From the Principal...

Burwood GHS welcomed the return of the Year 10 Uluru adventurers and Year 9 Camp participants as well as the principal. It is great to be back at school (after five weeks in RPA) and a big “thank you” to Janina Longman who managed the role of principal while I was ill. It was wonderful to have access to the internet (thanks to our IT team) so I was able to keep up with all the achievements of our students.

My great sorrow was to miss the Year 12 Graduation and concert but I was able to attend the Year 12 Formal – a magnificent event.

Special thanks to the P&C for a fabulous effort with upgrading the areas outside the hall – it looks magnificent.

Congratulations to the wonderful students at BGHS who always rally to every occasion with enthusiasm.

Year 7 Gifted & Talented team 2014
BEP performance at K-Mart Wishing Tree launch

Teachers from Japan visited for eight Fridays

Year 11 STARR Day

Year 9Z Commerce Sausage Sizzle Business
Congratulations to Voula Kalogeropoulos (left) who has been appointed Head Teacher, Welfare.

Year 7 visit to Korean Cultural Office

Mia Kumar
ENGLISH AND DRAMA NEWS

Year 10 and 11 Drama students attended a production of Belvoir Street’s *The Glass Menagerie* on 29 October. The production was a stunning interpretation of the Tennessee Williams’ play by Eamon Flack. While remaining faithful to Williams’ original script, the theatricality of mixed media cameras and large projection screens brilliantly framed the narrator’s memory of events, as well as evoking a 1937 film interpretation of the story. Students were treated to a Question and Answer session with the cast after the show where students had the chance to clarify anything they didn’t understand. Thanks to Zoe Smith for organising the theatre trip; it was a worthwhile experience that we all appreciated.

All Years 7, 8, 9 and 10 as well as Year 11 Drama students attended a performance by the internationally renowned touring theatre company Zeal Theatre on 12 November. Zeal Theatre (see right) performed their brilliant production *Stones*, based on detective interviews and the court cases of two young men from Melbourne who threw large rocks from a sacred Aboriginal site onto a freeway, killing and injuring motorists driving on the freeway below. After the show, Stepho and Tom from Zeal Theatre stayed for the day and ran Drama workshops for students from 7-11 interested in improvisation and the Dramatic process.

Our annual Drama Showcase is on Tuesday 18 November, 6 pm in the school hall. All Drama students will perform a variety of pieces, so please come along to support them. Parents and friends welcome.

Students from Stage 4 and 5 Debating Team watched the Premier’s Debating final via a virtual classroom excursion on 31 October. It was a fantastic opportunity for the girls to see the high level of debating skills of the best teams from stage 5 in New South Wales. Thanks to Robert Jones for his organisation.

We are really looking forward to the inaugural BGHS Film Festival ‘Girls on Film’ on Wednesday 10 December, showcasing the best of the Year 10 Short Film Unit. Please come along to this exciting event which will take place from 10.30 – 1.00 in the school hall. This red carpet event will include prizes, popcorn and gelato, Year 10 finalists dressed in their Oscar finest, a celebrity judging panel, and wonderful creative work from our students.

Year 10 Uluru Trip

Our second Year 10 group has just returned from their cultural visit to Central Australia where the students absorbed a different environment and for most of them a completely different experience. Many have already started creating audio-visual records of their time at Uluru and we look forward to seeing the various entries in the creative medium of their choice. Thanks to Mark Dodshon for organising this stunning annual event.

Pauline Hageman, Head Teacher English and Drama
HSC LANGUAGES AWARD

Congratulations to Genevieve Beekwilder on her awards presentation at the Italian Institute of Culture for her 5th place Italian Continuers and 3rd place Italian Extension in the 2013 HSC. It was a lovely evening celebrating the achievements of the State’s top performing students in Italian.

Angela Urbano, Languages Faculty

YEAR 7 KOREAN CULTURAL OFFICE VISIT

During October all the Year 7 Languages classes had the opportunity to visit the Korean Cultural Office (KCO) to learn more about various aspects of Korea. On Wednesday 29 October, it was 7H’s turn.

We left school at 8:45 am and arrived at Burwood station. After our crazy train ride, we finally arrived at the KCO. We entered the office and were greeted by our guide for the day, Julie.

In the afternoon the well-known author and academic, Dr Anita Heiss, led a writing and literacy workshop for the group exploring what it means to be Aboriginal in 21st century Australia. The students composed and performed group projects that reinforced and celebrated their culturally rich and proud heritage as well as reminding themselves that they are our future leaders, thinkers, artists, performers, athletes, scientists and humanitarians.

First we were informed about the origins of Korea and its traditional musical instruments, and watched a video artwork piece called Four Seasons by a famous Korean artist who is sponsored by Samsung! We then went into the classroom and learnt a little about Korean calligraphy e.g. how to write Burwood in Korean script (버우드) and also how to pronounce “fan” in Korean too, as we were going to do calligraphy on traditional fans.

