacting all the 2005 Year 12 leavers and asking them to complete a questionnaire relating to their post-school transition to study and/or work.

During their two weeks of mandatory work placement our students have, once again, been very well received by the business community. The girls have a chance to interact with employers in the world of Business Services and to apply the skills they have learned. Typically, our girls receive glowing reports and each year some are offered casual employment positions.

My thanks to Mrs Keiko Hosogoe for taking my class during my Long Service Leave.

Mrs Betsy Harvey
Head of VET



Workplace Readiness Seminar - Camille Pollett
Year 11 gets some hands on experience.



Year 12 VET Christina Mayne



Year 11 VET Camille Pollett and Roxanne Cates



Year 12 TechnoVision Sarina Bell, Stephanie Burge and Isabelle Stanford students



Year 11 Work Placement Simone Ferguson



Year 12 VET class Catherine Fitzsimmons, Mrs Harvey and Courtney Farthing



Year 11 Work Placement Jessica Urriola

PDHPE



Year 8 Healthy Lunch Saskia Herbert & Amelia Shanahan



Year 7 Rhythmic dance Tertia Garay and Anneke Strupitis-Haddrick



Year 8 First Aid Olivia Tooley & Brooke Everett



Year 10Q Boxercise classes



Year 10 Pilates classes

Staff: Ms Jo Baker, Head of Department, Mrs Donna Kuper, Miss Kate Brannan, Mrs Gina Mathlin, Mrs Alex Skyba, Mrs Leigh-Anne Hartwig

This year has been a busy year once again.

The Year 7 girls appeared to enjoy their start to high school, exploring the challenges and changes that they faced ahead. Throughout the year they experimented with different movement activities ranging from rhythmic dance, artistic gymnastics and volleyball to examining their personal fitness activities. It has been a great year for the Year 7s, who have been a delight to teach and have willingly accepted every challenge presented to them. We look forward to sharing their journey through the next few years.

In Year 8, students started the year developing First Aid skills and learned to apply them in a range of contexts. The nutrition unit allowed for student creativity in their designs for a healthy lunch. In practical lessons the girls demonstrated dance prowess in their Hip Hop dance routines. Much of the other activities were game centred such as Slide Hockey, Basketball and European Handball.

Year 9 had a great year of PDHPE, where students took a good look at themselves and the way they interact within their environment. The students rocked and rolled their way through the challenges of adolescence looking at the social implications of being a teenager in today's society. The practical lessons comprised of Basketball, Lacrosse, Jazz Ballet and Badminton.

The Year 10 girls started the year off participating in a range of activities that helped to reduce and manage stress levels such as yoga, boxercise, muscular relaxation and reflexology. Further lesson time was spent making informed choices centred on careers and safe partying. The girls had the opportunity to trial Ceroc dancing ready for their Year 10 formal.

A revamped course introduced this year was the Physical Activity in Sports Studies course - formally known as Sports Science. Lessons have involved students gaining an understanding of how the body moves through motion, where students have been involved in dissecting a joint and exploring the range of movements that take place on an artificial rock face during rock climbing lessons. Girls have also experienced the sports of golf, surfing and rock-climbing.

Year 11 & 12 students have applied themselves well to their course work. One excursion took us to the Human Body Exhibition at the Superdome, where students had the opportunity to examine real life statues where they got right to the skin and bones of life and death.

A wonderful year was had by all.

Ms Jo Baker
Head of Department



Year 10 Sports Studies -Megan, Claire, Catriona, Annabelle, & Cassie

The Staff



The Staff

Ms Monica Appleby— Assistant Principal (Studies)

By any measure the academic results at Brigidine College St Ives are to be commended.

The performance of our students in ELLA literacy and SNAP numeracy tests show that the College achieved well above the state average.

However, there is always room for improvement and the work of Mrs Nola McMullen in ensuring that literacy strategies are incorporated across all subjects has to be recognised.

The School Certificate results continue to strengthen, with the number of students achieving Bands 5&6 increasing in all subjects.

The breadth and depth of achievements by the HSC class of 2005 were once again testimony to the high standards of teaching and learning in the College and a reflection of the passion with which all subjects were embraced. Brigidine College is proud not only of the select group of outstanding academic achievers, whose names appear on merit lists, but also those who have been committed to excellence in all their endeavours.



Ms Monica Appleby, Assistant Principal (Studies)

With computing skills being included for the first time in the battery of School Certificate tests, a key focus for 2006 was the continued integration of ICT into the curriculum. Members of staff willingly involved themselves in professional learning and their commitment ensures that teaching and learning experiences are predicated on current theory and best practice. Ms Janine Martin's innovative leadership of the ongoing professional development of teachers' ICT skills is to be congratulated. Under her guidance teachers have been able to access the many possibilities offered by the digital world.

The pedagogy underpinning the new 7-10 syllabuses is one which emphasises the importance of quality learning and achievement. It focuses on achieving intellectual engagement and real world connectedness. The challenges this presents have been readily embraced by our teaching staff. In 2005 Brigidine College applied for, and was granted government funding for the development of "Quality Teaching" initiatives. In Science the focus was on Assessment for Learning and in Geography on integrating ICT into classroom practice.

However, improvement in teaching and learning does not come from externally imposed priorities but rather from the deep well of our teachers' professionalism. I would like to thank all the teachers for their hard work and enthusiasm in 2006 and in particular the Heads of Department. Without their support and wise counsel my job would be very difficult indeed.

Ms Monica Appleby Assistant Principal (Studies)

Mrs Joy Bruce—Assistant Principal (Pastoral)

Pastoral Care.

What exactly is it? Why does a school like ours invest so much in time and other resources in aspects of education which might appear to have little to do with what goes on in classrooms?

Educationalists agree that success in exams and in adult life depend only partially on raw ability as it is measured by such means as 'I.Q.' Many other personality traits combine to enable individuals to reach their potential. Those who emerge from the whirlwind of adolescence with a degree of self-confidence, optimism and resilience, regardless of their level of academic success, are in a favourable position to take on the challenges of adult life.

Experience shows that students who are confident and happily engaged with the school culture, will be the most likely to be successful at their studies. Success in the classroom, or in any of the many activities available to the girls, is a strong protective factor leading to physical and emotional wellbeing.

The wholistic development of our students is a responsibility shared by all members of the College. Everyday, in every interaction with students, each staff member, by their own example, has the opportunity and responsibility to lead students toward this development.

Key to the successful operation of each Year group are the Year Coordinators - Mrs Julia Bevan and Mrs Lucille Flory (Year 7), Miss Colleen McKeown (Year 8), Mrs Moya Morgan and Mrs Liz May- Acting Term 3 (Year 9), Mrs Anne Summerhayes (Year 10), Miss Julianne Barrs (Year 11) and Mrs Maree Lindsay (Year 12) - and each team of Mentors. In these capacities, staff can get to know students and contribute to our understanding of each girl's progress. Professional assistance and advice is available from the College Counsellors, Ms Sue Appleton and Mrs Ingeborg Dean and from Mrs Pamela Ledley our Careers Advisor.

The Staff

For many girls, the opportunity to shine comes through participation in one of the more than 30 sports or cultural groups available to them. A huge amount of organisational and individual assistance is given to girls by Mrs Jan Whiddon in the Centre for Excellence, and by Mr David Chant and Mrs Skye Watcher in their roles in Sport Club Development. We gratefully acknowledge the commitment and expertise of a great number of parents in the convening and operation of the Clubs. This truly shows what can be achieved when parents and school work together for the sake of the girls! As well, more staff members than can be mentioned here, are to be thanked for their voluntary participation in coaching sport teams, organising Peer Support between Year 7 and Year 11, convening Houses and providing guidance and leadership in many other ways.

Most would agree that matters pastoral and academic are two sides of the same coin. Our girls are the richer for this view of 'education'.

Mrs Joy Bruce
Assistant Principal (Pastoral)



Mrs Joy Bruce, Assistant Principal (Pastoral)

Mr Michael Halliday-
Assistant Principal (Mission)

In the First Letter of Peter, the author writes "always be ready to give an explanation to anyone who asks you for a reason for your hope" (1 Peter 3:15). When I read this passage my first thought was that this instruction was very relevant to us as a College. Yes, it is certainly part of our core business to assist all the students who attend Brigidine College St Ives to be able to provide, even if only to themselves, 'a reason for their hope'. It is our job as teachers to help our students to be hopeful and to be able to see and to understand that there is much that gives them reason to be so. Yes all of this is true but it was my second thought which raced in upon the first which raised for me the personal question – what explanation do I have that I can give as a reason for my hope? The answer: Plenty!

Flick through the pages of this Year Book now and you will see hundreds of images and thousands of words all of which give explanation to the hope which I have. It is clear that we are a community that learns, that tests, that seeks understanding and that extends itself to achieve sporting success, we are a community that sings, dances celebrates and creatively, oh so creatively, contributes to the beauty of our world. All of these things we do before, as well as, and at the same time as caring, forgiving, assisting, building up, supporting and nurturing the people around us. But as you can also see it is more than ourselves that

we are interested in. We have also gone out from our own community to others, particularly others in need. With some well-founded confidence we have gone trying in our own way to bring hope to others. To acknowledge these things about ourselves is not vanity, rather it is a moment of gratitude, a Eucharistic moment of thanks and praise for the Good that has come amongst us.

Jesus said "I have come that you might have life and have it to the full" (Jn 10:10) It has been the full life that I have observed our community live that has been the reason for my hope in 2006. It is my prayer that you too have tasted this hope and that it remains.

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Moore	Louise	Flew	Annabel	Steele	Cassandra	Hill	Elen	Tesson	Stephanie		
Moraza	Mischa	Flew	Phoebe	Stewart	Amee	Hopton	Anjee	Thurteil	Grace		
Muldoon	Alyce	Fong	Mackenzie	Stokes	Lara-Jade	Humphris	Rachel	Todd	Megan		
O'Rourke	Leanne	Fowler	Prue	Sugimoto	Sarah	Inkratas	Natasha	Tong	Yvonne		
Osborne	Elise	Frost	Elizabeth	Taylor	Amelia	Jenkins	Sally	Tooley	Danielle		
Pek	Vanessa	Gallimore	Melanie	Torney	Kate	Johnson	Rachael	Townsend	Abbey		
Peters	Karina	Gentle	Emily	Ticehurst	Sophie	Joly	Emilia	Tumbull	Anna		
Ponticello	Natalie	Gikas	Victoria	Timm	Cayleigh	Jones	Lucinda	Turton	Alyse		
Pretorius	Hayle	Gooley	Georgia	Turner	Charlotte	Kwawonye	Sinead	Veal	Jennifer		
Robertson	Claire	Griffiths	Elizabeth	Turner	Francoesca	Keighery	Care	Vrandich	Stephanie		
Samm	Jasmine	Hoekman	Care	Turner	Nesha	Kimmerley	Sarah	Walsh	Alexis		
Hannah-Rose	Hooper	Dominica	Umiola	Jessica	Kim	Soo Ji	Walters	Jordan	Sophie		
Searle	Kathleen	Hornbrooke	Kate	Van Rhyn	Karlen	Krudson	Annika	Ward	Ashley		
Sherwood	Amy	Huton	Christie	Vesco	Ashley	Lakiss	Miranda	Watson	Natasha		
Shoppes	Kayla	Jeffrey	Elen	Willemaal	Rebecca	Lance	Holly	Wellings	Jessica		
Sim	Alexandra	Koruca	Jacinta	Vumbaca	Vanessa	Livelle-Mangan	Natalie	Wilkinson	Lauren		
Sim	Branna	Kuper	Kelly	Wagstaff	Amelia	Leahy	Catherine	Willmot	Georgina		
Singe	Chloe	Lampough	Brooke	Welsby	Katherine	Lentini	Carly	Wood	Kristan		
Singh	Kara	Lawlor	Sarah	Welsby	Rebecca	Levy	Abbie	Woodward	Rebecca		
Smith	Harnet	Letts	Philippa	Williams	Brigitta	Littlewood	Felicity	Woodroff	Carly		
Sounian	Natalie	Loader	Rochelle	Williamson	Natasha	Litter	Hannah	Wright	Bianca		
Stanford	Isobel	Lynch	Jessica	Woo	Nicole	Lynch	Rebecca	Zyra	Bianca		
Steger	Monique	Mackay	Elie	Wright	Natasha	Lyon	Erinn				
Stewart	Belinda	Maher	Victoria	Zaerour	Nicole	Macaulay	Lauren				
Swan	Monique	Maolo	Allison	Zhao	Lisa	Mackay	Jordan				
Tait	Anna	Marot	Jessica			May	Shari				
Thomas	Emelia	Marr	Lauren			McCurley	Elyse				
Thurteil	Esther	Marshall	Rleigh			McKinley	Claire				
Topp	Emily	Marvell	Kate			McGloin	Kathleen				
Verteman	Rachel	McAulay	Sophie			McIntosh	Rachel				
Walker	Bethany	McGreal	Patricia			McLean	Melanie				
Ward	Natalie	McHugh	Grace			Metz	Daniela				
Whiting	Emma	McLean	Anneleise			Millar	Lauren				
Wright	Tamara	Mickan	Emily			Mitry	Erika				
Wu	Laura	Middleton	Sally			Moraza	Kela				
		Millett	Shane			Mount	Jane				
		Moore	Jessica			Mugdan	Ashley				
		Morrison	Rachael			Newman	Jenna				
		Mossop	Angela			Nicholas	Shannon				
		Nicholson	Natasha			Ochmann	Melanie				
		Nixon	Natasha			O'Connor	Elizabeth				
		O'Brien	Meagan			Osterheld	Stephanie				
		O'Brien	Rose			Orlando	Jessica				
		O'Brien	Vanessa			Orr	Alice				
		O'Neil	Sarah			Orr	Kandis				
		Pacholski	Gabrielle			Oswald	Kitija				
		Papandrea	Anna			Owen	Charlotte				
		Parr	Laura			Palmer	Rebecca				
		Peters	Jordan			Paton	Verity				
		Pollert	Camille			Penning	Bianca				
		Powell	Emma			Pentelov	Anna				
		Proia	Astrid			Perry	Allana				
		Pyle	Caitlin			Perry	Madeline				
		Read	Sarah			Philips	Elizabeth				
		Reid-Anderson	Hannah			Pike	Sarah				

YEAR 9

YEAR 10

Alders	Breeana
Ammann	Emilie
Andrews	Georgina
Anstee	Emma
Ashford	Jannays
Ashworth	Danielle
Atlas	Claire
Aymer	Georgina
Barden	Caitlyn
Beach-Allen	Hannah
Bell	Natasha
Beil	Tartha
Berney	Natasha
Bignaut	Danica
Bowditch	Carol
Boyle	Olivia
Bullen	Sarah
Burbury	Natasha
Chambers	Rebecca
Cheeseman	Hannah
Chennel Dutton	Phoebe
Connery	Angie-Rose
Costa	Danielle
Couch	Anna
Cox	Genevieve
Cull	Lucinda
Davison	Thea
Day	Madeline
De Florio	Jasmin
de Sousa	Car
Debbie	Morgan

Donlan	Madeline	Owen	Sian	Caseia	Amelia	McGarr	Alexandra	Caparelli	Olivia	McMahon	Amber
Edbrooke	Emma	Papandrea	Holly	Cashel	Clair	McHugh	Felicity	Carter	Danica	McMichael	Sophie
Edmunds	Taya	Pazos Queral	Amanda	Chandler	Rebecca	Meathrel	Christina	Chennell Dutton	Nyssa	Meek	Alexandra
Edwards	Michelle	Pedersen	Hanne	Cleary	Nicola	Melers	Jessica	Chong	Amanda	Mendes	Natale
English	Hayley	Peters	Molly	Connell	Shannah	Moloney	Rose	Chue	Jaimee	Merrick	Julia
Evans-Thompson	Jessica	Phillips	Alexandra	Cornell	Tamara	Morrison	Aiannah	Cornale	Bianca	Miller-Bliss	Clare
Fay	Rosie	Pochrq	Katherine	Crouch	Brooke	Morris	Madeline	Coskinas	Chloe	Mills	Christina
Feltrin	Danielle	Prescott	Ida	Crutch	Briana	Munsayac	Therese	Cunningham	Nicola	Moore	Danielle
Ferwick	Adriana	Quinn	Rebecca	Cumming	Greta	Natoi	Anastasia	Davies	Millicent	Morris	Elizabeth
Ferendinos	Nicola	Reeves	Hayley	Curby	Suzannah	O'Brien	Bernadette	Dell	Catherine	Morris	Isabelle
Fitzgerald-Carter	Caitlin	Renshaw	Theresa	Daneel	Genevieve	O'Brien	Michelle	Dingie	Tara	Morris	Isabelle
Fletcher	Emma	Ristuccia	Jabot	Dawe	Lara	O'Brien	Rebecca	Divaris	Calle	Muller	Helen
Flew	Ruby	Rodgers	Aeesha	Dawson	Courtney	O'Loan	Camila	Domazet	Stephanie	Murphy	Samantha
Flynn	Rebecca	Rosati	Isabella	Deer	Maddison	O'Neil	Erika	Du Preez	Charitel	Murphy	Clara
Followill	Sarah	Ryan	Ashleigh	DeLauner	Meaghan	Pearce	Hannah	Du Preez	Monique	Nalbandian	Clara
Fong	Ashleigh	Shepherd	Eily	Dilworth	Jessica-Rose	Peiser	Lauren	Edinwira	Manisha	Needham	Clare
Fowler	Katie	Shuttler	Siena	Douglas	Anna	Penning	Monique	Eismen	Sydney	Nuttall	Katherine
Frost	Laura	Solomonson	Catherine	Dwyer	Brittany	Permino	Vanessa	Ek	Saskia	Oates	Nicole
Futorg-Alexanderson	Vanessa	Stinson	Ashleigh	Eltam	Madelaine	Philpot	Stacey	Estermart	Rochelle	O'Brien	Casey
Gale	Riame	Sugiyama	Che	Emery	Clare	Polt	Lara	Favaloro	Nicole	O'Donovan	Emily
Garratt	Breana	Sweeney	Camille	Evans	Shelby	Princi	Pina	Feary	Brigitte	Oesterheld	Heather
Gatto	Claudia	Szukiljoc	Chloe	Everett	Brooke	Raffan	Fraya	Feather	Claire	Olzon	Cristina
Goddard	Hannah	Tavana	Golnoush	Ferguson	Elyse	Raymond	Bridget	Fannery	Laura	O'Loan	Courtney
Green	Karsha	Testini	Ariela	Flynn	Michaela	Reid-Anderson	Sarah	Flynn	Laura	O'Neill	Kathleen
Greig	Sophie	Teulan	Emily	Fry	Meghan	Rogers	Tara	Fraser	Emily	Osada-Phomsiri	Alessa
Grgunovich	Emily	Theodor-Galagher	Kate	Funayama	Nadia	Romeo	Christina	Freeman	Hannah	Ostowari	Kah
Griffiths	Kate	Thompson	Lauren	Galagher	Anna	Ross	Alexandra	Garay	Tertia	Oswald	Angela
Haines	Philippa	Torode	Caitlin	Gilder	Jessica	Rowley	Alice	Geier	Grace	Owen	Isabel
Hall	Melissa	Trauer	Katharina	Gillard	Elise	Scarf	Nicola	Gibson	Alana	Papandrea	Chloe
Hall	Natasha	Turnbull	Katherine	Gleeson	Zoe	Schober	Ainslie	Gilholme	Erin	Paul	Madelene
Harrison	Christie	Tyler	Lauren	Goodwin	Hannah	Shanahan	Amelia	Gillespie	Chloe	Peters	Brianna
Hayter	Laura	Tysoe	Anna	Halligan	Devon	Shoppee	Georgina	Gilott	Kristyn	Peters	Brianna
Hill	Emma	Vaughan	Eleana	Hardie	Sarah	Smith	Jessica	Gould	Kate	Powell	Louisa
Hines	Laura	Vbi	Isabella	Harris	Kate	Soans	Emma	Gralton	Rachel	Raffan	Siobhan
Hitchman	Niamh	Velarde	Catherine	Hayman	Jessica	Spadon	Ellen	Gruzin	Emily	Rahme	Olivia
Holleley	Samantha	Venterman	Jacqueline	Hayward	Chelsea	Stevenson	Kathleen	Hall	Alexandra	Rice	Danielle
Howells	Julianne	Veyret	Joanne	Hazelton	Elyse	Stevenson	Lucinda	Hall	Juliette	Roadi	Georgia
Hudson	Amy	Wale	Megan	Head	Nicola	Stoil	Annabeth	Hamilton	Georgia	Roadi	Georgia
Iacono	Kate	Westhoff	Sarah	Helsham	Alexandra	Syme	Jessica	Harcombe	Lauren	Roberts	Jessica
Jacobs	Jade	Williams	Angelique	Heptyworth	Gabriel	Szukiljoc	Isabella	Heath	Tiarne	Roberts	Saskia
Jansen	Lauren	Windass	Melissa	Herbert	Saskia	Tamis	Rachael	Heraghty	Georgia	Robotham	Alexandra
Kampen	Caolile	Wong	Iris	Hesketh	Jennifer	Thoma	Alexandra	Herbert	Chelsea	Ryan	Maddison
Kennedy	Sarah	Wright	Lauren	Hitchman	Kate	Thomson	Jorja	Hill	Karina	Santsteban	Jennifer
Kerstens	Rebecca	Youngusband	Sarah	Hooper	Alexandra	Tooley	Olivia	Hill	Taryn	Savage	Shonagh
Kiernan	Ashley			Hooper	Gabriella	Tracey	Erin	Hollis	Alexandra	Scotter	Katrina
Kolotas	Eleni			Ingleson	Lauren	Tran	Lisa	Houngan	Francoise	Scrivener	Ashleigh
Lane	Britany	Abdi	Sara	Jardine	Stephanie	Turner	Corinne	Howald	Madeleine	Sechi	Rachael
Lawlor	Kelly	Ackroyd	Alison	Jin	Anne Marie	Turton	Lara	Howe	Alexandra	Shanahan	Jessica
Leach	Erin	Ailcorn	Persephone	Johnston	Isabella	Vawdrey	Gabriella	Hull-Moody	Jade	Shepherd	Anna-Marie
Lemmetty	Eki	Allen	Victoria	Jolly	Renee	Vrandich	Emily	Jackson	Monisha	Spillane	Georgina
Lhuede	Georgia	Allman	Katie	Jones	Jessica	Walsh	Chantal	Jones	Gemma	Stephens	Katherine
Linacre	Rachel	Altman	Anna	Jurkischat	Kali	Walsh	Natalie	Kampen	Camila	Struptis-Haddrick	Anneke
Lindsay	Ann-else	Anderson	Kathryn	Kella	Megan	Ward	Katherine	Keighery	Alice	Sweeney	Madeleine
Lynch	Laura	Aoyama	Eiena	Kennet	Julia	Watkins	Sarah	Kenny	Latshia	Tanner	Rachel
Maday	Jessica	Arancoiba	Banca	Khastoui	Nusha	Westhoff	Erin	Kersten	Sophia	Thomas	Bethany
Mainwaring	Holly	Atkins	Joanne	Kim	HyeLam	Westhoff	Sigrd	Khastoui	Rojan	Thomas	Jade
Marden	Keisha	Baker	Shannon	Kuper	Anna	Williamson	Hayley	Knight	Emily	Thompson	Madison
Marshall	Emily	Barker	Emily	Langley	Caroline	Woo	Tahia	Kovacs-Hegedus	Eliena	Thompson	Paige
Marshall	Taylor	Bayliss	Amelia	Layton	Emily	Worsley	Sarah	Lahood	Natasha	Thompson	Michelle
Marvell	Emma	Bazely	Samantha	Lewis	Sarah	Wust	Jessica	Lawes	Renee	Troup	Ashleigh
Mayne	Joanna	Biles	Eleanor	Li	Jamie			Layden	Naomi	Trupiano	Grace
McClellan	Catherine	Bithell	Tegan	Livingston	Ashleigh			Leon	Anastasia	Turner	Kelly-Ann
McRobie	Emma	Blandie	Tara	Louw	Lauren	Adams	Terri	Leonard	Isobel	Van Rhyn	Lindi
Meek	Jessica	Boyd	Victoria	Mackay	Rebekah	Aivazan	Ashleigh	Littler	Isobel	Weish	Melissa
Meers	Katherine	Brennan	Chloe	Mackay	Sara	Atkins	Isabella	Lvisianos	Fiona	Weish	Sophie
Mickan	Julia	Briggs	Emly	Madigan	Sophie	Aubrey	Georgina	Lodge	Annee	Ward	Lauren
Mikaelian	Jesse	Brindle	Sophia	Mahony	Amanda	Barden	Nicole	Lynch	Katie	Walts	Emily
Morris	Sophie	Brown	Camila	Malar	Lauren	Berryman	Erin	Mahon	Jessica	Walts	Courtney
Nelson	Gemma	Brown	Zoe	Manson	Samantha	Bisset	Nicola	Mair	Hannah	West	Abby
Nettleton	Jordan	Calamos	Danielle	Marcellino	Kandace	Borrowman	Madeleine	Marley	Bronagh	Won	Jessica
Norris	Georgia	Calloway	Courtney	Mari	Rachel	Bowley	Cara	Masone	Taylor		
O'Brien	Caitlin	Carlisle	Imogen	Martin	Abigail	Boyle	Georgia	Maurer	Jacquelyn		
O'Neil	Eileen-Louise	Caroma	Sofia	Massera	Annabelle	Bradley	Rachael	McAlister	Hayley		
O'Sullivan	Corinne	Casarotto	Stephanie	Maurer	Christine	Brown	Aysha	McCoy	Indiana		

YEAR 8

YEAR 7

2005 Senior Leaders with Principal, Mrs Joanne Atkins



Samantha McCormak Vice Captain, Claire Robertson Vice Captain, Ashleigh Knox Senior Vice Captain, Mrs Joanne Atkins Principal, Bronya Fraser-Hills College Captain, Sarah Boreham Vice Captain and Jennifer Edgar Vice Captain

Brigidine Daughters



Front Row: Abbie Levy, Rachael Bradley, Stephanie Jardine, Georgia Boyle, Emma Fletcher, Kandace Marcellino, Danielle Calamos, Rebecca O'Brien
Second Row: Pina Princi, Julianne Howells, Angelina Barin Stephens, Joanna Cameron, Veronica Buttarello, Paige Thompson, Emilee Ammann, Latrisha Kenny
Third Row: Olivia Rahme, Camilla O'Loan, Hanne Pedersen, Nicola Head, Rochelle Shoppee, Georgina Shoppee, Sigrid Westhoff, Caitlin Chow
Fourth Row: Kate Hornibrooke, Holly Meyerson, Kayla Shoppee, Sarah Fox, Chloe Eather, Sophie McAulay

Student Representative Council



Front Row: Victoria Gikas, Simone Ferguson, Emma Hines, Lauren Langley, Sarah Boreham, Madeleine Hillier, Carmel Gelonesi, Anneise McLean
Second Row: Chloe Papandrea, Katherine Stephens, Jessica Tasso, Sarah Kimmorley, Hannah Reid-Anderson, Catherine Davies, Danielle Rice, Bronagh Marley
Third Row: Jannaya Ashelford, Camille Sweeney, Lara Turton, Jessica Smith, Alexandra Ross, Sara Abdi, Lauren Tyler, Sarah Westhoff

Year 7 Camp



Anneke Stupritis-Hädrick swings on the rope to get the bucket successfully – great teamwork



Lauren Harcombe and Rachel Galton



Olivia Caprarelli scales the climbing wall

Year 7 Camp held at Collaroy each year is always a highlight in the Year 7 Calendar. The students get really involved with their hands-on 'skills challenges'.

Whether climbing walls or having great fun at the beach the Year Group definitely shows a talent for having fun.

The performance held on Thursday night was entertaining with all the Year 7 students impressing their special guest Miss Monica Appleby, Assistant Principal, Studies.

