**TERM 3**

**AUG**
- ASSEMBLY
- SRC Meeting, lunchtime
- Hospitality Work Placements
- Yr.11 Meeting during DEAR
- HSC Music Soiree, 5pm, Hall
- Japan Trip Parent Information Night, 6pm in Library
- P&C Meeting, 7:15pm, Library

**21**
- Dance Showcase technical rehearsals

**22**
- HSC Drama Prac Exam

**23**
- HSC Oral Exam – Indonesian Ext

**25**
- Winter Grade Sport Semi-Finals
- Enviro Committee fundraiser for Green Wall “Sweet Treats”

**27**
- “BIG NIGHT OUT” – BEP concert, 7pm, Hall (see ad last page)
- Vaccination (MMR) catch-up for Yrs.7-12
- Prefects Meeting, lunchtime

**SEP**
- ASSEMBLY
- SRC Meeting, lunchtime
- Yr.7/8 Subject Selections letter distributed
- Yr.8/9 Subject Selections Night, 7pm, Hall

**26**
- Year 11 Exams commence (finish 12 September)
- Winter Grade Sport Finals
- Tiddas Fundraiser

**4-6**
- CHS Athletics, Homebush

**8**
- Yr.7/8 & 8/9 Subject Selections due

**11**
- Year 7 Gala Day, St Luke’s Oval
- Prefects Meeting, lunchtime

**12**
- BEP Movie Night

**15-19**
- Arts Unit Wind Orchestra Tour

**15**
- SRC Meeting, lunchtime

**16**
- Yr.7-9 Cervical Cancer awareness presentation, 9-10am in Hall

**17**
- Yr.12 Farewell Concert, p.2
- Yr.12 Graduation rehearsal, p.4

**18**
- Yr.12 Graduation, 7pm, Hall

**19**
- Last day – no payments accepted
- Yr.12 Picnic

**TERM 4**

**OCT**
- First day of term for all staff and 7 students (Tuesday)

**13**
- HSC WRITTEN EXAMS COMMENCE (to 5 Nov)
- Yr.11/12 STARR Day
- Event #6 available
- SRC Meeting, lunchtime

**15**
- P&C Meeting, 7:15pm, Library

**P&C MEETINGS, 7:15pm, Library**
- Wed: 20 Aug, 15 Oct (no Sept meeting)

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**From the Principal…**

**Education Week** was celebrated with the opening of the HSC Visual Arts Major Works Exhibition – a wonderful occasion and thank you to everyone who attended. The PACFest event, where many of our Pacific Islander girls sang and danced, was the finale for Education Week.

So proud of these accomplishments!

**Visual Arts BOW Exhibition**

Our Year 12 students have almost completed their Trial HSC exams and some have completed practical tasks in Dance, Languages, Society & Culture, Visual Arts and Textiles & Design. There will be an HSC Music Soiree on Wednesday 20 August, 5pm in the Hall and HSC Drama Practical on Friday. We all wish our Year 12 students a wonderful end to their school career. A reminder that Graduation takes place on Thursday 18 September.

Our school is setting priorities and areas for action for the next three years. Karyn O’Brien, Deputy Principal will be sharing our thoughts on this at the next P&C Meeting on Wednesday 20 August. We value your input so hope to see you there!

**Mia Kumar**

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BRIDGE BUILDING COMPETITION

On Tuesday 5 August, Ms Segal and three girls from Year 9, Tara Brookes, Caitlin Yates, and Emma Darling went to the Art Gallery of NSW for the Aurecon Bridge Building Competition. They had to build a bridge out of balsa wood, superglue and string to bring in on the day. The “Bridge of Doom” was then presented to a panel of judges who assessed its aesthetics, workmanship and design. Next the bridge was tested on how much weight it could support. The BGHS Bridge managed to support 13.1kg. The strongest bridge there supported 57kg!

Report by Emma Darling, Year 9
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

The Environment Committee's next project is a ‘Green Wall’. It aims to inspire and remind the school about our environment. It is an initiative we hope to include the school in. Our most recent fundraiser, the toffee apples that have been circling the school, raised $250 that will go towards the ‘Green Wall.

