### TERM 4

**NOV**
- P&C AGM, 6:45 pm, Music Area,
- 20 includes Band demonstration
- **21** No payments after 2pm today until Finance Rollover on 2 December
- • Year 9 Round Tables
- 22 • SRE Seminars
  - • Yr.10 Big Red Rock (Uluru) Camp (22-26 Nov)
- 24 • Inner West Band Festival
- 25 • White Ribbon Day
  - • ASSEMBLY
  - SRC Meeting, lunchtime
- 27 • Prefects Meeting, lunchtime
  - School Council, 6pm
- 28 • Junior Drama Showcase, 7pm

**DEC**
- • Yr.10 STARR Day
  - 2 • Payments may be made at completion of Rollover today
  - • Anne Beams Writers Awards, 7pm
- 4 • Yr.7 2014 Orientation Day, 9am
  - • “A Little Night Music”, 7pm – all BEP performing, everyone welcome
- 5 • Yr.7 Celebration of Learning rehearsal
- 6 • Yr.7 Celebration of Learning Day – reports distributed, parents welcome
- 9 • Assessment Free Week
  - • ASSEMBLY
  - SRC Meeting, lunchtime
  - • Yr.7-10 Blue & Gold Awards – rehearsal p.3, Assembly p.4
- 11 • Prefects Meeting, lunchtime
- 12 • Yr.8&9 Reports distributed
  - Presentation Day rehearsals
- 13 • Presentation Day, 1pm – parents welcome
  - • Yr.10 Reports distributed
- 16 • Yr.10 Formal, 6:30pm
- 18 • HSC results released
  - • Last day of term – no payments accepted after 2pm
- 19 • Morning Tea for Year 12 2013 students to discuss HSC results and future plans
  - School Development Day (staff only)
- 20 • School Development Day (staff only)
  - • HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

### From the Principal...

It is difficult to believe that it will soon be the end of 2013. There have been so many successes and celebrations since the October issue of Event:

- Fabulous band tour to Forster 28-30 Oct
- New mural outside hall
- Year 9 Camp 7-8 Nov
- Year 11 Presentation 11 Nov
- Year 12 Formal 12 Nov
- Opening of new Hospitality Kitchen 13 Nov

Presentation Day will be held on Friday 13 December for Years 7-10. Our next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 20 November at 6:45 pm in the Music Room 23 (parking via Queen Street gate).

See you there! **Mia Kumar**
A DAY OF CELEBRATION

On Monday 11 November, Remembrance Day, we not only showed our respect for service men and women but we also celebrated our Indigenous communities with a special performance by a group from the Tiwi Islands. The Strong Women’s group from Bathurst and Melville Islands, northern Australia, are elders and culture women, respected in their community as holders of oral traditional knowledge and as leaders in decision making regarding the health and well-being of young Tiwi people.

We explored how Indigenous elders on the Tiwi Islands are using song as a vehicle for education and cultural empowerment and as a weapon against language loss. They have long known that knowledge of country, kinship, ceremony and lore is fundamental to Tiwi society, and that this knowledge is imparted through songs, forming an unbroken conduit with the distant past through the voices of the ancestors. Tiwi singers have always ‘sung the history’.

Today, young Tiwi people are struggling to succeed in a federalised education system based on the written word (in English). With massive changes to and demonstrable loss of the Tiwi language over the past few generations, Tiwi kids are unable to engage at a meaningful level with the knowledge that their elders need and want to pass to them, or to maintain that knowledge by creating their own songs.

The women discussed how a recent Tiwi song project has become a catalyst for discussion and action on the islands. Senior song-men and women have met the challenge of arresting the demise of their language and song culture as a basis for knowledge transmission. They have actively opposed the imposed monolingual curriculum by petitioning federal parliament and demanding that Tiwi language returns to their school; all this through a song project in which Tiwi children are creating their own songs using both modern and traditional musical forms.

