From the Principal...

I have just recently returned from the NSW Secondary Principals Conference in Bathurst where the Hon. Adrian Piccoli, Minister for Education and Michele Bruniges, Secretary NSW DEC addressed us. A powerful message for our schools is that students must be at the heart of everything we do. This has always been the case for Burwood Girls High School – our students are our future.

There will be a new approach to school excellence and reforms to improve school systems including professional capability, increased local authority, building capacity and excellence. I am pleased to report our school is on the right path to have better outcomes for all students.

Variety Night held on 20 May was one example of excellence. Magnificent student participation and parent involvement was evident.

Thank you, parents, for always taking interest and supporting initiatives at our school. I look forward to discussions with parents at P&C Meeting (focus on Science learning) on 18 June and Yr.7/9 P/T/S evening on 19 June. Remember Blue & Gold Awards are held on Monday 23 June.

Mia Kumar
As a parent, you are your daughter’s first and most important teacher. You and Burwood Girls High School have something in common: We both want your daughter to learn and do well. When parents and teachers talk to each other, each person can share important information about your daughter’s talents and needs.

Parent–teacher-student interviews are an important component of ongoing home–school communication and family involvement. Did you also know that home–school communication predicts positive outcomes for students and for schools? The tips below are designed to build on communication predicts positive outcomes for families and for schools? The tips below are designed to help make your parent–teacher-student interviews productive and effective. I know there is only 5 minutes per interview, but try to make those 300 seconds count!

Approaching Parent–Teacher-Student (PTS) Interviews:
A three-way conversation. Like all good conversations, PTS interviews are best when all people talk and listen. The interview is a time for you to learn about your daughter’s progress in school: Ask to see data about her attendance, achievement of outcomes and assessment results. Find out whether your daughter is meeting school expectations and academic standards and how she feels she is going. This is also a time for teachers to learn about what your daughter is like at home. When you tell her teachers about her skills, interests, needs, and dreams, teachers can help your daughter in a more personal and individual way.

Emphasis on learning. Good PTS interviews focus on how well your daughter is doing in school and talk about how she can do even better. To get ready for the conversation, look at your daughter’s Semester 1 report. Be sure to bring a list of questions that you would like to ask her teachers.

Opportunities and challenges. Just like you, teachers want your daughter to succeed. You will probably hear positive feedback about her progress and areas for improvement. Be prepared by thinking about your daughter’s strengths and challenges beforehand. Be ready to ask questions about ways you and the teacher can help her with some of her challenges.

Ideas for after the interviews:
Make a plan. Write down the things that you and the teacher will each do to support your daughter. Write down what you will do, when, and how often. Make plans to check in with the teacher in the coming months.

Schedule another time to talk. Communication should go both ways. Ask how you can contact the teacher. And don’t forget to ask how the teacher will contact you too. There are many ways to communicate—in person, by phone, notes, email, student diaries. Make a plan that works for both of you. Be sure to schedule at least one more time to talk in the next few months if necessary.

Talk to your daughter. The PTS interview is all about your daughter, so don’t forget to include her. Share with her what you learned and show her how you will help with learning at home. Ask for her suggestions.

Parents of Year 7 and 9 daughters have already received letters with a unique code for you to access our online booking system. Make sure you confirm what time period you are available, for example, from 5.00-6.30pm, as you don’t want interviews stretched out over 3 hours.

Karyn O’Brien, Deputy Principal, Middle School

YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTIONS
FOR YEAR 11, 2015

Our process to assist Year 10 to make the right subject choices will begin in Week 9 this term. Mr John Hegedus (Careers Adviser) will visit Year 10 English classes and begin a computer program “Career Voyager”. Students will need to complete this at home. The information regarding career options gained from this program will greatly assist students to make the important decision of selecting subjects.

On Thursday 17 July (Week 1 Term 3) there will be a parent/student meeting in the Hall at 7pm. This is a compulsory evening for all Year 10 students. The subject selection booklet (Year 11 Options 2015) will be given out at this time and teachers will be available to discuss subjects. All students will be interviewed by a member of the school executive or welfare team over the following two weeks before students submit their selections online. Students will need to bring their completed “Career Voyager” to this meeting.

