TERM 2

MAY
18 • BEP Concert Band Tour to South Coast, 18-20 May
• VET Entertainment Work Placement Week
• IDAHOT – wear purple accessories
• True Colours Cake Stall at lunch
• KO Soccer vs Cheltenham GHS
• SRC Meeting, lunchtime
• Combined Choir Concert
20 • Zone Cross-Country
• Yr.7 English incursion
• Yr.10 IST Digital Tech Comp
• Yr.12 Chinese Parent Presentation Evening, 6pm
• P&C Meeting, 7pm
21 • Yr.10/11 Hospitality CHPRSL
• Yr.11 Reports distributed
22 • Prefects Meeting, lunchtime
23 • Saturday – BEP Ashfield Bunnings BBQ fundraiser
25 • ASSEMBLY
• International Students Afternoon Tea, Hall, 2pm
27 • School Council, 6pm
• VARIETY NIGHT, 7pm, Hall
28 • Yr.8 STARR Day
29 • Yr.9/10 Engineering Challenge
• Theatresports Competition
31 • Yr.12 English Ext.1 ETA Day

JUN
1 • VET Entertainment Work Week
• No payments until Bank Reconciliation completed
• ASSEMBLY – NAIDOC Week
• SRC Meeting, lunchtime
2 • BEP-Croydon PS workshop
• Yr.11/12 Drama excursion
3 • FIELD STUDY DAY #2
4 • Yr.7 Vaccinations
• Yr.9 Reports distributed
5 • SRE Seminars
• Youth Enviro Forum
• Prefects Meeting, lunchtime
9 • Sport Selection Week for Term 3
• Yr.7 Reports distributed
• Yr.7/11 Big Sister activities
10 • BEP SCB/Senior Strings Tour to North Coast, 10-12 June
• Yr.8/9 Korean Immersion Day
11 • Regional Cross-Country, Gosford
• Yr.7 Shakespeare incursion
15 • Event #4 available
• ASSEMBLY
• SRC Meeting, lunchtime
17 • P&C Meeting, 7pm, Library
18 • Zone Athletics, Homebush
• Yr.7/9 PTS Night, 4-7pm, Hall

P&C MEETINGS, 7:00pm, Library
Wed 20 May. Speaker: HT Mathematics

From the Principal...

Our students never cease to impress me with their ingenuity and generosity to assist others less fortunate. The SRC and prefect appeal to assist victims of the Nepal earthquake resulted in more than $4000 raised. All the proceeds of the Year 7/8 Disco went towards this cause. Thank you students and thank you parents.

Year 7/8 Disco

International Day, on 20 March, raised $13000 for our ‘Hands Across the Ocean’ charity and was another event strongly supported by students and parents and the school community. Thanks to all for your wonderful contributions.

SRC Cake Stall

Congratulations to all students for your involvement in the Athletics Carnival – great day for participation, records, in brilliant sunshine!
NAPLAN tests were finished finally after a major blackout – nothing deters us here at Burwood GHS.

Looking forward to seeing you at P&C Meeting on 20 May (topic: Mathematics learning).

*Mia Kumar*

**INTERNATIONAL DAY – Thank you!**

Burwood BGHS would like to publicly acknowledge the donations made by the following sponsors:

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Thank you for contributing to the success of our annual International Day celebrations and charity fundraising.

**ISLAND TIME WAS AMAZING**

Diana Seveali’i (Pacific Islander CLO) and Voulla Kalogeropoulos, Head Teacher Wellbeing, welcomed many families to a wonderful Island Time recently, with great attendance of our girls and boys from Ashfield BHS, who came along to plan for our joint PACFEST performance in June this year.

The students must perform traditional dance and song representative of at least four different islander cultures (Tongan, Maori, Samoan, Cook Island, Figian) and with an Indigenous Australian focus as well...no small feat. A beautiful Tongan mum pitched a concept based on this year’s theme of global warming and the rising tides. Not long after she began she launched into a song written by her mother for this event and was soon joined by her family with the most amazing harmonies. Wow! Spine tingling stuff.