These highly respected elders were brought to us by our fabulous new Band Director, Genevieve Campbell, and a large audience of teachers and Years 7 to 11 students thoroughly enjoyed the stories and songs they shared with us. Deborah Segal who is now coordinating our Tidda Girl group is very interested in exploring a link with the Tiwi Islands...I feel another trip coming on 😊

Year 10 Child Studies classes are currently studying how culture impacts on child growth and development and we are focusing at present on Indigenous kids in remote areas of Australia. They will soon be selling handmade bookmarks to raise funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation and I hope you all support this wonderful initiative. If you are thinking about presents for Christmas, why not consider a donation in the name of your friend, colleague or family member for a present which can bring books and literacy to Indigenous kids.

Karyn O’Brien, Deputy Principal

YEAR 9 CAMP

On Thursday and Friday Week 5, 144 girls from Year 9 set out to Morisset for a challenging outdoor camp. The weather was hot but perfect for a great adventure.

In day groups of 30, the girls kayaked, walked on ropes up to 12 metres above the ground, went on a giant swing (much scarier than it sounds), ran in the mud and solved a group challenge.

We had a fun night of crazy challenges followed by bed. The girls slept in dorms of twelve and after a feast of junk food most of them managed at least a few hours sleep!

All the students showed incredible courage and great teamwork. I was really proud of all of them for their behaviour, care for each other and ability to meet a challenge head on.

The girls at school also had a wonderful time with a literacy focused program of fun activities including cooking, poetry and health questions to a nurse.

Special thanks to the PDHPE department for organising the camp and Ms Vecchiet for organising the activities at school.

Rosemary Sandow, Year 9 Adviser
GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM 2013
The 8th Annual Launch of the Year 7 2013 Gifted and Talented Program took place on 15 October, in the school Library, in the presence of the school Senior Executive, Year Advisers and parents.

Members of the 2013 Year 7 Gifted and Talented team have showcased their creative talents through rich, imaginative and innovative representations of their tasks. The audience was taken on a journey through Clouds, Pompeii - Frozen in Time, The Science of Love, Street Art Across the World and Afghanistan, just to name a few.

The outstanding quality and scale of the exhibition reflected the students’ talent, commitment and above all the skills of independent learners. Congratulations to all students and their parents.

Margaret Nowak, Program Coordinator

Ayla Ercan, Gabrielle McFarlane, Shyarna Lomas and Huma Rana outside the Westmead Children’s Hospital. Year 8 Geography students recently participated in an NGO Assessment Task. Ayla, Gabrielle, Shyarna and Huma from 8C Geography decided to run a cake stall at Burwood Girls High to raise funds to donate to Westmead Children’s Hospital for Diabetes research. The fundraiser was very successful and the girls should be congratulated on their initiative in raising well over $200. Well done girls.

YEAR 12 ESL UNICEF FUNDRAISER

Year 12 English ESL classes have been working on their HSC English Module ‘Living and Working in the Community’. As part of this study the three classes have organised a food stall at school. They plan, advertise and run the stall as a group in order to practise belonging to a community. The proceeds will then be donated to UNICEF.

Ms Sandow’s class had their Cake Stall on Tuesday 12 November and raised $261, which was a fabulous effort on a very wet recess. The girls made all the cakes and lolly bags themselves.

Ms Raynor’s class is holding an International Barbeque on Friday 15 November and Ms Vecchiet’s class is running a Sweet Stall in Week 6. Good luck with your project, girls!

YEAR 9 AT LUCAS GARDENS SCHOOL

On 15 October, fifteen Year 9 students walked to Lucas Gardens School to help with the Variety Club Spring Fair. This is an extract from Lucas Gardens School Newsletter 18 October 2013:

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Our last activity consisted of decorating a pot and putting a lovely petunia in it..... Many thanks to both the Variety Club and Burwood Girls High School students for such an enjoyable morning.”