It is important that students make informed decisions as they will need to study these subjects for the next two years. Parents – please encourage your daughter to ask questions of teachers, to ensure they are getting the right information regarding subjects offered in Year 11.

Janina Longman, Deputy Principal, Senior School
PREFECTS REPORT
By Landy Hu, Ellen Balomatis and Lorna Zhou

Hi girls, families and members of the BGHS community. It has been a busy term for the Prefect body having organised, and been involved in, a number of projects. We hope you all have been working hard as we approach the end of another school term!

One such event was the annual BGHS Prefect Afternoon Tea. Many schools across Sydney run such events as an opportunity to meet and learn from leaders from other schools. On 23 May, students from approximately 15 schools from all around Sydney sent representatives to our school for an afternoon of games, food and discussion. We were proud of the fact that it was attended by a diverse range of schools including Alexandria Park, PLC, Sydney Boys and Girls, Newington, Canterbury Girls and Cumberland. We had a wonderful afternoon and were told of a number of initiatives that leaders from other schools have developed. It was a lot of fun with many students from other schools saying it was the best afternoon tea they had attended. All in all, it was a great afternoon where everyone had the chance to make new friends and learn from each other.

On a much sadder note, many of you have heard about the Sewol ferry incident in Korea where a ferry carrying 476 passengers capsized on its journey to Jeju. The majority of those passengers were high school students from Danwon High School in Ansan City, South Korea. The students and community at Danwon High School are currently in a state of mourning for their fellow classmates, friends and families. Our prefect body has joined United For South Korea, an initiative started by students at James Ruse Agricultural High School. It implores all schools to gather messages of support from the students in their school, addressed to Danwon High School and compile them into a book that will be presented to the Dawon High School community to give them strength in these difficult times. Many of you girls have eagerly participated in this event and we would like to thank all of you for your empathy and messages of support.

A special thank you to Lucy Ward-Gemmell, Year 11 Prefect and SRC representative for her tremendous efforts with the coordination of our condolence book.

The Prefects are currently running two projects with very different purposes:

- The first is a photography competition for students whereby they have to capture the spirit of the school in a photo. This event aims to serve two purposes – one, create a positive spirit around the school and two, update the photos on the school website! There is a great prize for the best photo and we look forward to being inundated with photos!
- The second project is in support of a program run by Taronga Zoo called They’re Calling on You. This project involves collecting old mobile phones and recycling the coltan found within them. Coltan is a metallic ore mined in Africa, a process which is destroying gorilla habitats and pushing them to extinction. All the money that is raised from recycling old phones supports vital gorilla conservation in Africa. So, if you have an old phone sitting around taking up valuable drawer space, please bring it in. There is a collection container in Ms Longman’s office.

CREATIVE CLUB DEBUT AT THE MCA ZINE FAIR

On a sunny Sunday in May, the Creative Club’s first publication- a zine titled Space debuted at the Museum of Contemporary Art’s Zine Fair as part of the Sydney Writer’s Festival. The Creative Club, facilitated by Mr Jack Brand and Ms Amy Yongsiri, is a small group of students who meet on a Tuesday afternoon to pursue their interests and talents in writing and illustrating.

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These creative students are presently working on more exciting projects that will culminate into another exciting publication. Keep a look out!

Amy Yongsiri and Jack Brand
RUN CLUB

The newly established Burwood Girls High School Run Club has been one of the success stories of 2014. The club offers students the opportunity to improve their physical health through long distance running and sprints. Coordinated by Ms Longman and Mr Chalmers, the Run Club sets off bright and early from the school gates at 6:40am every Tuesday and over the past semester students have built not only physical stamina but also valuable friendships. Students participating at Run Club thoroughly enjoy the company of their peers and despite the early hours and cold weather, regularly have smiles on their faces and an enthusiastic approach to exercise.

