For Your Diary

TERM 4, 2011

DEC

5 • Yr.7 2012 Orientation Day & Instrumental Survey, 9 am
  • Event #10 distributed
  • Prefect Meeting, lunchtime

7 • Junior Drama Showcase ”Deluxe Assortment”, 7pm, Hall, free entry

8 • Yr.7 Celebration of Learning rehearsal

9 • Yr.7 Celebration of Learning (parents invited)

12 • ASSEMBLY
  • SRC Meeting, lunchtime
  • Yr.8/9 Blue & Gold rehearsal p.3
  • Yr.8/9 Blue & Gold Ceremony, p.4

13 • Presentation Day rehearsal

14 • Presentation Day, 1pm, Hall
  • Yr.10 Reports distributed

15 • Yr.8/9 Reports distributed
  • BEP auditions for current students
  • Yr.10 Formal

16 • Last day of term for students

19 • School Development Day (staff only)

20 • School Development Day (staff only)

21 • School Holidays

TERM 1, 2012

JAN

27 • School Development Day (staff only)
  • JCB/ICB Workshop

30 • First day of term for Yrs.7/11/12
  • ASSEMBLY (change of bell times)

31 • First day of term for Yrs.8/9/10
  • ASSEMBLY (change of bell times)

FEB

7 • Samoa Trip, parent information meeting, 6pm, Library

8 • BEP concert, Yr.7 in Hall, p.4
  • Yr.12 2011 Afternoon Tea, 3:30pm

9 • SWIMMING CARNIVAL

13 • ASSEMBLY
  • SRC Meeting, lunchtime

15 • P&C Welcome to Year 7, 6:15pm

20 • School Photos, Yrs.7,8,9,11

27 • ASSEMBLY
  • SRC Meeting, lunchtime

P&C MEETINGS (7:15 pm, Library)

15 February, 21 March

From the Principal...

What a great year of student successes in 2011. Our students can be very proud of their achievements in learning, as well as in the performing arts, sport, community service, leadership and public speaking. Their achievements will be recognised at three important events:

9 Dec ..... Celebration of Learning Day for Year 7
12 Dec.... Blue & Gold Ceremony for Years 8 & 9
14 Dec.... Presentation Day for Years 7-10, 1:00 pm

We look forward to seeing you at these events. The results for the School Certificate will be presented on 14 December, and reports for Years 8 & 9 on 15 December. Higher School Certificate results should be available on 14 December.

Thank you to all parents who supported “A Little Night Music” last Wednesday night (pictured). It was a wonderful opportunity to view the range of talent. Special thanks to Diana Springford for her leadership of the Band and Ensemble Program.

Our next event is the Junior Elective Drama Showcase “Deluxe Assortment” on Wednesday 7 December at 7 pm in the Hall.

Hope to see you at these events.

Mia Kumar
ROBIN ANDERSON FILM AWARDS

The Robin Anderson Film Awards is a prestigious event for all budding and emerging filmmakers. On the evening of Tuesday 15 November at Dendy Opera Quays these exciting awards took place. Marc Fennell (best known as ‘That Movie Guy’) hosted this extremely enjoyable night where junior and senior students excelling in the areas of digital film and animation had the opportunity to see their films on the big screen.

Poppy Newey; Isobel Blomfield; Esther Kim and Alison Lee of Year 10 were finalists for the junior non-fiction category of these awards. Their films The Pets We Love and Motion were selected from 283 film entries from around Australia. Congratulations to Esther Kim and Alison Lee for winning the prize in this category. They received energetic applause from the audience and a much coveted GoPro underwater video camera.

Congratulations also to the wonderful work of our Photographic and Digital Media finalists and winners! – Amy Yongsiri, Creative Arts Faculty

KOREA EXCURSION – YEAR 7

Over the course of the first five weeks of Term 4, each Year 7 Language class went on an excursion to the Korean Cultural Office (KCO) in the city. On Tuesday 8 November it was 7W’s turn. It was a hot day and we were eager to begin. We started our tour by looking at and actually participating in some Korean technological artwork. The artworks used cameras to photograph the guests of the KCO – that was us – and we were incorporated into the ever-changing digital scenes.

The kind tour guides led us to the next feature which included various Korean traditional musical instruments, including a type of gong and two stringed instruments. Luckily we were able to actually play the instruments and discover their unique musical qualities.

The next activity was calligraphy, which is really an elegant cultural art form. We wrote our names using ink made from ink sticks, water and a flat ink stone. We had to rub the ink sticks on the wet ink stones fifty times, although our guides told us when they were learning calligraphy they had to rub for many hundreds of times while meditating. When we were using the brushes to write our names we got ink all over our hands but it was a great experience. Writing with a brush was certainly a lot harder than we had imagined, but we had a lot of fun.

Following the calligraphy class, we got to experience the traditional Korean dress, called Hanbok. Several of us tried the costumes on and they looked amazing. We also learned how to bow according to Korean practice.

Finally we watched a short and charming Korean animated movie about how the Korean island of Jeju-do was formed. It brought both smiles to our faces and tears to our eyes as we followed the story of a lost little child on her adventures with a friendly dragon.

Our experience at the Korean Cultural Office was at an end and we waved goodbye to our generous hosts. The memories of this special excursion will remain with us for a very long time. Thank you to our guides at the KCO for explaining everything to us so well, and to Ms Gray and Mr Wines who organised the day and looked after us.

