From the Relieving Principal...

When I look back at what has occurred since our last edition of the Event newsletter I am amazed by the range and number of great opportunities our students have to enrich their learning at Burwood Girls High School. Our students have demonstrated their commitment to issues that face individuals and communities both here and around the world in events such as: the Prefects’ “Girl Rising” film screening to raise money for the Malala Fund; participation in a local student forum on Women in Leadership with the Honourable Julie Bishop and Craig Laundy, MP for Reid; recognition of 100 Years of Women in Policing; fund raising for Legacy and celebration of Wear it Purple Day to show our support for rainbow youth.

Many students have also engaged in co-curricular activities such as: Year 8 Battle of the Minds hosted by Auburn Girls HS; the Swisse Colour Run by Run Club; the Dance Showcase; the BEP Big Night Out; celebration of PAC Fest with a dinner for our Islander families; Year 8 Talented Maths Day hosted by Strathfield South HS; Year 7 Gifted & Talented Students; BEP Strings Tour to the North Coast and recently, Duke of Edinburgh walks for Year 9 & 10 students. There is never a quiet day here at Burwood Girls.

Thank you to Janina Longman and her team of vocational education teachers (Hospitality and Entertainment) as we passed our recent VET Audit with flying colours, which reaffirms what a vital and strong place VET courses have within our curriculum.

Our wonderful Year 12 students started their HSC written exams last week and all reports are that they are calm and well prepared for this significant challenge in their lives. It is rather timely that October celebrates Mental Health month as we encourage our senior students to do their best and achieve to a high standard, but to remember to keep a balance and perspective on this stage of their lives and focus on their wellbeing. We wish them every success.
Please don’t forget to complete the online parent survey Tell Them From Me (http://bit.ly/1L5CeYv) by 23 October as we truly do consider you to be Partners in Learning. By completing this survey you will help our school understand parents’ perspectives on their daughter’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents and staff, activities and practices at home and parent views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

Finally, I would like to invite interested parents and community members to join me at a Gonski Week Celebration on Thursday 29 October, 6pm (see flyer at the end of this issue) to celebrate the positive difference Gonski-funded programs have made to student learning in our proud public school.

Mia found the experience rich and rewarding, “Mental health is something that our current generation really needs to be educated about and days like today ensure that people who suffer with mental illness do not experience discrimination and are treated with respect and dignity”.

Mia, Elle and Olivia should be commended for the hard work they put into researching, writing and rehearsing their speeches. They are outstanding ambassadors for Burwood Girls High School. Thanks to Matt Chalmers for facilitating this rewarding experience.

**THEATRE SPORTS**

The Junior Theatre Sports Team comprising of five Year 7 and 8 students has been working very hard on their skills in improvisation with their Year 9 student coaches and teachers. We are very excited to announce that the team will be competing on Friday 23 October at the Annual Theatre Sports Challenge at Newington College in Stanmore. We wish the girls the best of luck and hope they have an amazing time and enjoy the experience. Thanks to Renee Lindsay and Zoe Smith for their organisation.

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**ENGLISH & DRAMA NEWS**

**NEW TEAM MEMBER**

The faculty welcomes a new permanent English / ESL teacher to our faculty. Daniel Whittemore is a passionate English teacher who has taught in public schools both in Australia and the UK. Outside of the classroom he is a keen tennis player and avid film buff. We are very happy to have Daniel join the team.

**PUBLIC SPEAKING**

Burwood Girls participated in the 2nd annual What’s the Story Mental Health Public Speaking Competition at Concord on 3 September. Mia Evans-Rorris, Elle Kritselas and Olivia Pagliasso travelled to Concord with Mr Chalmers to participate in the competition that the girls came so close to winning in 2014, placing second.

The proposition they needed to respond to was ‘Is mental illness more prevalent for today’s generation compared to your parents and grandparents generation?’ The girls argued that it was impossible to compare the previous generations based on scientific progress and an ever changing understanding of what is considered ‘normal’. All three girls spoke with conviction, sincerity and engaged the audience through their varied use of rhetorical devices.

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**PREFECT NEWS**

**CAPTAINS AND PREFECTS FOR 2015/2016**

We are excited to announce the 2016 BGHS School Captains who were recently elected in this prestigious role. Congratulations to April Rose Derebe-Desalegn, Alice Loveday and Jessie Ng who were chosen by the staff and their peers on the prefect body in a very close election. We are confident they will undertake this role with poise, confidence and in the true spirit of ‘Not for ourselves alone’. We also give many thanks to the 2015 Captains, Eve Crossley, Qishty Kodurusman and Lucy Ward-Gemmell, who were quite outstanding in this role.
We are also pleased to announce the 2016 Prefect Body who will commence their positions this term. Twelve students from Year 10 and six students from Year 11 were added to the 10 current representatives from Year 11.

