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From the Principal…

Congratulations to the Dance program, coordinator Melissa Caltabiano and our fabulous performers. The Dance Showcase, held on Monday 3 September, was magnificent and loved by all!

Congratulations to Margaret Nowak, coordinator of the Gifted and Talented program. We were entertained by the Year 7 GAT group last Tuesday evening discussing their investigations. Well done to all.

Congratulations to the Proud Schools Committee for managing a great ‘Wear It Purple’ day on 7 September. The support from students and staff was overwhelming. Katherine Hudson (ex-student) played a major role in ‘Wear It Purple’ at BGHS and came to join the celebration.

Year 12 have completed their trials, HSC music, drama, dance and language orals and are preparing for their final days at school. I have been delighted to work with this enthusiastic, energetic and capable group of young women and look forward to their graduation on Wednesday 19 September.
NAPLAN results for Years 7 and 9 will be posted this week.

At the P&C Meeting on 17 October, at 7:15 pm in the Library, there will be a discussion about Visual Arts with Michelle Kals, Head Teacher Creative Arts. Hope to see you there.

Mia Kumar

WEAR IT PURPLE WAS AMAZING

At our assembly on Monday 27 August the Proud Schools Team informed students about our plans for Wear it Purple Day, launched our True Colours support group and informed students of the new GLBTI resources in the school library.

Interested in GLBTI literature?

Want to read something from a different perspective?

Get

BGHS moodle > Library
> GLBTI

or ask your friendly librarian
for a list of library books that explore
issues of being gay, lesbian, bisexual,
transgender and intersex

A PROUD SCHOOLS INITIATIVE

Three wonderful singers performed the Cyndi Lauper song, True Colours and then the whole school sang along beautifully – it is a song with a very special message and it was a very special moment. Thank you to Marianna Ebersoll, Bonnie McLean and Georgia Sallybanks.

Our key message is that everyone should feel proud of whom they are. Our aim is simply to raise awareness of rainbow youth so that we can provide a safe and supportive environment for same sex attracted and gender diverse students.

We had two guests on the day who were very impressed by our school community; Gavin Patterson who is leading the Proud Schools project in Sydney region and Jayde Ellis from the student run organization, Wear it Purple.

On 7 September we celebrated Wear it Purple day in style and there was an amazing sea of purple.

We started the day with a video conference with students from Delroy College, Dubbo, who discussed with a group of our students the issues faced by rainbow youth in a range of school settings.

Two police officers from Ashfield were here to support us with their purple police car. They wrote on their ‘heart’ that “you shouldn’t have to hide to be safe”.

The True Colours mural painting at lunchtime was a great celebration of community and was supported by many students who value diversity in our school.

Karyn O’Brien, Deputy Principal

As part of the Proud Schools Initiative two Burwood students were specially selected to design posters that aimed to create awareness and support for same-sex-attracted and gender-diverse students in public schools. The selected students were Lily Li and Jessica Hung of Year 10. The girls have put in many hours of hard work in and outside of school designing their two posters with outstanding success. The posters are awaiting official approval and may be used in media releases and distributions to schools in future months. Congratulations girls!
PREFECT REPORT
2012 has been a very successful year and we sadly have to say goodbye to our Year 12 prefects. We unfortunately say farewell to our 2012 Captains Leah Emmanuel, Mario Moro and Meredith Stapleton as well as the Year 12 prefects: Nicole Confalonieri, Caitlin Connell, Alison Drake, Leah Emmanuel, Niamh Kyriacou, Maggie Lin, Brighde-Rose Maher, Maria Moro, Lily North, Taylah Plataniotis, Learning Saw, Meredith Stapleton, Wendy Sudjono, Margot Tucker and Annika van Leeuwen.

We would like to say a big thank you for being a part of the team and keeping the prefect body lively and exciting.

Throughout the year, the prefects have achieved many things. We have lifted the profile of prefects by contributing to the community. We have initiated the road crossing program which will remain a legacy for prefects 2012. The Year 7 & 8 disco as well as the afternoon teas both hosted by our prefect body and invited to other schools have been an on-going success. Videos have been made by the prefect body to address issues like public etiquette in an interesting way. The Captain reports have been informative, entertaining and engaging in assemblies as well as the improvements on the Year 12 room are comfortable and welcoming for all year 12s.

2012 has been a very successful year for the prefects and we could not have done it without Ms Urbano. We say a special thanks to Ms Urbano for being such a great coordinator and taking time out of her busy class schedule and lunchtimes to prepare for meetings.