On 8 June, Hannah Atkin, Riley Michelmore, Jayden Selvakumaraswamy, Allegra Short, Rhea Papadopoulos and Mia Evans-Rorris together with Mr Chalmers participated at the annual Sri Chinmoy 4km fun-run at Centennial Park. The girls performed brilliantly and represented Burwood GHS with merit and pride. The Run Club is now looking forward to the Swisse Colour Run in August and the Sri Chinmoy Iron Cove Race in September. Well done Girls!

Matt Chalmers, English Faculty

BEYOND THE SELFIE

Year 12 Advanced and Standard English students attended the annual HSC event: ‘Beyond the Selfie’ at the Wesley Centre in Pitt Street, Sydney this term. These outstanding series of lectures provide students with the essential real-world experience that compliments class-room learning in English. In order to develop the personal voice that is the discriminator in their HSC responses, students must be availed of the opportunity to experience different voices. Opportunities such as this one, as well as their own research, allow students to refine their own understanding and interpretations of texts.

Students from Standard English found playwright John Misto’s lecture on his own play The Shoehorn Sonata illuminating and valuable.

Advanced English students began the day with lectures from Brigitta Olubas, Lecturer at University of NSW and President of the association of the study of Australian Literature who considered the work of Australian poet Gwen Harwood, and Paul Giles, Professor of English from Sydney University who compared Mary Shelley’s Frankenstein with Ridley Scott’s Blade runner. Students were then treated to stunning interpretations of excerpts from Shakespeare’s Julius Caesar by John Bell and Kate Mulvane. The day finished with a very moving talk by Raimond Gaita discussing his text Romulus My Father.

Students and teachers thoroughly enjoyed the lectures and found the forums engaging and essential for a well-rounded study of HSC English. Thank you to Matt Chalmers for organising this valuable event.

Pauline Hageman, Head Teacher English

YEAR 12 CHINESE PARENT PRESENTATION

A meeting was held in the evening on Tuesday 3 June for all Year 12 Chinese parents to discuss career options for HSC students. Mr Hegedus, our Careers Adviser, presented to parents the different pathways available to enter TAFE and university. Our Chinese Liaison Officers, Lettie Kwong and Sandy Zhao, were there to translate and assist parents with all their enquiries. The meeting was well attended and parents said they found the presentation beneficial as it helped them understand the education system and how to help their daughter cope with the pressures of the HSC.

Voulla Kalogeropoulos, Rel. Head Teacher Welfare
**YEAR 12 ENGLISH - SHOEHORN SONATA**

On 26 May, some 85 Year 12 Standard English students packed into two buses to Figtree Theatre at UNSW to see a performance of John Misto’s play, *The Shoehorn Sonata*. It is based on the true story of Australian and British women and children who were evacuated from Singapore during the Second World War only to be imprisoned by the Japanese in a prison camp in Malaya. Our Burwood girls were a sensational audience—they really embraced the whole theatrical experience and showed their heartfelt appreciation of what were very sensitive issues in their positive, resounding applause. Year 12, it was truly a pleasure to accompany you on this excursion.

*Ingrid Benjamin, Mark Dodshon, Matthew Chalmers, English Faculty*

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**KOREAN FOOD CLASS – 한국음식 만들기**

On Friday 16 May, Mr An’s Year 9 Korean class had a special lesson on making different kinds of delicious Korean dishes. We had so much fun except the fact we had to clean up all the mess we had created! We all thank Mr An for making every Korean lesson to be an awesome lesson^^

감사합니다 (means Thank You in Korean)

*By Hyesung Haam, Year 9*

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**MASTER CHEF VISITS BGHS!**