Later on this term the Environment Committee will be holding a sweet treats and hot chocolate stall. Remember to listen to the daily announcements for more information. Any queries, please contact Ms Segal in the Science Staffroom. The Environment Committee meets on Week B Fridays in Lab 6.

By Alice Moore, Year 8

POETRY ACTION PERFORMANCE

YEAR 12 ENGLISH

Three actors from Poetry Action performed Words of War: The Works of Wilfred Owen for our Year 12 Standard English classes in the Movement Studio on Monday 27 July. This show was outstanding in every way – the actors were totally engaging; captivating their audience with extremely energetic and moving renditions of the poems being studied by the girls for the HSC. The performance was excellent revision, reinforcing concepts and poetic devices for the girls. It encapsulated the content and message of Owen’s poems poignantly.

Ingrid Benjamin, English Faculty

YEAR 11 EXPERIENCE THE “SCOTTISH PLAY”

Almost two hundred Year 10 students visited the Sydney Opera House on 23 July for a theatrical production of Macbeth by the Bell Shakespeare Company. This production of the “Scottish play” was specifically aimed at school groups and featured a young cast determined to capture the depths of ambition, desire and bloody murder which they did with considerable success - our girls loved it! It was an experience that the girls will reflect upon in years to come. Much discussion was generated at the conclusion of the play as they experienced Shakespeare as a live, contemporary audience.

Ingrid Benjamin, English Faculty
This excursion was part of a commitment by the school’s English Faculty to facilitate live theatre opportunities for all our students and judging by the overwhelmingly positive response it was well worth the logistic challenges.

Year 10 English Teachers

YEAR 11 STATE DRAMA CAMP
Each year the NSW Arts Unit runs a Drama Camp for Year 11 Drama students from across the state. The camp offers students the opportunity to extend their performance skills and work with students from other schools to create performance.

This year, two of our star Drama students attended the camp. Here is their feedback from the event.

Our adventure began on Sunday 22 June, after arriving at Elanora Heights Conference Centre where we would be spending the next four days with other drama students from across the state. A wave of nervousness washed over us as the initial realisation of not knowing anyone else sunk in. But as we neared the entrance our nerves were replaced with excitement. On entering the lobby we signed in and sat in allocated groups. These were our area groups, the equivalent of roll call, with whom we would meet with every morning. We were then issued our rooms and we all headed off to our cabins where we met our roommates and bag bunk beds. We were in a cabin with four other girls who went to schools in a similar area to us: Canterbury Girls HS, Concord HS, Newtown HS and Campbelltown HS. After getting to know each other the bell rang for dinner and we headed off to the dining room.

Over the course of the next four days we were very well fed with about six meals a day. On the first night we all fell asleep eager to see what the next day would hold. We woke up refreshed and after having a massive breakfast we set off to start the first of the four workshops we would have that day.

The workshops we participated in between us were: a movement workshop, script interpretation workshop, comedy workshop, characterisation workshop and a monologue workshop. All of them were very interesting, although they didn’t go for as long as we wished!

We watched two Onstage HSC performances from last year that had received full marks. They were both amazing and captivating. They also had question time where they explained their process to taking on the HSC. We found this very useful and insightful.

After many tears and hugs and exchanges of names and numbers, everyone dispersed, now with 80 new friends and loads of new memories and experiences.

By Ava Larsen and Alexa Papas

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Elle Kritselas is going to Regionals!

Congratulations to Elle Kritselas and Alice Moore who participated in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition on 28 July. Both girls travelled to Santa Sabina College to compete in the premier public speaking competition for NSW schools. Competition was fierce and the quality of the speakers was exceptional.

Alice presented her speech titled The Death of Oration, arguing social media’s negative impact on public speaking and the speech, whilst Elle presented on the unique and fascinating topic of Global Overfishing. The girls presented
with purpose and gravitas, engaging the audience with their excellent oratory skills. *Crossroads* was the impromptu speaking topic and both girls took an interesting approach to this concept: Alice discussed the education system in Australia being at a crossroads whilst Elle explored the issue of American gun control and their crossroads of becoming a safer society. Of the 19 contestants only four were chosen to go on to Regionals and I am extremely proud to say that Elle was selected! For her unique and original approach to both speeches, she will now go on to represent Burwood GHS at Regionals on 15 August. Well done to both girls and best of luck to Elle.