When we had been given the ink for the calligraphy we used the ink block and ground the ink with a circular motion, 50 times. Our hosts then showed us how to hold the brush properly.
and off we went decorating our fans with calligraphy and more. Everyone did an excellent job creating designs that were each different and unique. Some students in our class even had their names written in Korean.

We then played two traditional Korean games, one that we made the toy for, and one that was already set up. We made the toy for the first game with coloured tissue paper, a metal ring and an elastic band. The aim of the game was to see who can juggle it the most times on the inside of their foot. For the second game, we had to split up into two teams. The aim of the game was to see if you can throw the foam arrow into the middle hole of a special pot. There were five holes, with the middle one being worth three points and the outer four worth one point each.

After the games, we watched a short video about how the island ‘Jeju’ was made, then we went over to the KCO’s stage. Five girls were chosen to dress up in the traditional Korean dresses, called “hanbok,” and we performed a bow that the Korean people do on New Year’s Day.

Finally we had lunch and left to come back to Burwood. The day at the Korean Cultural Office was a very memorable one for us. It was fun and we learnt A LOT about Korea. Thank you to Mr Wines for this amazing experience and excursion and, on behalf of the other Year 7 Languages classes, thank you to Mrs Ardino, Miss Dwyer and Mr Kent as well.

Alexandra Giakoumatos and Isabella Malesci, 7H

**KOREAN BOOK REVIEW COMPETITION**

**We are the winners!**

On 27 August, Shilin Zheng, Jiruo Yin and I, Fiona Wu made our way to Museum station to collect our awards from the Korean Cultural Centre. This was a book review competition on the Korean picture books that we had to summarise. We caught the train together and arrived early than expected. We made our way across the road and arrived at the centre. When we were there the staff was very nice to us and provided drinks and snacks, one of the snacks was gimbap!! After everyone was full they did a practice run of the ceremony and taught us the proper Korean adequate of receiving gifts.

At 1:00 pm the ceremony started and the director and various officials came to watch and present us with our certificates. I won the grand prize, Shilin won first and Jiruo came third. Burwood girls had the most winners in that competition, it was out of over three hundred people. The prizes were in the form of Westfield gift cards. Grand prize

$500, first $300 and third place $200. Mr An and Mrs Kumar were very proud. Many embarrassing photos were taken that day but we had a good time.

By Fiona Wu, Year 10

**YEAR 10 WEARABLE ARTWORKS AT BURWOOD WESTFIELD**

Year 10 Visual Design students have been asked to display their Wearable Artworks at Burwood Westfield this month. The Inner West Courier photographed and wrote up an article about the girls as they were setting up the works on Tuesday November 2. Students spent two terms developing the works in groups of two and three. The wearables are made from found objects and various types of paper. The final works were beautifully constructed and a testament to the girls hard work over the course of the project. You can see the works at Burwood near Woolworths then later on the ground floor from November 4 ‘til December 2.
**YEAR 7 GIFTED AND TALENTED LAUNCH**

On 14 October, Year 7 students delighted their parents with excellent brief speeches about their projects. Parents were delighted and sent feedback. Lots of applause and laughter when the final photos were taken. The principal was represented by Janina Longman. Deputy Principal Karyn O’Brien opened the evening and Year 7 Adviser, Heather Oh presented the certificates.

The representations of their chosen Tasks were imaginative and very impressive. Congratulations to the students. (Photo on Page 1.)

*Margaret Nowak, Program Coordinator*

**DANCE NEWS**

**Connected Performing Arts Program**

Year 9 and 10 Elective Dance students have been involved in a pilot *Connected Performing Arts* program over the past four weeks. Students worked on a composition-based unit where they engaged in a range of learning activities, exposing them to a range of stimuli. This was done via video conference, where they shared their ideas and movement phrases with students from Cowra High School and Wagga Wagga High School. The program was very successful and all students found it an innovative way to engage with the Stage 5 Dance curriculum.

**Dance Zone Productions**

Burwood Girls Dance ensembles have been invited to perform as part of the Dance Zone Productions annual concert at Enmore Theatre on Sunday 30 November 2014. This is a wonderful opportunity for dancers to represent the school and gain experience performing in a range of external venues. Students have been working with their ensemble teachers towards this concert this term to ensure their performances are of an excellent standard.

*Melissa Caltabiano, Dance Coordinator*

**YEAR 10 ROBOCOMP DAY AT UNSW**

On 4 November a team of twenty *Year 10 Science students* attended UNSW for a day of intense robotics programming and robot battling. Having no previous experience with robotics could have been a handicap for our students, but this group was ready for the challenge. The enticement of a free lunch, snacks and chocolates provided by the uni staff had little part in their eagerness to learn!

