From the Relieving Principal...

Welcome back to the final term for 2014. HSC written exams begin on Monday 13 October and runs until 5 November. We wish all our students the best during this time. Keep cool, calm & collected girls!!

A great deal has happened since our last Event.

- Dance Showcase was magnificent and congratulations to all students who participated.
- The Band Program held their annual “Big Night Out”. A large number of our students and their tutors performed to a packed hall! A wonderful night that highlighted our many and varied ensembles. Well done to all.
- Term 3 ended with a week of celebrations to farewell our Year 12 students. They provided us with much joy and fun at their Farewell Assembly and Concert. The Year 12 Graduation evening highlighted their achievements and ended with a wonderful supper under the trees. I would like to congratulate Year 12 of 2014 on their behaviour as they celebrated their last days here at Burwood. They left with dignity and demonstrated great maturity. Year 12 in 2015 have big shoes to fill!
- I am pleased to announce our new School Captains for 2015:
  - Eve Crossley
  - Qisthy Kodarusman
  - Lucy Ward-Gemmell

We began this term with our principal, Mia Kumar, unfortunately in hospital. She is on the mend and will return to us soon.

Enjoy reading the rest of Event. I look forward to seeing many of you at our next P&C Meeting on Wednesday 15 October, 7:15 pm in the Library. We will be discussing future directions and giving feedback on surveys done in preparation for our School Plan for 2015-2017.

Janina Longman
CELEBRATING DIVERSITY AT BGHS

Thank you to everyone for your support again this year for Wear it Purple day on Friday 29 August; it was absolutely fabulous. We are very lucky to have such great support for the GLBTI community at Burwood Girls, but we must remember that in other parts of Sydney and the state it is not so easy for rainbow youth and their families.

Last term we also raised money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation by selling bracelets, face painting and holding a lolly guessing competition. A big thank you to Deborah Segal and the Tidda Girls who have raised $525 already this year to support the ILF.

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

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

Karyn O’Brien, Deputy Principal

PREFECTS

The Prefect Body has just farewelled the Year 12 Prefects who have given their time over the last 12-24 months to serve the school. The remaining Prefects would like to thank them for the wonderful leadership they have shown over this time and for showing the rest of us the ropes of being a Prefect. We will miss their presence in meetings and value the relationships we have formed with them over the last two years.

The School recently elected 17 new Prefects into the role. In Year 11 we welcome Rika Kelso, Christie Reskakis, Alexa Papas, Alissa Cayas and Amber Liu while in Year 10 we welcome Storm Allen, Sabrina Barutha, Ji-Hyun Choi,
April-Rose Derebe-Desalegn, Milly Gaylard-Herberte, Alice Loveday, Alexia Matsas, Jessie Ng, Yianna Tromboukis, Tiffany Vuong and Amelia Wood. They will be formally introduced to the school body at the first Assembly this term.

The Prefect Body has been working hard at creating a positive school spirit across the student body. We recently held a ‘Big School Picnic’ on the school oval with a BBQ and staff v student netball game. There were also tug-of-war competitions and sack races and hope that the girls enjoyed the afternoon. Another staff v student contest will be held later this term and so students should stay tuned for more information.

We also decided to take part in the highly publicised Ice Bucket Challenge. If you go onto the School Website there is a link to a video under “News & Events” “Week 9 Term 3”. We were very pleased to raise an impressive $700 which was all donated to the Motor Neurone Disease Research Institute of Australia.

We hope everyone has a great start to Term 4.

Julia Alvarado, Prefect Coordinator

GIFTED AND TALENTED 2014
I am pleased to report the GAT program is in its final stages. Year 7 students are preparing for the Launch on Tuesday 14 October at 6 pm in the Library. Following the official Launch, full presentations will take place.

Year 8 team members will have their big day on Wednesday 29 October when the presentations will take place. Recently, a former member of the Year 8 team, Victoria Lekkas, gave her model presentation on Fairy Tales. Victoria is a natural presenter who delighted the audience with her interpretation of Fairy Tales. Thank you, ‘Big Sister.’

I also thank Ms Vecchiet for her professional assistance and her contribution to the smooth running of the program.