YEAR 10
Yuntian (Betty) Bi
Imogen Gainsford
Nadia Homem
Victoria Lekkas
Kiesha Matei
Imogen Terry-Lancaster

YEAR 11
Georgia Constable
Nina Frost
Nicole Lee

The above will join current prefects:
Storm Allen
Ji-Hyun Choi
Milly Herberte
Alexia Matsas
Yianna Tromboukis

We congratulate all of these girls.

Julia Alvarado, Head Teacher Secondary Studies/Prefects Coordinator

‘NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE’

BGHS SUPPORTS LEGACY
On Legacy Badge Day in September, Burwood GHS supported this charity by volunteering to sell badges in the CBD and at Strathfield. We had 35 girls who became part of a volunteer group that raised over a million dollars to help the needy families of defence personnel who can no longer join the workforce. Our girls needed to brave the rain and be at their designated railway stations before 8 am to sell to the morning travellers.

While the girls worked tirelessly, living up to our school motto, “Not for ourselves alone,” they were also rewarded by the fun of working together and the generosity of strangers supporting Legacy. Legacy has formally thanked Burwood GHS for their continued support.

Janice Raynor and Trish Coulson

MONEY RAISED FOR SCHOOL DEFIBRILLATOR
Throughout the past two terms I have been working on fundraising for a school defibrillator with the help of Mrs Erin Dib and the school P&C. After many hours of coordinating and fundraising we were able to raise $1000. With much thanks to Ms Kumar for providing the extra $1000 with the school money, we now have a working, easy to use school defibrillator in the first aid office.

Hannah Leahy Gatfield, Year 10

LEOS CLUB JOIN RALLY
On Sunday 11 October a group of Burwood GHS Leos attended a rally organised by the Refugee Action Coalition at Sydney Town Hall calling for the end to offshore processing of Refugees entitled Stand up for the Refugee. We listened to a variety of speakers including Dr David Isaacs, Nauru whistle-blower and Professor of Paediatric Infectious Diseases at Westmead Children’s Hospital and...
Sydney University, and Abdul Hakim, a Syrian refugee who had worked for Amnesty International but had to flee Syria after the death of his brother. The girls then marched down George Street chanting their support for justice, compassion and the Aussie ethos of the ‘fair go’ all the way to Belmore Park. The SRC have previously raised over $500 for refugee services and the Leo’s Club hope to bring this total to $1000 with their sitting duck fundraiser in Week 4.

The LEO’s Club meets in Room 31 Wednesday Week A, lunchtime. All girls are welcome to join.

Patricia Coulson, Leos Club Coordinator/English Faculty

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**YEAR 7 GIFTED & TALENTED LAUNCH**

Congratulations to the Year 7 2015 Gifted and Talented Team for their outstanding work showcased at the Program Launch on Tuesday, 13 October. The high quality of the creative representations of chosen topics confirmed the students’ independent learning skills and contributed to a very interesting and colourful exhibition admired by parents, teachers and peers. Anicka Silnik’s recreation of Antonio Gaudi’s technique presented in a labour intensive representation of an image of the Sagrada Familia cathedral in Barcelona will be kept in the Library for a while. An extraordinary piece of work.

The 2015 team is a strong team of self-directed learners, who collectively charmed the audience with their short speeches outlining the key points of the tasks. Students spoke with confidence, conviction and passion.

The students have done themselves, their parents and the school proud. Their Year Advisers, Ms Dib and Mr Chalmers, were very proud of their achievements.

We look forward to their individual presentations which commence next week.

Margaret Nowak, Program Coordinator, reporting with pride.

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**MATHEMATICS NEWS**

FOR STUDENTS INTERESTED IN STUDYING MATHS IN THE SENIOR YEARS

The Mathematical Association of NSW (MANSW) has produced some useful resources for students choosing a Mathematics pathway in their senior years. Go to [http://www.mansw.nsw.edu.au/resources/public-resources](http://www.mansw.nsw.edu.au/resources/public-resources) for some useful advice about Mathematics.
General and Mathematics (2 Unit). There are videos and documents.

Ann Fletcher, Mathematics Faculty

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SCIENCE NEWS

AURECON BRIDGE BUILDING CHALLENGE COMPETITION DAY

On Tuesday 11 August, the Year 9 Engineering Challenges elective class attended the annual Aurecon Bridge Building Competition held at the Art Gallery of NSW. The competition was attended by teams of aspiring engineers from 58 high schools in NSW, each with dreams of taking home a first place and major prize money.

