From the Principal…

Welcome to new students, new parents, new staff, new learning opportunities and a new year for success for all.

Our enrolments have increased – Year 7–163; Year 8–164; Year 9–180; Year 10–199; Year 11–237 and Year 12–231. A total enrolment of 1174 including just over 100 International Students.

- Year 7 students settled in very well and have responded to new experiences in high school. Their year advisers, Erin Dib and Matt Chalmers as well as Big Sisters, have been so supportive and helpful.

- Head teachers have taken on new positions for 2015.

- New staff joined our team and are delighted to work at Burwood Girls High School (pictured over page).
New Staff, L to R: Tricia Coulson, Cathy Nygryn, Debbie Kiely, Renee Lindsay, Kate Hooper, Paula Papas, Kingston Roser (Christine Ha not pictured).

- Congratulations to all our 2014 Year 12 students – some wonderful results which placed Burwood GHS in the top 100 schools in the state.
- The Swimming Carnival last Wednesday was a most successful event and it was wonderful to see so many students and staff wearing their house colours. Well done to swimmers, house patrons, cheer squads and organisers.

- Remember photo days on 18, 23 February, and welcome BBQ for Year 7 families, followed by short P&C Meeting, on 18 February.

Mia Kumar

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL’S REPORT
Homework vs Extracurricular Experiences
BGHS has a strong focus on high achievement for all students and opportunities for them to explore other interests and talents outside the classroom. Our analysis of national and international research on homework has found no clear correlation between completion of homework in the middle years and achievement of learning outcomes. Following a request from a group of Year 7 students in 2013 for more extra-curricular activities
Karyn O'Brien

WELCOME TO YEAR 7

Wow, what a start!! Year 7 have made a very smooth transition to high school, with almost everyone settling in well, finding new friends, working out the timetable system and finding their way around the school.

With the help of the Big Sisters and many of the staff the students have really got to know the other members of their core class and have learnt about the procedures and important contact people within the school.

It was wonderful to see many of the Year 7 students dressed up in house colours and getting into the spirit of the swimming carnival. It was even more fantastic to see many of them have the courage to help support their house by participating in a race. We hope that this enthusiasm will continue for the Athletics Carnival.

In the next few weeks there is quite a bit happening for Year 7, so it is a busy time ahead. Wednesday 18 February is school Photo Day for Year 7 so we expect them all to be looking fantastic in their full school uniform. Wednesday night is the P&C Welcome BBQ, so bring the family along for a sausage sizzle and meet other parents and the Year 7 teachers. On Thursday Year 7 will be spending some more time with their Big Sisters and preparing for camp. The following week, we are off to camp!! What fun we will have! This is a wonderful opportunity for the girls to meet other students who are not in their class and widen their friendship groups. They will also be taught resilience and have a lot of fun.

As always, if there are any concerns please contact myself or Mr Chalmers.

Erin Dib, Year 7 Adviser

SHOW YOUR TRUE COLOURS

Wear it Purple Day is about showing rainbow (sexuality and gender diverse) young people that they are supported, celebrated and respected exactly as they are. It’s about raising awareness in our schools, workplaces, universities and general community that rainbow young people face challenges that they shouldn’t, and it won’t be tolerated.

Founded in 2010 by two Australian teens, one being an ex-student of Burwood GHS, Wear it Purple Day has grown into a world-wide celebration of diversity and pride. The message has travelled around the globe and people have joined us in Australia, New Zealand, UK, USA, Canada, Italy, Germany and the Netherlands.

Wear it Purple has a simple message: you have the right to be proud of who you are. Sexuality or gender identity does not change this.

True Colours is a group of staff and students at Burwood Girls HS who support LGBTI youth and the wider community. There is a core membership that meets regularly, so please come along to our first meeting for 2015 at lunchtime on Monday 16 February.
Last year, and again this year, students and staff have the opportunity to march in Mardis Gras under the “Wear it Purple” banner. It is fully supervised by adults and a great opportunity to support the LGBTI community of our school.

See Mrs Thomson (Science) or go to the Wear It Purple website http://wearitpurple.org/ if you would like to participate.

ENGLISH / DRAMA NEWS

The inaugural Burwood Girls Film Festival was held on Wednesday, 10 December 2014. The ‘Girls on Film Festival’ was the culmination of the hard work from students in Year 10; scripting, storyboarding, filming and editing together their own short film. The girls worked in small teams to create a film within the horror, thriller, mystery or crime fiction genre. Class level competitions were held in Week 10, with the most popular film from each class moving on to the school wide competition.

It was a dazzling day, with Year 10 students dressing up in Oscar glam or as Hollywood superstars. Year 10 were interviewed as they walked the red carpet to the thunderous applause of Years 7, 8 and 9 who formed the audience for the festival. Prizes were awarded for the best dressed Year 10 celebrities.