Tara Lau and Luisa Travan, Year 11 Prefects

TIDDA GIRLS SUPPORT HANDS ACROSS AUSTRALIA
On Wednesday 5 September we celebrated Indigenous Literacy Day by selling items made by Year 8 Technology students who did a unit of work on jewellery. They had colourful friendship bracelets for sale as well as hair ribbons and badges. The girls managed to raise $225 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation which does great work in supporting literacy development for indigenous kids in remote areas of Australia.

SPELLING CHAMPIONS
A small group of students volunteered to participate in the OzSpell Challenge and their spelling skills have improved remarkably under the watchful eye of our Librarian, Jack Brand.

The two school champions are April-Rose Derebe-Desalegn (Yr.8) and Louise Browne (Yr.9). These students will be representing BGHS at the upcoming district finals. We wish them good luck 😊

FAREWELL TO YEAR 12
This Wednesday we say goodbye to a wonderful group of young women – the Year 12 class of 2012.

I would like to say, on behalf of the school, congratulations and farewell. I have been so proud of their behaviour and attitude right throughout their senior years. It has been a pleasure to watch them work hard, make new discoveries and achieve their personal best. They have been wonderful leaders and
have really embraced the school motto “Not For Ourselves Alone”.

This year cohort has set high standards in all aspects of their high school lives for years to come and will be missed. I joined Burwood GHS when this year group was in Year 8 and they will retain many special memories for me. Remember girls - my door will always be open! The staff and I look forward to seeing all of Year 12 at the afternoon tea to be held on 6 February 2013.

We wish you all the best in the upcoming HSC and as you embark on your future endeavours. Take care, Year 12, and always remember to smile!

Janina Longman, Deputy Principal

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**TAS NEWS**

As Term 3 comes to an end, all of us are pleased with the many achievements by all the students studying the variety of TAS subjects. Well done again to everyone!

**YEAR 12**

Congratulations on completing all your courses. We wish you all the very best in all your future endeavours and know you will succeed in whatever it is that you choose for yourselves. We will miss you!

**YEAR 11/12 RSA – Responsible Service of Alcohol “GETTING READY FOR THE FUTURE”**

Late last term, 20 Year 12 students decided to embark on a treacherous adventure to George Street to enhance our understanding and employment opportunities by undertaking the exciting, intellectual and challenging Responsible Service of Alcohol course. We are now proficient and equipped with knowledge of standard drinks, emergency procedures and ID recognition in customer service. We are now capable to tackle the fast paced and demanding Hospitality industry – so watch out!!

A large and heart-felt thanks to Ms Harper and Ms Patonay; our role models, mentors and more importantly our friends, who made such an opportunity possible.

Julia Gramellini, Selina Finau, Eva Wymer and Meredith Stapleton

**ONE WEEK IN THE ‘REAL WORLD’**

Two weeks ago I went to work placement for Hospitality at the Westin, a five star hotel in the city. I was more than ecstatic when I heard that I was going to such a fabulous hotel to gain experience in the hospitality industry. Thinking everyday was going to be easy like school, it turned out to be the complete opposite, really tiring and hard work. Everyday though turned out to be a day filled with many different experiences and I was on a steep learning curve. I learnt a lot working in the kitchen. I learnt how to plate up different types of dishes from appetisers to entrees, from main meals like bento boxes to desserts. I also learnt how to prepare canapés, corn puree, use the slicing machine, vacuum seal foods and remove prawn intestines! But the best part of all, I tasted my first ever oyster! It actually didn’t taste as bad as I thought. Even though lunch was only half an hour each day, it was great to sit down and rest my feet. The long hours of standing compared to a whole day sitting down in class at school is such a difference!

Throughout the whole experience, I learnt many new food preparation skills, techniques and experiences. Thank you to the chefs who put up with me day after day and being so patient and explaining everything to me. A big thank you to them too for a great work place report!

Heidi Lam, Year 11 VET Hospitality

The Year 12 (2013) second work placement will take place in Week 3 (Term 4), Monday 22 October to Friday 26 October 2012. The girls are looking forward to the great experiences ahead of them.

**YEAR 11 FOOD TECHNOLOGY – Practice makes the Perfect Pie!**

Year 11 Food Technology students have recently been studying the functional properties of food. In this, they have looked at protein structures and how these change as foods are prepared. As part of the assessment task, the girls were required to apply their knowledge and make a lemon meringue pie. Four students, Jessica McFarlane, Silvia Lu, Fotini Sklavounos and Annissa Chan, demonstrated their thorough understanding of the topic as they received a 100% score for the practical component of this task. Jessica commented, “I practised the recipe six times to get it right” whereas Fotini remembered making chocolate mousse in Year 10 and knew that egg whites had to be treated with care.

