TERM 3
JUL  15  (staff only)
   16  First day of term for students
       • NAIDOC ASSEMBLY
       • Event #5 distributed
17  Yr.11 Options 2014 booklet -
     printed copies available
    • P&C Meeting, 7:15pm
18  Yr.10/11 Subject Selections
    Evening, 7pm, Hall
19  CHS Cross-Country
    • Expanding Horizons rehearsal
22  Hospitality Work Placement Week
    • Yr.10 Interviews
    • Regional Athletics
    • SRC Meeting, lunchtime
    • Yr.8/10 Parent/Teacher Night, 4-7pm
23  Yr.10 Interviews
    • Regional Athletics
24  Yr.10 Interviews
    • Prefects Meeting, lunchtime
25  Yr.10 Interviews
    • Aust Maths Competition, p.1, Hall
26  Yr.10 Interviews
29  EDUCATION WEEK
    • ASSEMBLY
    • Hospitality Work Placement Week
    • Yr.10 Interviews
    • HSC BOW set up in Hall
30  Year 10 Interviews
    • HSC Visual Art & Textiles BOW
      Showcase Parent Evening, 6pm
31  Yr.10 Subject Choices due
AUG  2  HSC BOW dismantled
   3  HSC Practical & Language oral
      exam period commences
   4  SCB – Sandakan (TBC)
   5  SRC Meeting, lunchtime
      • Trial HSC Exams
   6  Trial HSC Exams
   7  Trial HSC Exams
      • Prefects Meeting, lunchtime
      • School Council, 6pm
   8  Trial HSC Exams
   9  Trial HSC Exams
  12  Trial HSC Exams
     • Yr.11 Jindabyne Camp
  13  Trial HSC Exams
     • Yr.11 Jindabyne Camp
  14  Trial HSC Exams
     • Yr.11 Jindabyne Camp
  15  Trial HSC/Music Exams
     • Yr.11 Jindabyne Camp
P&C MEETINGS, 7:15 pm, Library
  17 July, 21 August, 16 October

From the Principal…

Congratulations to Kelly Kim, Year 11, who won second prize in a
writing competition conducted by the Korean Education Centre.

Congratulations to our school
leaders for hosting local Member
Hon John Murphy and Brendon
O’Connor, Immigration Minister.

Welcome to Diana Sevealii
who will be assisting our
Islander community.

Congratulations to our Year 7/8
Debaters who outperformed
Canterbury Girls HS on 21 June!

Farewell to Robyn McQuarrie
(Social Sciences)
who recently retired.
Many thanks to our Police Liaison Officer, Constable Shannon Thompson, who came to speak with Year 10 and 11 students about safety, synthetic drugs and security.

Thank you to parents for your support for our Blue and Gold Ceremony. It was wonderful to see 706 recipients of awards for sustained effort in learning in all their subjects.

I would also like to thank parents for attending special meetings such as the Korean Parents Information Evening on 17 June, the Islander Parents Information Evening on 13 June and the Parent Teacher night for Years 7 and 9 on 20 June.

Parent Teacher Night for Years 8 and 10 is held on 22 July and bookings can already be made online.

I look forward to seeing parents at the next P&C Meeting on 17 July where we will discuss beautification of the school grounds and the Special Religious Education program presented by Liling Tan who has been implementing this program since 2012.

Hope to see you there as well as parents of Year 10 students at our Subject Selection Evening for Year 11, 2014 on 18 July.

Mia Kumar

VISUAL ARTS
Watch out for art works from Burwood Girls High School coming soon on TV! Some 20 art works by students from our school have been selected by Home and Away for their classroom set. Congratulations to all the girls whose work was selected.

Two of the Year 8 illustrations selected for the set of Home and Away.

Michelle Kals, Head Teacher Creative Arts
SOCIETY & CULTURE AWARD

Congratulations to Ruby Leahy Gatfield, Year 12 2012, who recently received a High Distinction award from the Society & Culture Association. Ruby placed seventh in the state in the Society & Culture HSC examination.