Taufa Kaliti and Natane Simei are student leaders who spoke of the impact PACFEST 2014 had on them as individuals and the impact it had on other students who participated with them. They developed pride in their different cultures, developed leadership skills, were very proud to represent their school, and significantly, spoke of how their commitment to learning had grown since last year.

I suggest you put 3-9pm Friday 26 June in your diaries so you can attend the PACFEST concert at the Whitlam Centre, Liverpool and support our beautiful students.

*Karyn O’Brien, Deputy Principal*

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**ENGLISH / DRAMA NEWS**

**PLAIN SPEAKING COMPETITION**

Fascinating issues such as “How important are whistle-blowers to society and are we doing enough to protect them and their integrity?” were presented at the annual...
NSW Arts Plain Speaking Competition, held on 30 April at Georges River College Peakhurst Campus.

Georgia Sallybanks and Kascha Chin-Potter represented Burwood Girls High School and delivered speeches that were relevant and challenged current social affairs. Kascha evaluated the benefits and disadvantages of taboos and the importance of questioning social or cultural norms and Georgia explored the idea of a real utopia and challenged Australia's progress in indigenous equality. Georgia found the competition worthwhile, commenting: “it was a great opportunity to listen to our peers and their ideas. The quality of the speeches was very high and having that chance to consider the different perspectives of some of the most intelligent people in the state is something I am very thankful for”. Thanks to Matthew Chalmers, Public Speaking Coordinator.

YEAR 9 “REPRESENTING TEENS”

Year 9 has been working on their Unit: "Representing Teens" this term. The diversity of backgrounds that students come from has allowed for a fascinating examination of global experiences of adolescence. Despite a variety of different experiences, most student raps represented teenage life as a difficult transitional period, made even more difficult to navigate due to the proliferation of social networking and technology.

PREMIER’S DEBATING CHALLENGE VS FORT STREET HS

Six of our Burwood Girls were great ambassadors for their school when they represented Year 11 at Round Two of the Premier’s Debating Challenge, held on Monday 11 May at Fort Street High.

The topic was “That Advertisements Promoting Gambling should be banned at sporting events”. Our team argued the affirmative and although not the winners were congratulated by the Fort Street team’s coach who was impressed with their manner, presence and potential! Not surprisingly the coach would like the opportunity to take these girls to victory by coaching them on a weekly basis. Many thanks to Annie Wang, Alison Duang, Monica Yao, Fatima Ongu, Frances Murphy and Natalie Missiris and Ingrid Benjamin, the Stage 6 Debating Coordinator.

Trish Coulson would like to invite all Year 7 and 8 students who are interested in learning about debating to attend the upcoming meeting she is holding in Week 5. Stay tuned for more information!

VOICE OF YOUTH COMPETITION

Congratulations to Cherie Pepperell and Riley Neil-Smith who participated in the Rostrum Voice of Youth Competition on 31 March at PLC Croydon. The competition was fierce and the quality of the speakers was exceptional and Cherie and Riley were wonderful ambassadors for our school. Riley’s speech topic was a Light Bulb Moment, based on gender inequality and unequal pay for women. She argued that Australia had not yet had its light bulb moment, but instead faced a dim future.

Meanwhile, Cherie’s topic of The Price of Progress took a philosophical approach to progress, exploring the advantages and disadvantages of progress and the influence of our decisions on future generations.

The girls found the experience extremely rewarding. “Having the chance to stand up and express myself and challenge other people’s ideas and beliefs is something that is incredibly enjoyable and exhilarating” stated Cherie, “I am really looking forward to participating in The Voice of Youth next year and having another chance in the competition”.

