For Your Diary

TERM 2, 2013

MAY
13 • ASSEMBLY
• Event #3 distributed
• SRC Meeting, lunchtime

14 • NAPLAN 7/9

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• Prefects Meeting, lunchtime
• P&C Meeting, 7:15pm, Library

16 • NAPLAN 7/9

17 • NAPLAN 7/9 “catch-up”

18 • BBQ at Bunnings, Ashfield, 8am-4pm – fundraiser for BEP. All welcome!

20 • Assessment Free Day
• VARIETY NIGHT, 7PM, HALL

22 • SCB Tour to Forster/Tuncurry
• International Students Afternoon Tea/Concert, Hall, 2pm

23 • SCB Tour to Forster/Tuncurry
• Zone Cross-Country

24 • SCB Tour to Forster/Tuncurry

27 • National Reconciliation Week
• ASSEMBLY
• Yr.11 Reports distributed
• SRC Meeting, lunchtime

29 • FIELD STUDY DAY #2
• Assessment Free Day
• School Council, 6pm

JUN

4 • Yr.7 Vaccinations

6 • Yr.7 STARR Day

7 • Yr.8 STARR Day

10 • Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

12 • Prefects Meeting, lunchtime

13 • Regional Cross-Country
• Yr.7 Reports distributed
• Pacific Islander Parent Evening, 7pm

14 • Yr.9 Reports distributed
• SRE Seminars

16 • Inner West Band Festival

17 • ASSEMBLY
• Event #4 distributed

19 • P&C Meeting, 7:15pm, Library

20 • Zone Athletics
• Yr.7/9 Parent Teacher Night, 4-7pm

24 • Assessment Free Day
• SRC Meeting, lunchtime
• Yr.7-12 Blue & Gold Assembly, 1:30pm, Hall (parents of awardees welcome)

P&C MEETINGS, 7:15 pm, Library
15 May, 19 June, 17 July

From the Principal…

Last term we had a wonderful celebration for International Day with our students raising $7000 for our Hands Across the Ocean overseas charity for children’s orphanages and education programs.

Term 2 has commenced well and we welcome Neil Dutton who has joined the Social Sciences Faculty. Staff appreciated having two days at the beginning of this term to plan for the implementation of the Australian Curriculum in 2014. Students returned from holidays and some were lucky to have participated in overseas trips to Italy or USA. Both overseas excursions were fabulous experiences. I was fortunate to be able to accompany our dancers to Los Angeles and New York. I would like to report what magnificent dance workshops and experiences they enjoyed. Our students were an absolute pleasure to accompany and I look forward to further opportunities.

Wednesday’s Athletics Carnival was well attended on and students participated well. Some results indicated excellent athletic skills (see photos on the last page).

Hope to see you at the P&C Meeting where we will discuss the Australian Curriculum and show photos from the recent overseas trips.

Mia Kumar
ENGLISH NEWS
CONGRATULATIONS YEAR 9!
YOU DID CONVINCE ME!
The Term 1 English Unit, "Convince Me," has encouraged students to explore and compose a variety of persuasive texts, from the visual techniques of posters through to the polished rhetoric of political speeches.

Our students demonstrated their understanding of persuasive techniques when they entered a Blogging Competition for the Australian website for parents and students, "The Kids Are All Right" http://www.thekidsareallright.com.au/. Two of our Year 9 girls, April-Rose Derebe-Desalegn and Eva Tao, won $100 each for their successful blogs. Their work will be published in an online anthology that will include other students from our school.

Mr Dodshon's class united as a student voice after surveying our Year 9 classes. It started as a lesson on rhetorical techniques and how to put together a persuasive argument but it has led to a band of girls in Year 9 starting a campaign for lowering the voting age! Class 9E has created AVA – the Adolescent Voters Association – and delegates have visited other Year 9 classes in an attempt to discover whether there is wider support for allowing an optional vote in elections to those young people who are interested in having a say in the nation's future. They are creating a persuasive video, designing a logo and making plans!

AVA hopes to grow and convince not only other Year 9 girls but Years 10, 11 and 12 at BGHS too – and then the rest of the country! So in years to come if Australian teenagers get a vote you can tell them that it started here at BGHS in classroom 30!

This is convincing evidence that our future is in good hands.

Janice Raynor & Mark Dodshon, English Faculty

PACIFIC ISLANDER PARENT MEETING
We are having a special Pacific Islander Parent Meeting on Thursday 13 June at 7:00 pm in the school library annex.

We are keen to work together with all families to ensure equitable outcomes for all our students. We encourage all parents to attend, with or without their daughters (all family members are welcome).