‘What’s the Story’ Workshop

On 29 July, Mia Evans-Rorris, Eva Tao and Olivia Pagliasso represented Burwood Girls HS at the Mental Health ‘What’s the Story?’ Workshop. The girls travelled to Rivendell at Concord Hospital and were a part of a workshop focused on promoting awareness and understanding mental health issues in society. The students described the forum as very informative and a valuable experience. Mia noted that, “It was great to work with other students from different schools and discuss the different stigmas and stereotypes that are affecting sufferers of mental illnesses. I am so happy to be a part of this new initiative and I think the competition will really inform a lot of students”. Mia, Eva and Olivia represented Burwood Girls HS admirably and should be proud of their involvement in the program.

Matthew Chalmers, Public Speaking Coordinator

DEBATING

On Monday 21 July, students from the BGHS Senior Debating Team attended a series of workshops at the University of Western Sydney designed to improve their debating skills. Students were tutored in some of the fundamental through to advanced elements of conflict debating including: model creation; burden of proof; argumentation; logic threading and tracking.

The day included speeches by the State Coordinator of the Premier’s Debating Challenge, Mr Lloyd Cameron and the Deputy Dean of the Law School, Dr Stephen Janes discussing the importance and usefulness of debating.

The workshops proved to be a fantastic success with the following comments by students in attendance. Mansi Kamble said that she “learned a lot” and that the whole “day had been really helpful”. Ayesha Idrees was very impressed with the debating coach who led the workshops: “he was a really good teacher...he explained things really clearly”.

All the girls in attendance recommend the experience to future senior debaters. They brought their knowledge back to school and have shared some of the lessons they took away from the day with the intermediate and junior debating teams.

Robert Jones, Debating Coordinator

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Farewell to one of our International Students, Hannah Jeong in Year 12.

Hannah has been a valued member of Burwood Girls High School for most of her high school life but she is now returning to Korea for her tertiary studies. As an International Student, Hannah has contributed to our own International Days through her participation in the organisation and running of Korean food stalls and her involvement in our International Concert. She has also demonstrated our school motto, “Not for ourselves alone,” through her charity fundraising and her fabulous costuming for Sport Carnivals. Hannah has achieved excellent results academically and we wish her all the very best in her future studies in Korea.

Janice Raynor, International Students Coordinator

TAS FACULTY NEWS

It is hard to believe that we are again in Term 3. As usual there is a lot going on in all areas of TAS. Our Hospitality Kitchen has been up and running this year and now the building of the deck attached to it has commenced. This is exciting news for the Café that we will be opening soon. Watch this space!

YEAR 12 MAJOR TEXTILES PROJECTS

Year 12 Major Textiles Projects were due in Week 5 for forwarding to the external markers for 2014. Students submitted a major work plus a detailed folio of their work throughout the year on the project. A display of the works will be in the Library next term when the items return from marking. Well done Year 12 Textiles, some fantastic pieces of work.

Christina Jameson, Textiles Teacher
Thank you for the great job that Christina Jameson has done with the Year 12 Textiles and their Major Textiles Projects. Congratulations to everyone on their efforts. The projects are now on their way to the Board for external marking.

Rosemary Patonay, Head Teacher TAS

YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY
Throughout Term 2, Year 10 Food Technology continued their study of Food Service and Catering. A design brief was given that asked the girls to plan, prepare and serve a suitable dinner to be served on a long haul airline flight. The girls were very creative in their responses and enjoyed the challenge of catering for a very different situation. Judge for yourself, but I would be thrilled to receive a meal like this on my next flight!

Julie Perdriaux, Food Technology Teacher

YEAR 12 COMMUNITY & FAMILY STUDIES
INDEPENDENT RESEARCH PROJECTS
As part of the course requirements in Community & Family Studies, Year 12 students are required to complete an Individual Research Project. The students were required to choose a topic related to the syllabus and formulate a hypothesis. This hypothesis is needed to be proven or disproven through conducting secondary research and undertaking primary research methodologies. Students enhanced their skills in interview, questionnaire and observation techniques. The topics chosen were varied and interesting and included: social benefits of working, mobile phones and communication, media and body image, divorce and its effects, parenting styles and children’s behaviours, teenagers and bullying.