Students from Kate Stavert and Janice Raynor’s class 9EA.
Riley and Cherie invested a lot of time and effort in preparing their speeches and should be commended for their excellent attitude to co-curricular activities such as Public Speaking. They presented their speeches with conviction and enthusiasm and represented Burwood Girls High School with pride. Thanks to Mr Chalmers, Public Speaking Coordinator.

YEAR 7 ENGLISH SETTING THE STAGE ALIGHT!
Throughout Term 1, Year 7 has been studying a range of plays including ‘Two Weeks with the Queen’ and ‘The Honey Spot’. For their assessment, students had to develop their own script using their knowledge of the play and understanding of theatrical techniques.

Students thoroughly enjoyed the task and relished the opportunity to work in groups and perform their own created scene. Maddie James of 7M stated “As a group, we had a great time changing some of the scenes from the play so that we could actually decide how the play ended. We also brought in our own costumes and props for the scene”. Congratulations to all Year 7 students on a successful start to the year and in particular their efforts in English during Term 1. Well done!

PREMIER’S DEBATING CHALLENGE
VS NEWTOWN PAHS

On Thursday 26 March, 10 of our Year 11 students participated in two debates against Newtown Performing Arts High School here at Burwood Girls. They were really inspired by the event and determined to continue the development of their debating skills. The first topic was based on Education; whether English should be compulsory in Years 11 & 12 and the second topic was based on the media’s control of internet piracy.

Congratulations and thank you to all participants – our future is in the good hands of our thoughtful, self-motivated students. Thanks also to Ms Benjamin, Debating Coordinator.

Pauline Hageman, Head Teacher English and Drama

ALL PARENTS/FAMILIES WELCOME TO VARIETY NIGHT!

NATIONAL WINNER – RUOK? DAY
Year 9 Visual Design student from BGHS wins national RUOK Day postcard competition

Year 9 Visual Design students entered a national competition to design the postcard to promote conversation on RUOK? Day and raise awareness of mental health. We are thrilled with the fantastic news that Annika Bates’ postcard design won and Flora Zhang was runner-up in the competition. This is testament to the innovation and creativity of our design students.

As part of the prize the school will be receiving an RUOK bench that is designed to inspire conversation. We are so happy that we could be part of and contribute to such a great initiative.

RUOK? Day will be held on the 10 September 2015. We encourage you all to uphold our school motto ‘Not For Ourselves Alone’ and to reach out and ask the question ‘Are you OK (RUOK)?’ You could change a life.

Ms Kate Tapp Visual Arts and Design Teacher
TAS NEWS

BURWOOD GHS DOES MERCEDES BENZ FASHION WEEK AUSTRALIA

On Saturday 18 April, Textiles and Design students from Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 had the exciting opportunity to attend Mercedes Benz Fashion Week Australia at Carriageworks in Eveleigh, a Burwood Girls HS first!

Photographic works by Margaret Zhang illustrating the last 20 years of Australian Fashion Week lined the halls of the venue. But for the main event, the students were able to preview the Spring/Summer 2015 and ‘16 collections of leading contemporary Australian designers on the runway. This included the likes of Kirrily Johnston, Alice McCall, Akira Isogawa, Jayson Brundson, Bianca Spender, Manning Cartell, Ginger & Smart, Ellery, Michael Lo Sordo and so many more. The runway presentation was closed by the show-stopping pleated and draped chiffon gowns of Michael Lo Sordo.

Another highlight and proud teacher moment was when Ruby McHutchison and Eda Avar managed to be moved to the frontline for the show. The girls all made such an effort to look stylish for the occasion, and were even snapped by a few fashion bloggers prior to the commencement of the show (see Rosemary Fong and Alexa Papas of Year 12, both wearing Romance Was Born as featured below by Stylespy Newcastle).

Such an amazing and valuable experience was had by all who attended and the students took away inspiration for their textile major works, Fashion Week goodie bags, knowledge of the Australian fashion industry and very worthwhile blisters from high heels by the end of the day!

Miss Paula Papas, Textiles Teacher

OUR GIRLS ARE WORK READY!