Thanks go to our Senior House Leaders and Peer Support Leaders who spent time with the students organising the mini-Olympics and House games on Friday morning.



Winner of the Peer Support Newspaper Dress Up Competition was Hana Freeman and her team

Peer Support

A great year was had by all of Year 7 students and a wonderful group of Year 11 students.

Peer support began with a letter from the Year 11s to their group members, before the school year had even begun!! These were kind, welcoming words to help make the transition to high school a little easier.

We have regularly met throughout the year playing games, completing activities, watching videos and becoming comfortable with the beautiful environment that we have here at Brigidine.

The Year 7s developed a support network of trusted friends and a respect and consideration for the effort that the seniors put in.

The Year 11s were patient, kind, supportive, interested and enthusiastic supporters of the Year 7s.

The girls discussed and developed topical and sensitive issues, such as resiliency, coping strategies, bullying, friendships, hopes and dreams, and of course showing respect for self and those that take the time to care.

We have thoroughly enjoyed working with Peer Support this year and look forward to seeing the Year 7s mature in the years ahead.

Thank you Year 7 and Year 11 Peer Support Leaders for making this such an enjoyable year.

Miss Kate Brannan, Mrs Donna Kuper & Mrs Glenda Chidwari



Christina Mills, Tiarne Heath, Elizabeth Morris, Sophie Walsh and Nicola Bisset have a great time at Collaroy Beach



On the Year 7 Peer Support cat walk were Hayley McAlister, Oliva Rahmee and Aysha Brown

Year 9 Camp

Year 9 Camp was a raging success. We went to Somerset on the Colo River.

The girls are to be congratulated on the excellent way they approached and then conducted themselves at camp, full of enthusiasm and ready to face a challenge. From bush walking up a steep hill and jumping off the flying fox to canoeing and raft building in the rain our Year 9's put on a smiling face and had a laugh.

Thank you to the girls for their cooperation and to the staff; Mr Dunphy, Miss Webb, Miss Howes, Mrs Gerhardt, Miss Conolly, Mrs Young, Mrs Whiddon and Mrs Reed for volunteering to attend this year's camp.

The following is a short report by two Year 9 students about their experience at camp.

"This year's Year 9 Camp was an extremely memorable experience. Our Year group was really excited and enthusiastic about getting out into the "wilderness". Our experience at Somerset was filled with loud war cries from the pink and brown teams, and everything from the much loved sing off to the three hour bush walk was heaps of fun. We figured out that we needed to use a great deal of team work and looked forward to every challenge with great enthusiasm. We did various activities such as rock climbing, high ropes, canoeing (spending most of the time in the water, not in the boat), raft building, river games, bush walks and chants around the campfire. The Year 9's spirits never died. Overall everyone had great time, and we don't think Somerset has ever seen such a crazy bunch of Year 9 girls. GO BROWN!!!"

By Tash Berney and Lauren Tyler Year 9

Mrs Skye Wachter
Sports Development



Year 10 in the wombat hole -Elise Bulla and Ellen Hill

Year 10 Camp

Year 10 Camp was a great success and it was fabulous to see the determination of the girls that lead to great achievements from individuals and groups.

Congratulations to all girls who participated in the camp over four beautiful July days. We were so lucky with the weather and did not receive one drop of rain. The girls faced the many challenges that were presented to them with energy and enthusiasm. It is great to see students achieve challenges such as a high ropes course, rock climbing, hiking with a pack, canoeing up the river or working in a group to cook dinner.

I hope now that after their Outdoor Education Camp, many girls will reflect on their experiences and see benefits in their everyday lives as well as having many happy memories to carry with them always.

Thank you to the staff who attended the camp and help make it such a success; Mrs Martin, Mrs Gerhardt, Miss Brannan, Mrs Hartwig, Mrs Summerhayes, Mrs Collimore, Mr Bebb, Mr Feledy, Miss Lewis.

Mrs Skye Wachter
Sports Development



Year 9 Camp Lauren Thompson and Breana Garrett



Year 9 group Danielle Ashworth, Siena Shuttler, Philippa Haines, Olivia Boyle, Brittany Lane, Katarina Trauer and Karsha Green



Year 10 Camp Annabelle Allen in the tree tops



Year 10 victorious after completing the 'wombat hole'

Chisholm Centre

The Chisholm Centre is a Department that encourages learning through "practical application". Below is just a small snippet of the activities the students participate in.



The Chisholm Centre students have continued on with their Shopping and Banking programme with the students now preparing shopping lists for Blues Café and purchasing these ingredients during this programme.



Blues Café has continued into 2006 with the Chisholm Centre students serving lunch once a week for up to 30 staff members. This programme allows the students to extend on their Food Technology class skills as well as extend upon the senior students Work Experience skills.

Due to the generosity of a Chisholm Centre grandparent Blues Café now are the proud owners of a Cappuccino Machine. Senior students are trained in the use of the machine and are developing competencies in making lattes and cappuccinos for the café clientele.



Students participated in Year 10 integrated Art Classes producing their Year 10 Major Works as well as attending Food Technology classes assisted by Mrs Robyn O'Bryen.



Chisholm Centre

Three students Karina Peters, Monique Swan and Melissa Eustace have successfully completed a modified Silver Award in the Duke of Edinburgh Scheme.



2006 saw the staff and students of the Chisholm Centre head off to Terrigal to attend the end of year camp. Students practice their life skills such as preparing meals, cleaning house as well as attending exciting excursions such as learning to surf courtesy of the members of the Terrigal Surf Life Saving Club.



Students in Years 10, 11 and 12 attended a weekly work experience programme. This Semester students attended Pymble Golf Club, Belrose Pre-School, Wesley Aged Care Facility – Belrose and Glenrose Café.



September saw our three Year 12 Students having their Graduation Mass and Luncheon.

It is always a very emotional day for our wonderful families seeing their daughters graduate from Brigidine.

Chloe Eather, Monique Swan and Karina Peters celebrated their time together with Staff and their parents over a lunch held in Bowie Hall.

Assemblies for Senior Leaders



Brigitta Williams Sr Vice Captain and Sophie Ticehurst College Captain 2007 show their delight at their appointments



College Club Captains and Vice Captains celebrate their appointments



Mrs Atkins at the first assembly announces the six girls who were nominated for Senior Leaders positions, presenting each with a rose



Mrs Atkins congratulates Sophie Ticehurst as the 2007 College Captain

At two special Assemblies the first on Tuesday 22nd August and the second on Monday the 28th August. The following students were appointed Senior Leaders for the College for 2007.

Sophie Ticehurst, Brigitta Williams, Mackenzie Fong, Sarah Lawlor, Hannah Reid-Anderson and Madalaine Renshaw

The First Assembly showcased the talent of the College Concert Band with the performance of 'Bohemian Rhapsody' and 'Highlights from Shrek 2'.

This event was enjoyed by the parents of the new College Leaders' who were present at the Assembly and joined the Executive and Year 11 and Year 12 Co-ordinators for a light lunch after the Assembly.

Mrs Atkins shared these words with the girls:

"Is it possible for the rose to say, "I will give my fragrance to the good people who smell me, but I will withhold it from the bad?"

Or is it possible for the lamp to say, "I will give my light to the good people in this room, but I will withhold it from the evil people?"

Or can a tree say, "I'll give my shade to the good people who rest under me, but I will withhold it from the bad?"

These are images of what leadership is about."

At the second Assembly the College House Captains, Society Presidents and Club Captains were announced and the Portfolios of each of our Senior Leaders was presented. It was an exciting event, one filled with cheers of delight and tears of joy.

The appointment of College Captain was eagerly awaited as the final presentation and one that was heartily supported by the cheers from the assembled school when Sophie Ticehurst's name was read out and she was congratulated by Mrs Atkins.

The Portfolios were presented as follows:

CAPTAIN OF THE COLLEGE

Sophie Ticehurst

COLLEGE SENIOR VICE CAPTAIN

Brigitta Williams
Liturgy Society

VICE CAPTAINS

Madalaine Renshaw
Social Justice Societies

Mackenzie Fong
Centre for Excellence

Hannah Reid-Anderson
SRC

Sarah Lawlor
Sports Clubs



Our 2007 Senior Leaders with Mrs Atkins

Community



Welcome Cocktail Party for Mrs Joanne Atkins

Over 300 members of the Brigidine Community including parents, and Staff came together to welcome Mrs Joanne Atkins to Brigidine College St Ives at a Gala Cocktail Party in Bowie Hall.

Mr Luke Keighery Chair of the Board spoke on behalf of the College

community and welcomed Mrs Atkins. Mrs Atkins expressed her appreciation for the warmth with which the community had welcomed both herself and Isabella, who is currently in Year 7.

For many parents this was the first opportunity to meet with Mrs Atkins

informally. It was also the chance for people to mingle in Year groups on the College green on a balmy summer's evening.



Mr Alan and Mrs Aynslee Eather and Mr Neil and Mrs Donna Littlewood enjoy the evenings' festivities



Mrs Louise Goodwin was one of our many wonderful volunteer parents with Mrs Gill Stokes enjoying the canapés



Sr Maree Marsh, csb, Mrs Joanne Atkins, Principal, and Sr Chanel Sugden, csb



Mr John and Mrs Katrina Hayward and Mr Tony and Mrs Catherine Frost



Mrs Louise Dixon, Mrs Jennifer Kirkby, Mrs Alison Hines, Mrs Linda and Mr Bruce Tait and Mrs Sandra Edgar.



Mrs Kim Marvell, Mrs Alison Astey and Mrs Gail Steele



Mr Luke Keighery welcomed and introduced Mrs Atkins to the assembled guests

Year 7 Welcome Cocktail Party

The Brigidine Parents & Friends Association once again hosted a wonderful night and despite poor weather, the atmosphere was bright with good company, food and a welcoming atmosphere.

Over 200 people gathered on the Year 12 verandah, mingling with both staff and other parents.

Mrs Helen Thomas, Parents & Friends Association President, welcomed all parents new to Brigidine and introduced Mrs Atkins who also spoke to parents of their shared journey over the next six years.

Many thanks go to the Parents & Friends Association committee and their many helpers who made the night possible.



Melissa and Ross Lynch with Belinda Young (Registrar)



Mr Faramarz and Mrs Michele Ostowari, Mrs Clara Olizon and Mrs Ely Osada



Mrs Alan Thompson, Mrs Christine Aubrey, Mr Simon and Mrs Susan Jones and Mr Shane Thompson



Mrs Diana and Mr Laurence Ward with Mrs Gail and Mr Mark Walsh



Mrs Kristen and Mr Terry Gratton with Mr Inus and Mrs Riana Du Preez



Mrs Meredith Deli, Mr Jeffrey Gilholme, Ms Jenny Murphy and Mr William O'Donovan



Mr Jeff Bliss, Mrs Helen Stephens and Mrs Marjeen Owen

Parents and Friends Association

Committee: Mrs Helen Thomas, President; Mr Graham Kirkby, Vice-President; Mr John Inkratas, Secretary; Mrs Fran Davies, Treasurer

The Brigidine community is a very special community. It is an active, vital and engaging community of extraordinary volunteers who help make this school the great school that it is.

These volunteers are found in every facet of the College running the many varied sporting and cultural clubs; assisting in the canteen, serving cups of coffee, and everything in-between. It is an undeniable fact that our daughters are the richer for the involvement of each and every one of these parents and it is on behalf of the girls that I thank you.

The primary aim of the P&F Association is to support parents, to give them a voice in decision-making issues; as well as providing an opportunity to mix socially together and create parent networks. Additionally, we work to raise funds so that we can help to improve our daughters' educational experiences.

2006 has been another year where these goals have been achieved. Under the leadership of our Principal Joanne Atkins, we have seen our Brigidine community continue to prosper.

The parent body has worked together to ensure that our daughters have had many and varied opportunities to shine throughout the various Clubs and the P&F has raised funds to enable further physical improvements to our school. Funds raised through the P&F in 2006 enabled the College to embark on the re-development and refurbishment of the Canteen project. In addition, we have also been able to provide funds for the purchase of new lockers, fans and a touch screen box for the Bowie Hall, another data projector, and some outdoor umbrellas. In total \$88,700 was donated to improve College facilities.

The "Fundraising" charter of the P&F is especially important in building on the sense of community at the College. Our aim is to give parents the opportunity to meet socially in a fun-filled atmosphere and create networks of support amongst parents who experience similar issues. The annual cocktail parties had a slightly different format this year as we all joined together to Welcome our new Principal at the start of the year. The Year 7 Cocktail party in March was equally successful (despite the weather) and made for a great opportunity to create some lasting friendships with whom to share your daughters' journey.

The Football (soccer) World Cup took Brigidine by storm as we celebrated

Australia's win over Croatia over breakfast in the very early hours of the morning. This was a tremendous success and a real community builder. Another 'first' was the 'Girl's Night In' Fashion parade and trivia night which again displayed the talents of the Brigidine staff members and the fun we girls can have. Another initiative was the theatre party opportunity to see 'Dusty the musical' which added yet another dimension to our usual events. Finally, as this report goes to print, we are in the final throws of preparation for what is hoped to be another very entertaining and financially successful Trivia Night. With all the future plans for further improvements to the quadrangle area and the IT improvements needed for the College – we are hopeful to make this, our major fundraiser for the year – a BIG ONE!

At each of these events, the attendance of large numbers of staff who give so freely of their time to show their support; has been, and is still one of the distinguishing features of our school community and something which is rare and worth cherishing.

Mrs Helen Thomas
P&F President



Mrs Tait, Mrs Gilroy and Mrs Turner helping at the P&F hospitality table on Open Day



Mrs Vikki Atkins with P&F canteen mothers



Year 9 Mums helping at the Year 10 Dinner

Founders' Day

Our Founders' Day Mass this year was celebrated by Fr Guy Carlson SJ. The students introduced the liturgy with a dramatic presentation which recalled the generous commitment of the founding six Brigidines who dedicated their lives to the education of children in Coonamble. The drama linked this story from the past to the work of others in Aboriginal communities today.

At the end of Mass we were honoured to have Mr Barry Orr address the students. Mr Orr shared with the school some of the experiences of his family who lived with Wugularr community of the Jawon people in the Northern Territory during 2004 -2005. His story clearly identified the relevance and importance of our support for the 'The Children of the First Sunrise', the charity specially selected by our students for particular focus in 2006.

My thanks to all those who contributed to the liturgy: Mr Michael Halliday, Mrs Michelle Grubba, Mrs Ros Boyd, Mrs Lorna Hall and the Drama students and members of the Liturgy Society, choir and band.

Because of rain showers and damp conditions, the annual International Food Fair was held in the Gym. A wonderful range of international foods were prepared and served by over fifty parents under difficult conditions. Special thanks to Mrs Annemarie Mitchell, the Languages Department and all those mothers and fathers who assisted in helping to raise funds for 'The Children of the First Sunrise' charity.

In Bowie Hall the band "Wonderbrass" played to an enthusiastic audience of girls who danced throughout the afternoon. It was wonderful to observe our students celebrating their Brigidine heritage. In all it was a most successful day.

Next year our Founders' Day will have very special significance as we join the Brigidine Sisters in celebrating their bicentenary in 2007.

Mrs Joanne Atkins
Principal



Bianca Penning and Suzie Furness



Cayleigh Timm, Sinead Robinson-Cast, Emily Mickan and Ellie Dodds-Thompson



Mel Eustace and Claire Robertson jive to the music



The International Food Fair was held this year in the Gym



Mrs Hillier, Mrs Gilroy, Mrs Hines, and Mrs Pearce man the Sweets Stand for the International Food Fair



Mrs Linda Shutler and Mrs Maureen Baker helping serve at the Food Fair



Our Founders' Day Liturgy was thought-provoking

Fathers' Day Mass



Amy Balsdon with Mrs Robyn Balsdon enjoy the Mothers' Day Breakfast



Dominica Hooper with Mrs Ros Hooper enjoy the Mothers' Day Breakfast



Kayla Shoppee and Mrs Karen Shoppee at the Mothers' Day Breakfast



Suzannah Hall with her mother Mrs Lorna Hall at the Mothers' Day Breakfast



At the Fathers Day Mass the sign of peace was exchanged between families

Fr Guy Carlson, SJ celebrated a special Wednesday morning Mass for 150 fathers and daughters. During the Mass fathers prayed for their daughters:

"Dear Lord, thank you for my daughter (name); thank you for trusting me to be her father. May she never doubt my love for her. May that love always be generous and nurturing, never permissive nor destructive. Give me joy whenever I speak to her, patience whenever I respond to her and wisdom whenever I make decisions concerning her. Lord guard and protect her heart and mind, surround her always, guide her, and sustain her through all the trials and tests of life. I do not pray that (name) will never suffer pain, O Lord, only that any pain that comes into her life will give her deeper roots in you, and expand her heart to greater compassion for others. Lord, protect my child as I love her. Amen."

After the Mass daughters shared breakfast with their fathers before the start of the College day.

This Mass will now become an annual event in the College calendar.



Tess and Madalaine Renshaw enjoy the Fathers' Day Mass with their Dad, Mr Anthony Renshaw



Sofia Caronna and her father at the Fathers' Day Mass

Mothers' Day Breakfast

On Friday Morning the 12th of May, just shortly after dawn, the College celebrated our inaugural Mothers' Day Breakfast.

As an initiative of our Student Leadership Team, mothers or grandmothers of girls in Years 11 and 12 were invited to breakfast in the foyer of Bowie Hall.

Guest speaker for the breakfast was also a Brigidine mother; Mrs Colleen Orr. Colleen spoke passionately about the time she and her husband Barry spent with the Wugularr community of the Jawon people of the Northern Territory. The Wugularr is the same community of people that our Student Leadership Team have chosen to support this year with their 'Children of the First Sun Rise Project'.

This Mothers' Day Breakfast was a wonderful success with over 90 people sharing a breakfast of pastries, fruit salad and coffee.

The Senior Leaders of the College along with the student body continue to raise funds for 'The Children of the Sunrise Project'.

During 2006 they hope to supply the Jawon people with enough literacy Packs for every household. Money was raised at this breakfast which will go directly to assist the Wugularr community.

The Mothers' Day breakfast was a great success and the same is planned again for 2007.



Bec, Mr Paul and Kate Welsby enjoyed the Fathers' Day Mass together

Inaugural Past Parents' Dinner

Over 90 past parents and five past principals of Brigidine College St Ives met as a group for the first time at a dinner held in Bowie Hall, hosted by current Principal, Mrs Joanne Atkins.

There were representatives from the 1950s together with those whose daughters graduated in 2005.

"As Principal, new to the College this year, it was wonderful to meet with so many parents who have been a part of the Brigidine story," said Mrs Joanne Atkins. "For many it was the first time that they had returned to the College since their daughters graduated. Friendships were renewed, memories recalled and stories shared."

Not only was this an opportunity to meet old friends and reminisce, it was also an opportunity to raise funds for a past student, Selena Murray, who been supported by the Brigidine community since the diagnosis of a pituitary tumour ten years ago.

Over \$3,000 was raised on the night to assist in the ongoing care of Selena who lives in St Ives. It is now planned that this dinner will become an annual event.

Pioneers Annual Mass and Reunion Dinner

The Annual Pioneers Reunion was held this year in Bowie Hall. After Mass in St Brigid's Chapel, dinner was served in Bowie Hall at which the 'Pioneers' formally welcomed Mrs Joanne Atkins our new Principal and presented her with a 'Welcome Gift'.

The Pioneer students were the inaugural donors to the "Magnificat", a sculpture in the foyer of Bowie Hall. For many this was the first occasion on which it had been viewed.

Mrs Trish Egan our Archivist who also attended the Mass and Dinner had organised wonderful archival displays which surrounding the Dining Area – these displays were of great interest to all who attended.



Marea Michael (nee Holt) - Pioneers Reunion Dinner



Chairman of the Board Mr Luke Keighery and Sr Valentine McMahon, past Principal



Richard and Julia Rashbrook enjoy the Past Parents' Dinner



Sr Angela Ryan past Principal and Mrs Karen Bowler, past Board Member



2006 Pioneers Reunion with Mrs Joanne Atkins, Principal



Denise Brady and Maureen McCallum (nee Dalton) Pioneers Reunion Dinner



Paula King, Kathryn Brady, Louise Tesoriero and Liz New Pioneers Reunion Dinner

Open Day



Madalaine Renshaw Year 11, dressed up as a clown making balloon animals to entertain the little ones



Rachel Mackay worked on her HSC Major Work



Sofie Christensen, Trishia Kenny and Alice Orr entertained our visitors on Open Day as part of the Clarinet Ensemble

This year's Open Day was a resounding success.

The College sparkled, with the sun shining for the first time in several days.

Guides (volunteer students from Years 8 through 12) were kept extremely busy with over 1000 guests visiting our beautiful College grounds.

Congratulations to this group of students who did an outstanding job as ambassadors for the College.

Bowie Hall was the perfect venue for the Departmental Displays with each department working hard with colour and original ideas to entertain and educate our guests. Bowie Hall also the venue for the 'P&F Café' which was hosted by the Parent and Friends' Association.

Throughout the school visitors were serenaded by a variety of musical items with the College Band playing on the Year 10 Verandah, the Clarinet Ensemble jazzing it up on the Year 12 Lawn and the Choir singing beautifully in St Brigid's—to name just a few of the musical performances.

In the new Romuald Visual Arts Centre, the Art Department set up a number of interactive displays such as model making with clay while the Year 12s worked on their major works, impressing everyone with the diversity of their talent.

The Gymnasium was busy with both gymnastic displays and the co-curricular booths showcasing the range of activities available at the College.

Overall the day was an inspiring one which showcased the Brigidine Community, not just the College.



Year 7 student Alana Gibson shows our visitors her clay-working skills



Open Day display booths in Bowie Hall



Our co-curricular booths were manned by Clubs Captains and were a huge success with our visitors



Niamh Hitchman Year 9 shows her work to interested parents guided by Michelle Crino Year 11

Mothers' Brunches

Year 9 Mothers' Brunch

Over 75 mothers attended the second Annual Year 9 Mothers' Brunch at Terrey Hills.

It was a great opportunity for mothers to share experiences and to meet informally. Not only was this a wonderful brunch it was also a great talk-fest and there was no shortage of conversation points.

Mrs Joanne Atkins, Principal, attended and spoke about the importance of keeping connected with each other and being well informed about the activities of our children. Mrs Atkins also discussed the role of the College in ensuring that our girls had an education that recognized their special learning styles.

Mrs Atkins was joined by other members of staff: Mrs Joy Bruce, Assistant Principal (Pastoral), Mrs Sue Appleton, College Counsellor and Mrs Helen Carlson, Director of Development.

Year 12 Mothers' Brunch

Jennifer Kirkby and her team organised the third annual Year 12 Mothers' Brunch during Term 1.

This brunch gives mothers the chance to share their thoughts as their daughters approach the Higher School Certificate and their final days at Brigidine at a wonderful venue overlooking Dee Why Beach. By supporting each other during this important year, mothers are able to confidently support their daughters knowing that others are having similar experiences.

While for many Year 12 is the end of the journey through Brigidine, for others this brunch offers the opportunity to maintain life-long friendships based on shared experiences.

Luncheon Club

The Brigidine Luncheon club had a wonderful start to 2006. This year we welcomed five new groups of parents. At the inaugural meetings of these groups it was wonderful to see new friendships forming and the great enthusiasm with which the ladies look forward to their 'lunches' continuing.

The Luncheon Club also welcomed back some parents who have more than one daughter at the school and are already members of other luncheon groups.

Not only are the luncheon groups great fun socially they also raise much needed funds for our Library. This year the groups have contributed \$4000. These funds will provide a new display area in the Library to help girls with their selection of fiction.

I would like to thank Terri Pearce who has provided invaluable support to me in my first year co-ordinating the Luncheon Club, she has been wonderful and also to Linda Furness who has been a great help over the year.

This years has shown me that Brigidine Mums are experts at "doing lunch"!

Mrs Caroline Kimmorely Convenor



Mrs Diane Renshaw



Mrs Teresa Lynch at the Year 9 Mothers' Brunch



Year 9 Mothers' Brunch - Louise Norris, Jane Kiernan, Robin Papandrea and Kerri-Ann Rosati enjoy the great food and company



Mrs Angela Edmunds and Mrs Jennifer De Florio enjoy the morning together at the Year 9 Brunch

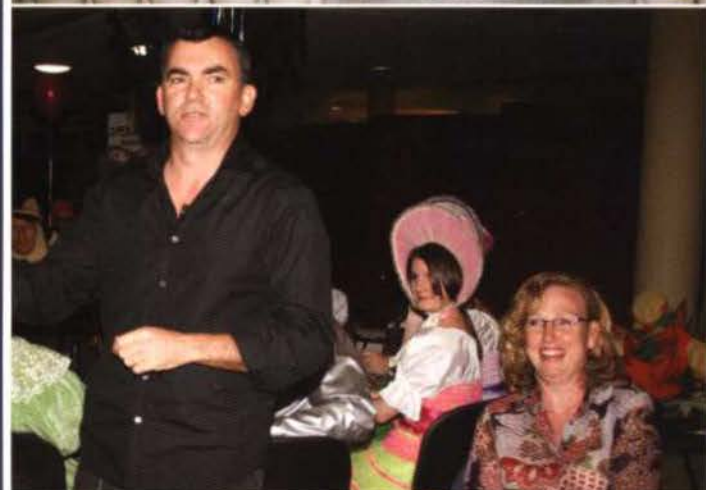


Luncheon Club Members enjoy their first get together in the College Conference Room, here with Mrs Atkins



Luncheon Club starts many life long friendships and gives mothers the opportunity to meet other parents in their year group

Volunteers



Fathers' Night Out

This years 'Fathers' Night Out' was very well attended with over 90 fathers gathering together in Bowie Hall to listen to our guest speaker Mr Jean-Marcel Malliaté MDR, Family Law Mediator the topic of Mr Malliate speech was "HASSLES to Solutions" - How to respond to your daughter's needs rather react to her demands.

Mr Malliate spoke from both a personal level as a father as well from a professional viewpoint and entertained those present with insight into dealing with teenagers.

This evening gives fathers the chance to get together in an informal atmosphere. For many it was the chance to meet other fathers, particularly for those new fathers with daughters in Year 7.

Mothers' Night In

The Tennis Club and Parents & Friends Association worked together to present this special evening of fashion, trivia and fundraising.

Staff members braved the catwalk to present a wonderful collection of fashion from St Ives Shopping Village. There were prizes galore, a range of accessories and homewares on display and a variety of silent auctions.

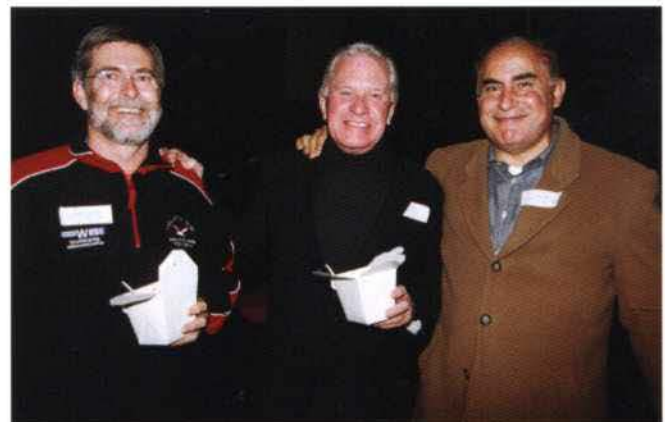
Congratulations to Una Fong and her team of supporters on a fun night for the ladies and special thanks to all the staff members who participated in the Fashion Parade.