The Great Scone Challenge was on! The prize was an opportunity to participate in a Master Class with previous contestant *Jay Huxley*. Year 11 and 12 students outdid themselves with original and innovative versions of the humble scone. Recipes included *Tori’s* very on-trend and healthy seed and nut version; *Minji* decided to go superfood with the addition of cranberries and chocolate; *Zainab* and *Alexandra* went with sundried tomato variations. *Rachel’s* plating of her delicately flavoured orange and poppy seed creation was gorgeous. The most original idea was *Sophia’s* Mediterranean inspired scone sandwich – delicious! Four Year 10 students who excelled in their chocolate mousse assessment were also invited to attend. Special thank you to our guest judges, Ms Man, Ms Bennett, Ms Papas and Ms Johnson. Dish of the day was a delicious and healthy chicken and mushroom risotto. It was just like a real Master Chef episode when we saw all the ingredients laid out, ready to collect and start cooking. Jay had the students practising their brunoise in no time to prepare a mirepoix for the basis of their risotto. Stock was on the boil, garlic and onion were sizzling and the girl’s passion for cooking locked in, talent came to the fore, and the natural competitiveness of any good Hospitality student was on show! Chef *Chiara* was in her element, bringing in some traditional skills passed on from Nonna! Measuring was none too precise – but that’s what instinctive cooking is all about and the girls took to the challenge brilliantly! Opinions differed about when to add the chicken, but with the addition of fresh thyme, the finished product was delectable!

Jay taught us a few plating up tricks and before you could say ‘10 seconds to go’ – we had restaurant quality risotto plated up!

Thanks to Jodie and Graham from Healthy Canteens for organising this fantastic opportunity. We are looking forward to joining in again next year when the competition is going to heat up to include a cook off with other schools!

*Mireille Keller, TAS Faculty*

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**STARR DAYS**

*Sisterhood, Trust, Acceptance, Resilience, Respect*

**YEAR 7**

On Thursday 29 May, Year 7 had STARR Day. It was based on Bully and Cyberbullying. The day started with a play on cyberbullying presented by *Perform! Educational Musicals*. The play starred a boy and girl playing two different characters each, the “top guns” and the “no-ones”. We enjoyed this play because it was a fun, visual way to learn and understand what cyberbullying is.

After the musical/play we had a workshop with guest presenters *Life Lessons* which included fun activities, role plays and ‘the net of friendship’. These activities were interactive, educational and everyone joined in which made the activities even better. Did you know that only one in 10 victims of cyberbullying will inform a parent or trusted adult of the abuse?

After the workshop, Year 7 had a picnic on the oval. We brought heaps of snacks to share, lots of chips and M’n’Ms, one of the girls baked delicious cookies for everyone. Some of us played soccer and other sports. We had heaps of fun.
At the end of the day, we made a time capsule, where we filled in a booklet to our future selves. There were many questions that we could answer, for example, favourite TV shows, goals that we want to accomplish by Year 12 and many more questions. We also got to put in a recent photo of ourselves in the envelope.

In conclusion, it was a great day and we learnt a lot of new things.

By Xanthe Kouloukas and Lucinda Durack, Year 7

YE A R 8

On Friday 6 June all of Year 8 participated in their annual STARR Day, which was based on body image. The day was extremely eye-opening and inspiring for many of us.

In period one we were split up into our common classes and each class were given a mentor. The mentor had prepared several workshops on body image with games and activities. Each mentor gave their class role play cards on accepting body image and we then all performed the plays in small groups. We also played a heads and tails game to find facts and statistics about body image among males and females.

In period two, we went back to our mentors and they showed us a presentation they had made on body image, it was a very confronting experience for us, but we did learn a lot. We then did some more role play and activities that aimed to improve our self-confidence.

In period three, we all moved into the hall where we watched a documentary about a girl named Bronte who battled Anorexia Nervosa. She sought long and hard and she won the battle and got her life back on track, it was very inspiring for us.

Then everyone was given a coloured ribbon and each colour was a different positive personality trait. We were then told to find a person we thought showed that characteristic and tie the ribbon around their wrist, this proved to be a great bonding exercise for our year.

In period four we had the Year 10 PASS class come into the hall to teach us fun and active games to play like knots and crosses, word forming and extreme tunnel ball. This was a great end to a great day.

Overall, we learned a lot of useful information that we will use throughout our lives, bonded with our year group and had a fantastic day.

By Emma Arthur and Samantha Kotsakis, Year 8

YE A R 1 1 & 1 2

On Monday 12 May, Rocky Biasi from Human Connections, presented “Getting Your Head Right for Senior School and the HSC” to all Year 11 and 12 Students. The presentation aimed to prepare students with the mental and emotional skills required for success in the HSC by exploring the following areas:

1. Motivation – how students can get motivated to study.
2. Mindset – identifying and creating “success mindset”.
3. Goals – a four step process to set and achieve goals.
5. Procrastination – overcoming procrastination.
6. Fear – managing fear and negative thoughts, feeling overwhelmed.
7. Parents – parental pressures and how to manage expectations.