Voulla Kalogeropoulos, PDHPE Faculty

YR.10 VISUAL DESIGN ART WEARABLES EXHIBITION AT WESTFIELD BURWOOD

Fantastic wearable art by our Year 10 Visual Design students has been selected for exhibition at Westfield Burwood as part of the World’s Biggest Classroom event. The display is on Ground Level opposite Country Road, near the central escalators. The wearables explore themes ranging from the Elizabethan era to futuristic fashion.

A big thank you goes to the Department of Education and Communities for organising the event and to Westfield for providing the mannequins and the space for the exhibition. The work will be on display until Sunday 1 December. Congratulations to all students whose work has been selected.

BEP NEWS

The Concert Band tour to Forster was a great success, with everyone having a lot of fun as well as doing fine primary school performances and having a fun-filled game of ten pin bowling. Thank you, students, for a terrific tour – you did BGHS proud.

Remembrance Day 10 Nov: Thank you to our two students, Cristina Travan and Angeline Jenner who attended Ashfield RSL with me. A special thank you to Yvonne Brown (trumpet teacher) for stepping in and playing the bugle for the Ashfield event.

Thank you to the Brass Ensemble for standing by for the War Graves remembrance – only to be cancelled due to the weather.

Dates to Remember:

- **Wed 20 Nov**: Music Room 23 at 6:45 pm: A special tour performance for parents by the Concert Band. At the finish of the performance everyone is invited to stay on for our P&C Annual General Meeting at 7:15 pm.
- **Sun 24 Nov**: Inner West Festival, from 10 am to 6pm. All students in SCB, CB, Brass Ensemble, Strings will be playing. Please see Mrs Browne for notices. We have 25 primary school entries and we will finish with a mass community band of 130 students. This day will certainly be a lot of work. We will be serving tea, coffee, cakes, BBQ and gelato. So if any band parent can assist on the day, please contact Mrs Browne. Many hands make light work!
- **Wed 4 Dec Morning**: Concert Band will be playing for Year 7 2014 Orientation Day, 11:10 am to 12:00 pm in the Hall.
- **Wed 4 Dec Evening**: “A Little Night Music” concert – all students in the band program will be involved and performing. Please see Mrs Browne for notices. We extend a special invitation to all parents and friends to come along and enjoy this evening with us (see advertisement).

Elaine Browne, Head Administrator, BEP
CONCERT BAND TOUR
On 28 October, the Concert Band from BGHS went on an amazing band tour. This is how it all happened. The bus ride was 3 hours but we all thoroughly enjoyed the trip. We sang the ‘100 Bottles of Beer’ and lots of other songs. Well, at last we arrived at our first school, Karuah Public School. Not only did they welcome us nicely, they even put up our school name on their noticeboard! We set up the band and played. The kids liked the dancing a lot. After the performance, the school offered us some refreshments for the ride to the next school.

The bus ride was about 45min to 1 hour to Nabiac Public School. When we arrived, lots of the school kids say hello to us. We unpacked, set up and played again. The kids from Nabiac enjoyed everything as much as Karuah Public School. After a long and tiring day, we set off to our accommodation, Wallamba River Holiday Park. We were all so hungry! After we received our keys for our cabins, we settled in our ‘homes’ for the next 3 days.

The first night, we had pizza and a soft drink for dinner. Our cabin played truth or dare. Lots of the cabins watched shows like X Factor, Big Bang Theory and 2 Broke Girls. Our cabin eventually slept at 12.30am when Ms. Longman complained that the music from our cabin was too loud.

On 29 October, we headed to Bulahdelah Central School, which was a primary and secondary school. It was really funny whenever Ms. Longman said our band is a Year 7-9 band when it is actually 7 -10 (Sorry Helena). The school liked our performance and we thanked them. So with that, we rode the bus to Pacific Palms School.