Miss DiAnne McDonald models for the evening



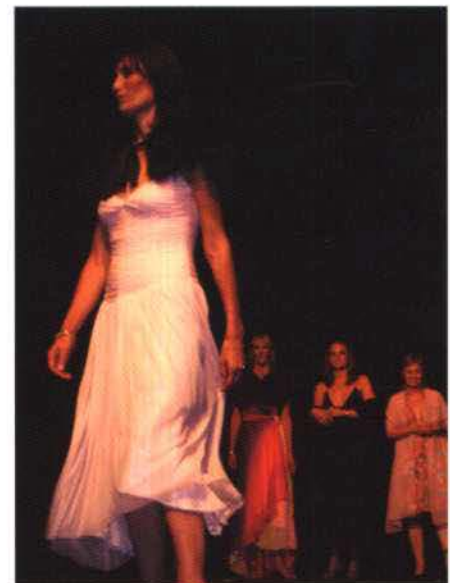
Nick Aubrey, Fergus Herbert and John Boyle



Phillip Mickan, Ralph Capper, Rick Mitry



The Fathers' Night out was a great opportunity for the fathers to mingle over a light meal



Mrs Donna Kuper shows her style on the catwalk

Grandparents & Special Friends' Day



Clare Miller Bliss and her Grandmother

Over two hundred guests joined Year 7 students on Friday 22 September at a wonderful morning for Grandparents and Special Friends.

Danielle Rice, Year 7 Public Speaker, welcomed guests and shared with them some of her experiences during her first year at Brigidine. The College Band led by Mrs Lorna Hall and the College Choir led by Mrs Ros Boyd performed a number of items before morning tea was served in Bowie Hall.

Students then invited their guests for a tour of the College giving them the opportunity to share their first year of secondary schooling with special friends and family.



Jackie Maurer and her Grandfather



Maddie Howald with her Special Guest



Danielle Rice (Year 7 Public Speaking winner) welcomed our guests on behalf of Year 7 and the College



Katie O'Neill with her Grandmother



The Shanahan Family



Grandparents and Special Guests Day 2006



Isobel Littler and Danielle Rice with their special guests

P & F Trivia Night

From Pirate Ships to Yellow Brick Roads; from Medicos to The Stars of Bollywood – it was a great display of imagination and design that created an exciting atmosphere for the P&F Trivia Night held in Bowie Hall on Saturday 23 September.

This great fundraising event was attended by over 250 friends of Brigidine.

With great energy, Trivia Master, Chris Thomas, tested the knowledge of the parents and staff who attended with "the Cowboys" winning the evening Trivia Contest and 'The Pirates' sailed away with the 'best dressed' table award this year judged by Joanne Atkins. This was the second year running that the artistic talent of 'the Kirkbys' has won them this award.



Horror was on hand with monsters aplenty



Winners of the Trivia Quiz were the Cowboys



The Incredibles looked incredible



The Spring Table was bursting with colour!



Our Bollywood Belles were very glamorous



The Wizard of Oz was well represented with the Cowardly Lion, Scarecrow and the Tinman all in attendance



Winners of the best table were Pirates - who sailed away with the prize



The Kimmorley's Table was medically stable!



The Gangsters were here as were the girls from the roaring 20's

Year 10 Parent/Daughter Dinner

What a delightful occasion. Bowie Hall was the perfect venue for our annual Year 10 Parent/Daughter Dinner. How wonderful it is each year to see so many parents attending with their daughters, enjoying this social occasion with great food, great company and being able to hear such interesting speakers as Dr Catherine Driscoll, Chair of Gender Studies at the University of Sydney.

Thank you to all the Year 10 parents for coming and also for your generosity in supporting the Chernobyl Children's

Project. This project gives children the chance to lead a normal life, allowing them to have expensive heart surgery to rectify the problems caused by the nuclear disaster 20 years ago. Year 10 parents contributed an amazing \$765 by purchasing a ticket in our small raffle.

A special thank you to our enthusiastic band of Year 9 parent helpers. It would be impossible to have this event without you and we look forward to entertaining you next year.



Ash Watson with her Mother



Rebecca Woodroof with her parents



Claire McGinley with her parents



Elicia Cantelo, Eleanor Chandler, Bianca Zyra, Sinead Keaveney



The Inaugural North Shore Schools Expo

North Shore Schools Expo

In April Brigidine participated in the inaugural Expo for North Shore Independent Schools at Willoughby Town Hall.

This was a co-operative showcase of leading independent schools located in Sydney's north and was organised by a committee drawn from the various schools and Brigidine College was represented on this committee by the Director of Development, Mrs Helen Carlson.

The Expo was aimed specifically at our demographic area and was located in a venue convenient for visitors from the North Shore. Held prior to our Open Day in May, this was an excellent opportunity for visitors to learn more about Brigidine and to meet with both the Registrar, Mrs Belinda Young and the Director of Development, Mrs Helen Carlson, together with members of the Executive and senior students.

The Expo is now an annual event in which Brigidine College St Ives will continue to participate in.

Creativity



The College Musical - 'The Boyfriend'



Ashleigh Knox, Lauren Daneel, Sam McCormack and Bronya Fraser-Hills ham it up on stage



Ashleigh Knox, Lauren Daneel, Sam McCormack and Bronya Fraser-Hills in a more serious moment performing in Bowie Hall

Wow! What a wonderful production for the inaugural Musical in Bowie Hall. There were nearly 100 students on our new stage showing off their amazing singing dancing and acting skills for all to enjoy!

The following students who led the cast were amazing: Ashleigh Knox, Lauren Daneel, Brigitta Williams, Emelia Thomas, Claire Robertson, Angie Bosman, Courtney Leach, Kate Boyd, Camille Sweeney, Liliame Salem, Madeleine Hillier, Clare Keighery, Madalaine Renshaw, Bronya Fraser-Hills, Sam McCormack, Rebecca Quinn and Vanessa Pek. All the students both front and back of stage who were involved in this huge production are to be congratulated.

Congratulations also to Miss DiAnne McDonald, Mrs Ros Boyd, Mrs Lorna Hall, Mrs Maree Lindsay, Mrs Nola McMullan, Mrs Ingrid Thompson, Mrs Liz May, Mr Brian Riordan and Mr Michael Ford for all contributing so much time and energy in producing

such a wonderful and entertaining Musical. Thank you to all the parents who helped with costumes, painting, building sets etc. (the list goes on) and particularly Mrs Janine Martin, Mr Liam Dunphy and the Year 11 and 12 IPT classes who organised the ticketing for the shows.

What wonderful talent and skills the Brigidine community possesses!

'The Boyfriend' had so much colour, life and happiness in it that everyone came away with a big smile on their face!



Back Stage Crew – the show could not go on without these students



The Cast members of the Boyfriend



Brigitta Williams and Claire Robertson



Liliane Salem, Clare Keighery, Kate Boyd, Angelique Bosman

Bundanon Art Camp

YEAR 11 VISUAL ARTS CAMP TO BUNDANON

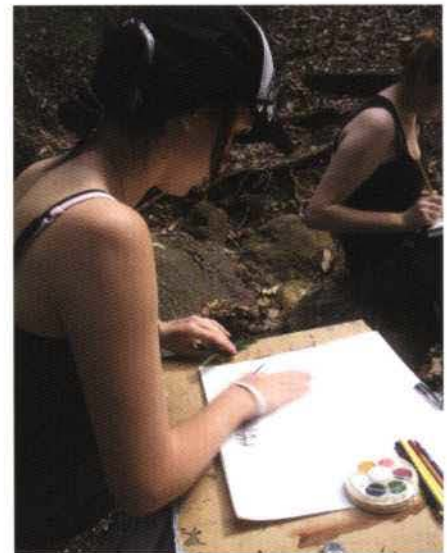
Located on the Shoalhaven River inland from Nowra, the Bundanon properties cover 1000 hectares and provide our Year 11 students with just the right experience to inspire their senior studies in Visual Arts. The Bundanon property first settled in 1830s and formerly the Australian home of artist Arthur Boyd (1920 – 1999), and Riversdale, which hosts the Trust's education programme, provide a range of opportunities for our students.

During the camp the students attended a tour of Arthur and Yvonne's house – full of drawings, painting, ceramics by the Boyd family and their friends such as Sidney Nolan and Albert Tucker. The tour of Arthur's studio is always a great inspiration with the smell of oil paint, his easel, a old wicker chair with his paint splattered

jumper hanging over it, all creating an atmosphere and giving the students an experience to remember. Another valuable experience was visiting the artists in residence and our students had the opportunity to meet the artists and discuss their artmaking practice.

Drawing, Painting, site-specific sculpture, photography and video are some of the forms used by students at Bundanon to produce a 'body of work' inspired by the camp. Back at school the girls worked on ceramic totems inspired by Boyd's artwork for our new sculpture courtyard.

Another successful and inspiring art camp!



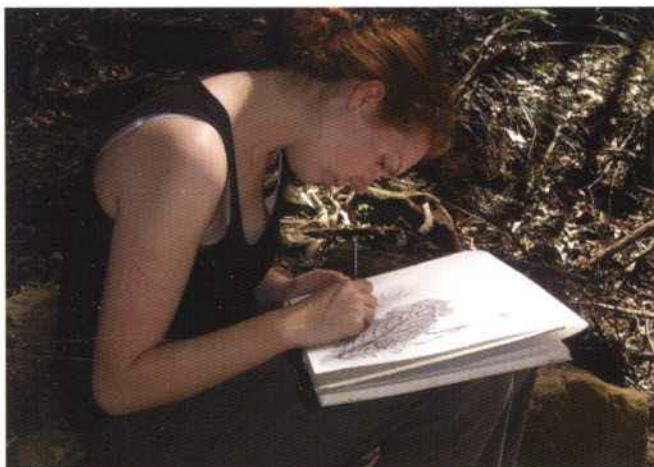
Brianna Butel works on her drawing



The idyllic view inspired many to create wonderful works



Cassie Steele and Simone Delaney



Morgan Davison



The Bundanon Visual Arts Exhibition Display

Year 11 Play



Bec Welsby and Jessica Brown



Candice Dilworth, Tori Maher, MacKenzie Fong



Madalaine Renshaw and Tori Gikas



Year 11 Ensemble

This year marked the 30th anniversary of the Year 11 Play at Brigidine College. Thirty years ago the first performance was directed by Mrs Margaret Cook, and by sheer coincidence, the play was also 'Our Town.' We were very excited to invite back to view our play some of the original 1976 cast, along with the director Mrs Margaret Cook, who started this wonderful tradition.

The Year 11 Play is a way for Year 11 students to work together in a collaborative and creative manner, being offered the chance to work as a performing ensemble, on and off the stage, even for those students who do not study Drama.

Miss McDonald's directing skills were on show with her clever use of space and the simplicity of the design to maximise the actor's importance in this piece. Every member of the cast is on stage at all times, except one. With her usual flair and individuality

Miss McDonald had created a twist in the tale! The role of the Narrator referred to as 'the stage manager' is the link to the audience keeping them informed and up to date with the shifts between past and present in the play – this important role was played by Rebecca and Kate Welsby who only appear together in the third act and prior to that point swap and change the role between them...a surprise for the audience to see double!!

The Cast and Production teams are to be congratulated on a their brilliant performances. The cast was, Kate Welsby, Tori Gikas, Candice Dilworth, Mackenzie Fong, Sarah Read, Lauren Reynolds, Madalaine Renshaw, Ellen Roel, Brigitta Williams, Amy Dreise, Jessica Brown, Joanna Cameron, Tori Maher, Nicole Atkins, Rebecca Welsby, Ellie Dodds-Thompson, Camille Pollett, Karlien van Rhijn, Melanie Gallimore, Sophie McAuley, Heather Attwater, Nicky Clark, Melissa Cleary, Anna Dunn, Simone Ferguson, Natasha Nicholson, Hannah Reid-Anderson, Sinead Robinson-Cast, Lara-Jade Stokes, Lisa Zhao. The production Team, Miss DiAnne McDonald, Mrs Kelly Young, Mr Michael Ford, Rachel Morrison, Aleisha Scott, Sophie Ticehurst, Angie Barin-Stephens, Elle Pacholski, Jessie Schneider, Emma Clyant, Samantha Chong, Eliza Scott-Fell, Rebecca Villarreal, Ms Ngaire Wallace, Rochelle Loader, Prue Fowler, Sarah Read and Karlien van Rhijn.



Mirror Image! Rebecca and Kate Welsby - the Narrator(s)

Dance Spectacular

What a Spectacular it was!

The girls had a great time and we hope so too did their families.

There was so much dedication and hard work that went into the shows and we would love to thank all those parents who helped us on the day and made it all run so smoothly.

Rochelle and all our teachers worked so hard to put the show together and we applaud them all.

Thank you to our committee without whom we would not survive.

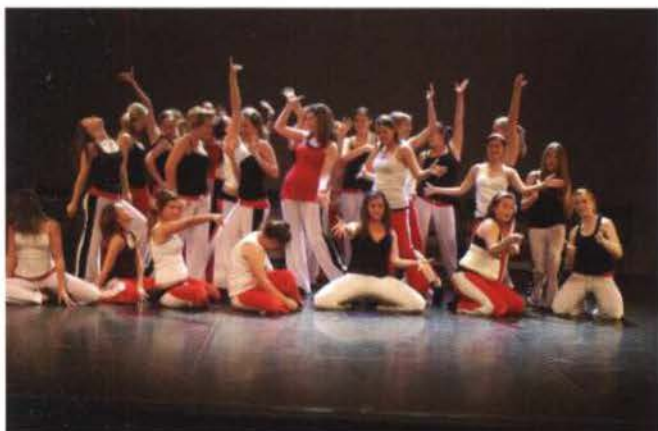
Mrs Angela Edmunds & Mrs Sabrina Dibble



Lauren Thompson - Ballet Solo



Ashleigh Knox - Song and Dance Soloist



Musical Theatre Group from Years 10, 11 and 12



Year 9 Musical Theatre Group perform 'Fame'



Elise Osborne performed her HSC Dance Solo



Open Ballet Group

Visual Arts Year 12 Body of Works Exhibition and Blessing of the Romuald Visual Arts Centre

Sr Chanel Sugden csb, our Province Leader, recalled the life of Sr Romuald Walz, the first Principal of Brigidine College St Ives, when she officially blessed the Romuald Visual Arts Centre on Friday 25 August. This wonderful new facility is located in what had previously been the Romuald Hall and for many of our community this was the first opportunity to visit the new Arts Centre.

After the blessing, the HSC Bodies of Work Exhibition was opened by "Ms & Mrs" a duo of collaborative contemporary artists. A wide range of media were exhibited by our talented Year 12 students: digital, film and video, painting, drawings and print-making, mixed media and wearable art.

On this evening the Mosaic in the Sculpture Courtyard was unveiled. The design features key Brigidine symbols – St Brigid's Cross, the Lamp of Learning, the oak leaf and a traditional celtic pattern. Students and staff worked over many months to produce this colourful and meaningful mosaic which is a centerpiece of the courtyard area.

Mrs Joanne Atkins, Principal, also announced the initiative of the Brigidine Art collection, announcing Julia Chung's HSC Major Work to be the first selected for this honour.



Cristina Herrera with her Year 12 HSC Major Work.



Ms Lu Buckley welcomed our guests and introduced our guest speakers



Sr Chanel Sugden csb officially declared the Romuald Visual Arts Centre Open



Susie Collins in front of her Year 12 HSC Major Work



Julia Chung with her Year 12 HSC Major Work which was selected for Art Express and also selected to be the first piece for the College Art Collection

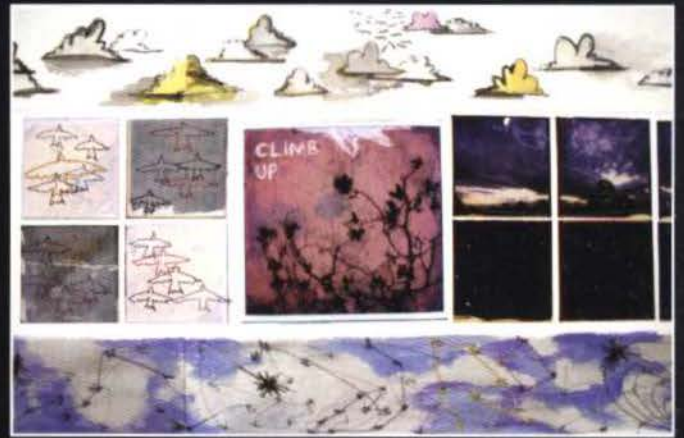


Lauren Langley with her Year 12 HSC Major Work

Visual Arts - Year 12 Body of Works



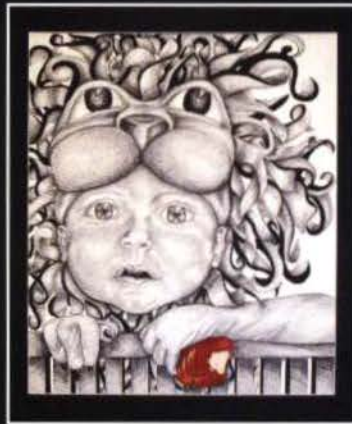
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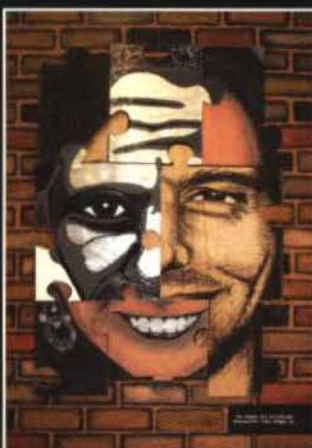
Suzie Hall



Emma Marden



Cristina Herrera



96 Jo Clarke



Kristina Ek



Lisa Curran (DVD Short Film)

Visual Arts - Year 12 Body of Works



Lauren Langley



Danielle Humphris



Harriett Smith



Amy Beech-Allen



Kate Kennett



Sarah Boreham



Natalie Ward



Rachel Mackay



Susie Collins



Meghan Hamilton (DVD Short Film)



Julia Chung

TAS Textiles and Design -Year 12 HSC Major Textile Projects



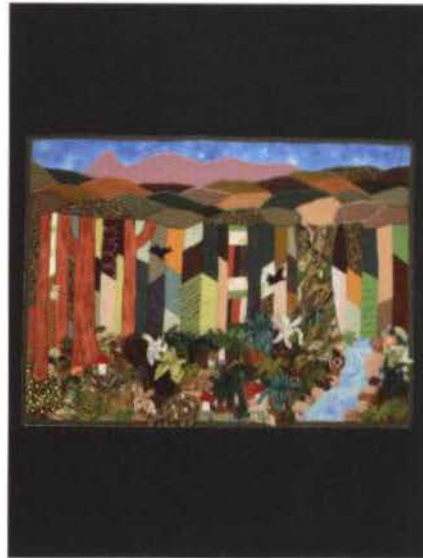
Harriet Smith



Elise Osborne



Natalie Ponticello



Heidi Godsall



Amy Beech-Allen



Christina Mayne



Serena Bell

TAS Textiles and Design - Year 12 HSC Major Textile Projects



Amy Buckingham



Ella Haines



Lara Bayliss



Jessica Kirkby



Holly Meyerson



Suzannah Hall



Amy Brown

Music Camp



Caroline Day practises her violin

On the 15th and 16th of May, music students from Years 7 – 12 attended the annual Music Camp at Vision Valley, Arcadia, rehearsing in preparation for the Music Cabaret Night. The Concert Band, Choir, Flute, Clarinet and string ensembles as well as chosen soloists filled the valley with beautiful music.

It was a wonderful camp, and without the unfailing support of Mrs Boyd, Mrs Hall and Mrs Lindsay it wouldn't have been possible.

**Courtney Baker and
Samantha Gilroy
Music Captains**



Trisha Kenny, Aimee Lodge rehearse a choral piece



The College Clarinet ensemble was able to rehearse outside on the verandah



The College Choir rehearsing



Clarinet Ensemble enjoyed the opportunity to play together in such a relaxed environment



The College Concert Band with Mrs Hall



Year 12 HSC Music Class 2006

Year 12 HSC Drama Night

Year 12 Drama participated in two HSC Drama Nights this year. The first, Individual Performances and Projects, displayed the amazing artistic talent of our Costume Designers, the cerebral thoughts of our Theatre Reviewers and the brilliance of our Actors. A packed audience of parents and friends in Bowie Hall supported our Year 12 students. The second performance was the Group Performance Night, when all Year 12 Drama students participate in their own group-devised performance. This year performances covered so many different topics, from the inside of a child's mind, the impact of globalisation, the price of fame, rag dolls on a shelf, dog shows, Aboriginal

reconciliation, and even a missing vowel! We were thrilled when one of our groups (Bronya Fraser-Hills, Jennifer Edgar, Samantha McCormack and Katy Jenkins) was nominated for OnStage, as an outstanding performance from the whole state. Both of our HSC Drama Nights demonstrated the outstanding talent of our Year 12 Drama Queens.



Beth Walker Year 12



Courtney Leach Year 12



Madeleine Hillier, Holly Cashman, Sarah Fox and Madeleine Gough Year 12 Group Performance - 'I SPY'



Caitlin Johnson Year 12



Madeleine Gough Year 12



Year 12 Drama Group Performance "Hear No..... See No..... Speak No...*" Left to Right - Bronya Fraser- Hills, Jennifer Edgar, Katy Jenkins and Sam McCormack (this was also nominated for OnStage)

Year 12 HSC Music Performance Night



Ashleigh Knox

Congratulations to the talented Year 12 Music students who entertained staff, friends and family so brilliantly at the HSC Music Performance Night.

There were a wide variety of styles and pieces played, and all the performances were outstanding.

Well done to Courtney Baker, Lauren Daneel, Samantha Gilroy, Katy Jenkins, Ashleigh Knox, Courtney Leach and Claire Robertson.

Mrs Ros Boyd
Music Coordinator



Lauren Daneel



Samantha Gilroy



Katy Jenkins



Claire Robertson



Courtney Baker



Courtney Leach

Houses



House Captains



House Captains

Back Row: Sarah Dixon, Laura Euers - Fatima, Lauren Daneel, Alyce Muldoon - Prague
Front Row: Sarah Gardiner, Sarah Fox - Lourdes, Madeleine Gough, Sarah Bryant - Kildare



College House Captains show their fighting spirit

House Captain's Reports

Prague

BANANANANA!!! *crowd goes wild* It's been an awesome year.

The spirit of our house this year has been amazing! From 'Prague Pirates' to 'Prague Psychedelic' it has been unbelievable. The costumes got bigger and brighter, especially the ones worn by the senior students in Years 11 and 12, which set high standards for the eager juniors. With the bright yellow and purple banners being waved we astonished the opposition with our vivid colours.

We unfortunately didn't win either of the Carnivals but the spirit of our house was shown as we won both the war cry competitions and were always supporting our 'Praguarians' on the track and in the pool. Thanks go to all the girls who participated in the carnivals whether it was in the serious or novelty events. Also we would like to thank the girls who put in the time and effort making fantastic posters which we proudly displayed.

An enormous thank you goes to Miss Brannan for all her support and effort she put in to ensure a day of success for Prague, she has been so helpful and an amazing house patron. Also another thank you goes to our fellow Year 12s; you gave us this wonderful opportunity to lead you knowing you would always be behind us to support us. We know you have also enjoyed this year and your support was shown by everyone of you participating in the tug-of-war which we won! This year wouldn't have been a success without every one of you.

We wish all the best to Camille Pollett and Elle Pacholski (House Captains of 2007) good luck leading Prague into victory next year! We are sure you will have an awesome time. We couldn't have asked for a better role, and have had the greatest time! And remember 'WE ARE PRAGUE YES WE ARE, WE ARE PRAGUE, BEST BY FAR, OH OH OH OH OH OH OH'

Lauren Daneel and Alyce Muldoon
House Captains



Prague show 'who has the spirit' 'WE ARE PRAGUE YES WE ARE, WE ARE PRAGUE, BEST BY FAR, OH OH OH OH OH OH OH OH'

Lourdes

2006 – What a GREAT year is has been for Lourdes! The year kicked off with a fun day at the InterHouse Swimming Carnival, It was a great effort from all the Lourdes girls and everyone had a great day. It was a close finish and Lourdes came 2nd to Fatima by just 29 points!

Although we didn't take home the trophy, the array of blue and orange Lourdes Laborer Costumes took the cake for the best theme of 2006, especially with the help of witches hats and construction tape setting the scene. The day was a huge success for Year 12 who got thoroughly involved and of course beat the teachers in the teacher v student relay.

Revenge was to be sought at the Athletics Carnival held at the Narrabeen Athletics Track. The day started off with a BANG and Lourdes led the way with our crazy, frivolous theme: Ludicrous Lourdes!

We had an awesome day in the sun with girls of all ages competing. Balloons, ribbons, hairspray and ENTHUSIASM from the Ludicrous Lourdes girls dominated the carnival. History was to repeat itself unfortunately, when Lourdes again finished 2nd to Fatima. You'll get there next year Lourdes!

Finally, we would like to thank Mr Dunphy, our House Patron, Mrs Wachter, the staff from Lourdes and most importantly – all of the Lourdes girls; we couldn't have done it without you. Best of luck to Ellie and Hannah for next year.

And remember...keep the Lourdes Spirit Strong!!!!

"Come on Lourdes, come on, come on! Come on Lourdes, come on...COME ON!!!

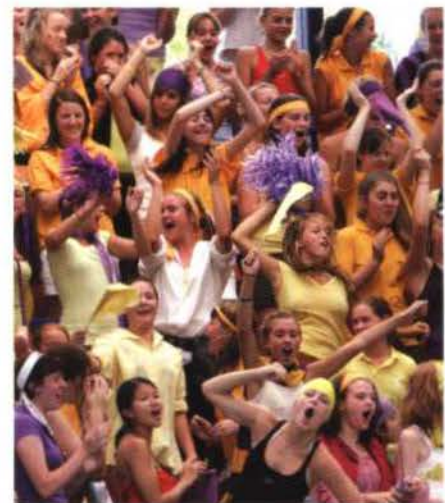
Sarah Gardiner and Sarah Fox
House Captains



Prague House Captains Lauren Daneel and Alyce Muldoon



Lourdes House Captains Sarah Gardiner and Sarah Fox



Prague's war cry



Lourdes in Full War Cry "Come on Lourdes, come on, come on! Come on Lourdes, come on.....COME ON!!!

House Captains Reports

Fatima

*"FATIMA WE'RE BLUE AND WHITE...
WON'T GO DOWN WITHOUT A
FIGHT!!!"*

2006 = The year the Fatties brought home the bacon.

The year the Farmers broke the drought.

The year the Fitness Freaks went Fanatical.

The year Fatima champions became LEGENDS.

This tremendous record breaking event (winning both carnivals) could not have been possible without the unwavering support of some loyal teachers and our whistle blowing, get up and cheer like crazy house patron Mrs Hall.

But we can not overlook the teamwork and courageous efforts of the Fatimarians of 2006. You are dedicated devoted and daring! Congratulations should also be awarded for raising the most funds for Children of the First Sunrise.

Needless to say FATIMA 2006 will go down in history.

"WE LOVE YOU FATIMA, OH YES WE DO!"

Laura Euers and Sarah Dixon



Fatima House Captains Sarah Dixon and Laura Euers



Fatima House win both the Interhouse Athletics and Swimming Carnivals in a clean sweep!

Kildare

What a fabulous time all the Kildarians have had this year!!! Lots of spectacular energy and enthusiasm went into the swimming, running, costumes and cheering at both the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals for 2006!

The year began with a BANG with "Kildare Cartoon Heroes" where all girls showed up in their most heroic red and green costumes with many an eye mask, cape, and good old scream to be shared!

The stands were saturated with red and green heroic spirit and banners and the Captain Kildare Song echoed around the centre the entire day! Many girls participated in swimming events resulting in a high number of 1sts, 2nds and 3rds and those that didn't compete certainly impressed the other houses with their blasting vocals!

Fun was had by all in the novelty AND serious events, as well as in the stands and at the canteen, and the Year 12's would certainly agree that it was the best swimming carnival of all time with lots of senior spirit during the senior swim with a mass of girls in the pool, followed by the Teacher v Student race where the Students won... of course! Even though our Year 12 chant and whistling got rather annoying for teachers and the girls below, everyone would agree that the 2006 Swimming Carnival was a day to remember; especially for Kildare... The power is yours!