The films were judged by a panel of TV/film Industry experts – Tamra Palmer, Paul Melville and Monica Zanetti. The judges were impressed by the quality of the films the girls produced and after much deliberation awarded third place to Curiosity killed the kids (Usha Luckock, Ana Moraitakis, Matilda Roberts and Storm Allen), a film with skillful reference to classic horror conventions and which made great use of the school as a location for horror. Second place went to Ctrl Alt Delete (Natalie Mennillo, Lydia Schulze, Hope Ngatokorua and Michelle Yu), a dystopian horror film with amazing special effects. First place went to Gift Giver (Winnie Wang, Vicky Lin, Jessica Hong & Kelly Wilson), a cautionary tale in taking care when online. The judges highlighted the universality and relevancy of the film’s message as a key part of their decision.

A special thanks to all the students and English teachers who volunteered their time and skills to do so many varied tasks on the day, including selling gelato and popcorn, being ushers and MCs, running the lights and sound board as well as helping organise and run the day in so many other ways. Congratulations to all the girls who performed artistic pieces whilst the judges deliberated, the audience was serenaded with a variety of beautiful songs from our incredibly talented vocalists and wowed by a Hip-Hop performance from the school’s dance crew.

Overall the day was an outstanding success and everyone is looking forward to the 2015 Year 10 ‘Girls on Film’ Festival.

In 2015 we welcome two new students to the debating group Kathryn Guan (Year 10) and Santina Wang (Year 9) who will be joining Nadia Homen (Year 10), Hyein Lee (Year 10), Scree Noonay (Year 10), Alice Moore (Year 9) and Rebecca Sanchez (Year 9). We also welcome Mr Mark Dodson as the new debating adviser who joins Ms Ingrid Benjamin in her role as school debating activity coordinator, with assistance from Ms Trish Coulson.

This Friday a group of girls will be attending the Sydney University Initiative Debating Workshop participating in mock debates and hearing from experts on this style of debating. We will be fielding two Stage 5 teams (Years 9 and 10) in the Premier’s Debating Challenge which is a round-robin series of debates against nearby schools. We are meeting in Room 11 on Tuesday afternoons - for coffee and cake while debating issues of critical importance to contemporary society.

HSC Extension 2 English students have formed a writers’ club to assist in the development of their major works. The students’ major work may be realized in a variety of forms including short story, Drama script, critical essay or short film and must be between 5000-6000 words. The club, run by their teacher Ms Kate Stavert, is meeting twice a week in addition to their regular class and provides an excellent opportunity for these students to extend their thinking in a stimulating environment.

Congratulations to Lucinda Fretwell who was selected for this year’s Drama Onstage Showcase for her HSC costume design for the play Assassins. Lucinda’s work is on display in the foyer of the York theatre for the public to view. If you have the opportunity, this is a fantastic exhibition and a fine achievement for Lucinda.
Stage 6 Drama students had the opportunity to view Lucinda’s work when they attended a performance of Onstage on Thursday 12th February where the best of 2014 HSC Drama group devised and monologues are performed. Thanks to Zoe Smith for facilitating this fantastic opportunity for Years 11 and 12 Drama students.

Junior Theatresports began last Tuesday afternoon and will continue at this time every week. If you are interested in participating in this team, please see Ms Smith or Ms Lindsay for more information. The “Theatresports Schools Challenge” begins soon and we are training to enter a team in this year’s competition.

Pauline Hageman, Head Teacher English / Drama

TAS NEWS

Welcome to 2015. We are looking forward to another fantastic year in TAS. Lots of changes are taking place which are all exciting.

First of all we have two new appointments I would like to welcome to the TAS Faculty.

❆ Paula Papas has now been permanently appointed, after being here as a temporary teacher in 2014.
❆ Debbie Kiely, who has come from Willoughby GHS. She has a Hospitality Industry background and will be our second Hospitality teacher.

This is all very exciting particularly as we will be opening our café ‘Café on Queen’ in Week 6 this term. This will be utilised as an onsite training experience for the girls studying Hospitality–Food and Beverage in Stage 5 and Stage 6. Watch this space for further developments regarding the café.
Congratulations to the Year 12, 2014 students who studied TAS subjects – Textiles and Design, Food Technology, Hospitality and Community and Family Studies. The students and teachers should be very proud of their achievements and we look forward to the same great results in 2015.

YEAR 8 TECHNOLOGY will be going to Jamberoo for Field Study Day #1 on Friday 13 March. The cost is $50 covering entrance fee and bus fare. Additional information will be given to students. Note to be returned to the classroom teacher and money to the front office by 25 February.