I would like to congratulate all students for their efforts in maintaining their motivation throughout the six month project. Congratulations and well done girls.

Natalie Slocombe, CAFS Teacher

YEAR 10 TEXTILES
Ms Papas’ Year 10 Textiles class was given a brief to design a textile art neckpiece incorporating the Chinoiserie culture and design. In this task, we were individually expected to design, pattern make and create a wearable neckpiece. At first, we looked at motifs of the style and what they symbolised, and how current fashion designers and artists have adapted the style in a new way. We then had to come up with various designs that could be used for our final design, and we were also given Chinoiserie inspired fabric for additional inspiration. Once the design was finalised, we had to use our own measurements and draw our design out to scale on trace paper and then use this to create patterns. Once the fabric was cut, we then each did our own embellishments and decorations. My personal neckpiece included appliqued Chinoiserie inspired flowers on a black cotton fabric, with beading surrounding the edges to keep the flowers attached.

We also enjoyed a very informative tour including the Hospital Library. Did you know that Westmead Children’s Hospital is almost a completely self-sufficient entity – they had to come up with various designs that could be used for our final design, and we were also given Chinoiserie inspired fabric for additional inspiration. Once the design was finalised, we had to use our own measurements and draw our design out to scale on trace paper and then use this to create patterns. Once the fabric was cut, we then each did our own embellishments and decorations. My personal neckpiece included appliqued Chinoiserie inspired flowers on a black cotton fabric, with beading surrounding the edges to keep the flowers attached.

Overall, this task was enjoyable and interesting. It taught me about historical Chinese design and culture, and about the Chinoiserie movement. Chinoiserie is a style that has been adapted by contemporary fashion designers and is still evident in many products today.

By Annie Zhai, Year 10

YEAR 10 CHILD STUDIES EXCURSION
Year 10 Child Studies students enjoyed a very special day on Monday 4 August when they participated in the Patient Interactive Program at Westmead Children’s Hospital. This excursion provided an excellent opportunity to give back to the community as part of the ‘Health and Safety in Childhood’ unit of work. In the lead up to the visit, students engaged in fundraising activities, including the sale of cupcakes and lolly bags. Together with donations from teachers and a very generous contribution from attendees at the BGHS inaugural Community Iftar Dinner, Year 10 Child Studies raised $450. Westmead Children’s Hospital was very pleased to receive a donation of $250 and the remainder was used to purchase gifts and toys for the girls to hand out as we visited outpatients waiting for their specialist appointments as well as some selected wards.
even manufacture prosthetics on site! Also, if you were born in Sydney then your blood will have been tested at the on-site laboratory. The opportunity to brighten the day of these children who are facing many challenging situations was very meaningful to our girls and it was very special to see smiles and excitement as the girls entertained the patients and parents.

Thank you to all who contributed to our fundraising and enabled us to enjoy a terrific day.

Mireille Keller and Julie Perdriau, TAS Faculty

**YEAR 10 FIELD STUDY DAY #2 – HIGH TEA**

On Friday 13 June, 28 students participated in the High Tea activity. Students were divided into several groups to prepare, cook and present a variety of scrumptious dishes which included:

- Scones with jam and cream, mini cheesecakes, meringues, assortment of sandwiches, sausage rolls, mini quiches.

After several hours and hard work in the kitchen the girls finally sat down to enjoy their food accompanied by cold and hot beverages.

The students worked tirelessly throughout the morning and they deserve to be congratulated for their efforts and ability to work cooperatively with their peers.

Natalie Slocombe, TAS Teacher

**RED CROSS BIG BAKE DAY**

On Tuesday 12 August Year 10 Food Technology students organised a cupcake stall to raise funds for Red Cross. Lots of cupcakes with crosses were sold and they raised $192.

Christina Jameson

**SUBJECT CONTRIBUTION REMINDER**

Thank you to everyone who has paid their contributions for 2014. This has made the purchase of consumables much easier this year. I would appreciate any outstanding contributions to be paid up by no later than September 1. If there are any concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9747 3355.