The spirit was continued on at the 2006 Athletics Carnival where Kildare turned Cosmic!! The sensational display of red and green glitter, sparkles, banners, fairy wings, tulle skirts, buggish ears and spacey costumes raised Kildare to a new level, especially with the help of our daring School Captain Bronya Fraser-

Hills, completely painted green and LOVING IT - a form of "dress up" Kildare will never forget! Cheers Bron!

The stands and oval was covered with red and green spirit while the track and novelty events radiated with Cosmic hype and if the girls weren't having their hair sprayed red or green by one of the Kildare Senior Leaders, they were jumping to the Cosmic stars in the high jump, leaping to the ends of the cosmic planet in the long jump, showing their cosmically spectacular skills on the track or making complete cosmic aliens of themselves in the novelty events with friends!

Even though we didn't have enough time to properly parade our skills in the war cry, there's always next year girls... we know you can do it!!!

As 2006 Kildare Captains we would like to say a special thanks to all the super-heroic teachers for supporting us, the cosmically creative seniors for all your effort and enthusiasm and especially all the Super Cosmic Kildarians of Brigidine!

Awesome job to everyone...hope you had a blast!

Break a leg next year...

GOOOOOOOOOO KILDARE!!!!!!

Captain - Madeleine Gough
Vice Captain - Sarah Bryant



Kildare House Captains, Madeleine Gough and Sarah Bryant



GOOOOOOOOOO KILDARE!!!!!!

Interhouse Athletics Carnival

On Thursday 4th May we held our Annual Inter-House Athletics Carnival at Narrabeen Sports Centre under perfect blue skies. The enthusiasm of our House Captains had the girls well prepared and ready for a day of participation and competition.

The day was an outstanding success with a record number of students competing in the championship events. Many students excelled in their chosen fields and many others just enjoyed the opportunity to test their skills in a number of Novelty Team events.

CONGRATULATIONS to the following:
Fatima House: Champions 2006, the

talented Individual Age Champions – all-rounders extraordinaire, the Many Record Breakers – for providing those Special Moments!

All the House and Vice Captains whose organisation and enthusiasm had so much to do with the day being a positive experience for all and to all who participated so enthusiastically and positively.

FINALLY: The day could not have succeeded without the untiring efforts of so many people. A BIG THANK YOU to all the staff, parent and student helpers who kept the events running so smoothly throughout the day.

OVERALL POINT SCORE:

1ST: FATIMA 2423points
2ND: LOURDES 2330points
3RD: PRAGUE 2278points
4TH: KILDARE 1797points

Invitational 100m: Sarah Kimmorley Kildare



Chelsea Hayward overall Athletics Champion
2nd year in a row

Age Champions and Runners Up

	Age Champion	Runner Up
12 years	Alissa Osada-Phornsiri (Prague)	Saskia Ek (Fatima)
13 years	Olivia Caprarelli (Prague)	Michelle Troup (Kildare)
14 years	Chelsea Hayward (Fatima)	Elise Gillard (Prague)
15 years	Rebecca Woodroof (Lourdes)	Natasha Hall (Fatima)
16 years	Sarah Kimmorley (Kildare)	Christina Rodgers (Fatima)
17+ years	Kelly Cheng (Prague)	Christina Cagorski (Lourdes) Madeleine Hillier (Fatima)

Multi Disability =1st

Chloe Eather (Lourdes)
and Corinne Turner (Fatima)

OVERALL SCHOOL AGE CHAMPION: Chelsea Hayward Fatima (Most number of points attained throughout the day)

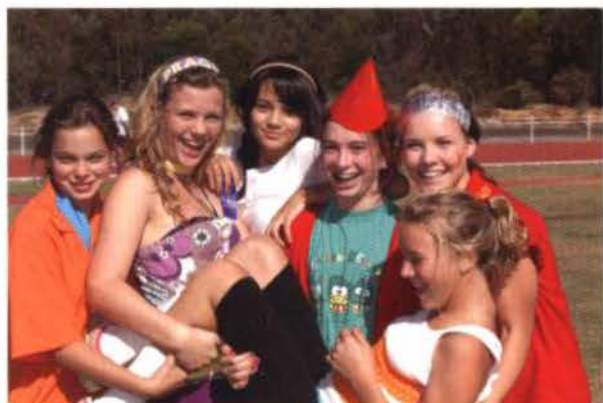
RECORDS SET or BROKEN = 8

CHELSEA HAYWARD: Long Jump (14 years) – 4.67m	800m (junior) - 2:32.61
SARAH KIMMORLEY: 400m (16 years) – 1:02.86	100m (16years) - 12.66
CHLOE EATHER: 100m (Multi-disability) – 16.23	200m (Multi-Disability) – 35.83
KANDIS ORR: High Jump (16 years) - 1.57m	
MICHELLE TROUP: Discus (13 years) – 26.77	



Breeana Alder takes flight!

Mrs Skye Wachter Sports Development Office



Year 9 girls give their friend a hand



Year 11 students jump for joy!

Interhouse Swimming Carnival



Fatima House Captains Laura Euers and Sarah Dixon proudly collect on behalf of Fatima the Interhouse Swimming Trophy

The College Swimming Carnival held on Wednesday at Warringah Aquatic Centre was a wonderful day full of lots of House spirit and high levels of participation. The atmosphere created by the girls, so ably lead by the House Captains was a credit to all involved.

This year we had age championship races and the more relaxed Interhouse races as well as a novelty noodle race for each year group, which proved very popular.

Congratulations to Fatima who won the carnival for the first time since 1990. The competition was very close with only 22 points between Fatima with 801 points and the second place house - Lourdes with 779 points. Prague was third with 738 points and Kildare with 646 points.

The War Cry this year was won by Prague.

Age Champions are as follows:

12Years - Tertia Garay - Fatima

13Years - Ellen Spadon - Prague

14Years - Elise Gillard - Prague

15Years - Belinda Bull - Prague

16Years - Liana Dudley - Lourdes

17Years - Grace Davies - Lourdes

Congratulations to Elise Gillard who broke two long standing records on Wednesday. She now holds the Junior 100m Freestyle record with a time of 1:04:04, previously set in 1987. The 14 Years 50m Freestyle previously set in 2001 is now also held by Elise with a time of 29.65s.

A big thank you to all the parents who supported the carnival through their attendance, the staff who made the Carnival run so smoothly and the students who were so enthusiastic and well behaved throughout the carnival.

Mrs Skye Wachter
Sports Development Office



Bianca Lane, Ella Haines, Rachel MacKay Year 12



Danielle Ashworth swims the Butterfly for Kildare



Elise Gillard, Lauren Millar, Natasha Steger and Belinda Bull



Kildare supporters Christina Mayne, Kate Kennett, Emma Hines, Emily Topp, Natalie Ward and Bronya Fraser-Hills

College Athletics Age Champions



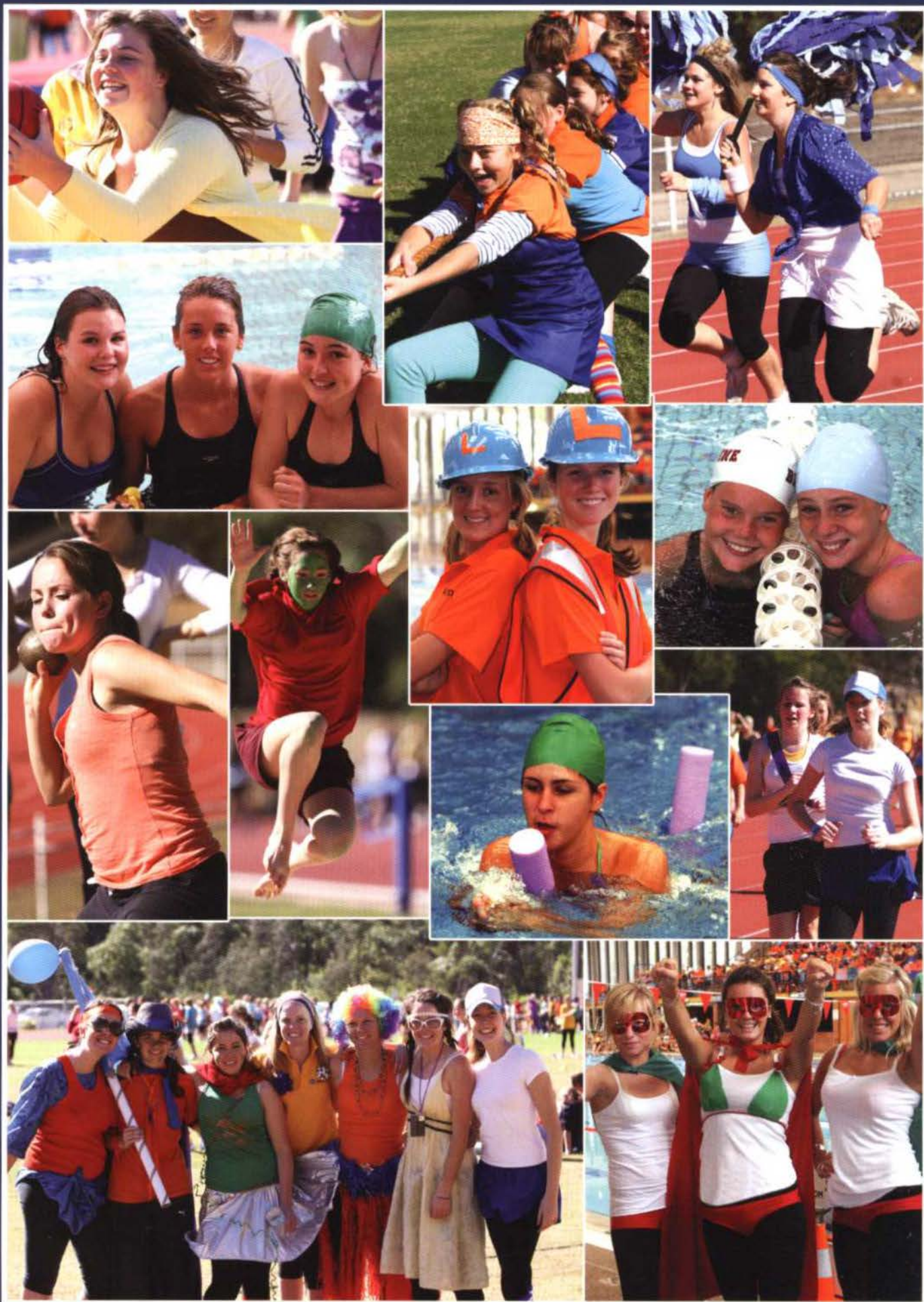
Athletics Age Champions
Back row: Kelly Cheng, Chelsea Hayward, Sarah Kimmorley, Chloe Eather
Front row: Alissa Osada-Phornsiri, Corinne Turner, Rebecca Woodroof and Olivia Caprarelli

College Swimming Age Champions



Swimming Age Champions
Corinne Turner, Belinda Bull, Ellen Spadon, Liana Dudley, Grace Davies, Tertia Garay, Elise Gillard

House Activities



Co-Curricular



Society Presidents



Front Row: Sarah Bryant, Caitlin Johnson, Jessica Kirkby, Susannah Collins, Amy Beech-Allen
Second Row: Esther Thurtell, Claire Robertson, Hannah-Rose Saul, Emelia Thomas

Club Captains



Front Row: Liesl Cornell, Sarah Dixon, Rachel Venteman, Kate McRobie, Natalie Ward, Madeleine Hillier, Alexandra Sim, Ailsa McArthur, Fiona McDonald
Second Row: Kara Singh, Meghan Hamilton, Juliana Betts, Courtney Baker, Amy Leahy, Elizabeth Frost, Gabrielle Malouf, Chloe Brown, Erika Aoyama
Third Row: Clare Barclay, Alison Francis, Tamara Wright, Sarah Fox, Lauren Daneel, Christina Cagorski, Belinda Stewart, Emelia Thomas, Samantha Gilroy

Centre for Excellence Report

Broaden Your Horizons.

The Centre for Excellence covers a wide range of co-curricular activities that involve around two hundred students each year. Interest groups meet at lunchtimes with both Society Presidents and staff members providing their time and expertise to the benefit of the students. Girl Talk, convened by Mrs Annemarie Mitchell, Japanese Club, convened by Mrs Keiko Hosogoe, Science Club, with Mrs Virginia Reed and Mrs Heather Chaplin, Animal Welfare, convened by Mrs Michelle Read-Zorn, Philosophy, with Mr Phil Shirvington and Drawing Board, with Ms Lu Buckley, are some of the focus groups that meet weekly.

The Public Speaking Association participates in various competitions including the CSDA Public Speaking Competition where, this year a record number of students were selected to continue onto Round 2 of the competition and Eva Chapple (Year 11) made it into the Final of the Senior Division. Other public speakers have competed in the "Rostrum Voice of Youth", the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Award and The Legacy Junior Public Speaking Award, where Victoria Boyd (Year 8) was selected to continue onto the Regional Finals. The Frenchs Forest Rotary Club held its Annual "Youth Speaks" Public Speaking Competition in June. Year 12 students, Emelia Thomas, Claire Robertson and Bronya Fraser-Hills took part in an after dinner style address. Having won this competition in 2004 and 2005, the team was narrowly defeated by Davidson High School. Early in Term 4 the AHIGS Festival of Speech takes place each year. About twenty Brigidine students participate in Readings, Poetry, Public Speaking, Religious and Ethical Questions and Debating. Staff that assist in this area of the Centre for Excellence include, Miss Andrea Foster, Mrs Robyn Stone, Mrs Lorna Hall, Mr Phil Shirvington and Miss DiAnne Mc Donald.

The Centre for Excellence also provides an opportunity for the Senior Leaders to enter into the Lion's Youth of the Year competitions. Both Bronya Fraser-Hills and Ashleigh Knox entered and won the public speaking section of their competitions. The Hornsby Ku-ring-gai Zonta Club's Young Women in Public Affairs Award was won this

year by Brigidine College Vice Captain, Samantha McCormack.

Students in Year 10 and 11 take part in Mock Trial that is led by Mrs Marilyn Lucas and assisted by Mr Paul Arblaster, the Law Society appointed coach. This year we had a very keen team, some of whom will be able to take part in the competition again next year.

Thirty two Brigidine College students attended the Knox Da Vinci Decathlons this year. This academic gala day is highly competitive and our teams performed well on the day.

Other highlights in the Centre for Excellence this year have included Tournament of Minds, where one of our teams was awarded Tournament Honours for their Information Technology Challenge solution. Mr Greg Johns, once again, assisted with the facilitation of the teams.

Finally, thank you to the Society Presidents who have quietly gone about their duties of supporting the Centre for Excellence and leading their groups.

Archimedian Society – Hannah Saul

Ciceronian Society – Emelia Thomas

Periclean Society – Esther Thurtell

Socratic Society – Caitlin Johnson

Hellenic Society - Susannah Collins

Justinian Society – Sarah Bryant

Mrs Jan Whiddon
Director, Centre for Excellence



Meghan Fry, Science Club member shows her experiment



Zonta Young Woman in Public Affairs Award Winner - Sam McCormack, Year 12 with Mrs Whiddon



Tournament of Minds girls with Mrs Whiddon in the Centre for Excellence

Societies



Periclean Society President Esther Thurtell



Ciceronian Society President Emelia Thomas



Periclean Society meet with Mrs Atkins to discuss the Environment

Periclean Society

This year the Japanese Club run by Mrs Keiko Hosogoe has been very successful with many students attending from a variety of year groups. These girls have been taking part in a range of activities such as playing Japanese games and learning how to make Origami and Sushi. Mrs Hosogoe has planned a number of activities this term such as Japanese quizzes, songs, wearing the kimono and writing Japanese symbols.

The Environmental Club this year has had informal meetings with a number of suggestions drawn up to make Brigidine College a more environmentally friendly place. These suggestions have been passed on to the senior leaders of the school and the club has had a meeting with Mrs Atkins to discuss our suggestions, a few of which we hope will be implemented next year.

On behalf of the Periclean Society, I would like to thank Mrs Keiko Hosogoe for her enthusiasm, dedication and involvement in this society.

Esther Thurtell
Periclean Society President

Ciceronian Society

2006 was another successful year for the Centre for Excellence and the Ciceronian Society respectively. Participating in numerous amounts of prestigious competitions throughout the year, the Ciceronian Society has once again achieved many awards for the efforts of countless students at Brigidine who have given their time so generously to this club.

This year the Ciceronian Society was involved in competitions such as the Frenchs Forest, and St Ives Lion's Youth of the Year, the CSDA in Public Speaking, Rostrum Voice of Youth, Zonta, AHIGS Festival of Speech, Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Competition, Legacy and the Frenchs Forest Rotary Club Youth Speaks."

Public Speaking is a skill feared by many and respected by all, and so this year we have continued to have lunch meetings with a large group of students eager to improve their already blossoming talents for the art of speech, especially developing their impromptu skills.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the girls involved in the Ciceronian Society, for representing the school with pride and being constant ambassadors for Brigidine. Every single girl did their very best and they should be extremely proud of their achievements in their respective competitions.

Consequently, I would especially like to thank Mrs Whiddon profusely for her continuous and undying support for the Ciceronian Society and indeed the entire Centre for Excellence. Without her input to this Club, it would cease to be the successful Society it is today.

Congratulations girls on an excellent year!

Emelia Thomas
Ciceronian Society President

Societies

Archimedian Society

This year has been an exciting one for the Archimedian Society, with the Junior Science Club and Tournament of Minds.

In the Science Club, budding young scientists from Years 7 and 8 were assisted by Mrs Reed and Mrs Chaplin. They performed many exciting experiments including Crystal Growing, Balloon Racing, and testing for the best paper airplane.

Tournament of the Minds was a great success as we entered two teams into this national competition. An extraordinary effort went into the planning and delivery of the solutions to their problems. Well done to Olivia Caprarelli, Catherine Dell, Bianca Cornale and Rochelle Esterman in Year 7 as well as Nicola Scarf, Alex Hooper, and Christina Kim in Year 8 who presented a fantastic Greek Tragedy in their Language and Literature problem "Floored by Tragedy". Congratulations to Claire Feather, Alana Gibson, Amanda Chong and Kristyn Gillot in Year 7 and Chantal Walsh, Sophia Brindel and Eleanor Biles who took on the new Information and Communication challenge with "The Marriage Of Figure Out". Huge thanks go to Mrs Whiddon and Mr Johns for organising and helping the girls in their challenges!

Hannah Saul
Archimedian President

Socratic Society

This year the Socratic Society has been meeting at lunchtimes and watching films in order to introduce philosophy in a way which is easy to grasp.

We have watched films such as "Shrek", "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Sword in the Stone", which all demonstrate key philosophical themes and issues.

Introducing philosophy is important as it is of assistance in a number of other subjects. We have aimed to introduce the subject to girls in the younger years, in particular, through viewing these films in the hope that it will provide them with a basic understanding of the concepts of philosophy. These concepts include identity, morality and metaphysics.

It has been good to introduce philosophy in such an enjoyable way. A special thanks to Mr Shirvington for providing the movies and directing our lunchtime meetings.

Caitlin Johnson
Socratic Society President



Archimedian Society President Hannah Saul



Socratic Society President Caitlin Johnson



Science Club members Anna Altman and Meghan Fry

Societies



Justinian Society President Sarah Bryant



Art Club Captain Susie Collins

Justinian Society

It was another exciting year for the Justinian society. A new Mock Trial team was established consisting of both Year 10 and Year 11 girls. The group participated in the NSW Law Society Mock trial competition and did exceptionally well for their first time. The team won one Mock trial lost two and the fourth was forfeited by the other team. Overall, a fantastic effort was put in by all team members. A huge 'thank you' to all the girls who participated and I wish them luck in future competitions. I'd also like to thank Mrs Lucus who helped the girls every step of the way. And lastly a big thank you to Mr Arblaster, our coach who helped throughout the trials.

The Girl Talk group has also thrived this past year. Under the direction of Mrs Mitchell, the girls were able to discuss pressing issues relating to women while at the same time enjoying each others company. The group has grown over the past year thanks to Mrs Mitchell's enthusiasm.

It has been an enjoyable experience working with the teachers and students involved in these two clubs. The final and most important thank you is extended to Mrs Whiddon. I would like to thank her on behalf of everybody involved in the Justinian Society.

Sarah Bryant
Justinian Society President

Hellenic Society

The Art Club involves much more than drawing. This year we have had a Christmas Card competition (thank you to a large group of Year 7 girls who put a fantastic effort into their cards), made collages, charcoal and oil pastel portraits, paintings, and clay work.

The Art Club gives girls who are interested, or want to learn more about art, an opportunity to participate in creative activities. They are able to meet other girls from their year, and other years, who have a common passion for the arts.

Next year, I advise anyone (from any year) who is even remotely interested in art to join.

Thank you to the Year 7 girls who were dedicated throughout the year and good luck with your art making in the future. It has been fun being the President this year, and I wish next year's President the best of luck.

Susie Collins
Hellenic Society President



Art Club members creating!

Animal Welfare

I am sure that if I were to ask Animal Welfare Group members about the highlight for 2006 it would undoubtedly be the visit to the Northside branch of the NSW Animal Welfare League. The aim of the trip was twofold. Firstly, the Group had been studying the work of Animal Shelters in the community and secondly, we wanted to deliver the proceeds of the Year 7 Animal Welfare Fundraiser. The Fundraiser was a great success. Students contributed all manner of pet bedding, treats and toys. It was a pleasure to be able to give the much appreciated donations to the Shelter staff and of course, to the animals. I am sure that through the Fundraiser we were able to bring a little bit more comfort to some confused, lonely and sad pets.

While at the Shelter, students were guided through the various dog and cat enclosures and were able to question the staff about their work. Students enjoyed interacting with all of the animals housed at the Shelter. Going by the dog smiles, wagging tails, and loud puffs, it was clear that a friendly word, a firm pat and a delicious treat made the animals' day a little bit brighter.

The Animal Welfare Group students were very sad to learn of the untimely death of Steve Irwin. A special meeting was held in his honour. We had the chance to reflect on his passion and love for Australian Wildlife and his ongoing work for conservation and habitat preservation. As many people have said of the Crocodile Hunter, he was a one-off, a true "Wildlife Warrior". He will be greatly missed.

Mrs Shelley Read-Zorn
Animal Welfare Convenor



Animal Welfare Club Members at the West Hoxton Animal Shelter donating their goods. Back Row: Julia Kennett, Jennifer Hesketh, Courtney Dawson, Tara Rogers, Greta Cumming Mrs Shelley Read-Zorn
Kneeling: Katie Hitchman, Meghan Fry and Corinne Turner

Debating Club

2006 was another successful season for the Brigidine Debating Club. With a total of 46 students participating in the Club, the girls began what would be an enjoyable and rewarding season of debating.

This year, the club decided to take part in two competitions, being the Independent Schools Debating Association (ISDA) and the prestigious Archdale Competition.

In the ISDA competition, the girls came up against some tough competitors, including debaters from schools such as MLC, PLC Sydney, Loreto Kirribilli, Ravenswood, PLC Pymble, Cranbrook and Trinity. There were a total of four debates held at Brigidine for the ISDA competition. Unfortunately although the girls were always up for the challenge and tried their best, whilst representing the school commendably, only the Junior B Corpus Christi team proceeded to the semi-final round of the competition.

In the Archdale Competition the girls competed against schools such as Loreto Kirribilli, Meriden, Monte, Danebank, St Catherine's and Tangara. With a total of three at home debates, Brigidine proved very successful with the 7B and 8A teams progressing to the third playoffs and finishing in third place in their division. Those girls competing in the Archdale competition are to be congratulated on their overall achievement of fourth on the 'Archdale Shield' out of 21 schools. This is a vast improvement from Brigidine's placement of 16th in 2005!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all the girls involved for always representing the school with pride and being hospitable hosts when debates were held at Brigidine. All girls tried their very best and were both gracious winners and supportive runners up. We would also like to thank all the coaches and managers who worked with the teams, and also all those on the Debating Committee. We would like to extend our thanks to Miss Howes who organised all the home debates and transport of the Archdale girls to and from the various venues.

We would especially like to thank Tammy Malouf for Convening the Debating Club during 2006. Tammy ran and organised every aspect of the Club, overseeing all involved, and making the club the success it is today.

Gabrielle Malouf
Debating Captain 2006

Emelia Thomas
Debating Vice Captain 2006



Debating Club Captains Emelia Thomas and Gabrielle Malouf



Our Debating Team of 2006

Japanese Club

This year as an initiative of the Periclean Society Mrs Keiko Hosogoe commenced a new club – The Japanese Club.

The Japanese Club meets at lunch time every Thursday to experience Japanese culture. Origami, sushi cooking, Japanese songs, Japanese games, calligraphy...lots of activities!

The students are learning a few Japanese expressions, Japanese symbols and numbers as well.



Sushi making in the Centre for Excellence with the Japanese Club

GirlTalk

Who attends?.....Many students from Years 7 to 12

Where?....In the Centre for Excellence

When?.....On Mondays at lunchtime

We discuss topics relevant to our lives and topics that interest us. We find articles in magazines, newspapers and books.

A highlight was our annual International Women's Day breakfast on March 8th and eating lots of M & Ms!

Topics discussed: Do you want to have children and when? / Am I too old for my clothes? / Why do we buy magazines? / Parental supervision / Boo-boos made in front of people / Guess which handbag is the most expensive / The Commonwealth Games and the many women who won! / Divorce and how it affects children / Abang Othou of the Sudan left in hospital with malaria at age 6, then reunited with Mother at age 23 / How much sleep do you need? / Successful women in business / The Good Wife's guide from the '50s / Plastic surgery and the technology to save children disfigured in fires in

Africa and Afghanistan / The changing nature of beauty / Junk food versus good food / How polite are we as a nation? / Diamonds are a girl's best friend / Teenage dress / 100 most influential people from the Bulletin magazine (only 10 were women!)

Thank you to all who are regular visitors to our enjoyable Girl Talk group. It is a great way to get to know other students from various year groups.

Thanks to Mrs Whiddon for joining us so often.

Mrs Annemarie Mitchell
Girl Talk Convenor



Japanese Club Members with Mrs Hosogoe



The Girl Talk Club led by Mrs Annemarie Mitchell with Mrs Whiddon's support

Mock Trial

Seven enthusiastic young people from Years 10 and 11 made up the Brigidine Mock Trial Team for 2006. We participated in the Inter-School Mock Trial Competition organised by The Law Society of New South Wales. This involved preparation and presentation of cases over four rounds of the competition. Students became the accused, witnesses for the defence or prosecution and legal representatives for either the defence or prosecution.

Our Year 11 team members Eva Chapple, Amy Dreise, Sophie Ticehurst and Lisa Zhao generally assumed the roles of barristers and solicitors. Year 10 team members, Lena Chapple, Catherine Davies and Carly Wright participated as witnesses, court officers and magistrate's assistants.

During early morning and lunchtime meetings our team members analysed the material provided and developed a case. Notes were prepared for opening and closing addresses and for examination of witnesses. Final presentation of our case at a Mock Trial against other North Shore and Northern Beaches schools developed skills in both 'thinking on your feet' and in advocacy.

Our team would like to acknowledge the professional advice and assistance of our coach, Mr Paul Arblaster. His enthusiasm and knowledge are sincerely appreciated.

Mrs Marilyn Lucas



Mock Trial Team Members with Mr Arblaster

Science Club

Science Club meets every Tuesday lunch time. Mrs Reed and Mrs Chaplin, with the able assistance of the Society President, Hannah Saul, supervise and guide the members of the club as they partake in a variety of activities. The year began well with an enthusiastic group of Year 7, 8 and 9 girls. The Club endeavours to meet the interests of all the girls by performing simple experiments and investigations in each of the four major disciplines of Science.