YEAR 9, 10, 11 & 12 TEXTILES are off to the Stitches and Craft Show at Rosehill Racecourse in March. They will be viewing the TEXSTYLE exhibition which displays the best HSC Textiles works in the state. It will be a great opportunity for them to also source materials for upcoming projects.

SUBJECT CONTRIBUTIONS. All students have received notification regarding Subject Contributions. Please pay these at the front office and bring the receipt to the classroom teacher. Due date are:

- Friday 13 March (either full payment or Instalment 1)
- Friday 15 May – Instalment 2
- Friday 7 August – Instalment 3

Note: these contributions cover the cost of consumables used by your daughter.

Thank you for your ongoing support. If you have any queries or concerns about TAS matters, please do not hesitate to contact me on 9747 3355 or 0423 236 666. Looking forward to another eventful year.

Rosemary Patonay, Head Teacher TAS

YEAR 10 TEXTILES AND DESIGN –Printed Corsets

In Term 4 2014, Year 10 Textiles students were given a brief to design and construct a corset. They were influenced by technicolour digital prints, shibori dyeing techniques, patterns and graphics. They fulfilled this task brilliantly and I am very proud of the girls’ passion for design, their attention to detail and dedication in Textiles! The corsets are now on display in the Library Annex for all to view.

Paula Papas, TAS Faculty

YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY

Year 12 Food and Beverage students have begun the final stage of their VET course with a new unit of work called ‘Prepare and Serve Non-Alcoholic Beverages’. The first recipe of the year was a layered mocktail incorporating coconut cream and summer fruits. The girls enjoyed the challenge of presenting their drinks to industry standard and Ms Patonay and Ms Slocombe were happy to oblige with some taste testing! We would like to share the recipe with you...

**VIRGIN MIAMI VICE**

**Ingredients:**
- 30ml pineapple juice
- 30ml coconut cream
- 15ml light cream
- 8 strawberries
- 15ml lime juice
- 60ml sugar syrup
- 1C ice

**Method:**
1. Place pineapple juice, coconut cream, light cream and 1/2C of ice into blender. Mix until smooth.
2. Pour mixture into colada glass.
3. Wash blender out.
4. Place strawberries, lime juice, sugar syrup and remaining ice into blender. Mix until smooth.
5. Slowly pour the strawberry- lime mixture over the back of a parfait spoon on top of the pineapple-coconut mixture.
6. Garnish with strawberry and a lime twist.

Mireille Keller, TAS Faculty

YOUNG SCIENTISTS AUSTRALIA

On 14 January, during the school holidays, my classmate Bronte Powell and I ventured off to Redfern Station at eight o’clock in the early morning only to be met by a dozen lively young staff members of YSA (Young Scientists of Australia). They took roll call and cheerfully started the walk to the University of Sydney Camperdown campus,
along the way intriguing us with mind games and science puns. When we arrived we were accompanied by up to a hundred more keen students ranging from Years 10 to 12 and from regions all over Australia. This regime continued for the two days after, each day we became more friendly and involved with the other students around us.

The aim of our YSA expedition was to spread knowledge across all areas of forensic science and to show how relevant science can be in everyday life. We were put into small groups of up to 11 and given team names, (Bronte an Entomologist and I an Odontologist) and given a mock detective case much similar to Cluedo or Who Dunnit. Every day we explored different areas of forensics and collected clues for our final mock trial where we made a conclusion to who in fact the murder was.

The activities we participated in included: Biology with the study of blood, DNA and fingerprints, Chemistry with the study of chemical reactions, pH scales and liquid nitrogen, Physics with the study of water divining and physical velocity, Anatomy with the study of animal bones and pollen on clothes. Lectures were also included about mathematics, forensic science and psychology. We both heavily enjoyed the Biology and Chemistry aspects of the expedition the most. The overall court mock trial really made the experience much more entertaining while still staying extremely relevant.

The experience helped both of us really understand the relevance of science in everyday life and showed us how science is such a crucial part of forensics, such as solving crimes. It changed our perspective on science in university and encouraged us to join the YSA community. We both came out of the event with a new idea of forensic science and many new friends.

By Lillian Lockett and Bronte Powell, Year 10

STUDENT SUCCESS AT ARTEXPRESS

The ArtExpress exhibitions showcase the best 200 of the 10,000 artworks submitted for the 2014 HSC. We have two students whose work has been selected for the ArtExpress exhibition. The students are Ella Williams, whose drawings are currently on exhibition at the Hazelhurst Gallery in Gymea and Imogen Nicola-Woods, whose work will be on exhibition from 2 March at the Armory at Newington. It was wonderful to see Ella’s work at the official opening at the Hazelhurst exhibition on Friday 6 February, and to see so many friends, family and Visual Arts staff there to congratulate Ella and her teacher, Ms Yongisiri on this fine achievement. We are looking forward to seeing Imogen’s painting and prints at the opening at the Armory on 2 March.

