FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

Congratulations to all the students who participated in the Dance Showcase – what a magnificent event.

In the same week, another successful event was “Big Night Out” where we farewelled our band director, Diana Springford and welcomed another, Genevieve Campbell. A fabulous week of performing arts.

Congratulations to our prefects and school leaders for 2014 who demonstrated their skills at chairing the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony – yet another wonderful event.

Year 12 students provided us with much joy and fun at their Farewell Assembly and we all wish them well in their preparations for the HSC exams which commence on 14 October.

Look forward to discussing future directions for Burwood GHS at the next P&C Meeting on 16 October, 7:15 pm in the Library.

Mia Kumar
I AM A VERY PROUD DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Thank you to everyone for your support for Wear it Purple Day on Friday 30 August; it was absolutely fabulous.

Our Teacher-Librarian Jack Brand got a prize for most purple staff member and Lillikan Clark in Year 8, for most purple student.

We are very lucky to have such great support for the GLBTI community at Burwood Girls, but in other parts of Sydney and the state it is not so easy for rainbow youth and their families.

Last term we also raised $220 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation by selling ribbons and bracelets to students and staff. A big thank you to Year 8 Technology students, Rosemary Patonay, Deborah Segal and the Tidda Girls involved.

You can still support the #getcaughtreading campaign by making a donation. You can donate as little as $5 or splurge and donate $20, which provides four books to Indigenous kids in remote communities. If you’re really keen, upload a photo of yourself reading and post it on Facebook with the #getcaughtreading and encourage your friends to get involved too. It’s very Gen Y of me, but I have done it 😊

On your behalf, I would like to extend our congratulations as a school community to Danielle Taylor in Year 7 who recently received a prestigious Deadly Kids Doing Well Award from Sydney Region. Danielle is a bright young Indigenous student who is achieving great results as she settles into high school.

Thank you once again, Burwood girls, for showing your ‘true colours’...your generosity of spirit and respect for the diversity of our community are honourable traits in all of you.

Karyn O’Brien, Deputy Principal

SHIRLEY LOMAS & CHRISTINE OLSEN - RABBIT PROOF FENCE

On 9 October Year 9 English students and Year 11 ESL students were honoured, inspired and deeply moved by the presentation of the film, Rabbit Proof Fence by its writer and producer, Christine Olsen, and her colleague and friend, Shirley Lomas. Shirley is the grandmother of Shyarna who is in Year 8 here at Burwood Girls.

Rabbit Proof Fence (2002) directed by Phillip Noyes is the story of Molly Craig, by her daughter Doris Pilkington Garimara, who was forcibly removed from her home, Jigalong, in the Pilbara region of Western Australia to the Moore River settlement. It follows the escape and extraordinary nine week journey, mostly across desert, of three Aboriginal girls from the Moore River settlement to Jigalong.

Following the screening of the film, Shirley Lomas spoke to Year 9 and Year 11 of her experience as a child in a family who were separated by the government policy which resulted in “The Stolen Generation”. Christine spoke...
and responded in detail about her experiences researching, writing and producing the film.

The students were a highly appreciative audience and showed recognition and compassion for this terribly sad and dark time in Australia’s history.

Ingrid Benjamin, English Faculty

MUSIC NEWS

Reporter: Amanda Caltabiano, Music/Creative Arts Faculty.

Congratulations to Year 12 Music 2 and Extension student Lolita Emmanuel who has received an ENCORE nomination. ENCORE, presented at the Sydney Opera House, is a program that recognises outstanding performances and compositions by students from the Higher School Certificate Music examinations. ENCORE provides an opportunity to showcase examples of how students have risen to meet those challenges by submitting exemplary work. We are all so proud of her exceptional achievement which is a demonstration of her culmination of many years of hard work and enthusiasm for learning.

Congratulations, Lolita, on this fantastic result.

Lolita Emmanuel, Year 12 Music 2 and Extension Student

YEAR 12 HSC MUSIC SOIREE

On 20 August our HSC Music 1, Music 2 & Music Extension students presented a Music Soiree.