Chemistry activities are always popular. Dry ice as a source of carbon dioxide created a rainbow of colours when universal indicator was added to a cylinder containing water and the dry ice. The growing of crystal gardens where chemicals precipitated out of their salt solutions as silicates proved both fascinating and enjoyable. The girls watched as a myriad of colour and crystals spread before their eyes.

Simple identification tests were used to analyse different compounds and mystery substances were identified. The chemistry of copper was studied in a series of experiments with a few dedicated enthusiasts.

Fun investigations of air pressure using balloons and string saw the girls creating rockets that flew down the hallway. The Aerodynamics of flight

was then investigated by the making of paper planes where complicated instructions were followed and masterpieces were created. A competition to see how far each would fly and how many loops could be achieved was enjoyed by all.

In Science Week, ice, oil and coloured water were used to show differences in density in a variety of novelty demonstrations.

Science club would not be complete without time being spent using the microscope. Both plant and animal species were viewed in addition to hair and fibres as part of a forensics task.

The enthusiasm, dedication and interest of the club members is most gratifying.

We would like to acknowledge the valuable assistance of Mrs Gerhardt and Mrs Driscoll in their preparation of materials and equipment for Science Club and thank them for their effort throughout the year.

Mrs Heather Chaplin and Mrs Virginia Reed



Science Club member Nicola Head (Year 8)



Science Club Members

Athletics Club



Athletics Club Captains Ailsa McArthur and Christina Cagorski



IGSSA Melissa Cleary in the Highjump



IGSSA Senior Relay finalists Ailsa McArthur, Kelly Cheng, Maddie Hillier and Erika Aoyama



Group Athletics Team

Front Row: Corinne Turner, Ashleigh Trupiano, Jade Thomas, Katherine Nuttall, Sara Mackay, Monisha Jackson, Georgia Heraghty, Amber McMahon, Olivia Caprarelli, Katrina Scotter

Second Row: Jessica Shanahan, Saskia Ek, Kate Marvell, Rebecca Woodroof, Sigrid Westhoff, Michelle Troup, Anna-Marie Shepherd, Anastasia Natoli, Emma Jolly, Erika Aoyama, Alexandra Hollis

Third Row: Isabella Rosati, Hannah Pearce, Danielle Ashworth, Hannah Goddard, Sarah Kimmorley, Lauren Thompson, Natasha Hall, Gemma Nelson, Elise Gillard, Emma Marvell

Fourth Row: Melissa Cleary, Ailsa McArthur, Madeleine Hillier, Christina Rodgers, Chelsea Hayward, Christina Cagorski, Erika Shepherd, Anna Cagorski

2006 was yet another successful and rewarding year for the Athletics Club with athletes representing the school at IGSSA Twilight Series, IGSSA State carnival, the BBSSSA carnival as well as 15 girls making the Combined Catholic Colleges carnival. A great result!

The IGSSA Twilight series was a great way for the younger girls, especially from Years 7-9 to get involved and to try out new and untried events. The Twilight series is a wonderful opportunity for the girls to achieve personal and seasonal best times and results. A big thank you to the many parents who helped with timing and scoring on the nights and to Mr Chant and Mr Kimmorley for their continued support and organisation. The 83rd IGSSA State carnival was held on the 16th of June. Brigidine competed against 25 other independent girls' schools from across the state. Brigidine placed overall 16th out of 25 schools and came in 5th position in Division 3. Congratulations to Michelle Troup (Jnr Discus) who received age champion.

We had eight girls and a team who made the finals including the senior relay team, Michelle Troup, Olivia Caprarelli, Corinne Turner, Sarah Kimmorley, Lucy Blom, Kate Tenney and Anna Cagorski.

The BBSSSA carnival held on the 11th August was a great success with Brigidine winning the overall point score of 915, ahead of Stella who was second place with 789 points. The seniors were

the champions with 346 points, as well as the intermediate age group with 318 points. The junior girls came in 4th place with 211 points.

A special congratulations to Chelsea Hayward who was awarded Age Champion of the 14 years girls.

Many records were broken by the girls including the 16years relay, the 15years Javelin by Lucy Blom, and the 13years discus by Michelle Troup - Congratulations to these girls.

An impressive 15 girls were chosen to represent Broken Bay in the CCC carnival at Homebush of the 15th September. These girls are;

Georgina Aubrey, Lucy Blom, Anna Cagorski, Olivia Caprarelli, Saskia Ek, Natasha Hall, Chelsea Hayward, Sarah Kimmorley, Ailsa McArthur, Elizabeth Phillips, Christina Rogers, Olivia Rolleston, Kate Tenney, Michelle Troup, Ashleigh Trupiano.

Well done to all of these girls!

Finally a big thank you to all the people who helped to make this athletics season run smoothly and effectively including the parents and all the committee. A special thank you to Mr Chant for all his hard work, commitment and advice to the girls, it is much appreciated.

It's great to see the diverse range of talent shown by girls from Years 7-12 and their continued efforts with the club, as well as the enormous amount of hard work that is put in behind the scenes to make the Athletics Club an enjoyable and victorious one.

Good luck to all the team over the years to come!

Ailsa McArthur



IGSSA Jr Relay Team Olivia Caprarelli hands the baton to Hannah Pearce

Basketball Club

Once again the 2006 Basketball Club has proved to have had yet another fantastic year. All the girls have improved in an outstanding fashion, with each displaying an admirable show of sportsmanship, enthusiasm and determination both on and off the court. Something that everyone should be proud of! Through the Club, the girls have made many new and lifelong friendships as well as a chance to extend and challenge themselves both in confidence and ability.

This year has been a very exciting and busy one. Sadly though, towards the middle of the year, we had to say goodbye to our Club Captain, Jenny Choi, who left for Korea. For the time Jenny was Captain she played a loyal, dedicated and enthusiastic role. She was an extremely supportive member of the club who contributed a huge part of her time in promoting, registering and organising within the club. For me, taking over the role of the Basketball Club Captain has been both an interesting and challenging experience, but one I shall never forget.

There have been many achievements that have taken place throughout the Manly Warringah Basketball Association (MWBA) Competition as well as the

BBSSA and IGSSA comps. Within our IGSSA Senior team, Div 1A, we managed to finish an amazing 3rd. Overall each of the participating teams performed extremely well. There has been a wonderful show of support by parents and an extraordinary amount of team spirit by the players.

This year the Club has been running a skills training session every Saturday in the Gym for all age groups. This has given the girls a wonderful opportunity to further enhance and hone their skills as well as enthusiasm and love for the sport.

I would like to send out a big thank you to all the Brigidine parent volunteers, the Basketball Committee, the coaches, Rad, Nigel Wagstaff (coaching), Donna Kuper (uniforms), Carmel Gallagher (training), Dee DeLaurier (team management) and especially our Club Convenor, Steve DeLaurier, for all the wonderful effort he has put in to the club to help make it all possible. Well done to all those involved and I wish you all the very best for the 2007 Basketball season.

Natalie Ward
Basketball Club Captain



Basketball Club Captain Natalie Ward



Emily Layton Year 8 IGSSA basketball



Opens 2006



Year 7 Autumn Comp 2006



Year 8 Autumn Comp 2006



Year 9 Autumn Comp 2006



Year 9/10 Autumn Comp 2006



Year 10 Autumn Comp 2006

Cross Country Team

A Brigidine team again ran successfully at BBSSSA (Broken Bay Secondary Schools Sports Association) Cross Country in May this year. Students were picked based on their performances in the 1500m at the College House Carnival. Congratulations to all students, especially to those girls who were selected for higher representative honours at the NSW CCC (Combined Catholic Colleges) Carnival. Results were as follows:

BBSSSA Carnival

Overall Placing: Second

15 years team: First Place (Erika Shepherd – 2nd individual; Danielle Ashworth – 4th indiv; Belinda Bull – 7th indiv; Natasha Hall – 10th indiv)

14 years team: First Place (Chelsea Hayward – 1st ; Elise Gillard – 3rd; Alex McGain – 5th; Madison Deer – 10th)

13 years team: Second Place (Annie Shepherd – 4th; Ashleigh Trupiano – 6th; Renae Jolly – 10th)

16 years team: Emma Jolly – 3rd; Kate Marvell – 10th

NSW CCC Carnival

Eight Students from the above mentioned list who finished in 6th place or above went on to represent Broken Bay at the NSW CCC.

NSW All Schools Carnival

Congratulations to Chelsea Hayward who placed fourth at the NSW CCC Carnival and so then went on to represent the NSW Catholic Colleges at the All Schools Carnival in July.

Mr D. Chant & Mrs S. Wachter
Sports Club Development Office

Sailing Club

The Brigidine Sailing Club has had a fantastic season this year! The emphasis has been on having lots of fun on the water while learning to master the art of keeping the boat afloat!

Many friends have been made down at Pittwater where some girls have progressed to the excitement of afternoon racing. The girls have been wonderfully supported by the talent and enthusiasm of the team at BYRA (Bayview Yacht Racing Association).

Special thanks to instructors Peter Whalan and Greg Waters whose guidance has been invaluable. Thank you also to Club Convenor Ray Ristuccia and his dedication to sailing at Brigidine.

I look forward to many more exciting sailing seasons.

Elizabeth Frost
Captain



Cross Country Team

Front Row: Renae Jolly, Isabella Johnston, Katherine Nuttall, Maddison Deer, Alexandra McGain, Katrina Scotter, Ashleigh Trupiano

Second Row: Alexandra Hollis, Kate Marvell, Elise Gillard, Rebecca Woodroof, Anna-Marie Shepherd, Emma Jolly

Third Row: Belinda Bull, Erika Shepherd, Chelsea Hayward, Natasha Hall, Danielle Ashworth



Sailing Club Captain Elizabeth Frost

Dance Club

Brigidine College Dance Club continues to go from strength to strength with more than 180 members joining this year. The girls get a number of opportunities during the year to perform. This year we are staging the Dance Spectacular at the Glen Street Theatre once again which will showcase the talents of students from Years 7 to 12 performing in groups including jazz, contemporary, modern, classical ballet, hip-hop, tap and musical theatre.

In addition to the 'Spectacular', students in the Dance Club have the opportunity to audition for the Jazz and Contemporary Eisteddfod Groups. This year these groups competed at the three main eisteddfods and have received outstanding results.

At Northern Beaches Eisteddfod the Contemporary Groups were placed 1st & 3rd and the Jazz Groups were placed 1st and 2 Highly Commended's. At Extreme Eisteddfod the Contemporary Groups were placed 2nd & 3rd and Jazz

Groups were placed 1st and 2 Highly Commended's. At the McDonald's Performing Arts Challenge both the Jazz and Contemporary Eisteddfod Groups received Highly Commended and with 37 entries this was a fantastic result. Congratulations to all girls who represented Brigidine at these competitions and our heartfelt thanks to Rochelle Jones our principal dance teacher who has an enormous amount of patience and dedication and has achieved fantastic results with our girls.

We would also like to thank our Club Committee members Mrs Libby Cleary, Treasurer, Mrs Joanne Gentle, Secretary, Mrs Kathy Thompson, Photographer, our Club Captain Chloe Brown & Vice Captain Elise Osborne for all their support and hard work.

Thank you everyone and we hope you enjoy Dance Spectacular 2006!

**Ms Angela Edmunds &
Mrs Sabrina Dibble**
Dance Club Co-Convenors



Dance Club Captains Elise Osborne Vice Captain and Chloe Brown Captain



Elise Osborne, Chloe Brown, and Christie Hutton



Melissa Cleary and Paige Edmunds



Jazz Eisteddfod Group, Revolution



Saski Ek, Jade Thomas and Hannah Mair



Extreme Eisteddfod Success! The girls show their trophies



Dance Club Members

Drama Club

Yet another year has passed, and it has indeed been a busy time for all of our Brigidine Drama Queens! We started off with a bang with our Drama Club BBQ, where we were inundated with many keen registrations. It was a fabulous afternoon, with sausages, face painting, many games and a lot of loud music, where girls of every Year mingled and showed some of their many 'over' dramatic tendencies!

We also had a very successful Drama Club stand in this year's Open Day, with children lining up outside the door to get one of our famous balloon animals. The girls and their parents were very impressed by the standard of our Drama, raving about our many productions and watching the Year 12 individual performances that were on display all afternoon in the Drama Room. This passion for being part of Brigidine's fabulous Drama Programme was seen in the two packed Year 7 Drama classes that ran throughout this year on Friday afternoons, with the help of the wonderful Emily. By the extent of the noise that was made, we



Drama Club Captain Lauren Daneel and Madeleine Hillier

can assume that they were very successful and a lot of fun.

This year's Drama Club also organised a range of NIDA courses for all Years, allowing our girls to experience and learn a range of new skills. Our Year 7 and 8 class was an introduction to acting, Years 9 and 10 Physical Theatre and Years 11 and 12, a voice workshop. These were a lot of fun and beneficial, and allowed many new friendships to be formed across a range of years.

Our annual Glen Street, Subs Club, has also been very successful with many of our girls and their parents being able to see a range of diverse productions, ranging from Shakespeare's 'The Merchant of Venice', to the amazing '7 Fingers', to Michael Gow's 'A way'. This is a wonderful opportunity for the girls, where they can see many different forms of drama up on stage, which is vital for them in their future studies.

Indeed, it has been a very drama filled year, which could not have been possible without our wonderful drama teachers Miss McDonald and Mrs Young. Also a big thank you goes to our Drama Convenors Mrs Sallyanne Hillier and Mrs Melissa Daneel whose support was very much appreciated.

We have had a lot of fun as Drama Captains this year and we congratulate Lauren and Jessica, our 2007 Captains. Drama is definitely something we will remember from our years at Brigidine.

**Madeleine Hillier and Lauren Daneel
Drama Club Captains**



Drama Club Captains on Open Day helped to enthuse future Drama Queens!

Tai Kwon Do

The 2006 Tae Kwon Do team lead by Grandmaster Suh and his assistant Jason are reaping the benefits of their Friday Afternoon sessions with increased fitness and confidence.

This year members of the team competed at both local tournaments and the South Pacific Challenge, coming home with many medals to show their achievements.

Training is every Friday from 3.30-4.30pm at the school, no previous experience is necessary. We look forward to the summer months when in the milder weather we can practice on the College lawn.

Tai Kwon Do is a wonderful sport. Join us next year. You too can look and feel good!

**Cassie Steele, Year 11
Tae Kwan Do Representative**



Cassie Steele and Aleesha Rodgers members of our Tai Kwon Do Team

Duke of Edinburgh Scheme

Club Captains: Amy Leahy, Alison Francis

Committee: Dani Letts (Convenor), Dee Gadsby (Expedition Co-ordinator), Caroline Francis (Treasurer), Beverley Leahy (Secretary), Jo Baker (Staff)

The Duke of Edinburgh Award is a scheme available to young people worldwide aged 14 to 25, that equips them with life skills to make a difference to themselves, their communities and their world. It is one of the most challenging of its kind for young people. The scheme rewards students at Bronze, Silver and Gold levels for a variety of accomplishments and skills developed. The emphasis in all activities is the development of independence, leadership and gaining the confidence to 'push the boundaries', and is very much based on individual commitment to achieve.

The awards are made up of four different components: the Expedition in which the girls have the choice of hiking or cycling; Community Service which may include First Aid, Fire Brigade or aged and disabled community work; Physical Recreation which includes sports such as netball,

tennis and swimming and lastly the Skill component in which girls have a variety of choices including cooking, music, sewing and photography. The participants design their own programmes selecting activities that interest them, setting their own goals and achieving their own potential through meeting the specific requirements of Duke of Edinburgh. A further residential component is added at Gold level with several of our girls taking part in an expedition to Vietnam with the assistance of Mrs Baker.

It is pleasing to record that 2006 has seen 83 new participants enrol - the largest number of new registrations since the establishment of the Club with a total of 110 students actively participating in the scheme.

Congratulations to the girls who have attained an award this year, in particular the girls who have attained their Gold Award and also those "going for gold" in 2006. Well done!

Finally, a thank you to the Committee for its ongoing support and enthusiasm to help in making this a very successful Club.



DEAS Club Captains Alison Francis and Amy Leahy



Catherine Leahy, Ashleigh Watson



Courtney Farthing, Rachael Morrison, Philippa Lettis



Danielle Humphris, Emelia Thomas



Clare Barclay, Amy Leahy, Jess Kirkby, Alison Francis



Maddie Hillier, Clare Barclay, Tamara Wright

Equestrian Club

2006 has become a milestone year for the Equestrian Team as we have officially been welcomed into the Brigidine Club Scheme. Sincere thank you to all the parents who made this possible – your support has been fantastic – Our new committee is: Convenor/President, Michelle Becchio, Vice President, Gill Stokes, Treasurer, Catherine Hamilton, Secretary, Lee-Ann Swan, Training Officer, Tinika Bliss,

Co-ordinators: Dressage - Jennifer Deflorio and Tinika Bliss, Hacking - Madeleine Chapple, Eventing - Amy Watts and Trevor Palmer, Show jumping - Claudia Auert and Gaye Rogers, Sporting - Lee-Ann Swan, Western - Penny Louw

For the first time we have the opportunity to be represented by Club Captains and our senior members have the opportunity to hold a leadership position. At this year's Leadership Assembly the announcement of Caroline Day as Captain and Cassie Steele as Vice captain was made – congratulations girls!

2006 has brought increased membership and participation by our members from Year 7 through to Year 11 with many new junior members joining.

Our parent support has been outstanding and greatly welcomed by myself – I look forward to another year of competition and great successes. Thank you to all those who have supported our Club in 2006.

Mrs Michelle Becchio
Convenor

Captain's Report

Being organised as a College Club was an extremely exciting event and had been much awaited. Over the year the group of girls competed at a range of events including Dressage, Jumping, Hacking and Sporting. These events were held in many locations ranging from local venues like St Ives Showground to state-wide events such as Coonabarabran North-west Equestrian Expo near the Queensland border.

Everyone was extremely successful with the girls bringing home ribbons and trophies from every event that was entered.

We would all like to say a huge thank you to Mrs Becchio for helping throughout the year and keeping us all organised.....and helping us become a CLUB!!!

Captain - Caroline Day and
Vice Captain - Cassie Steele



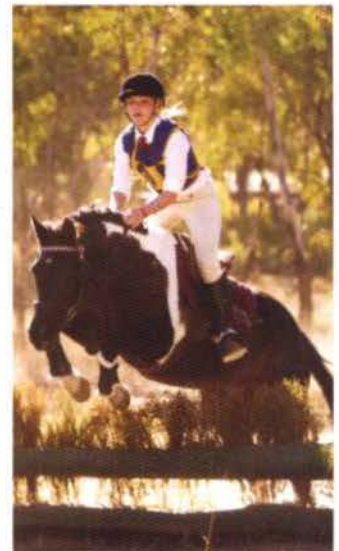
Caroline Day with her ribbons from Oxley Carnival



Tara Rogers at SIEC NSW Championships



Alice Dowle Watts at Northholm Grammar Derby Day



Gabbie Stokes at Coonabarabran



Our dressage team at PLC Dressage Championships St Ives



126 Brigidine Equestrian Club celebrate the Horses Birthday



Cassie Steele competing at the EFA NSW Interschool Championships held at SIEC

Gymnastics Club



Brigidine Gymnastics has had another great year in 2006. Our gymnasts participated in regional events, the State Championships, the annual IGSSA carnival and the CIS.

For many girls the Regional State Trial was an exciting experience as it was their first competition. All gymnasts performed exceptionally well with four of the Brigidine eight girls qualifying for the State Championships. At the Championships, in Level 1 Isabelle Owen placed 11th out of 71 gymnasts on Vault, in Level 3 Jessica Gilder placed 26th overall out of 68 gymnasts, in Level 5 Lauren Malar placed 11th on Floor and 33rd overall out of 51 and in Level 6 Sydney Eismen placed 2nd on Floor, 3rd on Vault, 2nd in her Team event and 6th overall out of 24 gymnasts. Congratulations to those girls on their fantastic achievements.

The Chisholm Centre girls continued their gymnastics programme this year and until recently had one timetabled class each fortnight. The girls have continued to dramatically improve their skills, ability and coordination. It is great to see all the girls progress so far in such a short period of time.

The following gymnasts represented Brigidine at IGSSA:

Level 1: Laura Flannery, Hannah Freeman, Grace Geier, Fran Hourigan, Heather Oesterheld, Katie O'Neill, Ashleigh Scrivener, Anneke Strupitis-Haddrick, Ashleigh Trupiano

Level 2: Persephone Allcorn, Nyssa Chennell – Dutton, Beth Morris, Isabelle Owen

Level 3: Jessica Gilder, Laura Lynch, Rachel McIntosh

Level 5: Lauren Malar

Level 6: Sydney Eismen

At the IGSSA competition, Brigidine placed 12th overall out of the 20 competing schools. All girls must be commended on their results. Congratulations to Lauren Malar who placed 3rd on Bars and Sydney Eismen who placed 2nd on Bars and 2nd on Beam. These results provided those girls with the opportunity to represent IGSSA at CIS where Sydney placed 4th out of 8 gymnasts on Bars and Beam and Lauren placed 9th out of 20 gymnasts on Bars.

Highlights of our 2006 presentation night included performances by our IGSSA team, presentation of medals to all gymnasts and commitment to gymnastics trophies to Nyssa Chennell-Dutton, Hannah Freeman, Laura Lynch, Beth Morris and Ashleigh Trupiano. It was fantastic to see all the parents there supporting their daughters and great to see so many volunteers stay for the AGM held after the presentation.

We look forward to welcoming the new committee for 2007.

Thank you very much to Catherine Howitt (Head Coach), Alexandra Sim (Gymnastics Captain and Coach), Erika Aoyama (Gymnastics Vice-Captain and Coach), Skye Wachter and David Chant (Club Development Officers), Theresa Lynch (Convenor), Geri McIntosh (Treasurer) and Caroline Oesterheld (Secretary) for their tireless assistance and involvement within the Club.

Thank you to all the gymnasts for their enthusiasm, commitment, fantastic results and friendship! We look forward to another excellent year of gymnastics.

Club Committee



Gymnastics Club Captains Erika Aoyama and Alexandra Sim



Our team at IGSSA



Ashleigh Trupiano



Jess Gilder



Sydney Eismen competing at IGSSA Homebush Bay



Rachel McIntosh

Hockey Club



Hockey Club Captains Meg Hamilton and Belinda Stewart



Kate Tenney



Natasha Hall attacks for a goal

Committee: Chris Dilworth, Nolly Villarreal, Trish Hamilton, Drew Clark, Glenda Walsh, Tasmin Dilworth, Tina Clark, Michael Flynn

Coaches: Emma Poole, Tasmin Dilworth, Belinda Kerridge, Peter Rylie, Paige Edmunds, Rourke Hartwig

Managers: Chris Dilworth, Ingrid Shepherd, Anne Muldoon, Sean Maloney, Tanya Hall, Michael Flynn

Highlights: 2006 was a very successful and exiting season for Brigidine Hockey as the club continues to increase in the numbers of girls playing. The girls have improved their skills greatly, which has provided, once again, outstanding results to our name.

Term 1 - there was no indoor hockey competition for this term

Term 2 - Field Hockey commenced with the clinics held at Ku-ring-gai turf field. Five teams competed in the North Shore School Girls Competition. We managed to collect 3 wins a draw and one loss. One of these wins was for the Brigidine 1st side who managed to only have one goal scored against them. As hockey was new to many girls this year we hope you enjoyed your first season whilst spending quality time with your friends, and we look forward to seeing

your skills expand in Term 3. All teams have done very well and you should be proud of your achievements.

England visitors - On July 27th we had members from St James, England join us on a 4 day exchange. The girls were billeted to the families of some Year 11 hockey players. The Hockey Team arranged a game on the 28th July at Ku-ring-gai turf field. Brigidine 1sts played extremely well and had St James battling in defence. Brigidine finished the game with a 4-0 win and both teams enjoyed the game immensely. We hope the girls enjoyed their time here in Australia.

We look forward to more fantastic hockey by the girls and hope everyone has an enjoyable time on the field.

Meg Hamilton & Belinda Stewart
Hockey Club Captains



Brigidine Hockey Team defeated visiting St James College Team from the UK



Meghan Stewart defends brilliantly

Music Club

The Music Club this year has continued to grow in all its aspects and has had some outstanding achievements. The choir and band have flourished under the guidance of Mrs Boyd and Mrs Hall respectively, and the ensembles have also developed musically.

The choir participated in a workshop and concert run by the Cappella Group "The Idea of North" at Mater Maria on the 28th of February; this was an amazing experience for all the girls to be tutored by and perform with such talented vocalists.

In April, Brigidine staged its annual Musical, this year's choice "The Boyfriend", the first ever Musical to be performed in Bowie Hall. The cast and the orchestra both performed spectacularly.

Our annual Music Camp was held in June, followed by the Cabaret Night. It was a wonderful experience, and all the girls performed their solo, ensemble, band and choir pieces to a very high standard.

The College Band won a silver award at the Yamaha Band Competition in July, the reward for many hours of dedicated rehearsals and commitment by what has become a very strong group.

The Brigidine Eisteddfod, held in November, was an opportunity for soloists to perform their pieces for adjudicators and receive constructive critical feedback.

As the Music Captains we would like to thank Mrs Boyd, Mrs Hall, and all the music tutors and private teachers for sharing their experience and love of music with us so generously, and allowing Brigidine musicians to further develop in skill and in their appreciation of all aspects of music.

Courtney Baker and Samantha Gilroy Captains



Music Club Captains Sam Gilroy and Courtney Baker



Our Percussionist Anna Turnbull



Sam Gilroy entertains our visitors on Open Day



The woodwind section of the College Band



Clarinet Ensemble

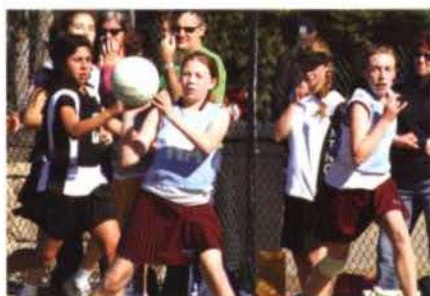
Netball Club



Netball Club Captains Sarah Dixon and Sarah Fox



Year 8 KNA Champions



Our Year 8 Netball Premiers in action



Jessica Kirkby Year 12



Netball Team - Year 12

The 2006 netball season has been another one of fantastic success and achievement. Altogether we had fifteen teams in the KNA competition, one junior team in the IGSSA competition and four teams in the KNA Spring Night competition. It has been a very busy year.

The 2006 season also witnessed the Indooroopilly netball trip in which Brigidine St Ives combined a team of year eleven and year twelve students to venture into 'enemy territory' in an attempt to reclaim the prestigious St Ives Indooroopilly shield. The trip to our sister school was a great success, not only did the team defeat the Brisbane rivals but also shared a fantastic three days billeting with the Queensland girls. Our Year 11s and Year 12s had a chance to take in the gorgeous Brisbane sights as well as their amazing Brigidine School. Thanks must go to Ms Barrs who accompanied us and it is something which the future seniors can look forward to.

Following on from Indooroopilly we had our year elevens take part in a netball game against St James, a small girl's school in England. The St James students joined our year elevens and their families for three days, enjoying Sydney and becoming more familiar with the place. The netball game was won by our girls but St James played well.

Once again this year Brigidine was involved in the CNA and BBSSA carnivals, which bring together the skills of our girls from all different netball associations and puts them up against other schools in a round-robin type competition. In the BBSSA competition we had three teams competing, juniors, intermediates and

seniors. Our intermediates did the best on the day becoming runners up and our seniors were just defeated in the semis. Unfortunately our juniors missed out on the semis, up against some tough competition but each girl put in 100% effort. Thanks must go to everyone involved in the carnivals for their effort and organisation.

This year was a successful year for our umpires with at least every girl receiving a badge and some even receiving two. For many of the girls who were badged this was their first year umpiring and many of them received badges after only umpiring a few games. This shows how talented our umpires are and how hard they work week in week out.