Margaret Nowak, Program Coordinator

ENGLISH / DRAMA NEWS
I would like to congratulate the following very talented and keen Drama students destined for continued success in performance. Milly Gaylard Herbert and Amelia Lane join Niamh Donnelly, Mia Evans Rorris, Fatima Ongu and Tara Selvakumaraswamy as part of the State Drama Ensemble for 2014. They will be performing at the Seymour Centre on October 23 & 24.

Congratulations also to Jayden Selvakumaraswamy who was successful in her audition as lead Mermaid in the Australian Theatre for Young People production performing at the Sydney Theatre on October 31 (a special midnight Halloween performance) and November 2.

As part of the new ACARA outcomes and continued syllabus requirements, we are endeavouring to have the students take more of an interest in and understanding of the art of filmmaking, analysis and appreciation of film as text. As a consequence this term we are teaching Year 10 classes a whole unit about film and requiring students to create their own crime / horror / mystery / thriller / film noir piece for a competition. The best 14 short films will be selected by staff (and each class) to be screened in the school hall with an audience of all Year 7 to 10 students. The Girls on Film short film festival will take place on Wednesday December 10, periods 2 & 3 (see page 12) and will be assessed by a guest panel of ‘celebrity judges’ who will be uncovering some brand new talent. Parents are encouraged to attend this exciting event. More details in November issue of Event.

Pauline Hageman, Head Teacher

PUBLIC SPEAKING
Burwood GHS runner up at What’s the Story Public Speaking Competition

Congratulations to Eva Tao, Olivia Pagliasso and Mia Evans Rorris who participated in the What’s the Story Mental Health Public Speaking Competition on 2 September. The girls travelled to Fort Street High School to compete in the inaugural Mental Health Competition and were proud to come away with a runner up trophy. Competition was fierce and the quality of the speakers was exceptional with every school exploring different issues relating to mental illness in Australian society.

Mia found the experience very rewarding, “I am so pleased to have been a part of this competition in its first year. I felt that our speeches on stigma were pertinent and we really spoke with honesty, conviction and sincerity”. The girls decided to base their speeches around the disabling effects of stigma on people with mental illnesses. “This is something that I feel very strongly about and I think it is great that so many students are getting involved. If it stops just one person from making a derogatory comment then we will have achieved our goal!” stated Olivia.

The Burwood Girls High School team spent many weeks researching and preparing their speeches with the premise that stigma can be overcome if people with mental illnesses are treated equally, provided with social justice and given equal rights to be employed in a full time job. All three girls spoke beautifully and the adjudicators emphasised that they found it incredibly hard to split Burwood Girls from eventual winners Concord HS.

I am extremely proud of Olivia, Eva and Mia and they have already set their sights on going one better next year. Well done.

Matthew Chalmers, Public Speaking Coordinator
KOREAN IMMERSION DAY

Korean Immersion Day was a day when all Korean learning students from Years 8 to 10 from Homebush Boys High School, Marsden High School, Punchbowl Boys High School and Burwood Girls High School came together. It was held at University of New South Wales.

We got separated into a mixed group, and participated in activities together such as Korean food tasting, shirt painting, and we filled out booklets to get to know each other.

Korean immersion day was a great day as everyone got to know each other and learnt more about Korea, meeting new people, socialising in a second language and much more.

_By Hyein Lee, Year 9_

CREATIVE ARTS / MUSIC NEWS

YEAR 11 VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS EXCEL AT THE NATIONAL ART SCHOOL

In April this year Angela Zhou and Emma Lloyd-George of Year 11 gained places in the highly regarded Visual Arts Intensive HSC Course in Studio Practice at the National Art School. Angela and Emma spent two weeks of their school vacations this year undertaking the course with students from all over NSW. On Friday 26 September the course culminated in an outstanding exhibition of student work which included drawings by Angela and paintings by Emma. The quality of the work exhibited by students was outstanding. Both our students are to be congratulated on their wonderful artwork and on their incredible effort and commitment developing their art practice.

At the end of the course both students felt that they had greatly improved their artmaking skills and had really enjoyed the tuition as well as the opportunity to learn with students from a range of schools in a tertiary environment. Well done Angela and Emma!

Thanks must also go to their teachers, Ms Warren and Ms Tapp, for supporting these students through the application process and at their final exhibition.