Connie Holben and Alison Duong, 7W

SAMOA 2012

The annual Samoa trip for Year 11 Society and Culture students will be held in the July school holidays next year. If you are interested in your daughter participating in this unique opportunity, then come along to an Information Night on Tuesday 7 February 2012 in the school library from 6pm - 7pm. – Patrice Simpson, Head Teacher Social Sciences

YEAR 9 COMMERCE COMES TO LIFE

Three successful business operations were run at school over the last few weeks as Year 9 Commerce students transformed into entrepreneurs and ran their own businesses. Students in each of the three classes become actively engaged in planning, organising and running a small business. Pacman Pizza, Superman Souvlaki and Ice Ice Baby were wonderful hands-on learning experiences for the girls and provided a great alternative to the typical lunch. All three classes learnt the importance of business planning, meeting,
marketing and operational procedures and also donated profits to a number of ‘Hands Across the Ocean’ charities.

Congratulations to all the girls for their hard work. The businesses were all wildly successful in terms of learning experiences.

Superman Souvlaki raised over $700 in profits which is a record result. Well done!

Patrice Simpson, Head Teacher Social Sciences

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PREFECTS REPORT
This term the prefects have been busy with the new Year 11 and Year 6 students starting in 2012. We conducted Year 6 interviews and held an orientation day for new Year 11 students. We were able to meet and develop friendships with the new students, and learn about our classmates. Although they were a little nervous, they were also excited about starting school at Burwood Girls. The prefects would like to wish everyone happy holidays!

Ta-Seen Monzoor and Tara Lau

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BGHS ROCK BANDS
On Sunday 20 November two of the school’s rock bands, ‘The Silhouettes’ and ‘The Critters’ played at the Annandale Hotel, Annandale. Each played a set of roughly six or seven songs, including a few originals, and both bands were a great success.

Bonnie McLean, Year 10

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Our guest speaker was the talented and engaging Debra Oswald, a well-known and successful local writer whose credits include novels, teen fiction, screen plays and of course Offspring and Bananas in Pyjamas.

Debra inspired the students with her entertaining recount of her own journey as a writer and offered encouragement and advice to all would-be writers in the audience.

In addition the audience was treated to a viewing of Eleanor Foster’s film Neurotic (HSC 2011, and last year’s award winner), and a performance of an extract from the play Childe Labor.

Congratulations to all winners in all categories. This year the Anne Beams Award went to Katherine Hudson for her play Childe Labor.

Senior Writer of the Year: Sarah Park
Intermediate Writer of the Year: Bonnie McLean
Junior Writer of the Year: Elizabeth Jenson

Serena Vecchiet, English Teacher

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BGHS CELEBRATES YOUNG WRITERS
This year at our third Anne Beams Writers Awards Evening about 300 parents and students gathered together in the school hall to celebrate the achievements of our gifted writers from Years 7 to 12.

Ex-student, Eleanor Foster and Debra Oswald

Rel. HT English, Ms Lazos, Katherine and Ms Kumar

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CAREERS MATTERS
Students have been participating in a variety of activities during the final weeks of the 2011 school year.

- A number of Year 11 students have experienced university life for a day at the University of NSW.
- A number of Year 10 students are either on work experience or will be in the last few weeks of this term.
• Year 9 and 10 students have experienced the 'Taste of TAFE' Workshop at Enmore TAFE.
• There will be another 'Taste of TAFE' Workshop for Year 9 and 10 students at Petersham in Week 8.
• All Year 9 students have participated in Roundtable presentations.
• Most universities will have an open day in the first week of the New Year. This will be the final opportunity Year 12 students have to find out about courses and amend university preferences prior to the closing date for applications to UAC. For open day details refer to the web site of the respective universities.

Hugo Floriani, Careers Adviser

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P&C MEETING, WED 15 FEBRUARY 2012
The next P&C function will be a special Welcome to Year 7 on Wednesday 15 February 2012, at 6:15 pm. Details will be available early next year.

Alice Magoffin, 2012 President P&C

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Lockers – Please come to the Uniform Shop to renew your locker for 2012.

The Uniform Shop's new days and hours each week 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 & lunchtime during opening hours. Parents may visit any time during opening hours.

Any enquiries, please call the school on 9747 3355.

Elaine Browne, Manager, P&C Uniform Shop

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YEAR 12 FORMAL 2011

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Burwood Girls 2011
Junior Drama Showcase
Deluxe Assortment

When: Wednesday 7 December
Where: BGHS School Hall
Time: 7pm, Free Entry

SCHOOLS (VERY!) SPECTACULAR

Once again, Burwood GHS made a magnificent contribution to the Schools Spectacular concert. Well done to all involved.
INTERESTED IN JOINING A FRUIT & VEGETABLE CO-OP?

I am looking for 12 households who would like to join a fruit and vegetable co-operative in the Croydon and surrounding area. Each household would do one ‘shop’ at Flemington Market one Friday every 12 weeks on behalf of the co-operative with the fruit and veg to be picked up in the evening by the other members. Cost would be approx $25-30 per week.

If you are interested to start this early in the new year, please call or send a text with your details to Lesley 0419 217 953.