Our remarkable committee headed by Ruth Robins worked tirelessly this year as they do every year to ensure the safe and smooth running of the club. Thank you to you all, your hard work and dedication is admired and greatly appreciated. Unfortunately the Netball club says goodbye to Ruth who has resigned as Club Convenor. After exerting much effort over the last three years, Ruth's dedication and enthusiasm will be greatly missed. From everyone involved in the netball club Ruth, goodbye and thank you. As we loose Ruth we welcome Slava Atkins into the role and we wish her the best of luck and we know she has some great ideas to keep the netball club the thriving club it is.

A huge thank you to all the players, umpires, coaches, managers and parents who have supported the club in so many ways and who have greatly contributed to the success of 2006.



IGSSA 3b Junior Joint Premiers

Soccer Club

What a year for Brigidine Soccer, growing from 7 teams and 82 players to a record breaking 10 teams and 145 players! And didn't we do well!

This year, five teams made it to the final with four winning their Grand final, an outstanding achievement. Congratulations Brigidine 1, 5, 7, and 8 who were Premiers and Brigidine 2 who were Runners-up. Brigidine 1, 5 and 7 went through the year undefeated. A special congratulations to Brigidine 1, and their coach Mr Feledy who won both the BBSSSA title and the IGSSA competition in division IA. This has never been done by any Brigidine team before.

Well done to all the girls who participated through the year; you all played very well and did both the Club and the school proud.

Thank you to all the Coaches and Managers for giving up their time and for all your hard work and effort; you did a fabulous job. Thank you also to the parents for their on going support of the girls.

Finally a huge thank you to the Club Convenor Mark Veyret and all the Club Committee Members, especially Annette Chennell, Alan Meek and Greg Day, the Club wouldn't be running as well as it has been without you.

**Liesl Cornell and Ailsa McArthur
Captains**



Soccer Club Captains Ailsa McArthur and Liesl Cornell



Sophie Morris Year 9 IGSSA Soccer



Brigidine 1 - IGSSA and BBSSSA Premiers undefeated, with their coach Mr Feledy



Adriana Fenwick Year 9 IGSSA Soccer



Brigidine Year 9 Team IGSSA Premiers

Softball Club



Softball Club Captains Tamara Wright and Kara Singh



Brigidine 1 Softball Team



Brigidine 2 Softball Team



Brigidine 3 Softball Team with their coach ex student Emma Poole



Brig 2 pitcher Jess Tasso in action



Mel Eustace steps up to the plate



Brigidine 5 Softball Team



Brigidine 4 Softball Team with their Coach and Club Captain Tamara Wright

The softball season of 2006 yet again proved to be fantastic for both the girls and their fans! (the amazing parents). The immense success of all our teams demonstrated the Brigidine Softball Club to be a strong, confident and skilful force within the competition of IGSSA.

A great expression of gratitude must go to the Club Convenor Roxann Kella, without whom, the Club would not be able to function. She did an amazing job running the club very smoothly. Our thanks must also go to Mr David Chant, Mr Mark Marvel, Mr Craig Hines and Mr Gary Thomson, for their dedication shown throughout the season and the success of the club and the beautiful grounds that we had the privilege to call our home ground.

All of the teams from Years 7-12 played fantastically throughout the season, with 3 of our teams making to the semi-finals and our Year 8 and 10 teams playing in the grand finals, with the Year 10s becoming the Premiers!

The club has grown in numbers once again this year and it has proved the

game of softball to be a valuable asset in assisting the girls, especially the new Year 7 in creating new and lasting friendships. Playing softball is a positive experience for all the girls as it establishes a sense of confidence, pride and teamwork.

With the assistance of Roxann and the softball committee we have had the pleasure as Softball Captains to lead the Club through yet another great season filled with fun and memories. We are so proud to have played such a large role in the Softball Club and are grateful to those that have given us this opportunity.

We wish the best of luck to the new Captains Jessica Sechi and Kate Marvell and also to Louise Goodwin, who has taken over the role of Convenor for 2007. Well done to all the girls and congratulations for their many achievements, whether it be winning the Grand Final or simply learning how to catch a fly ball properly. You have the right to be proud of yourselves.

Kara Singh
Softball Club Captain

Swimming Club

The 2006 season turned out to be a fabulous one for the Brigidine Swimming Club! We started off by sending teams to St Catherine's, MLC and Monte twilight carnivals. Up against some stiff competition, our girls performed well and enjoyed themselves immensely.

As always, our school carnival was extremely exciting with both competitive and non-competitive swimmers having a ball! Well done to Fatima who won this year just ahead of Lourdes and to Prague who blitzed the rest in the cheering! All round, the carnival was a success, thanks in large part to the enthusiasm of the girls' cheering and participation in events. Congratulations also go to this year's age champions:

12Years - Tertia Garay (Fatima)
 13Years - Ellen Spadon (Prague)
 14Years - Elise Gillard (Prague)
 15Years - Belinda Bull (Prague)
 16Years - Liana Dudley (Lourdes)
 17Years - Grace Davies (Lourdes)

This year we appointed a new coach, Peter Joy, for our representative squads and the Brigidine twilight teams. This was an immense success, with the girls able to have training sessions focusing on race technique before competitions as well as prepared warm ups and extra encouragement on race day. A huge thank you to Peter and the parents and

teachers who helped with driving the students to and from training. It was this commitment that allowed our season to be as successful as it was!

At the beginning of the season, we were also able to fundraise in order to help fund this year's club expenses. The sausage sizzle we held was a huge success. Thanks to all the parents and senior club members who so willingly helped out on the day.

Once again, the IGSSA and BBSSA carnivals allowed Brigidine College to show our ability in the pool, with many outstanding individual performances with almost all our relay teams in the top three at BBSSA. At IGSSA, we were also lucky enough to have Year 9, ably led by Year 11 to provide encouragement for the girls through their excellent cheering efforts.

Thank you to Mr Chant and Mr Clyant for their organisation and support throughout the season and to all our committee members who gave up their time so generously throughout the season. Hopefully next season will be just as successful!

**Fiona McDonald
 Club Captain**



Swimming Club Captain Fiona McDonald



Brigidine Ready Set Go!



Fiona McDonald Representing Brigidine at IGSSA



IGSSA Intermediate Girls Relay Medley Team
 Hannah Littler, Lauren Millar, Belinda Bull and Liana Dudley



Group Swimming Team

Front Row: Alexandra Hall, Elise Gillard, Emily Mickan, Sophie Morris, Fiona McDonald, Devon Halligan, Ellen Spadon, Georgia Heraghty, Bronagh Marley, Corinne Turner

Second Row: Emma Jolly, Hannah Littler, Claire Purnell, Sarah Lawlor, Belinda Bull, Katherine Welsby, Danielle Ashworth, Saskia Ek, Alexandra Hollis

Third Row: Carly Clyant, Grace Davies, Lauren Thompson, Tara Blanche, Chelsea Hayward, Michelle Troup, Liana Dudley, Lauren Millar, Rebecca Welsby

Absent: Tertia Garay

Tennis Club

2006 has been a very eventful year for the Tennis Club. Yet with the support of the committee, Mrs Wacher and our coaches John Paul and Simon, the girls in the Club have made 2006 one of the best years ever. Enthusiasm levels reached an all-time high, the girls managed to play as a team and offer plenty of support to each other.

NATIONALS

The Brigidine First Team, consisting of Cayleigh Timm, Ashleigh Fong, Laura Euers, Rachel Venteman and Chie Sugiyama headed down to Albury in November of 2005 to play in the National Tennis Championships. Going into the tournament ranked tenth, the girls played a week of brilliant tennis to finish off in 5th position, which was a terrific effort. Thanks must go to our coach John Paul and manager Kerry Euers for their amazing support and commitment throughout the week.

IGSSA

In Term one, Brigidine entered thirteen teams into the IGSSA competition. The term provided many closely-fought matches with Brigidine again being commended for their excellent form and sportsmanship. Four teams made the final with teams 4, 11, and 12 winning their final. Congratulations,

particularly, to our two Year 7 teams, (11 and 12) who not only reached the final, but won it in style as well!

TILDESLEY SHIELD 2006

In April of this year Brigidine was, for the third time invited to participate in the prestigious Tildesley Shield tournament. The Tildesley Shield has been running for eighty eight years, and its aim is to encourage team spirit. Brigidine took a team of twenty five girls, ranging from year seven to year twelve, as well as a team of lines girls and umpires. The girls involved in Tildesley had to train both on their usual morning trainings and on Sundays for three hours. This training paid off, however, when the competition came around. Our team did exceptionally well in the tournament, coming tenth overall, out of 24 schools. Our top doubles team, consisting of Laura Euers and Rachel Venteman made it to the semi finals, being knocked out only by Roseville, who went on to win the doubles. All other doubles and singles players put in a tremendous effort and were justly rewarded. The support and enthusiasm shown by all the girls was fantastic – it was a great team effort. Special thanks must go to the committee and everyone who supported us, particularly Mrs Wacher and our coaches John Paul and Simon.

Once again, Brigidine tennis showed that they deserved to be ranked with the best.

NSW CCC

During May of 2006, Cayleigh Timm, Rachel Venteman, Alex Robotham and Jacqui Venteman headed down to Bathurst for the NSW CCC tennis championships. The girls performed brilliantly, taking out the NSW CCC title for the sixth year in a row! Great effort girls! Thanks to John Paul for coaching the girls and to Mike Robotham for accompanying us to Bathurst.

Lastly, 2006 marked the re-shuffling of some of the tennis committee. The Tennis Club said goodbye to Convenor John Venteman, as well as Kerry Euers and Michelle Steger. On behalf of all the girls in the club we would like to thank everyone in the committee for all the hard work that they put in over the past year, making our jobs so much easier! We would also like to thank Mrs Wacher, John Paul and Simon, but especially all the girls in the Brigidine Tennis Club. Thank you for making 2006 such a great year, and good luck for the future!

**Rachel Venteman and
Clare Barclay (Captains)**



Tennis Club Captains Clare Barclay and Rachel Venteman



Laura Euers



Rachel Venteman



Brigidine Tildesley Cup Team

Volleyball Club

Another great start to the Volleyball season for 2006! Registration in Term 3 received a huge response – especially from Year 7. Training has seen our Term 3 Coach, Joe Langi return for another season and it has been a great experience for me to get to know the new girls during the warm up sessions. Brigidine hosted our Senior Invitational Carnival on 25th August which was very enjoyable as always, with teams from Asquith Girls High, Monte, Santa Sabina and Stella Maris playing our Year 9, 10, 11 & 12 teams. The returning Year 12's played a fantastic grand-final game coming Runners up to Santa Sabina. On 8th September we hosted our Junior Invitational Carnival with teams from Asquith Girls High, Santa Sabina and Stella Maris playing our Year 7, 8 & 9 teams. Our Year 7 teams enjoyed putting all their hard training into practice and our Year 8 & 9 teams played well with the Year 9's making it into the Semis. The eventual winner was Santa Sabina. A special thank you to Mr Chant for organising both these Invitationals.

Our main competition is in Term 4 and we have entered 8 teams into the Saturday Competition at Santa Sabina. The girls are looking forward to another successful Volleyball season where we hope to take home a few Premierships. In November, we will be competing in the BBSSA Beach Volleyball Competition and we hope to retain the Premiership for the third year in a row.

Thanks very much to Mrs Raymond, Convenor for all of her efforts as well as Mrs O'Brien for her hard work as Secretary. Also a thank you to Mr Chant and Mrs Barrs for their help and input. I have really enjoyed my time as Volleyball captain and congratulations to everyone on a great season!

Juliana Betts
2006 Club Captain



Year 7 Team

2006 Committee

Convenor / Treasurer:
Catherine Raymond

Secretary:
Ute O'Brien

2006 Club Captain:
Juliana Betts

2007 Club Captain:
Vanessa O'Brien

2007 Vice Captain:
Rachael Morrison

The Volleyball Club continues to grow which is wonderful but it couldn't happen without the hard work from our small but efficient 2006 Committee. I'd like to thank Ute O'Brien, David Chant and Julianne Barrs for their continued support to the Volleyball Club and a big thank you to our 2006 Captain Juliana Betts for all her help. I look forward to working with our 2007 Captain Vanessa O'Brien and our first Vice Captain Rachael Morrison in Term 4.

Good luck to our 8 Volleyball teams in their Term 4 Santa Sabina Competition and also to our 2006 BBSSA Beach Volleyball team in their competition in November. I hope this year will be our best Volleyball season yet!

Mrs Catherine Raymond
Club Convenor



Volleyball Club Captain Juliana Betts



2006 Term 3 Year 10 - Blue Team



2006 Term 3 Year 12 Team



2006 Term 3 Year 10 - Red Team



Year 8 Team



Year 9 Team

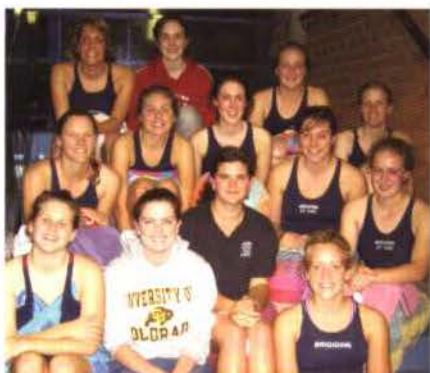


Year 11 Volleyball

Water Polo



Water Polo Club Captains Rachel Venteman and Kate McRobie



Open A Water Polo Team



Open B Team with their Coach Mr Oliver Keaveney



Year 7 Water Polo Team



15 years Water Polo Team

2006 saw another fantastic year for the Brigidine Water Polo Club. Due to the Club's ever increasing numbers, we were able to enter 5 teams, from Years 7-12, into the Northern Suburbs School Water Polo Competition held at the Warringah Aquatic centre.

Our Open A team, mostly made up of year 11 girls, was coached by ex Brigidine student Erin Coggins and had a great season. Despite coming up against some tough teams, their enthusiasm and enjoyment never wavered and they finished off the competition in 6th place.

The Open B side, coached by Oliver Keaveney had a very successful year. The girls' obvious handwork and talent led them to play in the final and earned them 2nd place – an amazing effort!

Our 15 A's were coached by Kate and Rebecca Welsby of Year 11. This team had a great season, ending up 5th on the ladder – just missing out on the finals! The girls play exceptionally well as a team and all show great potential for the future.

The 15 B's, coached by Peter Martin, had an incredibly successful season and progressed throughout the rounds to the Grand Final. Throughout the season they have put in a huge effort and are to be congratulated on their achievements.

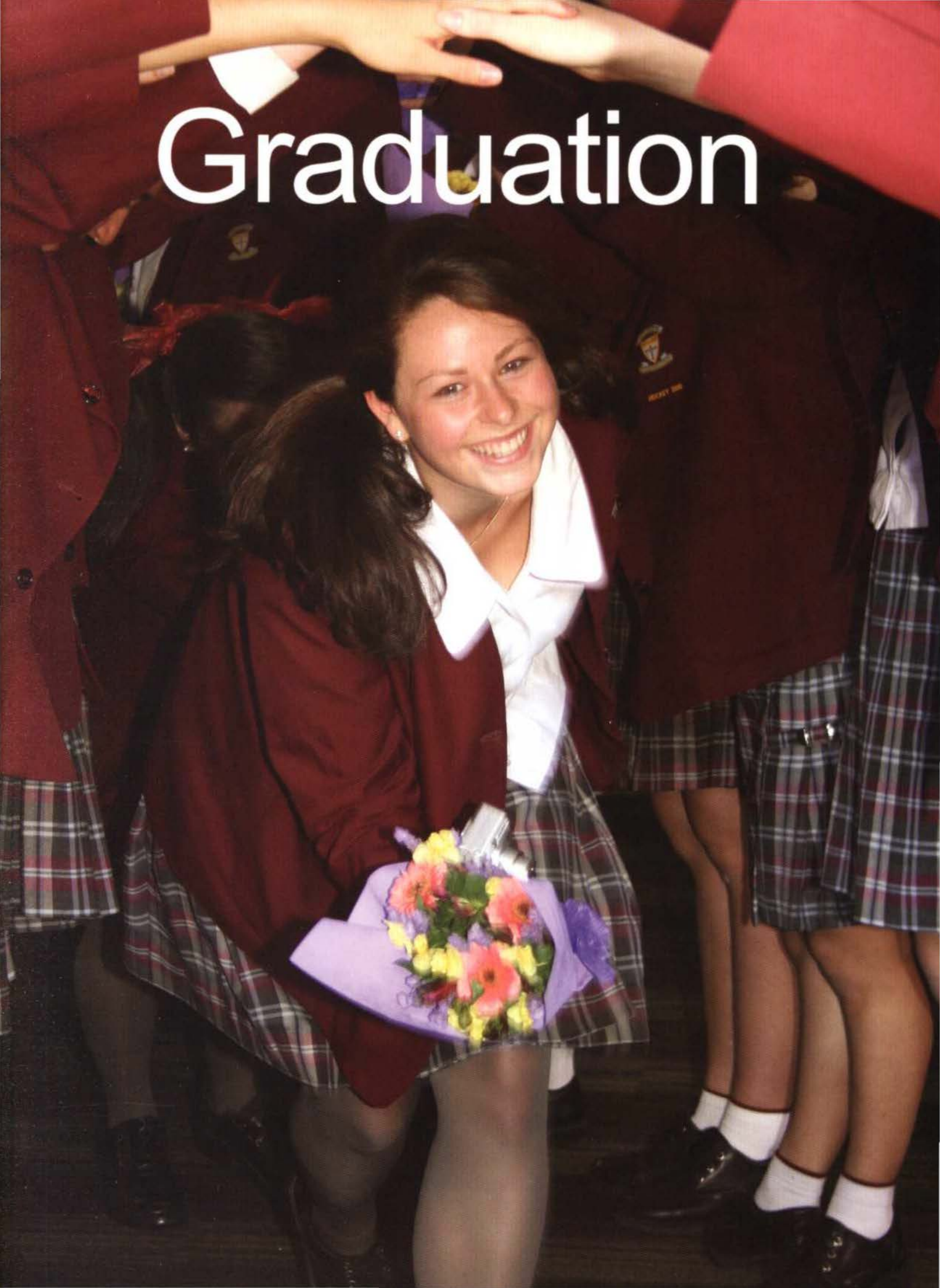
The Year 7 team, coached by Barry Killham, is playing extremely well, especially considering that none of them have played before! The team is

filled with extremely enthusiastic girls whose skills are improving with each game. They all look to be very promising water polo players for the years to come!

An enormous thank you must go to all the parents, coaches, managers, committee members and especially our club convener Paul Welsby. Your support, enthusiasm, dedication and assistance make the success of the Water Polo Club possible and it surely does not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Finally, well done to all for a very enjoyable and successful Water Polo season for 2006 and good luck for the 2007 Season!

**Kate McRobie and Rachel Venteman
Captains**

Graduation



Teacher in Tandem Speech

Mrs Atkins, parents, teachers, students and especially the Year 12 of 2006,

It is an honour to be here today to make this speech. Since beginning at Brigidine in 2001, I have had encounters with many of this year's Year 12 students: teaching you when you were in Year 7, and more lately in Year 12.

But what have you done to the other teachers who began all those years ago? Ms O'Kane has moved on, Mr Fitz has moved north, Ms Scott has moved south, and Mrs Powell has had a baby and moved west!

Part of what I teach involves studying theories about the beginnings of the universe. The trouble is, science has only identified about 10% of what makes up the universe – the other stuff is simply referred to as dark matter or dark energy. And in many ways, where you are at right now is similar to the beginnings of the universe – you are about to be flung out into the far corners of a world which you know little about.

Just as the stars and galaxies in the universe are spreading apart into the unknown, now it is your turn to go out to furthest regions of our world. When you started here in Year 7 in 2001, for many from the Northern Beaches it was a startling revelation that

civilisation (of a sort) existed west of the Bahai Temple! Life after Brigidine may also provide similar revelations.

However, there is more to it than going out and expanding your horizons – we know about the force of gravity and what it does, even though we don't understand what causes it. And just like this irresistible force, another unexplained force will see most of you returning to Brigidine in the future – the "reunion force".

Ten years from now will see your first big reunion come around – the talk will be of completed courses, careers commencing and of travels to far-flung countries. Based upon statistics, some may even be comparing rings and honeymoon destinations. Whatever the talk may be, this reunion force will prevail. However, just like the stars in the universe, you'll be off again – finding out just what the unknown 90% of our world is really like.

In twenty years from now, the reunion force will again take hold and bring most of you back to Brigidine. The twenty year reunion will be quite different to the first. Talk will centre around Sydney house prices, how to juggle a career with kids and husbands that should be doing more around the house, (like finding where the laundry is). Of course what you won't need to discuss will be what high school you'll be booking your daughters into – Mrs

Young has the 2027 enrolment forms for you at the back of the hall right now....

What will be some of the lasting memories for you of your six short years at Brigidine? Will it be the Year 7 camp at Collaroy – gorging yourselves with lollies and junk food until you felt sick? Maybe the Year 10 camp and the luxury of the pit toilets provided – or the mysterious Stevey creeping around your tents and Simona's flying fox feats? Perhaps for some it will be the Year 8 play – with "mum" Bronya fussing around. What about the Year 10 MacBeth dance-off, with Miss Mac and Mrs Powell having trouble watching through tears of laughter, or the following year watching Jenn finally get out her line "Good morrow friends" on the last night? At least Lauren got to play a girl at last – perhaps that's why Sam fell asleep on stage during rehearsals. Bronya's hairy legs weren't enough to wake her up....

Other lasting memories may be of Mrs Hall's and Mrs Whiddon's dancing abilities, Mrs Spencer's strange inability to spell words on the whiteboard, Mrs Flowers' ability to produce identical worksheets, or just Mr Goodrick himself. By the way, how do you fit 34 people into the Year 12 microwave cubicle?



Year 12 applaud Mr Farr after his Teacher in Tandem Speech

Teacher in Tandem Speech

Or will the memories be of dodging the balls of paper thrown at you from the front desk, Louise? Perhaps Erika arguing with her teachers? At least it won't be about Jennifer being told to be quiet in class....It's funny how selective memory is. The fun times will be recalled fondly – the Maths tests probably won't.

It seems such a short time ago that we started at Brigidine in 2001 – but it didn't take you long to work out the differences between teachers: never ever forget to do your Maths homework – but you can always use the excuse that "I didn't have time to do my (English, Science, Art, Music, PE, RE, Geography, History) homework because that mean Mr Meyers gave me too much Maths homework last night".

So what will life be like after Brigidine? Besides not having to kneel down to have your kilt length checked, life after Brigidine could range from being very nice, "relaxed and comfortable"; to being somewhat challenging. Those of you off to university will meet new friends or continue friendships with fellow Brigidine graduates. Some of you will travel widely in the next few years, perhaps with friends, perhaps not. Getting a full-time job or continuing in part-time work will be a reality for most of you in the coming year. Sociologists suggest that most young people can expect to change their careers 5 or 6 times in a lifetime, and as of this year it will be a lot easier for you to lose a job "unfairly." For almost all of you, exams will be a part of gaining some sort of qualification,

but without the caring, nurturing atmosphere that your teachers here at Brigidine bring with them.

On the matter of getting to exams: if Sam's Nan offers you a lift to your HSC exam, quickly think of a polite reason to say no....thank you.

When we go back to the days before we came to Brigidine, we can see just how much the world has changed. When you were born, in 1988 or 1989, the internet had not been invented, "iPod" was something to do with seeds and "MP3" meant the third in charge of the military police. At about the same time, George Michael's song "Faith" was the top hit, Osama Bin Laden, backed by America, won his war against the Soviets in Afghanistan, George Bush senior became the US President and Pan Am Flight 103 was blown up over Lockerbie in Scotland. Even back then, scientists were warning of the dangers of global

warming. How things change – and how they stay the same! In the year we started at Brigidine in 2001, Google was born, a plasma screen TV cost around \$20,000, and some students didn't even own a mobile phone!

What will not change as you go out and discover your universe will be the memories and experiences of your school days. Brigidine has given you the best start in life, and hopefully you've given Brigidine the best chance to be that best start in your lives.

Good luck in the coming exams, and on behalf of all the teachers at Brigidine, best wishes in your lives ahead. Be sure to succumb to the reunion forces in the years ahead.

Mr Rob Farr
Teacher in Tandem with Class of 2006



Year 12 Graduation Assembly



Year 12 2006 gather on the Stage of Bowie Hall

Year 12 Breakfast and Graduation Assembly

Year Twelve's final day of school was a special day for all involved, staff and students alike. We began the day with a farewell breakfast barbecue. It was wonderful to see the girls arriving so early to school – who would have thought that possible!

Chapel was an opportunity for quiet reflection, with music provided by the music class. Looking back over six years at school, there have been many struggles that have helped to shape the people we become. Year 12 planted seeds as symbols of their growth through struggle and as symbols of their exciting lives to come.

The Mentor farewell is always an exciting time. Time capsules, made by the girls when they were in Year 7, were opened and provided much laughter and of course triggered many more memories. There were certainly some interesting things to be discovered in those envelopes!

Of course, the Finale to the day, the Graduation Assembly was a memorable one. The speeches made by the leaders of the College this year were clever and entertaining: Jenn with her school bag, Claire with her pencil case, Sam with her lunch box, Sarah with her stockings, Ash with her blazer and Bronya with her shoes. These girls have been an exceptionally creative group and have led with kindness and an abundance of enthusiasm.

Mr Farr's farewell address and the PowerPoint display of photographs showing the girl's journey through the six years were thoughtfully written, prepared and delivered.

Many thanks go to Year 12 who participated in such a caring and responsible fashion. It was a wonderful day and Year 12 will be remembered for their joy and exuberance.

Mrs Maree Lindsay
Year 12 Co-ordinator



Sarah Boreham discusses the pitfalls of the 'dreaded pantyhose'



Caitlin Hill, Chloe Brown and Grace Davies



Erika Aoyama, Claire, Bowditch enjoy a hearty and healthy breakfast



Ashleigh Knox runs through the Guard of Honour created by Year 11



Gabrielle Malouf runs through the Year 11 guard of honour



Cristina Herrera, Kathleen Searle, Monique Steger, Belinda Stewart, Isobel Stanford, Harriet Smith, Mischa Moraza, Stephanie Burge

Year 12 Graduation Mass and Dinner

The Year 12 Graduation Mass and Dinner was a wonderful finale and a fitting celebration of the end of 13 years of schooling. The Graduation Mass, held in Corpus Christi Cathedral, was a very celebratory and poignant occasion. The musicians, under the direction of Mrs Boyd, provided us with their beautiful music, the readings were all thoughtfully chosen and Bronya Fraser-Hill's reflection had a message for all of us.

Every student was presented to Mrs Atkins and received a medallion in recognition of her achievements. The procession of graduating students with lit candles at the end of the mass was

moving and a further reminder that it is indeed time for our graduating class to take their light into the world.

After the Mass it was back to Brigidine for the Graduation dinner. This year Mrs Vicki Scott and Mrs Helen Carlson did a wonderful job decorating the hall. We were greeted with fairy lights and butterflies to tie in the graduation theme of growth and new beginnings. Emelia Thomas proved to be a great MC and the toasts were all perfectly executed and provided much humour and emotion. Thankyou to Bronya Fraser-Hills, Ashleigh Knox and Mrs Beverley Leahy for doing such wonderful jobs.

We must also thank the team of Year 11 parents who helped to make the night such a success.