_Michelle Kals, Head Teacher Creative Arts_

UWS MASTERCLASS

During the holidays, two very talented students from Year 10 Photographic and Digital Media, Ophelia Voros-Wilkins and Anais Adolphe, attended a Digital Masterclass at UWS. Ophelia and Anais participated in filmmaking and animation lessons, using the green screen and practising their interviewing techniques in the course.

Aside from the experience in working with professional filming equipment and studios, the students have noted that the most memorable aspects of the day were working in small groups to brainstorm a range of ideas for future films and working on a film set.

Ophelia and Anais’ enthusiasm for film will no doubt lead to great work in the future.

_Amy Yongsiri and Brett Cheshire_

V-FEST
On the evening of Tuesday 16 September, the annual V-Fest competition was held at the Chauvel cinema in Paddington. Three very talented students, Camille Morales, Year 9, Monica Tse, Year 9 and Imogen Pearson, Year 12 had their films exhibited on the big screen. We are extremely proud of these students, as the Year 9 Film Noir film Captured received 2nd place in the Junior category and Imogen’s film Brother received 3rd place in the Senior category. In addition, in having their work seen by a large crowd, these students received well deserved prizes. Congratulations!

Amy Yongsiri and Brett Cheshire

HSC MUSIC SOIRÉE

Many thanks to our warm and supportive audience who came out to support Year 12 Music 1, 2 and Extension at their final HSC Soiree on 20 August. A fantastically diverse, energised and professional concert was delivered by these wonderful students, who have been working with focus and musicality towards their final HSC performance exams in September. Programs were very engaging, sophisticated and full of personal character and charm. Our audience was amazing; so supportive and responsive!

Congratulations to our Year 12 performers; Catherine Azzi, Genevieve Brown, Julia Frolov, Chloe Hua, Woonji Jang, Chaerin Kang, Janet Shen and Kidd Yu. Special thanks to supporting performers and those providing assistance - Louise Sun, Veronica Azzi, Emily Sun, Celine Sutikno, Alison Cameron, Paul Brown, John Watson.

Ynping Mak, Music Teacher

PIANO DONATED TO BGHS

Last term a piano was very kindly donated to the school by the family of the late Jack Papadopoulos. It has found a home in one of the music rehearsal rooms. Year 9 student Melissa Iosifidis is shown making good use of the donation.

Mark Dodshon, English Faculty

TAS FACULTY NEWS

YEAR 7 TECHNOLOGY – Vietnamese cuisine

After a term of cooking Vietnamese dishes and learning about the culture, Year 7 SY2 had the pleasure of dining at MINT restaurant as an end to their ‘Vietnamese Safari’ unit in Technology. They had a brilliant time! Some of the delicious food and drinks sampled included stir fried noodles, wagyu beef pho with fresh mint, hot and spicy chicken with rice, paper rolls, green tea and fresh mint lemonades. Year 7 took advantage of this opportunity to put their table manners and chopstick skills to good use! All in all, it was a lovely end to the unit and gave the students a wonderfully rounded experience of the Vietnamese cuisine.

Paula Papas
YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY – Mee Noodle House

Year 9 students enjoyed a local area field study excursion to the Mee Noodle House as part of their studies on the influence of multiculturalism on Australian food habits. The Chinese have significantly influenced Australian eating patterns since the early days of the colony and Chinese food endures as a cuisine that many families enjoy on a weekly basis. Year 9 students sampled a wide range of dishes, including noodle soups and stir fries. The portions were indeed generous and in true Chinese takeaway tradition, most of us had to take home a container of leftovers!

Mireille Keller and Paula Papas

YEAR 11 & 12 HOSPITALITY - Barista School

At the end of Term 3, both Year 11 and Year 12 Hospitality students attended the Canterbury Hurlstone Park RSL Barista School. Students were able to address all aspects of this HSC examinable topic, including practical and theoretical components. There was a great advantage to students by having 5 coffee machines available, meaning that each student could practise making a variety of coffees on a dedicated machine. Students thoroughly enjoyed learning a few tricks of the trade and made some delicious cappuccinos, lattes, mochas and hot chocolates.
During Weeks 5 and 6 in Term 3, Year 11 Hospitality students experienced their first taste of the real working world. Initially the concept is quite overwhelming and nerve-wracking for the girls, as they have to walk in to a place of business as the ‘newby’ and take on tasks and responsibilities equal to those fully employed at the establishment.