The students were on a very steep learning curve on the day, coming to grips with skills needed by second year engineering students. They all responded remarkably to the challenge, gaining confidence with coding in C++ and then applying their new understanding to solving the problems of modifying input data from robot sensors to the mechanical control of their robots. That they achieved the objectives of the sessions to such a high degree was amazing to see.

The day culminated in the Robot Obstacle Challenge where teams of students from different schools had to program their robots to avoid obstacles and shut down once they had navigated the course and crossed the finish line. Our team of *Eda Avar, Georgia Calvani* and *Billie Noehr-Rasmussen* were standout winners of the competition. Perhaps the next generation of personal robots will be designed by one of the teams from Burwood Girls.

*John van Leeuwen, Head Teacher Science*

**YOUTH ECO SUMMIT**

Environmentally-aware Year 10 and Environment Committee students attended the Youth Eco Summit at Olympic Park on 23 October, a clear, sunny day - perfect for practice using solar cookers! The students also took part in workshops about recycling mobile phones, sustainable textiles and issues concerning sustainable food production. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to meet
like-minded young people and collect ideas to improve the sustainability of their school and home lives. Rosanna Pavlovic and Deborah Segal accompanied the group.

Deborah Segal, Environment Committee Coordinator

BEP NEWS

Thank you and congratulations to the Christmas Carol Ensemble who performed so well at the launch of K-Mart’s Charity Wishing Tree at Ashfield Mall last week. You certainly got the Christmas cheer started with a sparkle and some jingle bells!

Also well done and many thanks to Eve Crossley, Ava Larsen, Mariana Ebersoll, Natalie Paterson and Sophia Tudman for their participation in the Remembrance Day services at Ashfield RSL and at the War Graves at Rookwood Cemetery. These important community duties are a part of our Ensemble Program that not everyone might be aware of, so thank you, on behalf of the school, for taking time out of your Sunday.

Please put the following in your diary:
• Fluteloops and Brass Ensemble playing at Croydon Public School Christmas Markets, Friday Nov 21, 5pm.
NSW Police Band visiting performance and workshop with CB and SCB. At school, Thursday Dec 4.

A Little Night Music Thursday Dec 4, 7pm. This is our final concert for the year. All ensembles are involved. Please bring your families along for a wonderful night celebrating our musical achievements this year and culminating in a grand finale featuring all BEP girls in a combined choir and orchestra! See poster on last page.

Dr Genevieve Campbell, Director, Ensemble Program

COMMERCİE NEWS

Commerce students are currently embracing the Running a Small Business unit of work and learning all about the entire process of this line of work. Lessons have involved intense planning, the election of CEOs, human resource management, marketing, administration and finance. Two classes have successfully moved through the operations processes and are now producing their business reports.

9Y “Red Back Desserts” sold ice creams with a variety of toppings and ice cream spiders. The girls did a fantastic job and were fully engaged. After all costs were covered and shares returned, the profit was $325 which will be donated to the RSPCA.

9Z “Hot Doggin’ It” Sausage Sizzle also was highly successful, with the girls enthusiastic about the business in its entirety. Like 9Y there were profits of over $300 which have been donated to breast cancer research.

9X are currently organizing a Christmas themed gift store, “Santa’s Secret Sweets”. The operations team of this business will be selling small food gift packages which will be delivered by Santa Claus (some of the school’s favourite teachers) in Week 9. Students can pre-order these from Week 7 – the pop up business will be temporarily located on the new TAS verandah. Profits will go the Smith Family.

The students are all learning that operating a small business can be challenging, rewarding and stimulating, as well as hard work.

Patrice Simpson, Head Teacher Social Sciences

P&C NEWS

Next meeting: Wednesday 19 November 2014

The next P&C meeting will be our Annual General Meeting on Wednesday 19 November in the Library at 7:15 pm. We will be nominating office bearers for 2015.

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:

BGHS GROUNDS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

LAST WORKING BEE FOR 2014

Another successful working bee weekend by the P&C Grounds Improvement Team (GIT).

On Saturday 8 November the grass was installed, transforming the once barren area into a green oasis! On Sunday 9 November, 17 parent volunteers (and 1 exchange student) descended on the grounds to trim, plant, buff and oil...All the picnic tables in the area were sanded and oiled and are now looking like new; more plants were planted in the garden area, as well as along the fence in the Queen Street car park; the marayra hedge along Queen Street was pruned as well as the garden outside the hall. Special thanks to new parent volunteers, Yuhong Xing and Felicia Feng on planting duty and of course exchange student Elena Arnold.

More photos on school website:
Thank you to Christina Kanellaki Lowe, our parent horticulturist, who provided plant advice, as well as organising donated plants from TAFE.