Student evaluations of the presentation revealed that the majority of the students found that the information presented by Rocky was extremely valuable in helping to better prepare themselves for the HSC. The evaluations also revealed that students would like more workshops on relaxation and stress management. The welfare team are in the process of organising such workshops for Term 3.

There was also a Presentation for Parents in the evening where Rocky Biasi presented “How to support your child through senior school”. This was well attended.

The presentation explored seven critical aspects in supporting and motivating children to achieve their academic potential and be their best during this time. Rocky also provided the school with the following podcast http://braintreepodcast.com/ where parents and students can continue to receive valuable information about the skills necessary for success in the HSC. Please make use of this podcast. So far there are 36 episodes all focusing on different aspects on preparing for success in the HSC.

Voulla Kalogeropoulos, Rel. Head Teacher Welfare

DEBATING

Senior debating team

On 30 May, the Burwood GHS senior debating team, comprised of Mansi Kamble, Wea Rogerson, Kascha Chin-Potter and Mansi Kamble (all Year 11), took part in the first round of the NSW Premier’s Debating Competition against Punchbowl Boys High School.

The topic of debate was whether schools should ban all religious symbols. Burwood strongly argued the affirmative case. Whilst the team was deemed the victors in one of the arguments, they lost overall to the more experienced side from Punchbowl. Given that this was the first formal debate for many of the girls in the team, it was incredibly impressive to see the amount of organization and polish they delivered. Punchbowl was so impressed with the quality of the girls’ debating that they have invited them to their school for friendly debates in the future, which the team plans to take up.

The senior team demonstrated great improvement and that they had taken on the feedback from their first debate, when they took on their second round opponents – Fort Street High School on Tuesday 10 June. The topic of debate was that sports involving animals should be
banned. The girls again drew the affirmative case, and in what was a very close decision, narrowly lost to Fort Street. In is a fantastic achievement the way the girls more than held their own against a group with years of experience debating as a team. This unfortunately brings an end to the girls’ run in the Premier’s Debating Challenge, but the senior team plans to further develop their skills by engaging in friendly debates against other local high schools.

Stage Five debating team
The Stage five debating team, comprising Nadia Homen, Sree Nooney, Anissa Tavakol and Hyein Lee (all Year 9), started their entry into the challenge with a double header against the two teams from Randwick Girls, on Thursday 5th May. In their initial debate, that teachers and students should have an equal say in how the school budget is spent, Burwood effectively argued the negative case and were able to walk away with a clear victory. In their second debate, against the more experienced Randwick team, the girls lost on what was a very narrow margin. The topic of the debate was that sports team should be punished for the misbehavior of their fans, and whilst the girls were able to effectively argue the positive case, they lacked some cohesion in their focus as a team.

The stage five team will continue their debating challenge, next taking on Randwick Boys HS at their school at a date to be determined. The stage five team is keen to integrate the lessons they have learned from their first two debates and give the Randwick Boys a real challenge.

A big thank you to all the girls who acted as audience members in all the debates so far.

Robert Jones, Debating Coordinator

PLAIN ENGLISH SPEAKING COMP
Congratulations Year 10 students Georgia Sallybanks and Kascha Chin-Potter who represented Burwood Girls HS at the Plain English Public Speaking Competitions at MLC! The Plain Speaking Competition encourages students to use clear and effective spoken English and discuss pertinent issues confronting today’s society. Both Georgia and Kascha were outstanding in their prepared and impromptu speeches and spoke with purpose, sincerity and sophistication. In her prepared speech, Kascha passionately discussed the issue of gambling in Australian society, whilst Georgia spoke strongly of the degrading effect the media has on women today. Both Kascha and Georgia represented Burwood Girls HS proudly and should be commended for their efforts.

Matthew Chalmers, English Faculty

GIFTED AND TALENTED 2014
Both Year 7 and Year 8 team are busy developing ideas and strategies for their proposed Rich Tasks.

