From the Principal…

Term 3 finished on highs and a low – high as a result of all the wonderful events involving Year 12 students. The Graduation Ceremony on 20 September was wonderful and well attended by parents and friends. The Year 12 Concert was another magnificent event, showcasing the talents and enthusiasm of our Year 12 students. We all wish Year 12 students a successful examination time which commenced today.

The low for the end of term was a technology fiasco (absolutely beyond the control of the school) which resulted in losing a lot of our data – everything we have produced from end of August and in September. Support from the Region has been provided to establish reasons and solutions for the problems. We are grateful for the consistent endeavour to recapture our lost data. This incident may affect deadlines for Year 11 reports, enrolments, Year 12 references, attendance etc. Please be understanding!

Another high, however, was having our student, Katherine Hudson, recognised by State Government for her “Wear It Purple Day” initiative. She also received a Highly Commended Peace Award from Governor Marie Bashir. Outstanding effort.

I wish everyone success this term.

Mia Kumar
NEW SCHOOL LEADERS
Congratulations to our prefects and newly-elected* prefects:

Year 12, 2012
Nicole Confalonieri  Lily North
Caitlin Connell  Taylah Plataniotis
*Alison Drake  *Learning Saw
Leah Emmanuel  Meredith Stapleton
Niamh Kyriacou  *Wendy Sudjono
*Maggie Lin  *Margot Tucker
Brighde-Rose Maher  Annika van Leeuwen
*Maria Moro

Year 11, 2012
*Tess Angel  *Elizabeth Daoud
*Genevieve Beekwilder  *Deniz Emul
*Hajlije Bilali  *Tara Lau
*Arabella Bradley  *Ta-Seen Monzoor
*Yvonne Chow  *Rebecca Yan

In the last week of Term 3, Ms Urbano organised a workshop for new prefects, prefects’ speeches and voting for our captains.
Congratulations to our Captains for 2012:
Leah Emmanuel, Maria Moro and Meredith Stapleton.

THE FINAL SEASON
As the 2011 winter grade season has come to an end, the Open's Netball Team believes it is the most opportune time to say our thankyous. The BGHS Open grade netball team is a group of exuberant and close knit girls, for the majority of us we’ve had the privilege of playing together in the same team for over four winter Grade seasons. Most of us, in addition to playing school grade also play club netball outside school together. Tuesday grade has been a great escape to knock around, have fun and play competitively.

Firstly we would like to say a huge thank you to Ms Yongsiri, who new to BGHS staff this year, kindly volunteered to coach grade netball. An inspiration and bundle of joy, she was always optimistic! She made Tuesday afternoons that much better with her fabulous grin, enthusiasm and baking skills.

We would also like to thank all our grade coaches, over the years. As keen yet hesitant 14 year olds we were coached under Ms Burkitt’s netball experience and caring guidance. Throughout 15’s, Ms Jamieson (then known as Ms Sheen) lead us to an exciting Premiership win. Whilst last year, Ms Moore assisted us to continue our undefeated record.

Although our record of premierships was sadly broken this year, when we were defeated in a close game against rivals Hunters Hill High, it was one of our best seasons yet. The grand final match was a memorable and exciting event with family and close friends attending. Thank you to all our supporters. Finally thanks Ms Gianotti for supporting the team these past four years; you’ve been the backbone of our success. PS: we love the new dresses! We hope future grade girls continue to enjoy and uphold the long and successful BGHS netball traditions.

Report by Caitlin Connell, Year 11

BEP NEWS
Welcome back! We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term.
All students will be given a copy of the Term 4 Performance Schedule in the next rehearsal.

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Diana Springford, BEP Director
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2011 school leaders present badges to the new school leaders for 2012
CAREERS MATTER
There is a busy term ahead with many activities scheduled. YEAR 12 There is a careers noticeboard located in the foyer area of the hall during the HSC exam period. Please ensure you check this when you leave after each exam. A reminder that you can change your university preferences after your results are known. There is a free career service available by phone on 1300 300 687 or through the internet www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au between the hours of 9am – 5pm during the period of 15 December 2011 and 06 January 2012.

YEAR 11 have a busy year ahead with some tight time frames. If you intend enrolling in university you need to have a tax file number (TFN). If you don’t already have TFN see me to obtain an application form and thus have one less concern next year. Any student requiring a TFN is required to present their resume.

After the School Certificate I will be conducting workshops with YEAR 10 on resume writing and other careers related topics.