As I visited each student it was very heartwarming for me to see how much care the employers took to make sure that our students had a meaningful experience and that they developed new skills and took on responsibilities based around the skills and knowledge they had developed over the first 6 months of the Food and Beverage course. Not to mention how wonderful it was to see our students absolutely shine as they took on new challenges in a wide variety of establishments ranging from local cafes and restaurants to five star city hotels. The girls have come away with increased confidence in themselves, seen possible pathways for their future and there were also a few offers of employment. All the employers were impressed by the sound work ethic and willingness to learn that our girls displayed.

Work placement differs to work experience in that students are expected to undertake tasks and responsibilities as an employee would, rather than simply observing and assisting. Hospitality students are required to complete 35 hours of mandatory work placement in both Year 11 and Year 12. There is a significant amount of organisation and planning that goes in to making work placement a success for students and at BGHS we are very grateful to our workplace provider, Sydney Business Education Partnership for all their support and assistance.

It is of course very significant to take students out of school for a whole week and we are grateful to all Year 11 teachers for supporting this assessment task for Hospitality students.

Mireille Keller

YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELD STUDY

On the Term 3 Field Study Day, Year 9 Geography students enjoyed their excursion to West Head in the Kuringai National Park. There was some concern about the weather early in the day, however all went well. Students experienced some great geography skills activities such as mapping and flora and fauna identification. The real highlight of the excursion was the several kilometer walk down to the Basin Reserve, traversing various types of native vegetation. Upon arrival at the reserve, the Pittwater environment provided students with an opportunity to enjoy a beautiful backdrop to have their lunch. The final section of the excursion involved a great ferry ride across to Palm Beach wharf.

This was a great excursion and wonderful learning environment for all students.

Neil Dutton, Social Sciences Faculty
BURWOOD ENSEMBLE PROGRAM

Our school musicians deserved a good rest over the holidays after a very busy end to Term 3. We hosted a workshop with Croydon Public School, whose Junior and Senior bands came for the day to work with our bands. This was a great experience for the primary children and thank you to our girls for being excellent tutors and mentors. Croydon parents and staff were most impressed with our band and string ensemble and the little kids had a lot of fun.

Croydon PS workshop

The following day a group of band members went to Clemton Park Public School to sit in as tutors on a combined rehearsal day with 180 children from local primary schools. This was a noisy, slightly chaotic and fun day and again our girls were excellent role models as they helped the younger students with their music.

A big congratulations to our Stage Band which made a big impact with their debut performance at the Opera House, playing an individual item and then providing a truly rocking backup band for the massed choir concert finale. I am really very impressed at the way this group has come together in a short time to achieve a very high standard of playing. Well done and I look forward to hearing more from you!

Our first Movie Night Hawaii fundraiser was a big success with the hall floor covered in pillows and blankets and girls in “onesies” watching a movie and eating pizza and popcorn. Stay tuned for another one soon, and for other fundraising activities.

Welcome home to Rose Bakker, Emma Knuckey and Josephine Press who were away for 10 days with the NSW Public Schools tour to China, performing in Shanghai, Nanjing and Beijing. By all accounts they had a very busy schedule of performances and did BGHS proud with both their playing and their contribution to the group.

The term culminated in our Big Night Out. Thank you to parents and friends for making this a huge success. Thirty tables were packed with a great audience who were treated to a fantastic night of music ranging from classical to swing to renaissance to pop and everything in between! We have had glowing reports from our invited guests from the Rotary Club Burwood and local RSL clubs who have offered support and performance opportunities in the future as a direct result of the entertainment they enjoyed on the night. Stay tuned for some outings around the community this term.

Genevieve Campbell, PhD, Director, Ensemble Program
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE NEWS

Youth Enviro Workshop 17 September
Six representatives from the BGHS Environment Committee attended a Youth Environment Network event at the Observatory Hill Environmental Education Centre. The day provided students with excellent networking opportunities, as well as the chance to hear from other schools and young people who were leaders in change towards sustainability. Alice Moore and Sophia Scales of Year 8 deserve special mention for presenting in front of other visiting schools. The day concluded with a ferry ride around the harbour, which provided participants with an insight into environmental impacts and benefits of current and future developments.