Year 7 team is the biggest we have ever had at BGHS. All students have selected their topics and have progressed to research road maps outlines. The team members are very enthusiastic and eager to work. To date, Ms Vecchiet and I met with the team to discuss specific requirements of their Rich Tasks. We remain impressed with the diverse range of topics and students’ interest.

Year 8 team members chose ambitious topics that present significant challenges. Students are immersed in researching, planning and refining a variety of approaches achieve the best outcomes and challenge the audiences.

Once again it is a pleasure to work with so many dedicated students.

Margaret Nowak & Serena Vecchiet, GAT Coordinators

COMMUNITY IFTAR DINNER
This year Burwood Girls High School is holding their inaugural Community Iftar Dinner. Ramadan is a special month for the Muslim community and as a school, we would like to acknowledge the beliefs of many of our students. We are holding a dinner for all of our school community and would like to invite all of the staff, students and their families.

The dinner will be held on Wednesday 16 July at 5:00 pm in the school hall. The school will be providing a delicious soup and dates and we ask that families attending bring food to share with other guests. This way there might be plenty to share and lots of variety.
We are hoping that this event will become one of the highlights of our school and community partnerships and we look forward to you and your family sharing a dinner with teachers and students of our school on this day.

If you would like to attend or have any queries please feel free to contact Mrs Dib at erin.dib@det.nsw.edu.au.

**SRC NEWS**

Congratulations to Year 8 SRC who ran the canteen on Variety Night and followed up with a wonderful cake stall the next day. They raised $660 for their nominated charity, The Children’s Sanctuary in Cambodia. These funds will go a long way in providing much needed healthcare and education for orphaned and abandoned children in Siem Reap. Thank you to all the parents who contributed.

*Patrice Simpson, SRC Coordinator*

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**SYDNEY POLYNESIAN AUSTRALIAN CULTURAL FESTIVAL (PACFEST) MEETING**

A meeting of all interested parents was held on 3 June to discuss the organisation necessary for a successful performance by BGHS at the Festival.

The festival will be held on August 2, 2014. There will be 12 high schools from across the Sydney metropolitan area performing at the festival. Burwood Girls High School will be performing a 15 minute traditional singing and dancing set from Aboriginal, Maori, Tongan and Cook Islander cultures. The students will be wearing traditional Islander costumes.

The meeting was led by our Community Liaison Officer – Diana Sevealii and our Parent Organiser Tina Ryan. We would like to thank Tina for all her input into costuming/design, song choice and the organisation of tutors to teach the students the songs and the dances. Tina has also established a Blog which is full of information and clips of the songs and dances that are to be performed.

Burwood Girls High School is honoured to be performing at PACFEST and celebrating the Islander cultural backgrounds of our students.

Event tickets are available from the following website http://www.chuffed.org/project/sydney-pacfest-2014. Tickets range from single adult to medium family and large family.

*Voulla Kologeropoulos, Rel. Head Teacher Welfare*

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**TIDDAS GIRLS**

To mark the end of Reconciliation Week 2014, ten representatives of the Tiddas group from Burwood GHS attended the Indigenous Veterans Commemoration Ceremony. The ceremony was held to acknowledge the enormous commitment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples to the war effort in Australia, much of which happened before the Aboriginal population of Australia were recognized as citizens in their own country. The students found the ceremony enhanced their understanding of indigenous history in Australia and enjoyed laying a wreath to show their respect. The ceremony was also attended by a large number of dignitaries, other school students and was held at the Pool of Reflection in Hyde Park.

*Deborah Segal, Aboriginal Education*

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**BURWOOD ENSEMBLE PROGRAM (BEP)**

Firstly a few reminders: Sydney Eisteddfod is next week! Concert Band on Monday 16 and Senior Concert Band on Tuesday 17 June. Good luck and play well! I know you will.

The Inner West Festival is on July 27. This is now a well-established feature of our calendar and we host about 25 school bands over a full day of performances. Concert Band, Senior Concert Band and Strings will be performing as well as helping host the visiting schools. The event runs 11am-5pm. I will let you know early next term what time each group is performing, but for now please put the date in your diary.
Also for your diaries the BIG NIGHT OUT on August 27. This is our major fund-raiser for the Ensemble Program. Staff and students will provide a great night of music so start organising your tables now.