Year 11 VET Work Ready Day

For the first time ever, Year 11 VET students participated in the ‘Work Ready Day’, held in the library on the 22nd April 2015. VET students are given the fantastic opportunity to complete Work Placement during their studies in Year 11 and 12 and our workshops thoroughly prepared them for their placements.

All VET students work towards attaining a dual qualification, both their HSC and either a Certificate II in Entertainment or a Certificate II in Hospitality Food and
Beverage. Work Placement provides students with a first-hand experience in the industry, a way to improve and practise their skills and is a great way to open up career paths. Whereas work experience allows students to observe activities in the workplace, work placement gives students the responsibilities of an employee.

Our ‘Work Place Provider’, Evelyn Palmer, addressed students in regards to requirements and expectations during the upcoming placements. This can be an initially overwhelming experience for students, as it will be the first time for most of them in a workplace. However, as a result of our workshops, Burwood Girls students are much better prepared and feel equipped to head out into the workforce.

In addition, we were very privileged to have two special guest speakers from the Entertainment and Hospitality industries, Geoff Bellingham and Jackson Godley. These guests spoke to students about careers in the industry and opportunities that are available to them. Mr Bellingham inspired students with inside details about performances he has worked on in the past such as this amazing performance by ‘Shadowland’ - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=_Rghr0wPf0Q

Jackson Godley is a Human Resource Manager from the Four Points Sheraton (Darling Harbour) and was able to provide insight into employer expectations and employment opportunities in his industry. He also informed the students about the wide variety of pathways to gaining qualifications at degree level to follow a career in the Hospitality and Tourism Industry.

We are very grateful to these guest speakers for their inspirational presentations.

Another unique feature of the day was the opportunity to undertake a ‘mock’ interview. Students were asked to choose from a range of authentic job options and prepare a cover letter and resume in order to prepare for an interview. Students were asked to dress appropriately as they would for a real interview. We were very lucky to have the continued support of past teachers and community members, including Mr Ilia Hristoforidis and Christina and Jim Jameson, who very generously volunteered their time to act as interviewers. In addition, we welcomed two careers teachers from Fairvale High and Chester Hill High who kindly gave their assistance to the girls.

As VET teachers, we place high importance on the range of skills required to achieve success in the working world. The VET Team is proud of the effort made by our students at WRD 2015. In particular we congratulate the following students for their achievement of the following awards:

- **Outstanding Interview Skills:**
  Matilda Gaylard Herbert (Entertainment),
  Luci Buckley, Shania Mitchell and Jane Hoang
  (Hospitality)

- **Most Impressive Business Attire:**
  Laura Drake and Amy Wan

**VET Team:** Ms Debbie Kiely, Mrs Amy Jamieson,
Ms Mireille Keller, Ms Janina Longman

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**YEAR 12 FOOD TECHNOLOGY**

On 22 April, Year 12 Food Technology students went on an excursion to Pure Gelato at Croydon. As part of the syllabus, students study a unit of work on Food Manufacture. This involves students learning about the operations within a food company such as food legislation, types of machinery, levels of operation and food safety.

Students were given the opportunity to go behind the scenes and hear a very interesting talk about the process of making gelato. At the conclusion of the tour, and despite the cold wet weather, students enjoyed a scoop of their favourite gelato flavour.

*Natalie Slocombe, Food Technology Teacher*

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**LUCAS GARDENS SCHOOL**

On Friday 8 May, a group of Year 10 students visited Lucas Gardens School in Canada Bay. The school provides educational programs for students with high support needs including intellectual and physical disabilities. We participated in the school’s Variety Day, helping students move around the school to enjoy activities such as a magic show, musical performances and a jumping castle. We assisted the teachers and formed bonds with the students,
observing the different ways in which they learn. We were taught to see past the children’s disabilities and were encouraged to appreciate their abilities, recognising that each child has their own unique personality and characteristics.