Something VERY scary happened at Pacific Palms. As we were setting up, we all heard HUGE lightning strike and it looked like it hit the ground but it didn’t. Pacific Palms was our favorite school because they maintained their volume level and were respectful. Our teachers took us shopping for one hour after we finished.

Although we were tired, Mrs. Browne and Ms. Staines had a surprise for us. They took us bowling! We all had so much fun. And that was our second day of band tour.

That night for dinner, we had bread crumbed fish and chips and we had ice cream for dessert. Just as the other night, lots of cabins stayed up late talking or watching TV.

On the last day of tour, we performed at one more school, Morpeth Public School. We stopped over for lunch before visiting the school. Some of us went to the bakeries whilst some went to the lolly shop. The principal of Morpeth PS especially invited the children from the nearby preschool to come watch us. Apparently, a teacher-helper at the school was an ex-student of BGHS. How cool!

Before long, we were upset because band tour had passed so quickly but we all had a great time. We would like to thank Ms. Longman, Mrs. Browne and Ms. Staines for organizing the tour and coming with us. We look forward to going on our next tour!

Sanshea Mendes 7D and Amelia Friedrich 7H, Concert Band

Burwood Girls High School invites you to attend the Junior Drama Showcase on Thursday 28 November at 7 pm in the school hall. The showcase will highlight the performances of elective Drama students. We look forward to seeing you there to support our talented dramatists!

ANNE BEAMS AWARDS
The English Faculty is proud to announce that the annual Anne Beams Awards for 2013 will be held on Monday 2 December at 7pm in the school hall. This award ceremony celebrates Burwood Girls’ most talented composers and commemorates Anne Beams, former Head Teacher of English.

The English Faculty encourages composers from Years 7-12 to enter a piece of original material they have created into this prestigious competition. Entries must be original and may be in the form of a short story, drama script, short film, poetry, picture book or an analytical response.

So, if your daughter, sister, cousin or friend has a flair for composing, please encourage them to approach their English teacher to submit their work for consideration.
The cut-off day for students to submit their entries to their English teacher is 3pm, Friday 22 November 2013 (Week 7A).

All students who are selected as finalists will be notified by letter. Winners will be announced at the ceremony. If you would like any further information, please don’t hesitate to contact the Head Teacher of English, email: pauline.hageman@det.nsw.edu.au.

Pauline Hageman, Head Teacher English

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ROMEO AND JULIET

English students have been studying Shakespeare’s Romeo and Juliet. In preparation for their speeches on the universal ideas explored in the play, students have performed excerpts from key scenes. This has been helping them in their understanding and analysis of how these ideas are represented through a range of dramatic and literary devices.

Jurate Janavicius and Janice Raynor, English Faculty

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KOREAN CULTURAL OFFICE EXCURSION

On 30 October the 7W Asia Literacy and Languages class went to the Korean Cultural Office (KCO) to learn about Korea and to experience traditional games played by ordinary citizens living there.

We were welcomed by Kate and Julie, then Mr Junwoo Do described and explained some beautiful paintings of mountains and rock waterfalls in the KCO’s art exhibition. He taught us some new things about Korea that we didn’t know before.

Once we finished there Julie showed us some handmade, delicate traditional musical instruments. Some of us got to play them and feel the different kinds of woods and strings.

We then went into an activities room where we each made a Peng e, which is a traditional spinning top made of wood and decorated with thin traditional paper. Then we learnt how to play some traditional Korean games. We got into three teams and went to different activities. The first game was a traditional board game that is very similar to snakes and ladders called Yoot Nolli. The second game was a game called Tuho where you threw arrow like shapes into sets of round plastic tubes. The inside tube was worth three points and the outside ones were worth one. The last game was a fun activity where you threw rocks covered in plastic and decorated with pom pom string in the air and tried to kick it up in the air several times in a row with the side of your foot. Not kick it across the room!!! This game was called Jaegi-Chagi.