Rosemary Patonay, Head Teacher TAS

**GIFTED AND TALENTED 2014**

We are pleased to report that vigorous research is underway among Year 7 Rich Task team members. There is an interesting array of topics-from Graphic Stories, Sydney Suburbs Through a Camera Lens to Hip Pop and Mini Beasts. All students are busy working out their approaches to the creative representation of their chosen topics.

Year 8 group is busy developing aspects of argument for the chosen tasks. Again, there is great diversity. Topics such as Nelson Mandela, Kids and Cancer, The Evolution of a Hipster and the Metaphor of Godzilla are bound to challenge audiences.

They say that from little things big things grow. While visiting the HSC Art Exhibition, I admired the works of Jaimee Lai, Ella Williams and Imogen Nicola-Woods and recalled their outstanding contribution to the Gifted and Talented program in Years 7-9. The sophistication of their art work confirmed development and maturity of the budding talents in junior years. Congratulations girls.

We are looking forward to the launch of the Year 7 program at the start of Term 4.

Margaret Nowak & Serena Vecchiet, GAT Coordinators

**COMMUNITY IFTAR DINNER**

Thank you so much to everyone who attended the Iftar Dinner on 16 July. It was a tremendous success and staff, students and parents had a lovely time. Many parents and students commented on how nice it was that so many teachers attended. The girls already have plans for next year so it seems it will be an annual event. Thank you also to everyone who helped out on the night and in the lead up to the event, your help was greatly appreciated.

Erin Dib, Languages Faculty

**YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS BODY OF WORK EXHIBITION**

Congratulations to all the Year 12 Visual Arts students!

These students bravely exhibited their work to the scrutiny of the public eye at the annual school art show which opened on Tuesday 29 July.
Their work was received wonderfully well by family, friends, teachers and members of the community, including Director, Public Schools NSW (Strathfield Network), Veronica Kapsimali.

Veronica said about the exhibition, “To say that I was impressed is an understatement...the girls and their teachers have put together an event that showcased not only their range of visual talent but a depth of intelligence and feeling.”

These wonderful works were the result of students’ hard work and dedication, diverse in their approach in idea and style. Works included drawings, paintings, photographs, films, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking and mixed media.

A special thank you must go to the students from Year 9 Food Technology and Year 11 Hospitality. These girls catered for the event and were gracious in their role serving our guests. Thank you also to their teacher, Mireille Keller, for coordinating the catering and for her support.

Michelle Kals, Head Teacher Creative Arts & Amy Yongsiri, Visual Arts Teacher

LANGUAGES FACULTY NEWS

FSD #2 – YEAR 8 FRENCH

On the morning of the French excursion, we sat down to watch a very heart-warming film called ‘Belle et Sebastien’ about the relationship between a young boy and a beautiful dog. After the film, we started on our trek to the train station where we caught a train to the city.

We then walked to a gorgeous restaurant over-looking Darling Harbour, called ‘Le Petit Escargot’ or ‘The Little Snail’. We were taken upstairs where our delicious entrees arrived. Some people ordered snails, others ordered salad, French onion soup or calamari. For the mains, there was a selection of salmon, chicken or pasta. The desserts were amazing, with a choice of chocolate mousse, French vanilla ice-cream or crème caramel.

This excursion was lots of fun and interesting and we all learnt something new. It was definitely an excursion we will remember.

By Ella Marks and Stella Voros-Wilkins, Year 8 French

FSD #2 – YEAR 8 INDONESIAN

On Friday 13 June, Year 8 Indonesian students came to school to enjoy empty corridors and vacant classrooms. While Year 8 French, Italian and Chinese were out enjoying their field day adventures, we were having the best time. The activities we did in Room 42 were a lot of fun and brought us closer as a group to understand and experience the Indonesian culture.

When we came to school we went straight to our first activity which was painting and decorating our masks. Some girls went overboard with the glitter and some girls made their mask look really scary. We understood they were meant to replicate the traditional Indonesian masks displayed on the smartboard, but we were not up to that level of detail and patience so we improvised making our masks look unique. I have to say they looked pretty scary.

After recess, we all gathered back in Room 42 where two Indonesian women taught us the basics of Indonesian dancing. We learned about Balinese dance costumes and they demonstrated simple Balinese dance movements. Most of us volunteered to dance and some lucky students were selected to wear the traditional Indonesian sarong.