It was amazing to be a part of such a special event as we were able to witness life and education through a different perspective. This trip was extremely motivational and has given us all a different outlook on life. By seeing the struggles that these children face on a daily basis we have become more appreciative and thankful for the simpler things in life. This trip has inspired us to be the best versions of ourselves and to be thankful for what we have, always keeping in mind that there are children who suffer every day. Overall, visiting Lucas Gardens School was an extremely confronting but very rewarding experience that has provided us all with a different outlook on life. This trip has broadened and changed our perspectives on the way that we perceive and respond to the challenges presented to us.

Report by Victoria Lekkas, Year 10

SRC NEWS
The SRC have been particularly busy since the last Event was published. International Day was held in conjunction with Harmony Day and Close the Gap Day. As always, the SRC coordinated the many international food stalls but all staff and students worked hard to ensure the day’s success. It was a spectacular day which highlighted student leadership and also the cohesive nature of our diverse community.

Anzac Day was commemorated with a special assembly to remember the 100 years of Anzac tradition and also to reflect on the futility of war. There was a magnificent march by the school’s drum line. The band played Waltzing Matilda and buglers played Reveille. Year 11 students and also the junior choir sang hymns and songs from the World War One era. Year 9 SRC led the assembly which focused on the multicultural nature of the Australian troops at Gallipoli and the Western Front.

The devastating earthquake in Nepal touched everyone at BGHS and the SRC held a huge cake stall over two days. They raised $840 from the sales and a further $760 from donations. Thanks to all the parents who supported the girls in this cause.

Patrice Simpson, Head Teacher HSIE

VISIT BY JANE CARO
Our Year 9 Gifted & Talented class ‘Just Journalism’ was host to acclaimed author Jane Caro after she addressed the whole school assembly. She told the class about the struggles she had faced as a woman and recalled being “humiliated by some of the smartest men in Australia”. Her overall message to the girls was “never be too judgmental of your own abilities, just give it a go”. She was truly inspirational and the Just Journalism students were very appreciative of her positive encouragement of their writing aspirations.

Patrice Simpson, Head Teacher HSIE

A FACULTY IS BORN
Week 1 of Term 2 saw the completion of renovations to create a staffroom big enough to house 11 teachers from the newly created Human Society and Its Environment (HSIE) Faculty.

Like many other schools in NSW, the former History and Social Sciences faculties have merged, and moving into our new staffroom has ratified this change. We are all enthusiastically working together to create a new HSIE culture to enhance the learning of all our students.

We have two other members of the HSIE group who are not in the new staffroom because they have special whole-school responsibilities and need their own office –
Mr Vaughan Morrison, Head Teacher Administration and newly appointed Head Teacher Secondary Studies, Ms Julia Alvarado.

Patrice Simpson, Head Teacher HSIE

PREFECTS REPORT

Hi girls, families and members of the BGHS community. We hope that you are all settling into the new term well.

Just before the end of Term 1, we held our BBQ and Staff vs Student sport match. The students managed to remain undefeated, winning against the teachers in a game of OzTag.

Term 2 has been an enjoyable and productive term so far for the prefects. We had the Year 7 and 8 Disco on Thursday 30 April and raised over $2000 that will be going to Nepal following their recent earthquake. It was nice to see Year 7 and 8 enjoying themselves and making friends with the students from Ashfield and Homebush Boys High School. A big shout-out to Ms Alvarado, the prefect representatives who helped out on the night, and the teachers and parents who volunteered their time to supervise. The disco would not have been as successful without the help of you all.

We also held our Prefect Afternoon Tea on Friday 8 May and it was well attended by over 40 students from 12 different schools including Canterbury BHS, Canterbury GHS, St Patrick’s College, Rosebank College, Ashfield BHS, Homebush BHS, PLC, Newington College and Trinity Grammar. With a number of games and activities, this became a platform for us to meet other leaders and expand the networks we have with other schools.

We hope you enjoy the rest of the term!