On this evening students performed a selection of works from their HSC programs to a very supportive and enthusiastic audience. It was an opportunity for students to share with the audience their many talents, creativity, aspirations and hard work. The performances were of a very high standard and congratulations must go to all our Music students for their wonderful efforts.

Their teachers, Ms Amanda Caltabiano and Ms Caroline Thompson are also to be congratulated on the excellent support, guidance and encouragement that they have given so generously to all students.

EXPANDING HORIZONS CONCERT, OPERA HOUSE

Congratulations to all our choir girls who were involved in the successful Expanding Horizons Concert at the Sydney Opera House on 19 August. This concert involved performances by students from China and Sydney schools and featured the Student Massed Choir of 700 performing with Orchestra. These girls worked exceptionally hard to make this concert a success. Thank you Ms Caltabiano for assisting these students on this cultural and artistic journey.

Thekla Christie, Science Faculty
PREFECTS 2014

Congratulations to prefects for 2014 (*elected Aug 2013):

Victoria Alexiou 12
Catherine Azzi 12 *
Chantel Bakac 12 Captain
Lulu Bradley 12
Andriana Dertouzos 12
Sharon Hung 12 *
Sharmyn Kayani 12 Captain
Eun Louise Kim 12
Jaimie Lai 12 *
Cindy Lu 12 *
Ji-Hye Park 12
Giuliana Romeo 12
Emma Wong 12
Parissa Zand 12 Captain
Lorna Zhou 12
Ellen Balomatis 11 *
Eve Crossley 11 *
Stefanie Georgiadis 11 *
Hannah Hawkes 11 *
Zhen Lan (Landy) Hu 11 *
Qisthy Kodarusman 11 *
Wea Rogerson 11 *
Jayde Tournier 11 *
Janice Vuong 11 *
Lucy Ward-Gemmell 11 *

2014 School Leaders

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM 2013

The latest progress review of the Year 7 Rich Task Team confirmed a very strong progress in the development of the chosen topics.

A number of students have almost completed research reports and are now working on the creative representations of the topics with the support of teachers. The program launch promises to be exciting and rewarding.

The Year 8 team is also working with strong creative energy on the development of oral presentations with the focus on critical, analytical and creative thinking. There is a wide range of topics ranging from Nuclear Weapons to Feminism to Fairy Tales. The team members recognise the value of planning, research and clarity of purpose in their preparation.

Margaret Nowak, Program Coordinator

V-FEST 2013

On Tuesday 17 September the annual V-Fest student film competition took place at the Chauvel cinemas in Paddington.

One of our outstanding Visual Arts and Photography students Mouradi Nassereddine was selected and her engaging and thought provoking short film Plugged In was screened to a large crowd. Mouradi’s film was selected as one of 24 entries to be screened on the night and received great applause. She is currently working on some fantastic television and film projects. Look out for Mouradi’s name in the future! Congratulations!

Amy Yongsiri, Creative Arts Faculty

BIG RED ROCK ADVENTURE 2013

This year Burwood GHS is proud to be offering an opportunity for Year 10 students to visit Uluru - one of the most important cultural sites in Australia, and one of the most sought after tourist destinations in the world.

A party of 60 (56 students and 4 staff) will be spending five days in the dead heart of Australia engaging in a number of cultural, physical and artistic activities. It is an initiative of the English Department but is being supported by all faculties in an exercise in whole-school learning to ensure maximum absorption of culture, climate and atmosphere! At this stage all student spots are taken and staff attending are Deputy Principal Janina Longman, Kirsty Tottenham (Science), Janice Raynor (ESL and Art), and Mark Dodshon (English).

Mark Dodshon, English Faculty (organiser)
Preparations for the Big Red Rock Adventure!

**VISUAL ARTS**

Two students from Year 10 Visual Arts have won first and second prize in the 2013 Eve Vonwiller Youth Art Awards. Angela Zhou was awarded First Prize, winning an amazing $300 cash and Rosa Wei was close behind her with Second Prize. It’s great to see Burwood Girls sweeping the pool of awards in the High School division of a Lane Cove Council run Art Award. Congratulations girls!