Mrs Maree Lindsay
Year 12 Co-ordinator



Kara Singh with her parents



Christina Cagorski with her parents



Year 12 2006 students gather in Corpus Christi Cathedral to celebrate their Graduation



Stephanie Burge with her parents



Bowie Hall was transformed into a fairy land in preparation for the Year 12 Graduation Dinner



Year 12 2006 with their families celebrated the Graduation Mass at Corpus Christi Cathedral



Year 12 gather on stage to farewell the College and thank their parents



Year 12 celebrate together



Erika Aoyama

1. Lunchtime in general, favorite memory: Mr Cods calling me "Edwina"
2. Eri, Booneigh
3. Friends, laughing with friends, the abundance of maroon
4. Laughing more often than I cry and having no regrets



Courtney Baker

1. At Brigidine I loved being involved in the Music Club and also spending time with friends on school Retreats and Camps
2. Court, courteous
3. I'll miss spending so much time with my friends and I'll miss being a part of the school community
4. I want to go on to become a registered psychologist, researching cognitive therapies and I always want to stay close to my family and friends



Clare Barclay

1. Lunchtime fun, all the camps and retreats
2. Clarey, Clarebelle, Clare-bear
3. Walking through the corridors and seeing all the smiling faces. All the friends I see every day
4. I hope to have found my niche in life and be happy doing what I love!



Lara Bayliss

1. Free periods, Year 12 Retreat
2. Larli, Lana, Lar
3. Having all my friends in one place at one time
4. Living my life to the full



Amy Beech-Allen

1. Art Camp with the caterpillar room mates, and New Zealand hockey tour
2. Beechie, Pommie
3. The constant supply of Freddo sellers, dressing up at swimming and athletics carnivals and the terrible British accents my friends put on!!
4. To have enough adventure and fun to have a plentiful supply of stories to tell the grandkids one day



Danielle Beilby

1. Ancient History lessons with Ms Malpass.... Year 7 mentor Christmas party (frizzy hair and reindeers ears)
2. Dani
3. Lunchtime with all my friends and doing nothing in free periods, I mean ssssstudy periods...
4. World peace?



Serena Bell

1. Year 9 and 10 Camps and the Year 12 Retreat
2. Rini
3. Being with my friends all day, every day and the hot summer days on the year 12 verandah
4. To have a fun, happy and fulfilling future, and to become a primary school teacher



Juliana Betts

1. Year 10 - the day we killed the lizard and all its friends came to the funeral. Street Retreat
2. Julse, Julie, Bettsy
3. Seeing all of the friendly faces in the corridor and lunchtimes with all of my beautiful friends
4. Happiness from a life filled with good experiences



Sarah Boreham

1. The many group parties and lunchtime cricket matches (go team ceremony!!) I'll miss and never forget my mischievous PE class and our crazy lessons with Miss Brannan!!
2. Sar Sar, Saz, Whimpy little baby rufus
3. Sazza mcdoolle will miss the constant challenges of school life juggling and keeping a balance between academic and friendship demands, but most of all absolute spirit and ambition amongst the graduating class of '06
4. I hope that I have endeavored in enough adventures, traveled and met many characters, and created much art to satisfy my soul



Claire Bowditch

1. Learning where almonds come from Mr Js one unit religion class
3. Time with friends, lunchtime, holidays
4. Help others and achieve my dreams



Amy Brown

1. Christmas in July, lunchtime group party, one unit religion "P" parties
2. Brownloj, Amz
3. Being able to see all my friends every day. The excitement of the swimming and athletics carnivals (dressing up as a parrot!), Bruce the rubbish bin
4. To be happy doing things that I love. To achieve all my goals



Chloe Brown

1. My group of girls in Year 10. We had some great times, especially lunchtimes.
2. Clo, Clobie
3. Free periods sitting in the sun. The early mornings and the "lovely" teachers! Seeing everyone's faces in the morning corridor
4. A good career that I'm happy with, be a millionaire, and live on the beach

The following questions were posed to Year 12 students:

1. My two favourite memories/activities at Brigidine are.....
3. What I will miss most about Brigidine

2. My nickname is
4. The one thing I wish to achieve in life is



Eloise Brukarz

1. Monday lunches, hearing all the goss, talking about the weekend, hang out with my favourite girls, finding my real friends
2. Ella B, Ella Bru
3. My friends, free periods sitting out in the sun, drama classes, laughing at the most random things
4. Getting through the HSC, to find my dream



Sarah Bryant

1. The 2006 Swimming and Athletics Carnivals, Year 10 founder's day, 50's Week
2. Srah
3. Ancient history lessons with Miss Malpass, lunchtimes and recess with friends
4. To do everything I dream of doing no matter how long it takes



Amy Buckingham

1. One of my favourite memories at Brigidine is going on the New Zealand hockey tour. I will also always remember the cricket matches which we had at lunch in Year 11. Team Sarah vs team Simona.
2. Buk
3. What I will miss most about Brigidine is my friends and our great parties
4. The one thing I wish to achieve in my life is to be able to travel around Europe



Kayla Bulla

1. Year 12 Retreat, Year 9 lunchtimes
2. Bulla, squish, Bull
3. All of my friends in year 12, crazy lunchtimes
4. To be happy with whatever I have achieved



Stephanie Burge

1. Year 10 reflection day was a great day, Year 11 Retreat was an awesome time
3. Being with friends and being able to see them every day, I'll miss seeing the people who aren't in your group but are still friends! wish to go to Uni and stay in contact with my friends.
4. I want to live in Paddington



Veronica Buttarello

1. Falling through the canteen door, my Principal's detention with Mr Bowie, a nice opportunity to talk to him before he left
3. Having a routine! Free periods and sitting outside in the fresh air and sun, some of the teachers, seeing some of the girls in the corridor and just saying hey! Ordering pizza at lunchtime
4. To lead a healthy, tranquil and rewarding life, filled with success and surrounded by all the people that I love. I hope to be blessed and to take with me what I have learnt and apply it to everything I do



Christina Cagorski

1. Mrs Whiddon tap dancing and Year 12 Retreat
2. Xtina, Ina, Teenee, Tina
3. 12.4 mentor and having a laugh with the girls
4. Having a successful career and being content with my life



Holly Cashman

1. Doing group performance in Year 12, vowel pals! All camps and retreats, lunchtimes
2. Hol Smol
3. The year 12 verandah, lunchtimes, double free's, especially friends
4. In life I wish to achieve happiness and be successful in anything I do



Katherine Cattell

1. Team Simona v. team Sarah (Team Simona is better!), p parties
2. Katie, Kattell
3. My friends and all the great times we had - crazy lunchtimes
4. Happiness



Kelly Cheng

1. Formals, year 10 Camp
2. Kel, kdheng, crip Kellyann, Kel bel
3. Kicking it back with you kids, friends
4. To become a professional soccer player



Julia Chung

1. Drawing on Courtney's face in Year 12 Retreat, noodles coming out of Emma's nose
2. Yulia
3. Friends and lunchtimes
4. Try my best in everything I do



Simona Cipollone

1. Year 10 Camp, in which I bashed into the metre-by-metre humongous ladder, whilst going down the flying fox. It was as funny as my massive bruise
2. Sigh-moan-ah, Team Simona
3. The year 11 lunchtime cricket team...we were way cooler than team Sarah
4. Happiness



Josephine Clarke

1. Getting to know all my beautiful Year 12 girls, retreat
2. Jojo
3. Lunchtimes in the sun, hockey training with Emma and the girls, friends
4. To be happy in every way



Alexandra Coleman

1. When Courtney thought that almonds were made inside peaches and our dance party at Year 11 Retreat
2. Ali
3. My PE class, my friends, my drama class, seeing people that aren't in my friendship group, the school holidays, having "study" periods, water fights with Lucy Mac, bio classes and Founders Day
4. To be happy and healthy ... and maybe rich



Susannah Collins

1. Duke of Ed – all our crazy adventures, year 11 retreat – street retreat, rainy days
2. Susie, Suze
3. All the crazy and beautiful girls from year 12
4. To be happy and make other people's lives happy



Liesl Cornell

1. Year 11, 12 Retreats, when Clare and I ate peach seeds to see if they tasted like almonds, also the time I choked on Nutrigrain
2. Yee
3. Lunchtimes, always being able to see my friends, "frees"
4. To be healthy, happy and to fly high!



Lisa-Astrid Curran

1. Hockey on Saturday mornings, reflection day in year 10
2. Lilisa
3. My friends
4. Happiness



Lauren Daneel

1. Musicals and plays (particular Guys and Dolls and A Midsummer Nights Dream) and great times with mentor 4
2. Loz, Lizzie, Lizzo
3. The girls, the atmosphere, the old hall smell, hockey trainings, rehearsals, music camp, sport carnivals, Founders Day – everything!
4. Fulfillment



Grace Davies

1. Retreats, free periods
3. Friends, lunchtime
4. I'm attempting at the moment to be a nurse



Sarah Dixon

1. Camps, Retreats, being Fatima vice captain and all the success we had this year, Going to New Zealand and QLD to play netball, being Netball Captain, canoeing in Year 9 camp with Lucy, Year 9 water fights
2. Sarah D, Dixon, Sar
3. My year group, carnivals, retreats, free's, my maths class and pretty much every day
4. Is to become a primary school teacher



Chloe Eather

1. Year 11 and 12 Retreats, netball
2. Go the Chlo!
3. Spending time with my friends at lunchtime, seeing my friends every day
4. To be successful and happy in anything I choose to pursue



Lucinda Eccles

1. The Camps, Retreats and the Dance Groups
2. Lucy
3. Being able to see my friends every day
4. To do something good for people, to become a primary school teacher or pre-school teacher



Jennifer Edgar

1. Poisonous smell of Victoria's Year 9 camp mat, major cringe factor of Wakakiri Festival – Possum Magic!!
2. Jenn and any variation of the word "egg"
3. Everyday happenings of Brigidine: from learning the guitar in year 7 to modern history parties in year 12
4. I wish to BE the paper!



Kristina Ek

1. Year 12 Retreat, Year 11 Retreat
2. Ek or K-tina
3. Hanging with the year group at school, VET lessons, Christmas in July, group parties
4. Success, happiness



Laura Euers

1. Being told by the careers advisor that I should become a park ranger, always managing to run last on the footy tipping ladder
2. Loz, Lozson
3. Being on the bottom of 12.7's footy ladder and crashing their mentor
4. Become the best park ranger in Australia



Karen Farnsworth

1. Year 10 camp, Year 12 Retreat
2. Kaz, Kazza
3. Music composition lessons
4. A big family after I travel the world and learn to play the mandolin



Courtney Farthing

1. Cate loves horses, year 11 retreat, year 10 reflection day
2. Corky, Corkus
3. Our grade, VET classes, netball camp, Mrs Stuart, Jenny and Bri, lunchtime cricket
4. Success



Catherine Fitzsimmons

1. Camps and Retreats, amusing lunchtime parties, Christmas in July
2. Cate
3. Our grade, VET classes, the girls, funny lunchtimes, lunchtime cricket, Bruce, connect 4 in maths, Christmas in July, group parties
4. HAPPINESS!



Rebecca Flett

1. Mentor
2. Beciboo
3. Sarah Dixon
4. To become like Sarah Dixon



Emma Followill

1. Mr Bowie's farewell assembly and my principal's detention with Mr Bowie, spent discussing my future aspirations and wise advice from him
2. Don't have one
3. Being able to spend the day with your friends and seeing them every day, the familiarity of a six year routine will be missed
4. To embark upon a career in which I am happy and successful and to have a family of my own, to never lose my own integrity



Sarah Fox

1. Group performance, year 12 with my vowel pals, Mrs Whiddon tap dancing, actually everything in mentor
2. Foxy, Marto, Foxy
3. Cleopatra she's in whole lotta woman heehee, the girls, mentor 12.4 is the best WOUEVEE!! Mrs Whiddon, Mrs Lindsay (they are champs)
4. Buy a chateau in Brittany, France by the time I'm 40 as well as watching St George win 4 straight premierships in a row



Alison Francis

1. Mentor: Sam in the wheelchair as a human cannon and Mrs Whiddon's tap dancing
2. Ali, Pacines, Alsworth, Alpacher, Advo, DF+FF
3. The grey stockings!
4. To never leave God's land (alla Mona - sorry Bron)!!!



Bronya Fraser-Hills

1. Dressed as a crocodile on National Television, the first two students to graduate from the Chisholm Centre
2. Bron, Tince, the BFH
3. Mentor 12.4
4. Only one?



Sarah Gardiner

1. Retreats! The laughs, the séances and the priceless prank calls! They brought us all closer and baby Malakai will live on in my heart forever.
2. Sar, Gardis
3. 12.4 mentor, Mrs Whiddon, ancient history with Mai and seeing all the girls every day
4. To travel the world, be successful in what I do, have pretty babies and be happy!



Carmel Gelonesi

1. Year 12 Retreat, last day of Year 10
2. Carm, Clam, Meia
3. The laughs in 12.4 mentor, the talks in Italian, chatting with the girls every lunch and the year 7 water fights
4. To be successful in my career, buy a villa in Italy, be happy!



Samantha Gilroy

1. Year 11 Street Retreat, Year 10 Reflection Day and every music camp!!
2. Sam, Sammy
3. Italian lunches, mentor 12.4 - I loved spending the time with you guys. I will also miss the constant contact with my friends
4. To have a long successful career, to travel the world and have a BIG family



Carly Glover

1. Mrs Whiddon tap dancing in mentor and Year 7 bus trips
2. Carl, Carlos, Carl
3. 12.4 mentor, year 12 verandah, not being able to see everyone every day, the laughs, niking coffees from Mrs Whiddon's kitchen
4. To live a life in God's land! (that one's for you, Mrs Lindsay)



Heidi Godsall

1. Year 10 Camp, Mrs Whiddon tap dancing in mentor. Bronya dancing for Year 9 Mentor
2. Heids
3. The lunchtimes with the girls and the early morning mentors with 12.4
4. To stop the cycle of reincarnation and reach enlightenment



Madeleine Gough

1. Performance – vowel pals, group performance – vowel pals, all the camps and retreats - Mr Goodrich falling out of the canoe in fruit salad (ha ha lost his sunnies)
2. Madz, Maddy, Goughy, Unit Madzmoo, Madeline
3. 12.4 mentor, sitting on the year 12 verandah with all the girls, year 12 drama class and being able to behave like idiots for the short time in our lives because we are young and we are still at school!
4. To party hard but work hard and be proud of whatever I do!



Ella Haines

1. The veeegie board at year 12 Retreat and the attack of Emily Rose-who turned out to be Mrs Baker with a ball and chain. 2.4 mentor mornings with Mrs Whiddon. Bronya spinning around so fast that she didn't notice Mr Carters horrified expression.
2. Bangers (and mash a.k.a. Ash May)
3. The weekly masses, uncontrollable laughter at lunchtimes with the girls, mentor morning tea, school photos where you look like you've just been in Gale force winds.
4. Killer legs like Heidi Godsall, to be on time for once, to be reincarnated as the Dali Lama and reach spiritual enlightenment.



Suzannah Hall

1. Year 10 Camp and year 12 Retreat
2. Suze, Shooze
3. 12.4 mentor, all those in-house jokes...
4. Visit every continent...



Meghan Hamilton

1. Saturday hockey, Bundanon, Mrs Whiddon's table top dancing, year 11 street retreat
2. Megz, moo, seagull
3. 12.4 mentor, being with friends everyday
4. Own a yacht and travel the world



Rachel Hansen

1. Year 11 and 12 Retreats, mentor 12.4 with our table top dancing
2. Rach, Rachie
3. Spending lunchtimes, recesses, mentor, free periods and before school with all the girls
4. Make the most of everything, live life to the fullest and no regrets... be happy!!!



Katy-Marie Hayman

1. Wombat hole, and everyone freaking out and escaping through the exit! Year 10 camp!
2. Hay-man, Haym-Dog
3. Mentor time, with the best mentor 12.4 and Mrs Whiddon
4. To be happy!



Cristina Herrera

1. My 1st day at Brigidine in Year 11 2005, when I found out something secret about Steph that was really embarrassing and just meeting new people and being in the Dance Club as well as making my Visual Arts Body of Work
2. Cris, Crissy
3. Sitting with my group and other groups having a laugh and the fun that I have dancing in the dance spectacular
4. I want to study and have a good job in the arts, media or teaching, as well as lead a happy life and enjoy the simple things of life



Caitlin Hill

1. Year 10, 11 & 12 lunchtimes, Year 10 Formal, Year 10 class
2. Cate
3. I will miss seeing my friends everyday
4. Its to go to university and get a good job and earn lots of money



Madeleine Hillier

1. All the Retreats – Street and Picton! Year 11 play and definitely Year 12 GP – Go the Vowelies!!
2. Maddie, Mads, Hillisie, oh and of course "man hand!"
3. All the great girls! Drama – so many memories from musicals and plays, sport-soccer, volley, hockey, Duke of Ed – such great times!
4. Waking up smiling and loving what I do



Emma Hines

1. Being a part of the crew for musical/drama productions
2. Em, Emph, Hinsie, Queen of the ribbons
3. Every single girl in my year – you're all amazing!
4. To live with no regrets



Danielle Humphris

1. Year 10 Formal, All Camps and Retreats
2. Usually Dan or Danni, "Zuko", Danni Daughter, "D" Darnielle, Dan the Man, Pokey etc.
3. I will definitely miss the whole grade. Being with them for 6 years and suddenly realising that I may never see them again comes as a big shock.
4. I would love to achieve my dream of travelling all around the world, discovering new and different places



Katy Jenkins

1. Year 12 lunchtimes, Music classes and performances
2. Katy J. Katims
3. My friends and all our jokes at lunch
4. Successful career with travel and lots of laughter



Caitlin Johnson

1. Year 11 play, Retreats
2. Cait, bait, Johnsonsevitich
3. Friends, lunch, recess, musicals, frees
4. Good times



Lisa Keighery

1. Year 10 Camp, Lunchtime movies
2. Lis
3. Definitely being able to see everyone everyday, as next year this will require effort
4. Conquer the world while no one's watching and reap the benefits afterwards



Kathryn Kennett

1. The great almond debate: do almonds really come from peaches? Art classes with Lol and the mysterious Mr Boo
2. Kate or Ken (although some Avalon girls may know me as Katie K)
3. Lunchtimes: The unexpected always happens
4. To make documentaries or films



Jessica Kirkby

1. Lunch and morning tea were never boring as our group took numerous jokes way too far. Duke of Ed, netball and volley all the way!!
2. Jess, Kirk, Kirky, Kirkballs
3. The great atmosphere of the school and seeing my friends everyday.
4. To be happy, to be able to go to work and smile because I am doing something that I love



Ashleigh Knox

1. Musicals/plays: Street Retreat
2. Ash, Ash-Pash, Maria, Knoxville
3. Musicals, lunchtime conversations, friends, fun-times in classes, dance spectaculars and plays
4. Pursue my dreams and have a successful career



Emma Lambert

1. When I was eating noodles 'Fantastic' and I was laughing and they all came out my nose, I fell off the bench and I couldn't get up because of my laughing. Also a friend and her peach talk "Where do almonds come from" The answer after much debate was not peaches
2. Elmo - because of the suit I wear everywhere, Oompa Loompa
3. Well I always will miss Mr Bowie because he was a great leader and helped me a lot. Also the community atmosphere, I really do like it and the school song.
4. To not return to do year 12 again and get into Notre Dame University to study Early-Childhood Education



Bianca Lane

1. Louise and I in Year 10 making the two drama teachers cry in laughter from the "Dance off" The Monday story telling from the weekend, hilarious
2. B. Bianc
3. The lunchtime talks with all the girls, oh so funny
4. Become a flight attendant, be a millionaire, get married, have kids and hopefully have a family goldfish



Lauren Langley

1. Year 10 Reflection Day and frees on the verandah
2. Lol, Lolly
3. Definitely all the friends
4. I want to help make others happy



Courtney Leach

1. Year 11 play, musicals
2. Court
3. Friends
4. To be happy



Amy Leahy

1. Lunchtimes, Vietnam trip with the school, Year 9 camp, Italian lunches
2. Ames, Bone Bag
3. Seeing friends everyday!
4. Be a Mum, travel the world



Rachel Mackay

1. Um...I have a bad memory...?? Oh, our little cubby hole in Year 10 under the stairs
2. Ray
3. All the work! Not...no, really, the girls, the verandah and all the lovely teachers
4. Get in the Guinness Book of Records, make lot's of MULAH...learn Spanish



Lucy MacLennan

1. The many lunchtime water fights and year 12 camp
2. Luce
3. All my gorgeous friends
4. To always be happy and nch



Sarah Maloney

1. Cricket in Year 11, parties at lunchtime
2. Sar, Ceremony, Dr Sas, Maloneys
3. The time Mr Jays' RE class went on an excursion to Uluru
4. Go to the moon and set up my own little colony there including munchkins and space people, maturity



Gabrielle Malouf

1. Year 11 Street Retreat, Founders Day every year, lunchtimes and free's, just being a senior
2. Gab, Gabby
3. The school song, having such a great group of people to turn to for support or laugh with everyday
4. To achieve more than one thing! I want to have balanced life that is fulfilling and enjoyable



Annie Mangen

1. Hol and me at year 9 camp when our tent flooded
2. Ann
3. Lunchtimes, Monday mornings, Friday afternoons and red frogs
4. Be happy and have fun



Emma Marden

1. Christmas in July and having a Christmas party at lunch with all the decorations and Christmas food, Year 11 and 12 free's
2. Em, Emi, Ema
3. All my beautiful friends and all fun times at school
4. Success and happiness



Ashley May

1. Year 10 Reflection Day
2. The Mash, Ash May
3. The girls, the lunchtimes
4. To be happy.



Christina Mayne

1. All of the friends I have made and going on exchange to Brigidine Windsor UK
2. Nina, Neenz, 9
3. Seeing my friends every day and all of the good times shared with them
4. To fulfill a life of happiness and joy



Ailsa McArthur

1. Year 11 Street Retreat, lunchtimes with the girls (lizard funeral)
2. Ails, Salsa, "dip"
3. Friends, teachers and all the fun times and dramas
4. To be happy, avoid the obesity epidemic and live well, eat well, play well



Samantha McCormack

1. The endless entertaining, often embarrassing and always awesome plays, musicals, public speaking, Wakakin, religious and ethical questions etc And of course the unforgettable 7T
2. ...should be "last minute"
3. The unlimited supply of Kool Mints and Brigo Choccies in the Conference Room, the fortnightly modern history parties and my fantastic friends
4. To strive without limits, leave no stone unturned to move mountains



Fiona McDonald

1. Lunchtimes in the music rooms
2. Fi
3. Seeing my friends everyday, cups of tea with Mrs Whiddon
4. To be a Martian



Kate McRobie

1. Year 11 & 12 Retreats and our lunchtime parties (especially Christmas in July)
2. Krobs
3. Crazy PE lessons and being able to have a laugh with my very best friends everyday!
4. To be able to say I have lived my life to the full and with no regrets



Holly Meyerson

1. Year 9 Camp when Annie and I left our tent open and it absolutely poured with rain! Bree, Ray, Annie & I getting caught sunbaking on the oval
2. Holl!
3. Funny lunchtimes with the girls, Mr Palme telling me to take my jewellery off!
4. Become an air hostess, travel the world, get married and have babies



Kate Miller

1. Lunchtimes and the filming for our group graduation video
2. Moie, Mills
3. Seeing all my friends everyday and doing the footy tips
4. Travel and have a family



Jennifer Mills

1. Year 11 & 12 Retreats, spending lunches with friends
2. Jen
3. Seeing all of my friends
4. I want to travel, have fun, meet new people and live life to the fullest



Afifi Mityr

1. Leaving early every Tuesday and getting coffee before TAFE and all of Year 12, that was a good year
2. Fifi
3. Seeing my friends everyday and enjoying free's on the year 12 verandah
4. Happiness and health for me and my friends and family, Touch Wood!



Elizabeth Moore

1. Year 10 class and Year 9 lunchtime talks
2. Liz
3. Frees and Lunch
4. To travel to Africa



Louise Moore

1. Good food, good people, good times, Retreat and frees were sublime, Lunchtimes and recesses were definitely great, spending time with my wonderful mates
2. My nicknames are far and few everybody just call me Lou
3. My friends and classes are wonderful and good, I will miss hanging out with them in da hood
4. There is only one thing I wish in my life, that my family and friends stay out of strife



Mischa Moraza

1. Year 10 Camp – canoeing in winter, ice on the tent, cleaning the drop pits with Lily because we wouldn't wake up at 6am. What fun. Retreats and reflection days
2. Mish, Mish Mash
3. Seeing everyone everyday, Planning our weekends on Monday
4. Go to Uni to finish my studies and to stay happy



Alyce Muldoon

1. This years swimming and athletics carnivals. Talking at lunch with my friends
2. Lycey
3. Seeing my friends everyday, Breaking out in song with Sarah, Emma's letters
4. World Domination



Leanne O'Rorke

1. Year 12 retreat, Year 9 religion
2. Lee-lee, Ororkel, Leeroy, dudeman
3. Laughing with my friends and lunchtime parties
4. To have fun and enjoy everything I do



Elise Osborne

1. The lunchtime games and parties with the girls, the musicals, dance spec and retreats
2. Leese, El, Liceman, KFC
3. Seeing all the girls everyday
4. Just to enjoy everything I do



Vanessa Pek

1. Year 11 Retreat, free periods with friends
2. Nessa, Nussy, Pek, Pecko, Van
3. Tennis lessons, and spending lunch and free time with friends and having group chats on the computer
4. Have life-long friendships and travel the world



Karina Peters

1. The Swimming Carnival, Reflection Day
3. All my friends and my teachers
4. To find a job



Natalie Ponticello

1. Recess and lunch with friends
2. Poniello
3. Free/study periods with Leanne
4. Happiness



Haylie Pretorius

1. Year 12 Retreat, Year 10: the day we killed the lizard and all its lizard friends come to the funeral
2. Hey Lee
3. Spending lunchtimes with all the girls
4. Waking up every morning and knowing that I love what I do



Claire Robertson

1. The microwave and hot lunches, relaxing with the girls out on the verandah
2. Robs, Robbo, Claire bear
3. Musicals, dance spectacular, lunchtimes, seeing my friends every day, and school life in general. We got it so easy!
4. As cliché'd as it sounds, I want to make a difference in the world, I want to leave, having made a positive mark on the lives of many people



Jasmine Samiri

1. VET Class
2. K-Bomb or K-Town
3. The Vending machines
4. To have lots of pink dolphins



Hannah-Rose Saul

1. Any lunchtime really, Founders Day food fair lunch
2. Hannahbanana
3. Lunches
4. Two lunches in one day



Kathleen Searle

1. Recess and lunch
2. Sherwood, Amz
3. Seeing everyone on a day to day basis and planning catching up on our weekends
4. To be as happy as I am now for the rest of my life or to live in a castle



Amy Sherwood

1. Year 11 Retreat, Athletics and Swimming Carnivals
2. Kay, KJ, Kayles
3. Spending lunchtimes and study periods with friends
4. Travel overseas and help people in developing countries



Kayla Shoppee

1. Gymnastics and music
3. Seeing my friends nearly every day
4. Being successful and proud



Alexandra Sim

1. Lunch and recess
2. Chloe, Chiui, Shlo
3. My friends, going home bell
4. A Guinness Book record



Brianna Sim

1. Year 12 Retreat, lunchtimes with friends
2. Bree
3. Being with friends every day
4. Become a mother



Chloe Singe

1. Year 12 Retreat, Year 11&12 maths parties
3. Lunchtimes and seeing 128 of my friends every day
4. To be happy within myself



Kara Singh

1. Lunch and recess
2. Chloe, Chiui, Shlo
3. My friends, going home bell
4. A Guinness Book record



Harriet Smith

1. Trivia nights on camp and me and Belinda coming so far last in our race, we won the following race... running
2. Harry or Hari or Harri... Skippy, turtle, haz, haza, and "Harryhat"
3. Seeing friends every day, cutting the College Green with scissors and the "carrot sticks" of Mr Jay's class (not to forget the famous "P Party" in RE...)
4. For everyone to know my name, maybe be famous, either that or just be happy



Natalie Sourian

1. All of the musicals and Year 11 and 12 Retreats
2. Nat, Natty
3. Being with my friends every day, gossip sessions during "free" periods
4. To become a pediatrician and be successful throughout my life, become famous



Isobel Stanford

1. Having free's with the girls
2. Izfunk, Izzy, Skiz, Muffin Lama, Poochy Meina
3. My friends and the fun and laughing at lunch until I couldn't breath and the drama and the love gossip and the love
4. To be happy always, to be successful in what I do, to have a rich hubby - ha ha



Monique Stegar

1. Year 12 Retreat and lunchtime with all the girls together
2. Monny, Monza
3. Being all together with the whole year, having something to do during the day
4. Be the best person I can be and achieve goals which I have set later on in life, be happy



Belinda Stewart

1. Dressing up with Harriet for the swimming and athletics carnival and coming so far last, we came first! Playing hockey with all the girls - NZ hockey tour
2. Bee
3. Seeing my friends every day, the girls in math's class and the funny times we had - Sam's dream, Hockey
4. Be happy for ever!