Janice Vuong, Year 12

GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

Gifted and Talented Program 2015 continues its development this term. Following a rigorous selection process, the Year 7 Team was announced and attended their first meeting where details of the program were discussed. All team members are to report next week on their possible ideas for the Rich Tasks. The official Launch of the Year 7 Program will take place in early October.

Year 8 team members continue their research. The topics are very diverse ranging from Drugs in Sport, Women in Business, War Journalism just to name a few. Some students who chose to work on Wetlands, Architecture and Magic are still developing the framework of the proposed task.

A number of Year 9 students will be working on self-directed projects of their own choosing. These students are also very keen to mentor some of the Year 7 team members. Following the participation of Victoria Lekkas in the adjudication process in 2014, and other older GAT students in the past, the Year 9 group also expressed interest in adjudication of presentations for Year 8 2015.

I am delighted to be working with such an enthusiastic and interested group of students.

Margaret Nowak, Program Coordinator

YEAR 10 STARR DAY

Last term, Year 10 participated in STARR Day, which was a huge success. This year we had different people come to our school and inform us about the different issues and topics that are most likely to affect our lives. We learnt about domestic violence, mental health and the transition into the senior years.

Throughout the day we completed various sessions. One of these sessions was about mental health and the transition into senior school. A psychologist from Macquarie University explained the importance of maintaining a healthy and balanced lifestyle and how this correlates with our education. This seminar was extremely beneficial as we learnt about the issues and subjects that are directly applicable to all high school students. We were taught stress management techniques and the different ways that we tend to deal with situations. By learning about our thought processes we were given greater insight into how to better manage our time and lead a more intellectually healthy lifestyle.

Police officers from Burwood Police Station also visited our school and spoke to us about domestic violence. We participated in several activities to clarify the meaning of domestic violence and its many forms.

In conclusion, STARR Day was extremely successful and beneficial in helping all of Year 10 to evaluate and improve upon our lives. We were given greater insight into topics directly related to our age group and we all left school feeling more confident on how to best tackle the challenges that may be sent our way.

Report by Victoria Lekkas, Year 10

ENSEMBLE PROGRAM

Hawaii Tour 2015

In the first week of March, 55 girls, forming a Band and String Ensemble travelled to Honolulu to take part in the Hawaii School Band and Orchestra Festival. The first Australian school to participate, they were very well-received, being awarded high scores for musical and ensemble excellence in the adjudicated section, and having the opportunity to see and hear other school bands and
orchestras from Hawaii and the USA. We played a diverse repertoire, from Classical pieces to Cold Play, at a number of different venues, including the Ala Moana Centre, the largest open-air shopping centre in the world. They attended masterclasses at the University of Hawaii with the Professor of Ensemble Music and also took part in an exchange workshop and performance with the band and strings at a local high school.

The trip coincided with the Honolulu Cultural Festival, which attracts performers and artists from around Asia and the Pacific Rim. The highlight of this festival is the Grand Parade, and Burwood Girls was the first ever Australian band to take part, marching down the main Street of Waikiki playing Waltzing Matilda to a crowd of 40,000 people.

A couple of quotes from Georgia Constable, Year 11:

"Being able to see the other bands perform at the Hawaii Band and Orchestra Festival was awesome as we got to see how great they were! I was very impressed at the standards of the bands there and I hope that our band can sound just like that one day - although I already think we are good!"

"The Parade of Bands was 100% the most memorable part of the trip! I cannot believe that we were able to march in such an important festival with people from all over the world!"

From Ms Campbell:

"55 students and 3 teachers might seem impossible, but it was a real pleasure to travel with such a confident, articulate, talented and courteous group of young women. I feel very proud to be part of the very healthy music program at a wonderful local public school."

"I am also, professionally, very proud of the musical standard we achieved. Both ensembles really played at an excellent level. Professor Boeckman was most impressed with all of you at our masterclasses at the University of Hawaii, commenting on your engagement and intelligent comments and answers. He also praised the way senior and junior players worked so well together, making the most of everyone's strengths."