Congratulations to these girls on their outstanding achievements!

Julie Perdriau, TAS Teacher
YEAR 10 – DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY
Year 10 Design & Technology students have just recently completed their two term Woodwork Design Project with exceptional results! The unit was called "Store It" and required students to make a device to organise, transport, display or secure something.

A great range of design solutions were found from Shoe Storage Units to Jewellery Boxes and Desk Organisers.

The girls, some of whom had almost no woodworking skills, designed, planned and constructed their designs in what proved to be a very challenging task! The students were all very pleased with their results and they received many enthusiastic comments when they were on display in the School Library.

Xanthe Warren

YEAR 7 & 8 – TECHNOLOGY (MANDATORY)
Many fabulous projects have been completed in all the different areas of study. The students and teacher alike should be extremely proud of their results. We look forward to showing you many of these Year 7 projects on the “Celebration of Learning” Day. In Week 10, both years will be moving on to their new and final area of study.

SUBJECT FEES – A Reminder to Parents
Please pay any outstanding TAS SUBJECT FEES to the front office. These fees are for the consumables already used or to be used by your daughter. Any questions please feel free to contact Rosemary Patonay on 9747 3355, Ext.120.

Rosemary Patonay, Head Teacher TAS

BEP NEWS
“Big Night Out” was a terrific success, both financially and socially. Our thanks to all our music tutors for giving up their evening to entertain us; to all students who played; parents and friends who attended – a very big “thank you”!

SCB will be performing at Year 12 Graduation on 19 September, 7pm in the Hall.
A special group from SCB and ICB will be performing at the Sydney Region Music Festival at the Sydney Opera House on 20 September.

Term 4 Dates
4 Nov War Graves, Remembrance Service
18 Nov Inner West Festival
28 Nov “A Little Night Music”

Diana Springford, Director BEP

SMH YOUNG WRITERS AWARDS: STRING QUARTET
Congratulations to the String Quartet for representing the school so admirably and professionally at the Sydney Morning Herald's Young Writers Awards, held at the State Library on 7 September.

The quartet provided background and function music for this prestigious event, and were commented upon by organisers as a highly professional and atmospheric contribution to the success of the day.

Many thanks to Katerina Frolov, Louise Kim, Alice Loveday and Isabella Millner-Cretney.

Ynping Mak, Music/Creative Arts Faculty
SPORTS REPORT

BURWOOD PREMIERSHIP
The Burwood GHS 14 years football teams completed a successful season when they played against each other in the final of the Northern Suburbs Zone Competition.

The Burwood Gold Team remained undefeated with their 2-0 victory over the Burwood Blue Squad. The Gold Team defeated Fort Street HS in the semi-final while the Blues accounted for Concord HS. The Blues’ only loss was to our Gold Team.

The exciting final saw goals scored by Gold Team members Sienna Eggleton and Luci Buckley, as each team counter attacked. The Blues’ best were Sarah Chew, Monica Lemos, Eva Manglis and Audrey Melrose. The Gold Team was well supported by Erin Hillier, Adalita Young, Alice Loveday and Allegra Short.

The play of both teams was characterized by speed, skill and sporting behaviour. Congratulations! Blue and Gold Never Fold!!

Bill Hilliard, Coach

Blazers – don’t forget the student blazer for Yrs.7-12 is a special price until the end of Term 4 ($145). Come on down and try one on!

Senior Skirts etc are now being sold to all Year 10 – ready to be worn in Term 4.

The Uniform Shop’s days and hours each week:

- 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

CALLING ALL PARENTS WITH GREEN THUMBS!
I would like to form a parent gardening group to help keep the grounds of our school looking good. At this stage no days or dates have been set, but please let me know if you are interested or could help in any way. Please contact Mrs Browne on 9747 3355.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!
As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in February 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in February for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Colombia, Canada and the U.S.A. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaustralisccce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request a selection of international student profiles to check out, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

Event is also available on our website: http://web3.burwoodg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

RECREATIONAL SPORT CHOICES – TERM 4
On day two of Term 4 (Tuesday 9 October) Years 8-10 will be choosing their recreational sports for Term 4. Please bring correct money on the day. Further details of sports/costs will be provided soon.

P&C MEETING, WEDNESDAY 17 OCTOBER
The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 17 October in the school library, 7 pm for refreshments, 7:15 pm meeting. Guest speaker: Michelle Kals, Head Teacher Creative Arts. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Alice Magoffin, P&C President

P&C UNIFORM SHOP
We are going very well at the moment – getting ready for all our Year 7, 2013 students to purchase their uniforms and book packs etc.

Farewell and good luck to Year 12, 2012!