Once we finished the super fun traditional games we thanked the staff, took a group photo and said good-bye.

We then walked to Hyde Park across the road and ate our lunch. Afterwards we took a train back to Burwood station and walked back to school. If we had to choose a word to describe the day it would be ‘interesting’!!!

By Faith Tsintarakis and Jasmine Park, 7W

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PREMIER’S DEBATING FINAL

It’s over! To have made it so far – to the zone semi-final and then to have victory snatched from our hands when we were so close but there is next year and the following years to show our true colours...sensational job of arguing on behalf of Burwood Girls Junior Debate Team - Lillikan Clarke, Anissa Tavakol, Alice More and Sophia Scales!

Thank you so much to our faithful helpers too – Hye In Lee, Nadia Homen and Sanya Verma.

By Faith Tsintarakis and Jasmine Park, 7W
Next major event is Sydney University Debate Tournament to be held Friday 22 November. The girls will be accompanied by Mr Chalmers for the day.

On Tuesday 3 December nine Burwood Girls represent their school at The United Nations Model Conference at Taylors College, Waterloo, Sydney.

At present, we are organising a coaching session for the girls to take place each Tuesday during the extended recess so stay in touch!

Thanks girls, for your wonderful efforts!

Ingrid Benjamin, Debating Coordinator, English Faculty

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**HANDS ACROSS THE OCEAN 2013 MURAL**

The Year 8 and Year 10 Hands Across the Ocean Mural is finally up and ready for viewing! The two panelled mural is a vibrant addition to the school landscape and embraces the school motto ‘Not for ourselves alone’ by highlighting the students’ efforts over the years in raising money for the various Hands Across the Ocean charities.

Our talented Year 8 Visual Arts students carefully painted the beautiful tiles in the water area of the mural. Each symbol on the tile is significant to the student and represented by a plant, flower or animal.

The Year 10 Visual Arts students expertly crafted the beautiful relief tiles that capture the diversity of the people that the Hands Across the Ocean charity supports.

This mural has been a year in the making and we are very proud of all the students’ achievements.

Thanks to all the students involved in this mural and all the Creative Arts Teachers Ms Kals, Mr Cheshire, Ms Tapp, Ms Warren and Ms Yongsiri who helped to make this happen.

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**PREFECTS REPORT**

Louise Kim & Andriana Dertouzos

Hi Girls! It’s been quite a while since the last event and many things have happened during that time. The fantastic leadership workshop was carried out at the start of term and it was a great opportunity for the prefects to get to know everyone. During the workshop we bonded as a prefect body, discussed visions for the school and made a slogan - *Keeping up with the Burwoodians*!

The newly elected captains also attended the opening of a new primary school. We were one of the three schools chosen to attend! The captains also met Marie Bashir, the Governor of NSW, for whom the school is named. We are also looking forward to the Year 6 Interviews! Have a safe and happy week once again!

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**YEAR 11 STARR DAY**

On Monday 14 October, all Year 11 students attended a two hour session for their annual STARR day. The aim was to equip our students with some essential study skills for Year 12. This year Ms Moore and I decided to bring in the professionals – Elevate Education - who ran two sessions – Study Sensei which looked at areas where students could maximize their marks and Time Management which help the students develop a study timetable and deal with procrastination! The presenters were young university students who had achieved high marks in their own HSC. It was a real advantage having young presenters as they “talked student lingo” and could relate to many dilemmas experienced by our students.

The students assessed the two workshops and 97% our students said that it was time well spent. All Year 11 students now have access to Elevate Education’s website which provides them with more skills and practice questions for the HSC. The workshops were followed by a BBQ organized by the TAS staff and Year 10 Hospitality students. Year 11 was very grateful for their hard work.

Here are some comments from our Year 11 students.