Concert Band goes on Tour July 23-25. Permission notes are now due back. A warning.. it will be COLD in Mudgee this time of year so pack your beanies!

We have had departmental approval for our trip to Hawaii next March, so let the planning and fund-raising begin!

I’d also like to say how pleased I am with the way Year 7 players have joined in with the bands and strings as well as the beginner players who are catching up very quickly! Very well done to you all. All Year 7 players will be featured at the Big Night Out so I look forward to welcoming new parents.

Genevieve Campbell, Director, Ensemble Program

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ENMORE TAFE WEARABLE ART AND PUPPET PARADE

On 4 June, Year 9 and 10 Visual Design students and Year 10 Design & Technology students attended the annual Enmore TAFE fashion parade held at the Enmore Theatre. Students cheered and looked on excitedly as the TAFE students modeled their exceptionally creative wearable art and costumes. The outfits were themed like Eurovision, in country divisions. Pamphlets and a short video were provided. They offered students an insight into completing design and production courses at the TAFE which are highly regarded in the industry.

Xanthe Warren, Creative Arts Faculty

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BALI CULTURAL TOUR

During the recent school holidays students from Years 10, 11, and 12 along with Mr Kent, Mrs Gray and Miss Dwyer went on an incredible trip to the magical island of Bali.

After a few days of shopping at the markets on Monkey Forest Road in Ubud and practising our bargaining skills, not to mention eating some delicious food, we got to the highlight of our trip which was to visit the Jodie O’Shea Orphanage in Denpasar. It was amazing to meet such happy and positive people, despite the challenges they had faced. We had so much fun giving them all gifts and then, of course, you can’t forget the crazy water fight and the special connections we made with all the people there. They will surely be our friends forever and when it was time to leave there were tears and hugs but it is safe to say we will never forget the time we spent there. But alas we were only at the beginning of our journey.

We spent our days exploring the culture of Bali and learning about everyday life on bike tours through the villages, cooking classes with the amazing Pak Dewa and seeing incredible traditional dances like the Kecak Dance and the Trance Dance. And we did more shopping of course, buying beautiful silver jewellery in Celuk.

In our second week we visited the gorgeous terraced rice fields in Jati Luwih and visited the holy hot springs. We went dolphin watching at 5am in Lovina, snorkelling in Amed and eventually arrived at Sanur to relax on the beach, ending our trip at the Waterbom Park in Kuta. Indeed one of the most rewarding aspects of this trip was having the opportunity to use our language skills from our many years of studying Indonesian, talking to locals and making new friends in Bali, what is surely the most beautiful place in the world.

By Amy Reed & Lizzie Cattell, Year 12

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P&C NEWS

Next meeting: Wednesday 18 June 2014

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 18 June in the Library at 7:15 pm (following meeting is 20 August).

The guest speaker will be Head Teacher Science, John van Leeuwen, who will be discussing “Technology in Science”.

Light refreshments available at 7:00 pm. All parents welcome – we would love to see more dads!

Alice Magoffin, P&C President

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/pct
**P&C UNIFORM SHOP**

**Stock:** We have a full stock, especially winter items.

The Uniform Shop’s days and hours each week:
- **Tuesday,** 8:30 am – 2:00 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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**ENTERTAINMENT BOOK FUNDRAISER**

Burwood Girls High School is pleased to be selling the Entertainment™ Book to help raise funds for our school. Memberships sell for the new price of $70, with $14 (20%) contributing to Burwood GHS fundraising.

The 2013|2014 Sydney and Sydney North Entertainment™ Books have just expired. If you haven’t already purchased a new 2014|2015 Entertainment™ Membership, now is the time to do so. Use just a few of the hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, and you’ll more than cover the cost of your Entertainment™ Membership. Plus, you can take advantage of additional, valuable Member-only benefits until 1 June 2015!