Genevieve Campbell PhD, Director, Ensemble Program

The girls were also thrilled to find themselves interviewed on the Channel 7 "Sunrise" program that was broadcasting from Waikiki at the time and after some quick last minute texts home, parents and friends found themselves watching their daughters on national television!

As well as musical experiences, the students enjoyed a feast of fun activities, including a canoe ride, hula lessons, whale watching and Polynesian cultural performances.
ANZAC DAY – 100th Anniversary

At 5:45 on the morning of Anzac Day, the Burwood Girls Drum Line assembled on Church Street ready to march to Burwood Park, where the Anzac dawn service was being held. There was an air of excitement as ex-servicemen drove up in old army jeeps and parked them alongside us. Some wore service uniforms and others wore suit jackets displaying various army service medals. Suddenly it was time to go. Harriet, our Band Master, called for us to fall in and we started our brisk march down Church Street and onto Burwood Road. Over our drumming I could hear the sound of bagpipes leading us down to Burwood Park where the community waited for us. The park was filled with people of all ages. There were current army soldiers and navy seamen, ex-servicemen, school students and families. In amongst the crowd sat the Burwood Girls Band ready to honour those who fought for us. During the service there were speeches made, poems read, wreaths laid and music performed. We played the National Anthem, the Recessional and I Am Australian accompanied by an ex-student of Burwood Girls High School, Isabella McIntosh.

Once the service was finished, we packed up and headed back to school where we were greeted by Miss Longman and breakfast. We then crammed onto a bus and journeyed into the city where a large Anzac march was taking place. There were bands from across Sydney, ex-servicemen and current soldiers all waiting for their chance to march. When it was finally our turn we played Waltzing Matilda and La Sorella as we did two laps of the city square. Huge crowds gathered to watch as their mothers, fathers, grandparents and children all marched to show respect for those fallen. Roars of excitement erupted from the crowds, encouraging us to play our best.

After marching we were filled with joy and felt honoured to have been a part of this incredible day. “Lest we forget.”

Report by India Allen and Charlie Pepper, Year 9

Many thanks and congratulations to all those who participated in the Anzac services at Ashfield, Burwood and at school. Thanks to all for your commitment, especially during the holidays and with the early morning start. I hope you all enjoyed the experience and feel very proud of yourselves. I was most impressed by the excellent turnout, and your playing (and marching!) was praised by members of the RSL and the public at Ashfield, Burwood Park and in the city as well as staff and students at school after the Assembly on Monday. Congrats too to our Year 7 players who performed very well on their first outing with the band. You can find some photographs of the day on our Facebook page: BGHS Ensemble Program.

Genevieve Campbell PhD, Director, Ensemble Program

SPORTS NEWS

RUN CLUB

BGHS Run Club competes at the Sri Chinmoy Royal National Park Race

“Run and become. Become and run. Run to succeed in the outer world.” - Sri Chinmoy

On Sunday 3 May, the Burwood Girls High School Run Club travelled to the Royal National Park to compete in the Sri Chinmoy Running Race. Together with Mr Chalmers and Mr Wijanto, the girls completed the 5km course, running through stunning waterfalls and beautiful terrain in the national park.

Allegra Short completed the course with the fastest time of 28.04 minutes and thoroughly enjoyed running in the park, “Running through the waterfalls and the forest was a lot of fun and I thoroughly enjoyed competing with my friends. We are a really close group and have a great time together”.

The girls performed brilliantly and represented Burwood Girls HS with merit and pride.

Mr Matthew Chalmers, Run Club Organiser
CONGRATULATIONS, SAVANNAH!

Savannah Henshaw from Year 11 has been selected in the Australian Women’s Youth National Water Polo Squad. In May she is travelling to Europe to participate in a Water Polo tournament in Hungary and Germany, followed by a training camp in Turkey.