Last weekend’s GIT ... Thomas Ebersoll, Alan Anderson, Nick Miller, Michael Ripard, Peter Swientek, Adrian Sheridan, Ari Matsas, Finola Carey, Tim Border, Gavin Robertson, Kerry West, Yuhong Xing, William Hooke, Effie Balomatis, Tamra Palmer, Felicia Feng, Elena Arnold (exchange student) and Effie Matsas.

Job well done team! This was our last working bee for 2014. Looking forward to next year’s project. If you are interested in participating in future working bees, please email your details to effiem@ozemail.com.au so we can keep your updated.

Effie Matsas, GIT Coordinator

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

SPORTS NEWS
Congratulations to Harine Somasundaram, Year 7 who won a Silver Medal for discus at NSW All Schools Athletics Championship held on 10 October at SOPAC. She gained a higher PB of 34.46m in the throw compared with the CHS Championship held a month earlier.

CAREERS
To Parents and Students, for Years 7-12
The school has purchased access to the JobJump Careers Website. All students will have access to it soon. I will supply in an email (by Week 9) to all Years, information on how to access and use this excellent site. It will be particularly beneficial for Years 9 to 12.

Students and parents can then receive the following benefits, or use the following features:
- A weekly Careers News Bulletin presented with all news in the KLA areas.
- Student Careers News sent directly to students’ home email address on any of their chosen careers for which they have registered from a choice of over 100 careers.
- A comprehensive digital ATAR and University Course sorter that works hand in hand with the UAC Handbook making life now a breeze for students to search for their chosen courses.
- A full directory of top 140 sites students need to access quickly & easily.
- JobJump will seek topical careers news each month across all 100 career fields from Employer Organisations. This is in addition to reporting the careers news that is already out there on these careers.
- JobJump will regionalise the TAFE courses and the job vacancies based on Burwood GHS.
- Bonus points, and Overseas Exchange, Accommodation information across all Universities in NSW and their direct links.
- Interactive yearly calendar across all news items which can be personalised to each students’ careers interest.
- Undergraduate scholarship sorter across all NSW unis.
- Universities Open Days listing and links.
- Videos across 100 careers.
- Year 10 subject selection advice across 100 careers.
- Earnings across 300 careers.
- EAS information.
- Find my Career quizzes.
- Hobby projects across 100 careers to inspire and engage students in their career.
- Gap and Volunteering opportunities.
- Alternative entry to University sorter and links across all NSW Universities.
- Interstate University admissions centres’ links.
- Work Experience documentation.

BGHS P&C UNIFORM SHOP
**** $$$ SENIOR SPECIALS $$$ ****
TERM 4, 2014

ATTENTION: YEAR 9, 2014!
Students going into Year 10, 2015 – special discounts on your senior uniform!

LUNCHTIME ONLY - ALL WEEK 7
- Monday 17 November
- Tuesday 18 November
- Wednesday 19 November
- Thursday 20 November
- Friday 21 November

Discount Package 1: 1 x Senior Skirt + 2 x Senior Shirts $90
(normal $115 – save $25)

Discount Package 2: 1 x Senior Skirt + 1 x Senior Shirt $80
(normal $95 – save $15)

Discount Package 3: 1 x Blazer + 1 x Senior Skirt $200
(normal $245 – save $45)

(Normal prices: Senior Skirt $65; Senior Shirt $30; Blazer $150)
Coming soon: 40 lesson activities and a smart new letter and resume builder.

John Hegedus, Careers Adviser

STOP PRESS.....

MORE ENGLISH AND DRAMA NEWS

Year 11/12 English students were treated to a performance of Journey’s End at the Seymour Centre last night, 13 Nov. The play, by English playwright JC Sheriff, deals with issues on the front line during the First World War. Set in the trenches, the play focuses on the officers’ decisions of who to sacrifice to the firing line and the ramifications of those decisions. This was a brilliant opportunity for students who will be studying the WWI poetry of Wilfred Owen for their HSC, to focus on the issues and context represented in the text. Thanks to Ingrid Benjamin for organising this worthwhile theatrical experience.

Pauline Hageman, HT English & Drama

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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All ages welcome!

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GLUTEN FREE and TAKE-HOME kits also available

$38

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Corner Liverpool Rd and Highbury St, Croydon

Contact Belinda heartforhaiti.aus@gmail.com or call 0433952765

- BOOK YOUR PLACE at the workshop or purchase TAKE-HOME kits -

Limited places available, reserve your spot early!

Bookings close SUNDAY 30th November

Thank you for helping provide education to the children of Haiti!
A Little Night Music

BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
Thursday 4 December 2014

School Hall, Queen St, Croydon
Performance begins 7 pm
A selection of light snacks available from 6 pm
5 raffle tickets included in door price
Tickets at the door: $10 Adult / $5 Student

Students are donating gifts to put under tree in the Hall
to be given to the children of Wurrumiyanga, Tiwi Islands.