Community Citizenship Award
The BGHS Environment Committee, represented by Connie Holben and April Derebe-Desalegn of Year 10, have been successful in receiving a Community Citizenship Award from Wests Ashfield Leagues Club. The Award recognises the Environment Committee's dedication to the environmental initiatives in the school community and donates $500 to the charity Earthwatch, as well as $1000 towards the Committee's future projects at Burwood GHS.

Congratulations to April, Connie and the Environment Committee.

“WEAVE FOR HEALTH”
For the last month a number of Polynesian students have been attending workshops every Friday to learn about traditional Pacific Island weaving. They work together with Polynesian women to learn about the skill of weaving and its cultural significance. The girls so far have enjoyed the experience and we look forward to seeing their end product.

Voulla Kalogeropoulos, Rel. Head Teacher Welfare

SPORTS NEWS

Water Polo
During Term 3, a group of students represented Burwood Girls High School in a water polo competition held at MLC pool on Friday nights. The girls played exceptionally well and were able to win the bronze medal. Our team was unlucky not to compete for the gold medal, as we needed to forfeit one match due to the sporting representative commitments of some of the players. The girls had a fantastic time playing together and hope to see more girls participating in the water polo team next year.

Luci Buckley, Year 10

Left to right back row: Fiona Walsh (Australian water polo player), Shania Mitchell, Alex Jayde, Kayla Rogers, Mini Daisy, Luci Buckley, Hannah Leahy Gatfield
Left to right front row: Jessica Robertson, Skye Farrajota
Missing: Ruby Roach, Nicole Robertson, Halle Mitchell

All Schools Win
Congratulations to Harine Somasundaram, Year 7, for placing 1st in Hammer Throw at NSW All Schools Athletics Championship held on 9 October at SOPAC. Harine also gained a PB of 29+m in the throw. This qualifies her to compete at the Australian Junior Championship next March in Sydney. She will also be competing at the Discus throw on 10 October.

Jan Gianotti, Carnivals Coordinator, PDHPE Faculty

Leading the Way
The 14s Football team had a successful season after Burwood Blue and Burwood Gold played an exciting 1-1
draw in the Grand Final of the Northern Suburbs Zone competition.

The teams finished as the top two on the eight team competition ladder after 14 rounds of football. In an extremely close semi-final, the Blues were victorious over Fort Street HS while the Golds eliminated Concord HS.

Carley Dimitropoulos displayed a high range of skills and was nominated as the undefeated Gold Team’s Most Valuable Player. Caieta Correa was similarly awarded in the Blue Team.

Each of the 24 squad members displayed a wide range of skills and determination as the teams progressed through the season. Congratulations.


Gold Team: Lauren Patterson, Isabella Constable, Yiana Kritselas, Gabbi Morton, Caitlin Border, Carley Dimitropoulos, Ruby Vass, Isla Cron, Lusia Zhang, Gwyneth Miller, Lisa Bayliss.

**BGHS Grounds Improvement Project**

We are so excited to bring together our wonderful BGHS Working Bee Team again in Term 4 2014. Your help and support is important to the project, as we are providing an enjoyable environment for our students. There is lots to do and gardens to build, so find your gardening gloves and volunteer for even a few hours!

First working bee for Term 4 is scheduled on SUNDAY 12 OCTOBER 9am to 3pm and a 2 hour preparation session on SATURDAY 11 OCT, 11am to 1pm.

We are also seeking plant donations (eg divisible plants such as cliveas and agapanthus from your gardens)

Future working bees are scheduled for Sunday 2 November and Saturday 8 November.

Further project details can be found on the school website. If you can help with specialised trades, working bees or material donations please let me know via email at effiem@ozemail.com.au or call me on 0418 660 059 to discuss. All working bee volunteers will need to send an email with their details so we can plan the day and ensure you receive updates and procedures.

**Effie Matsas, Grounds Team Coordinator**

**P&C News**

**Next meeting: Wednesday 15 October 2014**

The next P&C meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 October in the Library at 7:15 pm.

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/pc

**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. If you have any queries, please email Lynne Openshaw (Maths Faculty) on lynne.openshaw@det.nsw.edu.au. For more info or to place an order: www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/207h841
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Year 10 Film Festival

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Wednesday 10th December

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