Savannah is a talented elite athlete and we are very proud of her. The school wishes her well in this amazing opportunity.

Rosemary Sandow Year 11 Adviser

KNOCKOUT SOCCER

On 1 May, an excited Burwood Girls Knockout Soccer Team travelled to Narrabeen High School to compete in Round 3 of the knockout competition, in a bid to beat the tough Freshwater High School. It was a challenging and nail-biting game with many players falling to their knees as they toughed it out in the rain and on a slippery field.

Luckily by half-time we were leading 1-0, and thankfully scored a second goal mid second half. However the game stopped as Freshwater received a penalty soon after. Freshwater took advantage of this opportunity and we were then only leading by one. Nevertheless, with determination and the willingness to succeed, Freshwater was beaten 2-1. A sigh of relief was heard as the girls regained their breath and walked off the field.

Next stop, Cheltenham Girls High School on 18 May at Cheltenham Oval.

Allegra Short, Year 11

P&C NEWS

Next meeting: Wednesday 20 May

Please join us for the next P&C meeting in the Library at 7:00 pm. There will be a short presentation from Mr Gavin Parker, Head Teacher Mathematics. Light refreshments will be available. All welcome!

Nick Miller, P&C President

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


P&C UNIFORM SHOP

As some staff will be on a band tour on Tuesday 19 May, shop hours will be 8:30 am – 1:00 pm on that day.

BLAZERS will be available on Thursday 21 May, so please come down to the shop on Thursday if you have placed an order for a blazer.

SENIOR SHIRTS are in stock. If you have placed an order please come and collect.

SHORTS are now being investigated for summer. They will be very much like the ones we used to have. More information later.

HATS – what’s your opinion?

There will be a survey to the school community about our uniform, including the possibility of a school hat. More information later.

The Uniform Shop’s regular 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

PLEASE WEAR CORRECT UNIFORM

Burwood GHS is a uniform school where students are expected to be in full school uniform every day. A full description of the correct uniform can be found on our website under “Our School - Uniform”.

There have been several issues raised by parents and other members of the community regarding our uniform including short length of skirts as well as students wearing non-uniform items of clothing and footwear. A committee has been formed, including staff and students, to evaluate our uniform. This will be through surveys, the P&C, School Council and student discussion groups.

Parents: please ensure your daughter wears her uniform appropriately (skirts should be knee length or just above).

Janina Longman, Deputy Principal

THIRD IN NATIONALS

Congratulations to Harine Somasundaram, Year 8 for achieving third in the nationals for Hammer Throw.

LOST PROPERTY

The front office regularly receives items of lost property. Please mark all belongings with your name, especially jumpers and sports clothes. Also, there is a space on the back of Opal cards to write a name – please use it!

Elaine Browne, Manager, P&C Uniform Shop
COMMUNITY NOTICES

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Do you want to make a difference in the life of a child?

Local foster carers needed

Family and Community Services are seeking people in the local area to provide short term and crisis foster care for children and young people 0-18 years that are unable to live with their own families.

Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds and cultural groups are required.
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.
All carers receive training, ongoing support and financial assistance.
If you are interested in making a difference and helping children reach their full potential, please call 9763 5000 or email fosteringfacs@facs.nsw.gov.au

Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.

You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop. The next workshop in your area will be held:

TIME & DATE: 6.30pm - 9.30pm
Thursday 21 May 2015
VENUE: Burwood Library,
2 Cooner Street, Burwood

NSW Road Safety Officer 9763 5074

Helping learner drivers become safe drivers
Burwood Girls High presents ...  

**VARIETY NIGHT 2015**  
**WEDNESDAY 27 MAY**  
**7PM SCHOOL HALL**

*Refreshments available as part of SRC Fundraiser for Hands Across the Ocean.*

**TICKETS AT DOOR**  
- **ADULTS $7**  
- **CHILDREN 10YRS & OVER $5**  
- **FAMILY $15**