GENEROUS PARENT DONATION

Last term we were delighted to receive a $5000 donation from one of our parents. This will go towards improving the school’s performance spaces. Thank you from all the students and staff at Burwood Girls High!

YEAR 8 INDONESIAN FIELD STUDY DAY

We started the day by painting Indonesian inspired masks. They were very colourful and creative. After recess we watched an Indonesian film *Perahu Kentas* (paper boats) and got treated to Balinese coffee. We then ate a delicious lunch, nasi campur. This included noodles, rice, boiled egg, chicken and prawn crackers.

After lunch we watched a traditional Indonesian dance and played some traditional musical instruments called angklung. Overall it was an amazing day and we all thoroughly enjoyed learning more about the Indonesian culture. We also enjoyed meeting and talking to the Indonesian consulate and having our photos taken with our masks with the Balinese dancer.

On behalf of our Year 8 Indonesian class we would like to thank Ms Gray for organising such a fantastic day.

By Anna, Rebecca and Hannah, Year 8

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YEAR 8 FRENCH FIELD STUDY DAY

On our French Field Study Day we were given the opportunity to experience France for a day. To start the day off, we played some French computer games. Next we had a traditional French breakfast followed by making beautiful French inspired posters. To finish the day, we watched a French film, *Asterix and Obelix in Egypt*.

Overall we had a really enjoyable day experiencing a touch of France.

By Paloma Shrestha, Mia Evans, Emily Jaa Jaa, Year 8
DEBATING
Our Year 7/8 Debating team was victorious against Canterbury Girls High School on 21 June on CGHS home ground – well done, team!

Ingrid Benjamin, Debating Coordinator

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YEAR 8 CHINESE FIELD STUDY DAY
On Wednesday 29 May the students who have elected Chinese as their language in Year 8 visited Chinatown and The Chinese Gardens. It was an enticing trip that gave us a broad insight into the Chinese Culture and their way of life.

We caught the train to our first stop which was the Chinese Gardens. Whilst we roamed around and admired the beauty that exists there, we filled in a worksheet. There were many things to admire about the Gardens. When we walked in, flowers and vast patches of green welcomed us. We split into groups and had about two hours of wandering, writing and appreciating the fauna. Then we moved on to Chinatown. ‘The Eight’ was the delicious Yum Cha restaurant that we went to. We were served authentic and delicious Chinese meals. Some of the meals included dumplings, custard tarts and Chinese vegetables.

After we had left Yum Cha, we went to Chinatown and had some free time to explore with our groups, do shopping, check out Chinese structures and shops so we could fill out our worksheets that we were given at the beginning of the day. Unfortunately the day had to come to an end. We were all terribly sad to leave, but will definitely be visiting again as soon as we can.

On behalf of Year 8, we would like to thank Ms Tanya and Mr Wines for making this day happen, making it adventurous & for putting up with us throughout the day!!

Nadia Homem and Akua Franklin, Year 8

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YEAR 11 AND 12 DRAMA EXCURSION
On Friday 14 June, drama students from Years 11 and 12 went to Pennant Hills High School to attend a drama workshop on the play Stolen, which is being studied for HSC drama. The workshop was hosted by Kylie Belling and Tammy Anderson who were the co-creators of the play and also performed in the original production. We were joined by students from Pennant Hills High School, Jamieson High School and Muirfield High School.

Tammy and Kylie spoke to us about the workshopping process of Stolen and how much work went into the production and creation of it. We also got great insight into the problems which affect Indigenous people and into Kylie and Tammy’s own personal stories which inspired the play. We were then asked to sit in a circle (like we were around a campfire) and Tammy and Kylie got some students to come up and read excerpts of the play (called a “dry-reading”). Our Year 12 students were highly involved throughout the workshopping process, asking many questions and also performing a scene, which was directed by Kylie Belling herself. This was an amazing opportunity for our girls and it was great to see them getting so involved! We were able to workshop many scenes and see how these amazing creators originally performed different parts of the play and the creative direction behind the decisions made.
We were also lucky enough to hear about Tammy’s own project that she has been working on for the past 13 years called “I Don’t Want to Play House”, which is a one-woman play about her life. She performed some of it for us, and it demonstrated the importance of physicalisation of character, as well as transformational acting. This workshop was excellent for the Year 12 students who are currently studying Stolen and it offered them an opportunity to ask questions about the play and how to improve their understanding and performance of it. This was also a great introduction for the Year 11 students, who can now combine this knowledge when they study the play in Year 12.