“I found it very helpful and will definitely apply this new knowledge in the year ahead”

“Having a young presenter kept it engaging and relevant - they could relate to what we’re going through as it was recent for them”

“It was much better than having a teacher try and tell us this information”

“It boosted my confidence in preparing for the HSC”

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Students and teachers with Veronica Kapsimali, School Education Director
“It doesn’t make the HSC look so bad!”
“I’m grateful for the extra resources online”
Jane Burkitt and Sandra Moore (Yr 11 Advisers)

EYECARE FOR STUDENTS
The Eyecare program has been very popular and successful. We hope to run this program again in the future. Thank you to Janey the Optometrist.

SPORT NEWS

GYMNASTICS
At the State Gymnastics competition, Kate Webster (Year 8) attended as a representative of the Sydney North team. The team comprised of 6 girls and they came 2nd overall.

BGHS WATER POLO TEAM
This year Burwood Girls put a water polo team in the MLC Friday night competition. This competition is to help some of the girls learn and experience how to play water polo. Each week the girls improved a lot, also we have been fundraising so we can buy new equipment such as new caps, water polo balls. There has also been talk of trying to get team swimmers or team jumpers, so if you could please get behind us and support our team it will be gratefully appreciated. The team is made up of 10 players. We made it to the final and finished second in our division.

By Shania Mitchell

2014 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to our new House Captains for 2014:
Cumbora: Riley Michelmore and Mahalia Lum
Kayeroo: Ellen Vass and Janice Vuong
Kurrajong: Lara Bates and Alisa Berberovic
Yorrell: Rika Kelso and Hannah Hawkes

Janelle Gianotti, Carnivals Coordinator, PDHPE Faculty

WHITE RIBBON DAY – 25 NOVEMBER
In Australia, one in three women has experienced physical or sexual assault in her lifetime. These women are our mothers, girlfriends, wives, daughters, colleagues and friends. The mission of White Ribbon is to change the attitudes and behaviours that support or excuse this violence against women in Australia.

Inner West Domestic Violence Liaison Committee (IWDVC) are holding a White Ribbon Day Community Art Project with a number of local schools across Ashfield, Burwood and Canada Bay LGA’s to raise awareness for White Ribbon Day, 25 November, the UN Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women.

Some students from Burwood GHS have created amazing artwork that will be placed on specially designed coffee cups and drink coasters for White Ribbon Day. The launch will be held on Monday 18 November 2013 at 10am at Enfield Public School.

NOTICE FROM SRE TEACHER
Parents are invited to the Scripture Seminar on Friday 22 November when Dr Patricia Weerakoon, honorary senior lecturer at the University of Sydney will be our invited guest. Dr Weerakoon is a Christian sexologist and author who is a highly regarded public speaker and social commentator in sexuality and sexual health. She will be speaking to Years 9 - 10 on ‘Teen sex and technology’ and to Years 7 - 8 on ‘Growing up sexual: brain, body & behaviour’. The talk will be followed by a Q&A session with a panel of church ministers. Parents and teachers are all welcome to join us at these seminars. (Years 10 - Period 1; Year 9 - Period 2; Year 8 - Period 3; Years 7 - Period 4.)

Liling Tan, Special Religious Education Teacher
P&C NEWS

AMAZING WORK FROM 24 WORKING BEE VOLUNTEERS!

After several months of landscape designing and planning, on Saturday 2 November, the P&C Grounds Improvement Team turned over the first shovel of dirt. The first working bee day was a fantastic success. The PE court is now planted out with rosemary and agapanthus; and the large island garden bed is cleared, ready for a terraced garden and seating.

A big thank you to Thomas on jackhammer – all the PE planting beds and concrete footings needed to be jackhammered; also to the fathers who sweated the huge concrete footings and removed the aluminium tables/benches; ladies who shovelled and wheelbarrowed decades of compacted soil; everyone who planted and mulched; and also to the ladies who prepared lunch. Well done!

To all the 24 working bee parents, thank you for all the hard work on the day.