*Xanthe Warren, Visual Arts & Visual Design Teacher*

**BEP NEWS**

**From the new Director**

Thank you to all staff and students involved in a very successful Big Night Out, with some wonderful performances from students and our tutors. There have been a few noteworthy happenings around the Band Office these last few weeks! Unfortunately, due to unforeseen circumstances, we had to cancel the Intermediate Concert Band’s tour last term. I can confirm however, that the tour, to Forster and Tuncurry, will go ahead this term 28,29,30 of October. We are also planning some outside school performances for the Strings and the Brass group later in the term.

We also farewell our Conductor, Tara Fermor, who leaves us to consolidate her commitments elsewhere. I will be taking the band for the rest of the year and I look forward to meeting everyone in preparation for the tour.

I am very pleased to introduce myself as the new Director of the Ensemble Program and I look forward to working with you all to make some great music!

*Genevieve Campbell, Burwood GHS Ensemble Program*

**From the Band Office**

A big welcome to our new director, Genevieve. We look forward to working with you. “Full speed ahead!” We also farewell Tara and wish her luck with her new endeavours.

*Elaine, Sue and Anne*

**NEWS FLASH!**

The Band Program now has a trumpet teacher on board. If students are interested in lessons, please come down to the band office and see Mrs Browne.

*Elaine Browne, Head Administrator, BEP*

**P&C MEETING, WED 16 OCTOBER**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 16 October in the Library at 7:15 pm. Special guest speaker will be Genevieve Campbell, new director of the Band Program. Light refreshments will be available at 7:00 pm. All parents welcome – we would love to see more dads, too!

*Alice Magoffin, P&C President*

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


Updates on Grounds Beautification Project:


**P&C NEWS**

Congratulations to everyone involved in the barbecue on Saturday 7 September (election day)!

We raised **$892.05** to put towards the purchase of plants for the school grounds improvement project.

Thank you also to the 2013 Prefects for their donation of **$1500** towards the project.

Particular thanks are due to Effie Balomatis, Kerry West and Christine for supplying cupcakes for sale and to the following people for their wonderful efforts barbecuing and working on the stall:

- The school captains Tara, Luisa and Rebecca
- Nick Miller
- Lee McKenzie
- Tom and Matilda Roberts
- Helen Drury and husband Tom
- Finola and Tim and Caitlin
- Kerry West and family
- Michael Ripard
- Belinda and Natasha Gibson
- Angela Friedrich and family
- Matilda Press

Thanks also to Mia for interrupting her birthday celebrations for her mother, to open and lock up the library so that we could use the kitchen there.

We had about 100 bread rolls left over ($33.00 worth) which we delivered to Bill Crews’ Exodus Foundation at Ashfield for his Sunday lunch program. Around 120
sausages were not sold, but were frozen on the day and are planned to be used for a barbecue for volunteer workers on the first working bee.

Congratulations and thanks once again!

Alice Magoffin, P&C President

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**BGHS GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT - CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS SAT 2 NOV!**

Over the past few months the P&C committee has embarked on an exciting project to improve the school grounds. The first spaces targeted for improvement include the green court and the area leading to the Ermyn Krippner Hall, a high visibility area of the school grounds which needs the most immediate attention.

Project updates and scope of works may be found on the school website under P&C – Special Projects. The first working bee day is scheduled for **SATURDAY 2nd November 2013 from 9am to 3pm**. Even if you can spare a few hours on the day, your help and support is important to the project, as we are providing an enjoyable environment for the students. We are planning on providing a BBQ on the day for the volunteers.

We are also seeking **plant donations** (eg divisible plants such as cliveas and agapanthus from your gardens) and possible donations for materials—please refer to the web site for plant and material listings.

If you can help with specialised trades, working bees or material donations **please let me know by 25th October via email at effiem@ozemail.com.au** or call me on 0418 660059 to discuss. All working bee volunteers will need to send an email with their details so we can plan the day and ensure you receive updates and procedures.