YEAR 9 students will be participating in round table presentations as part of the school-to-work program.

Finally, a reminder that Week 4, starting 31 October, is Logbook week.

Hugo Floriani, Careers Adviser

LOUD SHIRT DAY – 21 OCTOBER

* Loud Shirt Day raises money for deaf children. Students may support this charity by wearing a ‘loud’ shirt to school on Friday 21 October. Students must wear normal school uniform, apart from the shirt. Please bring a gold coin donation.

WELFARE NEWS – Cyberbullying Workshops

This term Years 8, 9 and 10 have taken part in a presentation by the Burwood Police Liaison Officer, Erica Remai. Officer Remai outlined the issues and responsibilities of students when using social network sites and the ramifications of cyberbullying, including legal consequences of inappropriate use of electronic media. A similar session is being planned for Year 7 this term.

Olga Maroc, Head Teacher Welfare

P&C MEETING, WEDNESDAY 26 OCTOBER

Special Presentation on Cybersafety

The P&C has organised a parent evening on Wednesday 26 October, 7pm in the Library. We have invited Burwood Police Liaison Officer, Erica Remai to give a presentation on Cybersafety and Cyberbullying. Please RSVP to Olga Maroc, HT Welfare, by 25 October, on 9747 3355. Light refreshments available. All welcome.

Leanne Mckee, President P&C

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 16 NOVEMBER

The Annual General Meeting of the P&C will be held on Wednesday 16 November, 7:15 pm in the Library. There will be a Christmas Supper after the meeting, at 8:00 pm. Everyone welcome. Entrance and parking off Cheltenham Road.

Leanne Mckee, President P&C

P&C UNIFORM SHOP – NEW OPENING DAYS/TIMES

The Uniform Shop’s new days and hours are:

- Tuesday, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm
- Thursday, 1:10 pm – 2:30 pm

Students may only visit the Uniform Shop before school, recess and lunchtime during opening hours. Parents may visit anytime during opening hours. Any enquiries, please call the school on 9747 3355.

Elaine Browne, Manager, P&C Uniform Shop

V-FEST PLACE WINNERS

Congratulations to students who came 2nd and 3rd in V-Fest event at Chauvel Cinema during the holidays. Also, congratulations to those students (below) who were selected for the National Art School HSC Extension course.

‘LOCAL SCHOOLS, LOCAL DECISIONS’ CONSULTATION FOR PARENTS

The NSW Government is committed to increasing the number of local decisions made in local schools to better meet the needs of students. A consultation with principals, teachers, regional staff, students, parents and key community stakeholders has commenced.

Parents are invited to participate in a consultation meeting designed to facilitate a conversation about who is best placed to make decisions in and about our
schools and to elicit feedback about how to increase the quality, flexibility and relevance of public education available to every child in NSW. Feedback from this process will contribute to the development of a framework for the next steps to enable schools to make better decisions and achieve the best outcomes for students.

A discussion paper is available at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/lsld as background for the consultation. This paper sets out some ideas and discussion questions for consultation with principals, teachers, school and regional staff, parents, students, parents and the broader community on how to achieve this in NSW public schools.

Your local meeting has been scheduled for:
Tuesday 25 October, 6:30pm-8:30pm
Summer Hill Public School Hall
Moonbie Street, Summer Hill
You are encouraged to actively participate in the consultation process. **There is no need to reply ... just turn up.**

If you are unable to attend a meeting, the consultation website provides an opportunity for parents to engage with the consultation. The link to the website is www.schools.nsw.edu.au/lsld.

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**PRIORITIES PLANNING**

Our school executive is planning our priorities for the next three years – a workshop last Tuesday focused on:
1. Quality Teaching and Learning Initiatives
2. Middle Schooling – engagement and retention
3. Curriculum and Assessment

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**MUSIC**

Congratulations to **Jemma Thrussell** for her music scholarship $2000 presented to her by the Arts Unit during the holidays. Jemma is an outstanding cellist and was featured in the Sydney Morning Herald in the Weekend Edition 8-9 October with the principal cellist from the Vienna Philharmonic Orchestra. Fabulous!

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**NEW STAFF**

Welcome to a new member of Social Sciences staff:
Tania Ramsay.

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**HAPPY RETIREMENT**

Farewell to Mrs Sue Ritchie, a highly valued member of the front office staff for the past four years. We wish her all the best for her retirement.