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By Ella Marks and Stella Voros-Wilkins, Year 8 French
with the thick tight belt. We tried our best to dance and it was very difficult as you have to use your whole body and focus on your posture. Next, we learnt that Indonesian makeup has to be bright and bold and we even tried putting on some makeup.

At lunch we ate the most delicious Indonesian meal kindly cooked by Irisha’s mum. After lunch a group of us wore our scary masks and wandered the quiet corridors to find unsuspecting teachers to freak out. We ended our day by watching a fantastic Indonesian movie that we could actually understand. It was a fantastic day and all of Year 8 Indonesian really enjoyed it.

Special thanks to Miss Dwyer for organising the day, the performers and Irisha’s mum for the fantastic food.

*By Liana Matsas, Year 8 Indonesian*

**FSD #2 – YEAR 8 CHINESE**

Just like young ducklings being led by their mother duck, on 13 June we students of Year 8 Chinese made our way through the crowded streets of Chinatown. We soon came to a halt in front of a mansion that reminded us of an oriental restaurant (maybe it was because our tummies were craving food). A flock of honking ibises guarded the entrance of what we soon realised was the Chinese Garden of Friendship.

Making our way into this jewel, seemingly misplaced in the bustling city, we saw beyond the entrance a palace-like garden of old China. We stood there in awe of the rock statues shaped as dragons. The peaceful aura and refreshing scent of the unique plants, interrupted by the sounds of the rippling water, took over our senses. We soon found ourselves lost in ancient times. Following the patterned rock pavement, we passed by people dressed in Chinese costumes, and chased giant goldfish across to the traditional buildings on the other side of the pond. We were deeply impressed by how the Garden’s designers had reflected the traditional Chinese art of Shanshui hua - aiming to capture all elements of the natural landscape.

Soon enough it was time for us to step back into reality and head towards “The Eight” Restaurant where a delicious Yum Cha lunch awaited us. We certainly had our fill of various dim sum as we practised our Chinese and laughed along with our classmates.

After such a filling and yummy meal, we needed to get some exercise. Not to worry, all had been planned well in advance. We wandered in our groups through the exotic streets of Chinatown, investigating the shops and architecture while completing our worksheets.

All too soon our day out was at an end and we huddled our way back from the hustle and bustle of the city to Burwood. However, our memories of the elegantly balanced colours, elements and symbols important to Chinese culture linger on to this day.

*By Georgia Giameos and Amy Jung, Year 8 Chinese*

**FSD #2 – YEAR 8 ITALIAN**

Year 8 Italian students enjoyed their lunch and informative visit at the Italian Forum, Leichhardt.

**MINISTER VISITS THE SCHOOL**

On June 23, we had the privilege of hosting the NSW Minister for Education, the Hon. Adrian Piccoli, for a very exciting launch of the first ever Languages Education Policy in this state. Mr Piccoli outlined the policy, which will include mandatory hours of study in Stage 4, as well as retraining opportunities for Primary School Teachers to support the instruction of community languages across the State. Significantly, the policy will also include scope for the study of Aboriginal Languages in Stage 6, which is another first for NSW. A range of students studying languages assisted the Languages staff in welcoming Mr Piccoli and local MP, Charles Casuscelli, to BGHS. The school was chosen as the perfect place to launch such a policy due to our rich, diverse cultural heritage and our unique offering of six languages for study.

**YEAR 9/10 VISIT JAPANESE TANKEN CENTRE**

A group of students from the Year 9 and 10 Japanese classes, along with Japanese teachers Mr Kent and Ms Millar, visited the Japanese Tanken Centre at Kirrawee High School on August 6. Students were immersed in Japanese language and culture as they took part in fun activities within an authentic Japanese-style house, purpose-built for such excursions. They had to use
Japanese from the moment they entered the *genkan* (entrance area), through computer lessons, and even at lunchtime while they ate a specially prepared and delicious *bento* (lunchbox). Everyone also got involved in making their own *onigiri* (rice ball) to munch on. Everyone had a fun time and wished they could do it again very soon.