Thomas Ebersoll, Ari Matsas, Alice Magoffin, Tom Roberts, Effie Balomatis, Helen Drury, Erin Dib, Nick Miller, Alan Anderson, Perry Kritselas, Kathy Kritselas, Gavin Robertson, Kerry West, Christine Williams, Trevor Williams, Finola Carey Border, Tim Border, Rod Brookes, Stephanie Brookes, Christina Kanellaki Lowe, Andrew Lowe, Carol Walsh, Michael Ripard and Tristan Fitzgerald

For parents who missed out, there will be more working bees! If you would like to help, please register your details by emailing effiem@ozemail.com.au. By registering your interest you will receive updates on the project and dates for future working bees.

The P&C is also undertaking a sponsorship program targeting local businesses to assist with funding of the project. I would also like to extend a special thank you to the generosity of the Devery family who have kindly donated $1000 towards the project.

We are creating a positively wonderful space for our students to enjoy and it is only possible with the support of parent volunteers, business sponsorships and P&C donations.

Effie Matsas, Grounds Team Co-Ordinator

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY 20 NOVEMBER, 6:45 pm

The P&C AGM will be held on Wednesday 20 November in the Music rooms at the front of the school. Parking available in Queen St car park. The meeting will commence a bit differently – at 6:45 pm with a musical recital from the Concert Band led by their new manager, Genevieve Campbell. This will be followed by the AGM at 7:15 pm. Light refreshments available. We will be voting for office holders for next year – new members and office bearers are always welcome!

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 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

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
In 2014, DEC schools in NSW will be implementing the ‘Bring Your Own Device’ (BYOD) Program whereby students will be able to bring a personally owned laptop or tablet and connect to the school’s Wi-Fi network for the purpose of education. This new program coincides with the end of the ‘Digital Education Revolution’ (DER) student laptop program, which ends in 2013.

At Burwood Girls High School, the BYOD Program will allow all students in Years 7-12 to bring their own computing device to school each day.

In 2014 students in Year 9 will be expected to bring their own personal device to school every day. The school has embedded significant emphasis on the integration of technology into learning programs in Years 9 – 12, and the use of a personal computing device will allow these initiatives to continue.

Students in Years 10 – 12 in 2014 have previously been issued with a DER laptop. Students in these years may also have their own computing device which they prefer to use, rather than using the DER laptop. These students will be encouraged to bring their preferred device to school and return their DER laptop for use by the school in providing access to digital learning for other students.

Students in Years 7 and 8 in 2014 will be strongly encouraged to bring their own computing device to school every day.

Students’ personal computing devices must meet the minimum device requirements for both connection to the school Wi-Fi network, and for the device to be functional as an aid to learning.

Further information about the BYOD program at Burwood Girls High School, including the minimum device requirements will be published on the school’s website (under “Our School/School Policies & Bell Times”) from mid-November.
**Minimum Requirements for BYOD devices**

**Wireless Connection**
Devices must have this minimum wireless capability: The DEC wireless network installed in high schools only operates on the **802.11n 5GHz** standard. Devices with 802.11a/b/g or 802.11n 2.4GHz only will not be able to connect.

**Software**
- **Word processing** (Eg. Microsoft Word, Pages, Google Drive)
- **Spreadsheet** (Eg. Microsoft Excel, Numbers, Google Drive)
- **Presentation** (Eg. Microsoft PowerPoint, Keynote, Google Drive)
- **Notetaking** (Eg. OneNote, Evernote)
- **Internet browser** (Eg. Internet Explorer, Chrome, Safari)
- **Antivirus software** (All devices must have active antivirus software installed. iPads and Chromebooks do not need antivirus).