Congratulations to Ella and Imogen on their success.

Michelle Kals, Head Teacher Creative Arts

Ella Williams and Ms Yongisiri at the Official Opening of the ArtExpress Exhibition at the Hazelhurst Gallery

WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE

On Wednesday 11 March 2015 Burwood GHS will be hosting an event for The World’s Greatest Shave to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Not only will our school captain, Eve Crossley, be shaving her head, but so will her sister Lauren and mother Jane. Please give generously to sponsor these brave members of our school community and let Ms Stavert (English Faculty) know if you would like to join the team to shave or colour for a cure. You can donate or join by looking up our team Burwood Girls High School online at http://www.worldsgreatestshave.com/

SPORTS NEWS

The annual BGHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL was held on Wednesday 11 February at Ashfield Pool. It was a steamy, humid day which saw a bumper number of students
competing in all events. We saw amazing costumes from all sport houses representing Disney characters old and new. Also, the House cheer competition was again a highlight of the day.

Unfortunately, there can only be one winning house and on the day it was **Yorrell** who took out the overall win, closely followed by Kayeroo (only 24 points separated first and second), then Kurrajong and Cumbora.

Congratulations to our Age champions – 12 years-Charlotte Fletcher, 13 yrs - Sofia Kyriakidis, 14 yrs - Olivia D’Agostino, 15 yrs - Katarina Djordjevic, 16 yrs - Kayla Rogers and 17+ yrs - Shania Mitchell.

**Swimming Age Champions!!**

All students who finished 1st or 2nd in an individual event and the 4 fastest 50m Freestyle swimmers from each age group (age relay) will be competing at the Zone Carnival on Wednesday 4 March at Lane Cove Aquatic Centre. Information and permission notes will be handed out in Week 4 by Ms Gianotti.

Many thanks to the staff of BGHS for all their support and hard work on the day. Without them, the carnival would not have been a success.

*Jan Gianotti, Carnivals Coordinator*

**A reminder to all students - No commercial food is to be brought into any carnival venue used by Burwood Girls High School, for example: delivery of pizzas.**

**GRADE SPORT**

Please ensure that your 14’s, 15’s or Opens Grade Summer sport fees are paid by the end of Week 4. Payment is to be made at the FRONT OFFICE and the receipt shown to your GRADE COACH.

**NEWS FLASH**

Sari Simpson-Jones of Year 9 has placed SECOND in the women’s division of the Australian Bowlriding (skate board) Championships last week. Congratulations Sari!

**POOL LIFESAVING**

Luci Buckley from Year 11 represented Enfield Lifesaving Club at the Australian Pool Lifesaving Championships in Hobart over the summer. This was her first National Competition. She achieved personal bests in her events and conducted herself in a mature and generous manner. Photograph from “Burwood Scene”.

*Report sent to BGHS by Denise Williams (Club President)*

**P&C NEWS**

Next meeting: Wednesday 18 February

Following the Year 7 Welcome BBQ at 6pm outside the Hall, there will be a short P&C Meeting in the Library including a presentation on “HSC Results 2014”.

All parents welcome – we would love to see more dads!

*Nick Miller, P&C President*

Minutes of previous meetings are available on the school’s website along with information about the P&C:


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**Burwood Girls High School P&C**

*When:* 3rd Wednesday of the month, 7:15 pm to 8:30 pm approx. (Next meeting: 18 February 2015, after welcome BBQ at 6:00 pm for Year 7 families.)

*Where:* Library

*Why:*

- Meet parents from your daughter’s year as well as from other years
- Hear from the school executive on the current and future directions of the school
- Input into where P&C funds will be spent to continue to improve school facilities
- See first-hand the classroom experience in various subjects

*Contact for further information:*

*Nick Miller, P&C President 2015, 0487 410 477.*

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

MONOGRAMMED SHIRTS: due to a problem with the manufacturer, the next delivery of shirts is not expected for another couple of weeks. Apologies for the delay.

LOCKERS: Students who wish to renew lockers must come to Uniform Shop urgently. Other students, especially Year 7, may now apply for a locker at the 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*

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Driving Around the School

School zones operate between 8:00am-9:30am and 2:30pm-4:00pm Monday to Friday. Parents driving students to and from school should be alert to parking signs around the school and observe the 40km/hr speed limit. Students should always cross the road at marked crossings.

The Police Liaison Officer (Burwood) has provided a list of penalties and demerit points specific for school zones (see following pages). Police will be patrolling the school and drivers could receive a ticket if they are committing any of the offences listed. It is the parent/driver’s responsibility to drive in a safe manner around the school.

GALLERY

International Students Meeting, 3 February

Colourful Swimming Carnival!
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