*Edward Kent, Head Teacher Languages*

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**BURWOOD ENSEMBLE PROGRAM**

Thank you and congratulations to all girls who performed so well at the Inner West Band Festival. I had a number of very glowing reports from visiting conductors (and from parents thinking about sending their daughters here) about the high standard of playing you all displayed. Thanks too to the excellent helpers on adjudicator assist, door entry, sausage sizzle, gelato and cakes. We had about 800 players from 25 schools (and their parents and grandparents) through the door so it was quite a big day!

Congratulations to the Concert Band for a very successful tour to Gulgong and Mudgee. By all accounts there was a lot of fun, music making (and not much sleep) had by all! The Brass Ensemble has been busy recently, providing musical accompaniment and the last post at Burwood Council’s Sandakan memorial service at Burwood Park and then playing at an awards function held by the Australian College of Educators at Bicentennial Park. Thank you too, to the Clarinet Ensemble who played beautifully at the NSW Community Club Grants presentation ceremony at Wests Leagues, Ashfield. We are proud to be invited to community events such as these and to represent the school in such an important way.

An email has gone out this week regarding our trip to the Hawaii Music Festival next March with the next parent information evening to be held in the Library at 6pm, Wednesday September 3. The first installment of $300 per person will be due by September 15. We are now working towards some fun fund-raising events in which I hope all girls can get involved. More information will be circulated about those soon.

At the School Assembly on 18 August we farewell our String Ensemble tutor, Jenny McQueen, who is due to have her baby very soon. We wish her and her partner a safe and happy arrival of bub. I will be taking the String Ensemble for the last couple of rehearsals in preparation for the Big Night Out. Jenny will be back sometime next term, don’t worry!

As part of our commitment to developing connections with young musicians in our area, two primary school band workshop days are coming up. On Wednesday 20 August we will welcome Croydon Public School Band for the day and on Thursday 21 a group of Burwood GHS girls will participate as mentors/tutors at a combined workshop for school bands from Earlwood, Bexley North and Clemton Park primary schools (to be held at Clemton Park PS).

Our next major event is the **Big Night Out** (see ad on last page). All ensembles are involved, so make up a table and come along to support your daughters for what is shaping up to be an extraordinary program of talent from our students and tutors.

**Please put the following dates in your diaries:**

- Big Night Out: August 27
- Movie night: September 12
- All night Play-a-thon: November 7
- A Little (Christmas) Night Music: December 4 (note change of date)

*Genevieve Campbell, PhD, Director, Ensemble Program*

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**CONCERT BAND TOUR**

On 23-25 July, the Concert Band travelled to Gulgong for a Band Tour, performing for several primary schools.

We travelled to the schools, Ilford Public School, Glen Alice Public School, Cullen Bullen Public School and Carpette Public School. We were all very excited to perform for these schools, especially the new Year 7s in our band, who had never been on band tour before.

We played several pieces, including a *Grease* compilation, *Pirates of the Caribbean* and *Celtic Air and Dance*. During the performance, Mr Evan Guy, our conductor, also showed the students the several instruments we have in the band, and what they sound like.
like. Most instruments were also asked to play a small piece to show to the students. At the end of the performances, we talked with the younger students about our band ensemble, about the pieces we play and what our school is like.

On the third day, we were all sad to be going home, as we had had a fantastic time on camp. We would like to thank Mr Guy, Mrs Browne, Miss Sue and Mrs Campbell for their hard work and dedication to the Concert Band.

By Fotini Theodoulou and Jessica Anders

CATCH-UP VACCINATION PROGRAM
Many teenagers are catching measles, especially while travelling abroad or from someone who has brought the disease into Australia. Many inner-west teenagers are at a higher risk of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) because many of them missed one or both routine vaccinations as infants. Up to 2 in 5 students are not fully vaccinated. Teenagers and young adults are also likely to travel for schoolies or family holidays to countries where measles is more common, including Thailand, the Philippines and Bali.

NSW Health is running a catch-up vaccination program whereby students who have not been fully vaccinated can receive one free dose of MMR vaccine. This will be happening at Burwood Girls HS on Thursday 28 August.

If your daughter needs this catch-up vaccine, she can pick up an information kit from the office. Parents can check their child’s immunisation record in their Blue Book or ask their GP.