Overall, it was a fantastic experience and we would like to thank Ms Parker for making this excursion possible and for providing us with this opportunity to improve our understanding of Stolen.

Abigail Molloy and Lucinda Fretwell, Year 11

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LORD OF THE FLIES EXCURSION

Junior Drama classes attended a Wednesday matinee performance of Ashfield Boys High School's production of Lord of the Flies by Nigel Williams on June 21.

The girls were very impressed with the performance and their comments included:

- “A really great performance – especially considering they’re boys.”
- “Staging was really effective – especially the props, lighting and music – we loved the skeleton and the pigs’ skulls.”
- “Quick thinking with a costume malfunction – boys stayed in character no matter what”.

Pauline Hageman, Head Teacher English

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YEARS 10 INFORMATION NIGHT FOR SUBJECTS SELECTION YEAR 11, 2014

Year 10 students and parents are reminded that the Year 11 Options 2014 Subject Selection Evening is on Thursday 18 July, 7pm in the school Hall. Students interested in enrolling at BGHS in Year 11, 2014 may also attend.

Please read the Year 11 Options 2014 booklet (available from the school website, Year 10 page) before the subject selection evening.

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BEP NEWS

The St Peter’s Lutheran College Symphonic Wind Ensemble performance and workshop on 19 June was enjoyable and beneficial for students in our band program.

Some changes and important dates for your diary:

- Concert Band Tour – has been moved to the last three days of Term 3, 18 – 20 September
- Inner West Festival has been moved to Sunday 24 November
- SCB and the Clarinet Ensemble will play for the Rotary Dinner on the evening of 22 July

Diana Springford, Director, BEP

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PROUD SCHOOLS PILOT - SURVEY

Opportunity for parents to share their views on the Proud Schools Pilot

As you may be aware, Burwood GHS is one of 12 schools participating in the NSW Proud Schools Pilot. The Proud Schools Pilot is an initiative of the NSW Department of Education & Communities, which aims to support schools in providing a safe environment for all students, including those who are same sex attracted and gender diverse.

The pilot was initiated following a decade of research by La Trobe University, which indicated that same sex attracted and gender questioning young people experience better education, health and wellbeing outcomes when they feel safe and supported at school*. The pilot is supported by current Education Minister, Adrian Piccoli.

We would like to provide all parents with the opportunity to comment on this pilot, and on our school’s approach to providing a safe and supportive learning environment for same sex attracted and gender diverse students.

If you would like to provide feedback, you can do so by visiting this web-portal:


*Writing Themselves in 3 - The third national study on the sexual health and wellbeing of same sex attracted and gender questioning young people (Hillier, L., et al. 2010).

Karyn O’Brien, Deputy Principal
**PREFECTS REPORT**

Andriana Dertouzos & Louise Kim, Year 11 Prefects

Hey Girls! The prefects would like to report that the barbecue for the Captains project was very successful and we made lots of money! Thank you for everyone’s support. Just another reminder to clean up your own mess after recess and lunch (please!!). We hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday. See you all bright and happy in Term 3!

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**P&C MEETING, WEDNESDAY 17 JULY**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 17 July in the Library at 7:15 pm. All parents welcome. Light refreshments available at 7:00 pm. Ms Liling Tan will speak on Special Religious Education at Burwood GHS. We will also be discussing arrangements for a gardening / working bee on the school grounds during Term 3. This working bee will be implementing stage 1 of the P&C’s upgrading of the area leading to the school Hall. Please feel free to drop in to the meeting. Or if you could spare a few hours on a Saturday (August/September) to help with the beautification project, please email the Project Coordinator, Effie Matsas, at effiem@ozemail.com.au. We are not only looking for gardeners but also builders, carpenters, bricklayers and general handypeople. All welcome.