**BYOD Checklist**

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<td><em>Weights</em> Is the laptop light enough for your child to carry each day?</td>
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<td><em>Durability</em> Consider the overall durability of the device, are the keys and inputs sturdy?</td>
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<td><em>Carry Cases</em> A carry case or skin is essential in protecting your device and can provide ergonomic advantages*</td>
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<td><em>Insurance</em> Devices can become lost or be broken easily at school, make sure your policy covers these eventualities*</td>
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<td><em>Warranty</em> Make sure you consider purchasing extra warranty to reduce future repair costs as these devices will be used extensively*</td>
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*Look for a tough and thick outer shell* |
*Remember this device is expected to last several years*
New Swipe Card Instructions – FROM DECEMBER 2013

New code numbers are being introduced for swiping in/out from December 2013. Changes are highlighted in yellow.

Swipe Card Instructions, Years 7 – 10

SCHOOL COMMENCES AT 8:45 AM.

Rolls are marked promptly and returned to the office. If you arrive after 8:45 am you must get a late note from the front office, otherwise you are marked absent for the whole day and an SMS will go out to your parents.

YOU MUST HAVE YOUR ID CARD WITH YOU EVERY DAY.

1. Swipe your ID card through the reader (barcode at the bottom and photo facing away from you so you can see the magnetic strip). The reader will beep once if it has read your card and your details will appear on the screen.

2. If you are late without a note carefully press 2 on the number pad and then press ENTER. A receipt will be printed. The top one goes to your class teacher and the bottom one goes home to be signed by your parents or caregiver. You must return this signed slip to the office.

3. If you are late with a note carefully press 1 and ENTER then WAIT for authorisation by someone in the office. A receipt will be printed and you take this to class.

DON'T RUSH AND TAKE CARE WHEN PRESSING THE NUMBER PAD.

Swipe Card Instructions, Year 11

1. – 3. As above.

4. If you don’t have a lesson during period 1 you must still be at school at 8:45 am for Roll Call. You are required to stay at school at all times, unless: (A) you have an authorised Early Leave Pass or (B) you have a free during period 4 and have presented written permission from a parent to the Deputy Principal for authorisation to leave on days with a free period 4, then you may swipe out by pressing 9 and ENTER.

5. If you are leaving to attend TAFE, press 0 and ENTER.

Swipe Card Instructions, Year 12

1. As above.

2. If you are late without a note carefully press 2 on the number pad and then press ENTER. A receipt will be printed. The top one goes to your class teacher and the bottom one goes home to be signed by your parents or caregiver. You must return this signed slip to the office. This includes being late for Period 2, 3 or 4 but you must notify office staff so we can override the time.

3. If you are late with a note carefully press 1 and ENTER then WAIT for authorisation by someone in the office. A receipt will be printed and you take this to class. This includes being late for Period 2, 3 or 4 but you must notify office staff so we can override the time.

4. If you are not late and are signing into school press 8 and ENTER and take your receipt. Note: If you have period 1 free on Mondays, you must be at school in time for Assembly at 10:10 am, when it occurs. You must be present for Roll Call and DEAR on Wednesdays.

5. If you have a free period and are leaving the school but will be returning for another lesson press 4 and ENTER. Take your receipt and keep it with you. When you return to school press 5 and ENTER.

6. If you have finished all lessons and are going home early press 9 and ENTER. Take your receipt and keep it with you until you get home.

To All Students 7 – 12 Re: Late Buses

If you catch the school special and it is late you must still press 2 and your parents must write the bus number on the slip, sign it and return it to school. Once we have verified that you do catch the school special we will adjust the records. We also ask that parents please contact the bus depot to report the late buses. Phone 131 500 or write to STA Complaints, 219 – 241 Cleveland St, Strawberry Hills 2010.

Swipe Card Instructions – Uniform Pass

If you are out of uniform, you must obtain a Uniform Pass before school or as you arrive (if you are late). Swipe your ID card and press 7 if you do not have a note from home explaining why you are out of uniform. Press 7.1 if you do have a note from home. In both cases you must ask the office staff for authorisation when swiping to obtain a Uniform Pass.