This is an opportunity to meet with key staff and to address any questions or needs you may have. Tana Tuake, DEC Community Liaison Officer, will also be there to meet families.

WELCOME MS LETTIE KWONG, CHINESE CLO
We are pleased to have appointed Lettie Kwong as our Chinese Community Liaison Officer. Ms Kwong is available on Thursdays from 9:00 am to 3:45 pm and will provide support for students and families of Chinese background. She is fluent in Cantonese and Mandarin.

Ms Kwong has considerable experience in this role and we are looking forward to her contribution to our school community. We encourage parents and students to contact Ms Kwong on 9747 3355. She will be located in the Welfare Office on the ground floor.

Olga Maroc, Head Teacher Welfare

HOW DO YOU TALK TO YOUR KIDS ABOUT S.E.X?
I recently represented Burwood Girls at a national forum on Sexuality, Education and Health and picked up some useful information.

It can be an interesting experience as a parent when you get a question (often, out of the blue) to do with sex, relationships, puberty and normal growth and development.

Talk Soon Talk Often was commissioned by the Western Australian Department of Health following research with young people that found that there is a need for resources to support parents and families as sexuality educators of their children. This is a fabulous resource and one which you can access free of charge online http://www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/1276/2/parentcaregiver.pm
THE WATER FOUNTAIN ARRIVES!

Finally, the water fountain project has been realised with the arrival of the water fountain located at the northern end of the canteen. The project has been an initiative from the Environment Committee and funded as a present to the school from the Year 12 of 2012. The aim is to reduce the amount of plastic in our community by reducing the amount of plastic water bottles purchased. The water is filtered and refrigerated – beautiful!

Andrew Stewart-Thomson, Social Sciences

PREFECTS REPORT

Hey girls! Welcome back to the term! Hope you all enjoyed the holidays and found the perfect balance between socializing and studying.

Last term was a great term, we had the Year 7 and 8 Disco as many of you know – which we are proud to say was a great success! Thank you to the prefect bodies of all the schools who attended, to Ms Urbano and of course, Year 7 and 8.

Just a quick message for those in Year 12: St George Girls are planning a charity project where all Year 12 school laptops donated will be given to children in countries like Kenya. If you are in Year 12 and interested in donating your laptop, please see a prefect or Ms Urbano a.s.a.p.

Thank you for reading and have a good Term 2 – keep up the great work!

Margot Alais and Bella Bradley, Year 12 Prefects

TAS NEWS

YEAR 8 TECHNOLOGY

At present a third of Year 8 are studying a unit, called ‘Kidz Café’. In this the students look at the café scene, café foods and how to prepare them, menus, and many other aspects of running a café.

For a real life experience, Ms Patonay took her classes to Palm Breeze on Burwood Road. The students had a great time socializing with each other, learning about the different types of foods on a menu, café etiquette and choosing dishes that appealed to them. Their taste buds were certainly tantalized by the various gastronomic delights on the menu. Most of the students were more than pleasantly surprised by the size and presentation of their chosen dish.

It was a positive experience for all involved. The girls’ behavior and attitude was exemplary and commented on by various members of the public.

YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY

THE ULTIMO EXPERIENCE

Late last term Miss Slocombe and Mrs Harper’s Year 10 Food Technology classes went on an excursion to Ultimo TAFE to give us a better understanding of the food service and catering. We boarded the train into the city. After the short walk from Central station we were greeted at Ultimo TAFE by teachers who took us on a tour of the Hospitality section. The tour was amazing! We wandered through many kitchens where students were making a variety of breads, many of which we had never seen before. We saw pastries, sauces and main meals being prepared and presented to industry standard. They all looked delicious but unfortunately we were not allowed to try them. That didn’t matter too much because we knew at the end of the tour we were going to be served a three-course meal at the TAFE restaurant. The kitchens at the TAFE also impressed us as they contained many large pieces of equipment like bratt pans and combi ovens which were all made from stainless steel.

After the tour had finished the part we were all anticipating was finally upon us, the food! We went to the Apprentice Restaurant where the courteous staff greeted us and took us to our table. The menu card on the tables sounded delightful (except for maybe the Poached Pear, which nobody wanted). For each of the three courses, we were offered a choice of three dishes. When the entrées were served, we were not disappointed. They all looked incredible and tasted even better! In fact, all the courses including the Poached Pears were delicious. They looked so good that all of us couldn’t resist trying each other’s dishes. We made our way back home stomachs full of yummy food, and big smiles on our face reflecting on what a great day we had at the TAFE. Many of us are now considering doing Hospitality after this wonderful experience.