Alice Magoffin, P&C President

Minutes of previous meetings are available on the school’s website along with information about the P&C:


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**P&C UNIFORM SHOP**

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 open hours. Parents may visit any time during open hours. Any enquiries, please call the school on 9747 3355.

Elaine Browne, Manager, P&C Uniform Shop

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**CAREERS**

**YEAR 10**

**Subject Selection**

You will start the process of senior subject selection very soon. You have done the Career Voyage test. To those who haven’t finished yet, try to complete it in the next few days, and bring the report to me. This will help with subject selection. The UAC Guide (re: subject advised to do by universities) that you looked at earlier is now available as reference material in the Library. I still have some copies for lending overnight. Your parents might be interested.

Other teachers, as well as I will discuss the options offered at the school and at TAFE (usually on Tuesday afternoon) which is known as TVET. In summary, there are TVET courses that satisfy university entrance (ATAR/HSC) and those TVET courses that offer only HSC units and TAFE qualifications simultaneously (non-ATAR). I will of course discuss this in greater detail later.

Students undertaking TVET courses should do so for educationally sound reasons only. Enrolling in a non-ATAR TVET course to downgrade your school subject load at a later stage is **not a valid reason**. To do so would be disadvantageous because it could reduce your flexibility in Year 12 when considering your final HSC subject program, and could compromise your ATAR and your university entrance prospects. Enrolling in a non-ATAR course because you are aspiring to undertake an apprenticeship or career is **a valid reason**.

**YEAR 12**

Good luck with your forthcoming Trials.

I have completed all the formal interviews with your cohort not long after the trials. If you are scheduled for an interview after the trials, you can see me during the trial period, if I am free in my office.

Please ensure you keep reading all your DEC emails, especially because I will be sending many more this term, regarding the information below and other matters.

This term we will focus on:

- Bonus Points under the EAS Scheme
- Bonus Points in general
- Scholarships/ Schemes
- The Job Market — where are the jobs in the future?
- The Uni Application Process — What course, what uni costs/Help, How to!
- The TAFE Application Process
- TAFE to Uni Pathways,
- Apprenticeships/Traineeships

This term we hope to discuss:

- TAFE to Uni Pathways
- Scholarships under the EAS Scheme
- Private Colleges
- Organisations that are offering Apprenticeships/Traineeships

John Hegedus, Careers Adviser

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**SCHOOL ID CARDS**

Students are reminded to take care of their ID cards as they are school property. Damaged or defaced cards must be reported and students/parents will be liable for the $5 replacement cost.
STUDENT MEDICAL FORMS – 2013 UPDATE for Years 7 to 11
During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your daughter’s health.

Please download and print these forms from the school website (on “Year” page, eg “Year 7”). You will need to fill them out and return them to the front office by the end of August 2013.

The new forms will help us collect your daughter’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean better management of the daily and emergency health needs of your daughter/ward.

We appreciate your support. If you have any questions please call the front office on 9747 3355. http://web3.burwoodg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au

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, Maths Faculty on lynne.openshaw@det.nsw.edu.au. Visit www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/207h841 for more information or to place an order.

COMMUNITY NOTICES
SOUTHERN CROSS STUDENT EXCHANGE (SCCE)
SCCE is pleased to invite interested students and parents to attend the first Public Information Session in Term 3, to be held Tuesday 30 July, 7pm at Lane Cove Library, Library Walk, Lane Cove. Website: www.scce.com.au

This info session is an excellent opportunity for students from Years 9-12 to learn first-hand about applying for an overseas student exchange program. SCCE staff will be available to answer questions such as program selection, departure dates, suitability, hosting families, etc. Exchange students who have returned from their programs will also be sharing their experiences.

INVITATION TO HSC ART + TEXTILES SHOW

Year 12 students, parents and friends are cordially invited to the annual HSC Visual Art and Textiles & Design Showcase on Tuesday 30 July, 6 pm in the Hall. Light refreshments will be provided.