Jane Burkitt, Acting Head Teacher Welfare

WEAR IT PURPLE DAY
Entry will be with a gold coin donation to support the student-led organisation, Wear it Purple. Their key message is "Everyone has the right to be proud of who they are" and that as a school community we support our GLBTI members and celebrate our diversity.

Check your wardrobes and get ready for a very purple day. There will be prizes for the most purple students and staff members.

Karyn O’Brien, Deputy Principal

P&C NEWS
Next meeting: Wednesday 20 August 2014
The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 20 August in the Library at 7:15 pm.

The guest speaker will be Deputy Principal Karyn O’Brien, who will be discussing “What is a good school? School Planning 2015-2017”.
WANTED: HSC EXAM SUPERVISORS

Burwood Girls High School needs people willing to work for a few half days (paid) as HSC examination supervisors this year and in the future. The HSC exam period is in October.

Requirements:

1. A current Working With Children Clearance (cost $80 for 5 years and valid in all areas of working with children), available from

   • P&C UNIFORM SHOP
   - 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

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. 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:

- 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

CAN YOU CLIMB SYDNEY’S TALLEST BUILDING?

We would love to invite BGHS students to be part of the ‘School’s Challenge’ at this year’s Sydney Tower Stair Challenge on August 24. This is a great chance for teams of 4 to take on the 1504 stairs from Pitt Street Mall to the Observation Deck at the Sydney Tower Eye. Participants have to be 12 years or older.

Each stair climbed will assist Giant Steps who operate a school and intervention service for children and young people (2-20) who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

For more information and to register simply go to www.active8change.com.au. Alternatively you can contact Steve Corrie at Active8Change on 0439 975 759 for specific event day information or Michelle Jocum at Giant Steps on (02) 9879 4971.

PLAY WOMEN’S BASEBALL SUMMER COMPETITION

The Concord Comets Baseball Club is looking for female players ages 14 and up to play in the upcoming summer women’s competition. Past experience is not essential, just a bit of athletic ability and a desire to have some fun.

Pre-Season Training - Wednesday evenings during August, 7:00 to 8:30 pm Majors Bay Reserve
Cnr Norman & Nullawarra Avenues Concord West
(behind the Concord RSL Club)

For all enquiries contact
Tony, Mob: 0402 892 280
Email: concord.baseball@gmail.com
Website: www.concord.baseball.com.au

(Please note: priority will be given to applicants willing to apply for this clearance.)

2. Applicants must not have been employed by Burwood GHS or have a student/relative sitting the HSC at Burwood GHS in 2014.

Applications in writing, by 25 August, to be mailed to:
Cheryl Gleave, Exam Supervisor
c/o Burwood Girls High School
Queen Street
Croydon NSW 2132

Applicants will be contacted regarding an interview.

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PHOTO GALLERY

Farewell to Ms Tottenham (maternity leave)….

…and welcome to Ms Ciano (on right).

Welcome to Ms Thompson (L) replacing Ms Bors (R) in the Social Sciences Faculty

Congratulations to our teacher of Korean for raising $470.25 for Westmead Children’s Hospital at the City to Surf

Year 10 Child Studies students provided gifts and entertainment to young patients at the Westmead Children’s Hospital. Wonderful ambassadors for Burwood GHS demonstrating the school motto “Not for ourselves alone” (article Page 6).

Music Soiree

A selection of HSC performances by 12 Music 1, Music 2 and Extension

Wednesday 20 August 2014, 5pm
Burwood Girls High School Hall

$5 entry
Proceeds will be donated to the National Breast Cancer Foundation
OZTAG football is the latest craze in recreational sport that now has competitions running all over Australia. The game is low-medium-contact sport and the rules are designed to encourage this.

OZTAG is a great way to keep active and maintain fitness in the summer months and pre-season training.

Who: Junior Boys, Girls and Mixed teams w/6 - u/16

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Registration fee: $70 per player
Ostags: $25
Team Shirts: $15 Polyester, $10 Cotton

NOTE: Registration is available for teams and individuals.

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**OZTAG**

**SYDNEY JUNIOR OZTAG**

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**Burwood**

**Giving back**

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If you sell through Janeta Biviano at Ray White Burwood 10% of sales commission will be donated to our school!

Also, the FIRST week rent of any property given to Ray White Burwood as a management will be donated to our school! CALL TODAY!

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