Juliet Ono and Sally Chambers

YEAR 10

Year 10 are eagerly awaiting their Field Study Day #2 on 29 May. The students will have the opportunity to participate in “Let’s Get Creative”. TAS, Creative Arts and Drama will be offering creating learning activity workshops that students can choose from.

YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY

VET AWARDS – Heidi Lam

Heidi is an enthusiastic, hard-working and diligent Hospitality student who always willingly goes well above and beyond the call of duty in Hospitality, at school, in work placement and any activity she involves herself in. Heidi has
been nominated for the 2013 VET in Schools Student Award and now has been shortlisted by a selection panel for the Sydney Region of the DEC for the award.

**Subject Contributions**
Thank you to everyone who has paid their daughter’s TAS Subject Contributions either in FULL or on INSTALMENTS. It has been greatly appreciated. A friendly REMINDER that the next instalment is due on Friday 24 May. Contributions are payable at the Front Office. If you ever have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9747 3355.

**Woolworth ‘Earn and Learn’ – 2013**
A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in the program last year. The TAS Department appreciated your involvement.

Earn and Learn is back for 2013. When you shop at Woolworths, please collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on the sticker cards (available from TAS Staffroom). Once completed, the sticker cards can be placed in the collection box at the TAS Staffroom or Woolworths at Burwood Westfield.

We look forward to your support so that the school can earn valuable learning resources. If you have any questions please contact Rosemary Patonay.

Rosemary Patonay, Head Teacher TAS

**LEADERSHIP CAMP**

**NAN TIEN TEMPLE FIELD STUDY**

**YEAR 12 END OF YEAR EXPENSES**
Year 12 End of Year Expenses are to be finalised no later than 30 August. The actual schedule is outlined in a document that has been handed out and emailed to students. It is also on the Year 12 page of the school website.

Thekla Christie (Assistant Year 12 Adviser) and Fiona Diakos (Year 12 Adviser)

**KNOCKOUT SOCCER – BGHS vs NARRABEEN SPORTS HS**
A very big congratulations to the Knockout Soccer team who beat Narrabeen Sports High School 9-0 on 10 April. The girls played extremely well to overcome one the favourite teams for this competition. I would like to thank all students for their hard work and commitment. A special thank you to students who filled in for those away on the New York Trip.

Our next game is against Mackellar Girls High School in Term 2. We will keep you posted on the outcome of this game.

Olga Dalageorgos, Coach

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**
The PDHPE Department would like to thank everyone in the school community who collected their Coles vouchers last year. Many students brought in their vouchers and we had a huge amount left in our collection box at Coles. We were able to purchase some lovely new sporting equipment which has just arrived. We would love to have your support again during the collection later on this year. Thank you.

**MATHEMATICS NEWS – Course Structure and Changes to Year 8 and 9 Reports**
Mathematics has a rich content based syllabus which allows for various entry and exit points. Students studying Mathematics in High School are able to follow a number of pathways from the start of Stage 4 (Year 7) to the end of Stage 6 (Year 12) reflecting a continuum of learning. Stage 5 in particular, offers three different pathways of content.

Stage 5.1 refers to the basic mathematics content that students need to engage numerically with society. Stages 5.2 and 5.3 include the harder, more complex and abstract content required for students wishing to study mathematics in the senior school. Students studying Stage 5.2 are required to complete all the Stage 5.1 content in addition to the Stage 5.2 content. Students studying Stage 5.3 are required to complete all the Stage 5.1 and Stage 5.2 content in addition to the Stage 5.3 content. As you can expect students are moving through the mathematical syllabus at various speeds. In addition, at Burwood Girls High School, the Mathematics faculty offers an accelerated pathway where students move through the content at a faster rate.

The Mathematics Faculty also needs to consider the needs of students who continue to find mathematics challenging. Beginning in Year 8, Mathematics is streamed so that students of all abilities can engage productively with the work. It is
important to note that students are placed in classes based on their results in tests and other assessments, and classes are adjusted at regular intervals throughout the year. Year 8 and Year 9 reports are based on student level and are described below.

Year 8  
8MA  
8MA Basic

Year 9  
9MA Stage 5.1  
9MA Stage 5.2  
9MA Stage 5.3  
9MA Accelerated

If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at the school.

Gavin Parker, Head Teacher Mathematics

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**BEP NEWS**

During the school holidays our Senior Concert Band was very busy with Anzac services (photos below).