This year (2014/2015) the popular Sydney and Sydney North Books are being combined into one 20th anniversary edition with over 700 participating businesses! Also this year is the launch of a brand new Entertainment™ Digital Membership. Customers will be able to choose the combined 20th Anniversary Entertainment Book Membership, or if they prefer, the Entertainment Digital Membership, for use on their smartphone. Both memberships are filled with valuable and often exclusive offers from businesses like Black by Ezard, Balla, Steersons Steakhouse, Cavallino, Manly Wharf Hotel, HUX Dining, Pandora’s Restaurant, Bread Top and hundreds more.

Use just a few of the hundreds of 50% off and 2-for-1 offers, and you’ll more than cover the cost of your Entertainment™ Membership. Plus, you can take advantage of additional, valuable Member-only benefits until 1 June 2015!

Buy an Entertainment™ Book for just $70 and you’ll receive over $20,000 worth of valuable offers!

Here are just a few of the many popular businesses in this year’s Entertainment™ Book:

- Catalina
- Otto
- Pil’s
- The Dathers’ Pavilion
- Glass
- Crinitis
- Bracchi
- Two Cobbers
- Five Pines
- Vapiano
- I'm lovin’ it
- Wild Cafe
- Madame Tartine
- 5% off
- Rydges
- Velocity
- 5% off Virgin Gift Cards
- 10% off Ticketmaster
- 10% off Gift Cards

If you have any queries, please email Lynne Openshaw (Maths Faculty) on lynne.openshaw@det.nsw.edu.au.

For more information or to place an order: [www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/207h841](http://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/207h841)

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**DOLLS GALORE!**

Thanks to Liz James, our Youth Worker for presenting the school with so many large dolls. These will be donated to the Free The Children campaign: [http://endchilddetention.com/](http://endchilddetention.com/) to be used in an installation which can be viewed at the Queen Victoria Building in Sydney, 11-15 June 2014. The installation will then travel around Australia.

As always, Liz is compassionate and thinking of what’s best for all our girls. Great job, Liz!

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**FREE SOFTWARE FOR BYOD**

Now that the BYOD program is up and running fully, the Department of Education and Communities has negotiated with Adobe and Microsoft for you to be able to download software for free. Use the following YouTube video to help you install the software onto the device you use at school (will open in a new window): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rK9dcAYmWEA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rK9dcAYmWEA).

See Ms Diakos (Maths staffroom) or Mr Kaing (Library) for any queries.

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**PARENT ONLINE PAYMENTS**

For the convenience of parents and carers, it is possible to make online payments to the school via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac, using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card (no AMEX).

**PLEASE NOTE:** Parent Online Payment cannot be used for payments to the BEP or P&C Uniform Shop (pay in person or over the ‘phone). The payment page is accessed from the front page of the school’s website by selecting Parent Online Payment.

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**NEW 50¢ FINE FOR NOT BRINGING ID CARD**

_Time is money!_ Students who need to use the swipe terminal at the front office, but leave their ID card at home, cause extra work for the office staff.

Therefore, the school hasinstigated a 50¢ on-the-spot fine for students who habitually forget their card. The money collected will be donated to charity.

Remember this little rhyme:

“If you don’t want to worry about a 50¢ fine, bring your card to school and be on time. Pack your card in your bag the previous night, bring it each day and you’ll be alright!!” ☺

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**KEEP CALM AND REMEMBER YOUR CARD!**
The EV Prize, run during National Science Week in August, consists of schools teams designing and building an electric bike and competing in a race at Cameron Park Kart Raceway. Competition between high schools is fierce. Check out some of the footage here http://youtu.be/yGsE6yOiWik

Our website for further information is www.hunterevfestival.net

The NSW Ministry of Health seeks to remind members of the public that smoking has been banned in a range of public outdoor places under the Smoke-free Environment Act 2000 since 7 January 2013. This includes public transport stops and stations, within 10 metres of children’s play equipment, spectator areas of sports grounds (eg school athletics carnivals), within 4 metres of a pedestrian entrance or exit point from a public building, and open areas of public swimming pool complexes (eg school swimming carnivals). For more information: www.health.nsw.gov.au/smoke-free

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