Monique Swan

1. Duke of Ed Camps 2006, BBSSSA Athletics Carnival
2. Mosie
3. All the friends, fun and lots of cheerfulness
4. Be a vet



Anna Tait

1. Year 12 Retreat, Swimming Carnival and Street Retreat in Year 11
2. Anne, Anz
3. Ancient parties with Mall, seeing friends every day at school and the endless conversations about everything and anything
4. To have done the most that I can do for others and myself and to travel around the world



Emelia Thomas

1. Dressing up for carnivals and chatting with friends at lunch (and in class!)
2. Em, Emmy, Meals, teedledum, sunflower eyes
3. Everything! Friends, teachers, my entire life is in Brigidine...What am I going to do now?
4. Be happy and comfortable with myself



Esther Thurtell

1. My two favourite memories of Brigidine are the International Food Fair days and the Year 10 camp
2. Tweedledee, Etta, Es, Essions
3. My fabulous friends!
4. I wish to be happy, have a great career and travel Whoops, more than one!



Emily Topp

1. Year 11 and 12 Retreats, Christmas in July
2. Em, Shorty, Soba Spice
3. One unit religion with Mr J, P-parties, being with my girls, modern history doubles
4. To be myself and be happy with where I am whenever that is



Rachel Venteman

1. Year 11/12 Retreats, lunchtimes
2. Rach, Vents
3. Our PE and modern history classes, our free group! Most of all, I'll miss my group-especially all our lunchtime parties, plus everyone else in the school who I've come to know and love
4. Travel the world, be healthy and happy



Bethany Walker

1. Year 9 and 10 Food Tech pracs and burning a hole through the bin
2. Bef!
3. Basketball games in Year 11 and our distraction tactics, The people



Natalie Ward

1. Making grass angels with Jacinta, playing hangman with Chloe in Religion (Year 10)
2. Cecilly
3. My beautiful friends
4. Win the lottery and become insanely rich and live in a castle



Emma Whiting

1. Year 12 Retreat, Athletics Carnival
2. Em
3. Singing in studies, year 12 maths classes, year 12 in general (except exams that is!)
4. Become rich and successful and to be a black belt in karate



Tamara Wright

1. Retreats, modern parties
2. Tam, Tammy, Timmy, Tamarama
3. Seeing my wonderful, gorgeous and hilarious friends every single day! I love you all- please keep in contact!
4. Go and teach in Sri Lanka



Laura Wu

1. Retreats and camps, talking and other related lunchtime things
2. Wu, Wusan
3. Everything - especially having absolutely nothing to do and seeing everyone every day
4. Anything I happen to want at that point in my life



**“What the caterpillar
calls the end,
the rest of the world
calls a butterfly.”**

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Principal's Address - Mrs Joanne Atkins



Extracts from Speech Day 7th December, 2006

There have been many significant happenings this year. As our Board Chair mentioned, our Opening Mass and Commissioning Ceremony in February was a truly memorable celebration for our community.

Also during February the College hosted the Association of Heads of Independent Schools NSW Conference for ninety Principals. This was an outstanding success. Over the two days, the Principals who attended the dinner and meetings spoke glowingly of our College staff and students.

One of the highlights of the Conference was the homily delivered by our College Captain, Bronya Fraser-Hills during the Chapel service. The homily discussed Pope Benedict's first encyclical, 'God is love'. Bronya requested the gathered Principals to ask their teachers to teach their students how those very words 'God is love' might place an emphasis in students' lives so that they can get a correct understanding of what it is to live, to love and to be fully human as God intended us to be.

Our Year 12 Senior Leaders organised a special project for this year – 'The Children of the First Sunrise' - this is a Fountain of Youth initiative sponsored by Ian Thorpe. The girls with the fabulous support from our students and staff raised over \$4000. This money was sent to the Wugularr School in the Northern Territory to ensure the continuation of a literacy empowerment scheme. This wonderful initiative is being supported by the Brigidine Bicentenary Social Justice Group in 2007 and it is my hope we will continue to develop this bridge between our two schools.

Open Day was a brilliant success with over a thousand visitors. We even made the Channel 10 news coverage that evening because of the traffic chaos on Mona Vale Road. Our visitors were very impressed by our students, the warm welcome that was extended to everyone and our beautiful grounds and facilities.

The Soccer Breakfast organised by the P & F Association and our Soccer Club was a great success. More than 200

people attended - a 4.30 am start - delicious food and a thrilling win by Australia over Croatia made it a great morning. This event highlighted what a wonderful community we have here at Brigidine College St Ives.

The launch of our Strategic Plan in September gave our community an opportunity to listen to three impressive speakers. Sister Chanel Sugden and Sister Maree Marsh who were able to enlighten and inspire us about the International Social Justice projects of the Brigidine Sisters and Professor Charles Burford discussed his research on how to engage students in learning.

Another unforgettable event this year was the Blessing of the Romuald Visual Arts Centre by Sister Chanel Sugden, and the Opening of the HSC Bodies of Work Exhibition.

The Year 12 Graduation was a memorable conclusion to our students thirteen years of schooling. I do sincerely hope that you will recall this experience with fondness and always keep alive your connection with the Brigidine community.

We have also begun our next stage in our Jubilee Masterplan - the redevelopment of the Canteen and the covering of the Quadrangle. Linked to this major building work is the refurbishing of the Year 7, 9 and 10 bathrooms.

Next year is a special year for the Brigidine Sisters. It is 200 years since Daniel Delany and six women established the Congregation of St Brigid. It is a time to give thanks.

To mark this occasion we are organising a 21 day pilgrimage to commemorate the Bicentenary Foundation of the Brigidine Sisters. We will be travelling to Rome, Assisi, Dublin, Kildare and London and on Saturday, 7th July we will be taking part in the Brigidine International Day of Pilgrimage.

Four students from Year 11, 2006 will be attending 'The Pilgrimage of Hope' to India in January, 2007. They will be working for two weeks alongside Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity Sisters helping them serve the 'poorest of the poor'.

Principal's Address - Mrs Joanne Atkins

We hope to be able to send students every year to help in these orphanages and schools. We are fulfilling Jesus' promise 'I have come that you may have life and have it to the full.'

This year three long serving members of our teaching staff are retiring. Robert Louis Stevenson the author said, 'that a woman is a success who has lived well, laughed often and loved much, who has gained the respect of intelligent people and the love of children; who has filled her niche and accomplished her task, who leaves the world better than she found it, who looked for the best in others and gave the best she had.'

All of this applies to Diane Gleeson, who has taught History at Brigidine for 20 years, Maryanne Brooks who taught Maths at Brigidine for 19 years and Marilyn Lucas who taught in the Social Science Department for 17 years. We salute you, a true success.

Other dedicated staff are also leaving our community. Sandra Stuart, who has taught English, Louise Fitzgerald, a Maths teacher who has been on maternity leave this year and has moved to Newcastle with her family. Alison Rylance, our Finance Manager, Liam Dunphy, our Computing Teacher, Marye Taylor from our Maths Department and Ngaire Wallace who taught in the Drama and English departments this year. Your

contributions to the College have been tremendous.

We are very fortunate to have the continued support and involvement of our Brigidine Sisters, in particular Sister Chanel Sugden and Sister Anita Murray and Sister Kathleen Butler who are Board members and give so generously of their expertise and time. We will strive to ensure that the Brigidine story is always kept alive. What we have at Brigidine today is a memorial to the vision, hard work, dedication and faith of our Sisters.

Our College Board works diligently to ensure the success of our school; as do the College Executive and Management Team. Our P & F Association, under the guidance of Mrs Helen Thomas have had another successful year both in friend raising and fund raising.

Our many parents who give so much to the College to ensure their daughters' have every opportunity to achieve their potential.

Many others contribute to ensure that Brigidine College St Ives is the best possible school. The staff, who work in the main office, the Moran Centre, Finance, Property, Enrolments, Development, Archives, special events, all Support Staff are dedicated to each one of you.

We believe that students at Brigidine are aware of global and national issues that will affect society; and have the strength of their convictions to make a difference. The appreciation of the virtues of our motto, 'Strength and Gentleness' are greatly needed in our world - a world where the vulnerable and voiceless can become invisible.

What inspires me is the commitment that many of our staff and students make to help those less fortunate than ourselves.

Today we honour our academic prize winners. The list of outstanding achievements in all areas in this College is very impressive indeed. An individual excels because of many factors, not the least of which is the number of other people who contribute to that individual's success. Isaac Newton said 'I stood on the shoulders of giants'. As we congratulate our prize winners we acknowledge the debt they owe to their teachers. Our teachers are dedicated and professional. They inspire in each student a strong belief in each student's ability to succeed and a lifelong commitment to learning.

To our prize winners my warm congratulations. We are proud of you. To all our students, keep aiming high.



Speech Day Prize List for 2006

YEAR 7

Terri Adams	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Laura Flynn	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Chloe Gillespie	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Bronagh Marley	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Clara Naibandian	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Chloe Papandrea	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Danielle Rice	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Jessica Shanahan	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Anneke Strupits-Haddrick	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Paige Thompson	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Melissa Walsh	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Georgia Boyle	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Amanda Chong	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Manisha Ediriwira	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Laura Flannery	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Chelsea Herbert	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Monisha Jackson	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Anastasia Leon	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Hayley McAlister	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Cristina Olizon	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Lindi Van Rhijn	Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Natalie Mendes	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Catherine Dell	Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education Brigidine Year Award for Year 7

YEAR 8

Emily Briggs	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Sophia Brindle	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Elise Gillard	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
HyeLim Kim	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Jamie Li	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Felicity McHugh	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Anastasia Natoli	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Chantal Walsh	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
Victoria Boyd	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Chloe Brennan	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Rebecca Chandler	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Anna Dougias	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Stephanie Jardine	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Abigail Martin	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Jessica Milne	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Nicola Scarf	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Amelia Shanahan	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Erin Westhoff	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Sarah Worsley	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Greta Cumming	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Zoe Brown	Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education (=)
Gabriella Vawdrey	Outstanding Academic Achievement Award (=)
Chelsea Hayward	Outstanding Academic Achievement Award (=)
	Merit Certificate for Academic Achievement
	Brigidine Year Award for Year 8

YEAR 9

Phoebe Chennell Dutton	1st PDHPE
	1st Commerce
	1st Design & Technology
Emma Edbrooke	1st Music
Michelle Edwards	1st Science
Claudia Gatto	1st Information & Software Technology (=)
Laura Hayter	1st Visual Design
Laura Lynch	1st Mathematics Stage 5.3
Catherine McClean	1st Mathematics Stage 5.2
Corinne O'Sullivan	1st Information & Software Technology (=)
	1st Drama (=)
Rebecca Quinn	1st Drama (=)
Hayley Reeves	1st Food Technology
Ashleigh Ryan	1st French
	1st Italian
Catherine Solomonson	1st Visual Arts
Katharina Trauer	1st Textiles Technology
Lauren Tyler	1st Australian Studies – Geography
Anna Tysoe	1st Mathematics Stage 5.1
Joanne Veyret	1st Geography (=)
Claire Attias	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies

Thea Davison
Eiki Lemmetty
Jesse Mikaelian
Gemma Nelson
Katherine Turnbull
Eleana Vaughan
Angelique Williams

Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
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Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
1st Australian Studies – History
1st English
1st Geography (=)
1st History
Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education
Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Brigidine Year Award for Year 9

Theresa Renshaw

YEAR 10

Kendall Allsop	1st Textiles Technology
Ashley Blake	1st Mathematics Stage 5.1
Kathryn Boyd	1st Information & Software Technology (=)
	1st History (=)
Elise Bulla	1st Australian Studies – History
	1st Italian
	Graduation with Honours
Elicia Cantelo	1st Commerce
	Graduation with Honours
Eleanor Chandler	1st History (=)
	Graduation with Honours
Sofie Christensen	1st Information & Software Technology (=)
Catriona Daly	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
	Graduation with Honours
Sinead Keaveney	1st Mathematics Stage 5.3
	1st Science
	Graduation with Honours
Felicity Littlewood	1st Australian Studies – Geography
Melanie McLean	1st Drama (=)
Lauren Millar	Graduation with Honours
Charlotte Owen	1st PDHPE (=)
Olivia Rolleston	1st Drama (=)
	Graduation with Honours
Holly Shanahan	1st Visual Arts
Natalie Steele	1st Physical Activity & Sports Studies (P.A.S.S.)
Stephanie Tesson	1st Food Technology
Grace Thurtell	1st PDHPE (=)
Yvonne Tong	1st Music
Anna Turnbull	Graduation with Honours
Alexis Walsh	1st Geography (=)
Ashley Watson	1st Design & Technology
Lauren Willmot	1st Mathematics Stage 5.2
Bianca Zyra	1st French
Kirsten Carlisle	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Catherine Davies	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Melanie Ochmann	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Alice Orr	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Jennifer Veal	Merit Certificate for Application to Studies
Clare Keighery	1st English
	Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education
	Graduation with Honours
	Outstanding Academic Achievement Award
Catherine Leahy	Brigidine Year Award for Year 10



Catherine Dell Year 7, Merit Certificate for Application Award, Brigidine Sisters' Prize for Religious Education, Brigidine Year Award for Year 7

Achievement



Our Tennis Firsts were Champion CCC and CIS Team in 2006.
Pictured left to right Cayleigh Timm, Ashleigh Fong, Rachel Venteman and Alex Robotham



Kelly Cheng NSW representative at National All Schools Soccer Championships (Open Team 2nds)



Erika Aoyama recipient of NSW CIS Sports Council Blue Award (Gymnastics)



Cayleigh Timm recipient of a NSW CCC Sports Association Blue Award (Tennis)



Lilly Taylor, Australian National Champion and Youth Olympics Representative (Sailing)



Jessica Secchi and Natalie Steele selected to represent NSW CCC at the NSW All Schools Competition (Softball)



1st Place Intermediate NSW All Schools Triathlon Team
Back Row: Erika Shepherd (cycle Year 10), Belinda Bull, (swim Year 10), and Chelsea Hayward (run Year 8)
Front row our Junior Team who were 3rd overall: Annie Shepherd (cycle Year 7), Elise Gillard, (swim Year 8) and Renae Jolly. (run Year 8)

Achievement



Combined Catholic College Athletics Medalists, Bella Rosati, Gold 100m and Long Jump, Michelle Troup, Silver Discus 13 years, Sarah Kimmorley, Bronze 400m, Gold 4x100m Relay Team, Christina Rodgers, Gold 4x100m Team Relay



Jessica Mackay – Australian Representative and Gold Medalist for NSW at the Australian Nationals in Trampoline and recipient of Commonwealth Sport Achievement Award



Kendall Sargeant, Vice Captain of the NSW CCC Team at the Australasian Catholic Netball Championships



Chelsea Hayward College Athletics Champion (2nd year running) and NSW All schools medalist in the triple jump



Amelia Wagstaff selected for CIS Open Team at the State All Schools Championships in basketball



Gold DEAS recipients Claire Bowditch, Amy Brown, Courtney Farthing, Katy Jenkins, Amy Leahy, Leisl Cornell, Alison Francis, absent were Maddie Hiller and Clare Barclay.

Achievement



Year 12 Drama Group Performance
 'On Stage' nominees 'Hear
 No... See No... Speak No.'
 Left to right Jennifer Edgar, Bronya
 Fraser-Hills, Miss DiAnne
 McDonald Head of Drama,
 Samantha McCormack and Katy
 Jenkins



Alison Francis Year 12, whose
 HSC Individual Project in
 Drama (Reviewing) has been
 selected as one of only 2
 projects from NSW to be
 exhibited in OnStage 2006 to
 be held at the Seymour
 Centre in February.



Camilla Brown, Year 8 won
 first prize in the Australian
 Children's Music Association
 National Songwriting
 Competition



Sarah Lawlor recipient of the
 2006 'Pierre de Coubertin
 Award'



Natalie Steele and
 Sinead Keaveney
 selected for inclusion
 in the National
 Shakespeare Festival
 Showcase to be held
 in January 2007.

Achievement



Amy Beech-Allen nominated for Art Express



Julia Chung selected for Art Express



Natalie Ward nominated for Art Express.



College Blue

The College recognised students who have achieved an 'elite' standard in their chosen field. It has been decided to recognize this excellence in College Co-Curricular activities by the awarding of a 'College Blue' to those students who satisfy criteria as set down by the College.

The awarding of Blues, which are not necessarily awarded in any one year, commenced in 2003.

Recipients Back row: Amy Brown (DEAS), Kelly Cheng (Soccer), Bronya Fraser-Hills (Drama), Laura Evers (Tennis), Alison Francis (DEAS), Sam McCormack (Drama). Front row: Liesl Cornell (DEAS), Rachel Venetman (Tennis), Clare Barclay (DEAS), Claire Bowditch (DEAS), Jennifer Edgar (Drama), Ashleigh Knox (Music), Amy Leahy (DEAS). Absent Maddie Hillier (DEAS), Katy Jenkins (DEAS) and Samantha Gilroy (Music).

Achievement



Bronya Fraser-Hills St Ives Lions' Youth of the Year 2006 - Best Speaker Award Winner



Ashleigh Knox Frenchs Forest Lions' Youth of the Year 2006 – Best Speaker Award Winner.



Samantha McCormack, Year 12, won the 2006 The Zonta Young Women in Public Affairs Award (YWPA)



2006 ADF Leadership and Teamwork Awards Congratulations to Eleanor Chandler (Year 8), Sarah Lawlor (Year 11) and Bronya Fraser-Hills (Year 12) who are the recipients of the inaugural ADF Leadership and Teamwork Awards for 2006.



Bronya Fraser Hills recipient of
 College 'Blue' Drama
 College Award for Captain of College
 Parents and Friends Award for
 Brigine Spirit

Samantha McCormack recipient of
 1st PDHPE
 College 'Blue' Drama
 College Award for Vice Captain
 of College
 Brigine College Medal

Achievement



Some Gold Principal's Award Recipients – Angelina Barin Stephens, Catherine Dell, Victoria Boyd, Emily Briggs, Nicola Scarf and Camilla Brown

Principal's Gold Award

Catherine Dell	Year 7	Sarah Dixon	Year 12
Victoria Boyd	Year 8	Courtney Farthing	Year 12
Emily Briggs	Year 8	Alison Francis	Year 12
Camilla Brown	Year 8	Carmel Gelonesi	Year 12
Chelsea Haywood	Year 8	Heidi Godsall	Year 12
Christina Kim	Year 8	Madeleine Gough	Year 12
Nicola Scarf	Year 8	Rachel Hansen	Year 12
Phoebe Chennell Dutton	Year 9	Caitlin Hill	Year 12
Anna Couch	Year 9	Maddie Hillier	Year 12
Catriona Daly	Year 9	Amy Leahy	Year 12
Claudia Gatto	Year 9	Christina Mayne	Year 12
Olivia Rolleston	Year 9	Ailsa McArthur	Year 12
Verity Paton	Year 10	Fiona McDonald	Year 12
Angela Barin-Stephens	Year 11	Louise Moore	Year 12
Candice Dilworth	Year 11	Alyce Muldoon	Year 12
Natalie Femia	Year 11	Elise Osborne	Year 12
Mackenzie Fong	Year 11	Vanessa Pek	Year 12
Clare Barclay	Year 12	Haylie Pretorius	Year 12
Sarah Bryant	Year 12	Hannah-Rose Saul	Year 12
Amy Buckingham	Year 12	Belinda Stewart	Year 12
Christina Cagorski	Year 12	Anna Tait	Year 12
Holly Cashman	Year 12	Natalie Ward	Year 12
Liesl Cornell	Year 12	Laura Wu	Year 12
Grace Davies	Year 12		

College Records

Athletics Records

Event	Record Holder	Time	Year
Open 1500m	Justine Cobb	5.0763	2003
12 years 200m	Samantha Norris	26.36s	1991
13 years 200m	Danielle Fisher	26.25s	1998
14 years 200m	Bree Donnelly	27.26	2000
15 years 200m	Sharon O'Kane	26.40s	1977
16 years 200m	Danielle Fisher	26.36s	2001
17+ years 200m	Danielle Fisher	26.45s	2002
M/Disability 200m -	Chloe Eather	35.83s	2006
12 years 100m	Samantha Norris	13.94s	1991
13 years 100m	Danielle Fisher	12.84s	1998
14 years 100m	Danielle Fisher	12.94s	1999
15 years 100m	Danielle Fisher	12.84s	2000
16 years 100m	Sarah Kimmorley	12.66s	2006
17+ years 100m	Danielle Fisher	12.74s	2002
M/Disability 100m	Chloe Eather	16.23s	2006
Open 1500m Walk	Alison Patchett	721.11s	1996
12 years 400m	Sarah Gailey	1.09.05s	1993
13 years 400m	Shannon Finch	1.02.80s	1982
14 years 400m	Sarah Kimmorley	1.04.06s	2004
15 years 400m	Sarah Kimmorley	1.04.07s	2005
16 years 400m	Sarah Kimmorley	1.02.86s	2006
17+ years 400m	Danielle Fisher	1.02.67s	2003
M/Disability 400m	Belinda Nipatcharoen	1.39.88s	2003
Junior 800m	Chelsea Hayward	2.32.61s	2006
Intermediate 800m	Justine Cobb	2.30.57s	2001
Open 800m	Justine Cobb	2.30.72s	2003
Invitational 100m	Danielle Fisher	12.53s	2000
All Age Relay 6x100m Fatima		1.2764s	2005

Age Champions

Age	2004	2005	2006
12	Laura Lynch	Renaë Jolly	Alissa Osada
13	Erika Shepherd	Chelsea Hayward	Olivia Caprarelli
14	Sarah Kimmorley	Hannah Goddard	Chelsea Hayward
15	Kelly Cheng	Sarah Kimmorley	Rebecca Woodroof
16	Kirstin Coggins	Melissa Cleary	Sarah Kimmorley
17	Briana Zylstra	Ailsa McArthur	Kelly Cheng
AWD	Monique Swan	Corinne Turner	Chloe Eather Corinne Turner

Field Records

Event	Record Holder	Time	Year
Long Jump			
12 years	Christina Reen	4.36m	1989
13 years	Kelly Cheng	4.66m	2002
14 years	Kelly Cheng	4.97m	2003
15 years	Virginia Smith	5.00m	1979
16 years	Tatum Pearce	4.88m	2003
17+ years	Sharon O'Kane	5.00m	1979
High Jump			
12 years	Lauren O'Neill	1.52m	2001
13 years	Lauren O'Neill	1.64m	2002
14 years	Briana Zylstra	1.50m	2000
15 years	Briana Zylstra	1.55m	2001
16 years	Kandis Orr	1.57m	2006
17 years	Briana Zylstra	1.59m	2004
Shot Put			
12 years	Rachel Hill	9.05m	1990
13 years	Kerry Reen	10.61m	1983

14 years	Rachel Hill	9.35m	1992
15 years	Sophie Spinks	10.79m	1989
16 years	Sophie Spinks	11.33m	1990
17 years	Kristina Reen	10.3m	1994

Discus

12 years	Sophie Spinks	25.50m	1986
13 years	Michelle Troup	26.77m	2006
15 years	Nicola Jones	31.05m	2000
16 years	Nicola Jones	32.10m	2001
17 years	Nicola Jones	34.41m	2003

Javelin

12 years	Christina Reen	17.95m	1989
13 years	Angelique Delaney	24.80m	1999
14 years	Angelique Delaney	31.21m	2000
15 years	Angelique Delaney	34.17m	2001
16 years	Angelique Delaney	35.02m	2002
17 years	Angelique Delaney	33.61m	2003

Swimming Records

Event Description	Record Holder	Time	Year
Open 200m Individual Medley	K. Oliver & D. Hopcroft	2.26.15s	2001
Junior 100m Freestyle	Elise Gillard	1.04.04	2006
Intermediate 100m Freestyle	Rachel Pearce	1.03.34s	1992
Senior 100m Freestyle	Danielle Hopcroft	1.02.90s	2001
12 years 50m Breaststroke	Samantha Pearce	41.59s	1989
13 years 50m Breaststroke	Bianca Esposito	39.53s	1998
14 years 50m Breaststroke	Kristi Oliver	36.76s	2001
15 years 50m Breaststroke	Kristi Oliver	37.24s	2002
16 years 50m Breaststroke	Victoria Cook	34.58s	2000
17+ years 50m Breaststroke	Samantha Pearce	36.14s	1994
Multi Disability 50m Breaststroke	Danielle Flanagan	48.51s	2003
12 years 50m Freestyle	Rachel Pearce	30.09s	1990
14 years 50m Freestyle	Elise Gillard	30.29s	2007
15 years 50m Freestyle	Rachel Pearce	29.22s	1992
16 years 50m Freestyle	Rachel Pearce	29.37s	1993
17+ years 50m Freestyle	Tori Oliver	29.50s	2002
Multi Disability 50m Freestyle	Danielle Flanagan	35.83s	2002
12 years 50m Backstroke	Alana Hopcroft	36.99s	2003
13 years 50m Backstroke	Danielle Hopcroft	35.43s	1998
14 years 50m Backstroke	Natalie Bentley	34.11s	2000
15 years 50m Backstroke	Danielle Hopcroft	33.07s	2000
16 years 50m Backstroke	Danielle Hopcroft	32.47s	2002
17+ years 50m Backstroke	Alison Bentley	34.15s	1998
Multi Disability Backstroke	Danielle Flanagan	34.15s	2003
12 years 50m Butterfly	Rachel Pearce	36.47s	1989
13 years 50m Butterfly	Kristi Oliver	31.84s	2000
14 years 50m Butterfly	Kristi Oliver	31.40s	2001
15 years 50m Butterfly	Kristi Oliver	31.43s	2002
16 years 50m Butterfly	Danielle Hopcroft	31.61s	2001
17+ years 50m Butterfly	Victoria Cook	30.99s	2002
Multi Disability Butterfly	Mary McLean	1.25.48	2004
Open 100m Invitational	Kristi Oliver	1.02.43s	2003

Age Champions

Age	2004	2005	2006
12	Georgia Norris	Ellen Spadon	Tertia Garay
13	Alana Hopcroft	Elisa Gillard	Ellen Spadon
14	Sarah Pike	Belinda Bull	Elise Gillard
15	Grace Davies	Liana Dudley	Belinda Bull
16	Amy Sherwood	Grace Davies	Liana Dudley
17	Kristi Oliver	Ashleigh Brunner	Grace Davies
SWD	Danielle Flanagan	Corinne Turner	Corinne Turner

A Brigid's Blessing

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell,

Bless ev'ry fireside, ev'ry wall and floor,
Bless ev'ry heart that beats beneath its roof,
And every tongue and mind for evermore.

Bless ev'ry hand that toils to bring it joy,
And ev'ry foot that walks its portals through.
This is my wish today, my constant prayer.

May Brigid bless the house wherein you dwell,

Bless ev'ry fireside, ev'ry wall and floor,
Bless ev'ry heart that beats beneath its roof,
And every tongue and mind for evermore.

May Brigid bless the house that shelters you.





'Fortiter et Suaviter'

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