19 Apr  
A workshop at school to prepare with Monday practice.

21 Apr  
Ashfield RSL Service and March  
Burwood RSL March

25 Apr  
Croydon Park RSL Dawn Service

1 May  
Croydon Park School (Bugler only)

Special thanks to all students who attended these events during their holiday break. Our special thanks to our two singers and our bugler – well done, girls.

My thanks to the parents who helped with the transporting of instruments.

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**18 May**  
Fundraiser – BBQ at Bunnings, Ashfield, 8am-4pm. Anyone who can help, please contact Mrs Browne.

**20 May**  
Variety Night – all Ensembles, Stage Band, Musettes & Rock Bands will be performing.

**22-24 May**  
SCB Tour – Forster/Tuncurry.

**27 May**  
SCB performing at the Eisteddfod.

**26-28 Jun**  
CB Tour – destination to be finalised.

Elaine Browne, Head Admin, BEP

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**P&C MEETING, WEDNESDAY 15 MAY**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 May in the Library at 7:15 pm. All parents welcome. Light refreshments available at 7:00 pm. Ms Hardwick, Head Teacher Teaching & Learning, will give a short talk and we hope to see some photos from the recent overseas excursions. We look forward to seeing you.

Alice Magoffin, P&C President

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Minutes of previous meetings are available on the school’s website along with information about the P&C: http://web3.burwoodg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/ourschool/p
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**School Grounds Beautification Project – Can You Help?**

The school’s P&C is excited to announce a new initiative to beautify and improve the grounds within the school. We are still in the early planning stages but are seeking assistance from our school community. If there are any landscape gardeners, landscape architects, arborists, tradespeople or anyone willing to assist we would love to hear from you. Our first step would be to produce landscape plans and gain an understanding of the resources, tasks and funds required for this exciting project. This will be followed by a “working bee day”. We will also be encouraging local businesses to provide any assistance they may be able to offer. As the school grounds are quite large, we will be addressing this project one area at a time, depending on resources. If you are able to assist in whatever capacity please email your name, contact number and details of how you may help, to burwoodg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au by 31 May 2013. Your help, no matter how small and ideas are welcome.

Alice Magoffin, P&C President

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**P&C UNIFORM SHOP**

Everything is in stock – we have plenty of blazers, jackets and jumpers now for the cold weather, so come on down!

**Lockers:** there are some available. If you have a locker and have only paid for one term you need to pay for the rest of the year now.

**Upcoming Events**

17 May  
Brass Ensemble will be playing at the Sydney Eisteddfod at Chatswood. All notes have been given out. Any problems, please see Mrs Browne.
HELP US RAISE FUNDS FOR BGHS
Pre-order an Entertainment™ Book to receive over $180 in additional offers (while stocks last). 20% from every Entertainment™ Book we sell will go towards our fundraising, and your support is greatly appreciated. Choose from three editions of the 2013/2014 Entertainment™ Books: Sydney, Sydney North and Sydney Greater West. Entertainment™ Books are packed with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best restaurants, cafes, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more!

Available from early-April, the new Book is only $65 and you'll receive $15,000 worth of valuable offers which are valid until 1 June 2014. Books will be dispatched within 7 days of receiving your order. If you have any queries, please email Lynne Openshaw on lynne.openshaw@det.nsw.edu.au. Visit www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/207h841 for more information or to place an order.

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE
The Department of Education and Communities requires the school to maintain accurate records for all students. Please notify the school of ANY CHANGE OF CIRCUMSTANCES such as change of address, telephone or mobile numbers, change of parents/guardians, separation and/or divorce, deaths and births immediately. Sometimes it may be necessary to provide custody documents where applicable, and any other information that may be relevant. Please come to the office, so the relevant forms can be completed.

SCHOOL ID (SWIPE) CARD
Reminder to ALL students: please bring your ID card to school every day.

INTERNATIONAL DAY 21 MARCH
THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS
Our International Day celebrations were enjoyed by students, staff and visitors alike. We would like to acknowledge the generosity of companies that help make this annual event a success:

- Bunnings Hardware, Ashfield
- Coffee Club, Burwood
- Dymocks, Burwood
- Greater Union Cinemas, Burwood
- Hungry Jacks, Burwood and Head Office
- In Bloom Florist, Burwood
- LG IMAX Theatre, Sydney
- McDonalds Restaurant
- Pure Gelato, Croydon Park
- Sanity, Burwood
- Spotlight Pty Ltd, Head Office
- The Coffee Emporium, Burwood
- Wests Leagues, Ashfield
- Woolworths, Burwood

The funds raised, approximately $7000, will support children's orpanages and education programs in a variety of institutions in India, Indonesia, Samoa, South Africa and Thailand.