Effie Matsas, Grounds Team Co-Ordinator

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**P&C UNIFORM SHOP**

All going well, a very busy time. A stock has arrived for our interview days for Year 7 2014.

**Blazers** have arrived in the small sizes – students are welcome to come and try these on.

We will be introducing a **new white shirt** with BGHS embroidered on the pocket. This will be available by the end of the year. The plain white shirt may still be worn.

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. For all enquiries, please call the school on 9747 3355.

Elaine Browne, Manager, P&C Uniform Shop

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**YEAR 7 GALA FUN DAY**

On 12 September, all Year 7 students attended the annual Gala Day at Cintra Park and St Luke’s Oval. It was a chance to enjoy being outdoors in the sun, play sport and talk to the other schools competing. It was fun competing in a friendly round robin with Fort St, Concord, Marsden, Ryde SC and Hunters Hill, and having a day off school work. BGHS had 15 teams competing – 7 netball, 4 soccer and 4 volleyball teams. Catherine MD, from Year 7 said that she liked walking around Cintra Park and meeting new friends from other schools. Ruby V, also from Year 7, said that her favourite match was when the soccer team won 7-0 and she scored a goal. She said they were so close to winning the tournament by just one more goal!

Mrs Gianotti said “It gives the students an introduction to competitive grade sport and it allows the team to set up group goals and work as a team”. She exclaimed, “It was awesome, fun and everybody had a great day”.

A special thank you to Ms Gianotti & Miss Dalageorgos for organising the event. Also to Ms Lye, Mrs Maroc, Mr Chalmers, Ms Jaques and Ms Johnson who came along and supervised.

By Liana Matsas

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**IMPORTANT: Have your say in the evaluation of the SRE Trial at BGHS**

**SRE classes – Year 7**

In 2012 and 2013 a trial of Special Religious Education (SRE) classes was timetabled in Year 7. An SRE teacher, Ms Liling Tan was appointed to the school by the Inner West Scripture Board, 3 days per week, from Monday to Wednesday. Each Year 7 student had the option of attending one period a fortnight. The curriculum is based on the teachings of the Bible and of the Protestant Christian faith. Students not attending SRE classes were engaged in supervised private study.

**SRE Seminars Years 7-10**

Seminars have been offered once per term for students in Years 7-10. The SRE teacher co-ordinated these sessions. Volunteer SRE teachers from local churches provide support with the content and facilitation of the seminars. Students not attending these combined Protestant SRE seminars were engaged in supervised private study.
We are now evaluating the program to determine its future for 2014 and seeking feedback from students, parents and staff.

If you would like to comment and therefore contribute to the evaluation of the SRE Trial program, please send an email to karyn.obrien@det.nsw.edu.au.

Karyn O’Brien, Deputy Principal

**GALLERY**

**Congratulations to our rowing team:** Charlotte Hulme, Amy O’Reilly, Emma Lloyd-George and Xanthe Young – winners of the Head of the Nepean 5km Under 19’s women’s quad competition!!

**Introducing the new Band Director, Genevieve Campbell, at Big Night Out.**

“Island Time”

Principal meets parents of our International Students while in Korea

**COMMUNITY NOTICE**

**1971 BGHS REUNION**

Dear Friends, we are planning a reunion dinner in November for our 1971 HSC cohort.

**Date:** Saturday 23 November 2013 at 7pm.

**Place:** Harold Park Hotel, Corner of Ross St and Wigram Rd, Glebe 2037. We have booked a room at the side of the main bar. We can order and purchase food and drinks from the bar. Quite good pub food and reasonable prices.

We have created the following email address (BGHS1971reunion@gmail.com) for all communication regarding the reunion. Please use this address to confirm your attendance. Partners are welcome to attend. Please pass on these details to any fellow students from our year, 1971, that you may know.

Looking forward to our getting together. Hope we can contact a good number. Sue Charteris and Wendy Beard