On arrival at the Art Gallery’s Auditorium the “Burwood Girls Bridge Gang” (BGBG) represented by Elly England, Kiyomi Sano and Shrimoyee Sen exhibited the team’s bridge design in a team photo session before the competition began in earnest.

In the weeks prior to the competition day, each team had to design and construct a model bridge using only the materials provided by the competition organisers. The aim of the competition was to produce a bridge design which was innovative and could support the greatest load.

Each school team’s bridge was analysed by a panel of industry experts on the Auditorium stage. Team members had to explain the design principles of their bridge to the panel before each bridge was publicly ‘tested to destruction’ by subjecting it to increasing loads.

Many school teams suffered embarrassing early exits as their designs failed to meet their load expectations.

The “Burwood Girls Bridge Gang” team presented their appropriately named bridge ‘Hercules’ towards the end of the competition. There was an air of expectation as their design had raised the interest of the judging panel and other competitors. ‘Hercules’ was successful in supporting a load of 27kg, one of the strongest designs on the day.

Finally at the concluding judging presentation, the team from Burwood Girls was awarded the Most Creative and Innovative design award, and the team carried home a $500 cheque for the school and $150 in prize money shared between the students. We look forward to the success of ‘Hercules II’ in next year’s competition!

John van Leeuwen, Head Teacher Science

BURWOOD GIRL TO ATTEND NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM!

Eda Avar of Year 11 has been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum hosted by the Australian National University in Canberra during January next year.

The aim of the National Youth Science Forum (NYSF) is to offer students entering Year 12 an insight into the extensive opportunities that science, technology and engineering have to offer, and to expose 150 science students from across Australia to ideas and areas of science that they may not have previously considered. This select group of students will attend seminars, symposia, lab sessions, field investigations and meet with a range of government, business and industry leaders.

We congratulate Eda on her successful navigation of the rigorous selection process, and applaud her success in gaining access to this unique opportunity. Eda was among a group of Burwood Girls students who applied for admission to the NYSF program this year. We would also like to acknowledge the support of Burwood Rotary Club in sponsoring the participation of Eda at the NYSF in 2016.

John van Leeuwen, Head Teacher Science
**HSIE NEWS**

(This is a summary of a report written by Ms Simpson. For the full story go to [http://web3.burwoodg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/news-events/newsletters](http://web3.burwoodg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/news-events/newsletters).)

**EX-STUDENT STUDYING HER PHD IN USA**

In the July holidays, I travelled to South Africa and was excited to catch up with former SRC President and School Captain from Year 12, 2002, **Saarah Jappie**. Her story since leaving school is quite amazing and really inspirational so I asked her to share it with our school community.

Inspired by her studies in Indonesian, French and Society and Culture while at BGHS, Saarah has pursued a very unique career path. She achieved First Class Honours in her Bachelor of International Studies at UNSW, which included studying for 12 months in Indonesia. Saarah describes her time studying overseas as one of the most stimulating academic and personal experiences she has had. At the completion of her degree, she planned to take a “gap year” in her parents’ home town of Cape Town, South Africa, but instead, she was offered a job as a research assistant in the History Department of Cape Town University. Her French skills enabled her to communicate with her West African counterparts, and, coupled with her Indonesian/Malay (and Afrikaans) she began what became pioneering research into the Islamic manuscript of Cape Town, developed by the South and Southeast Asian Muslim slaves in South Africa in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Saarah followed this research work with an MA in Historical Studies in South Africa and is now working on her PHD at Princeton University in the USA! She has also spent time in Jordan, studying Arabic to help her in her exclusive thesis, the main focus of which is Shaykh Yusuf, a 17th century Sufi scholar from Indonesia who is still revered by people all over South Africa and Indonesia.

Saarah is passionate about her studies and her career so far and credits this satisfaction to pursuing something she was interested in. Her advice to current BGHS students is to follow their passion and see where it leads. Saarah chose to take some risks and follow the exciting paths that she found along the way. That is what makes her so content and fulfilled today.

*Patrice Simpson, Head Teacher, HSIE*

**YEAR 9 MENTORING PROGRAM**

During Terms 2 and 3, a group of eleven Year 9 students were involved in the Youth Frontiers mentoring program run by the RAISE Foundation and supported by the NSW Government. Throughout the program, students were paired with a mentor from the community and completed workshops on a range of topics. The overall goal of the program was for students to feel empowered and confident, and to identify goals and aspirations. The benefits of mentoring are many, and the students all enjoyed having a positive role model to talk to. In Week 1 of Term 4, the students attended a ceremony with their mentors and representatives from the RAISE Foundation to celebrate their completion of the program. BGHS is proud of all the students involved and we look forward to seeing them follow and achieve their dreams in the future.

*Lauren Dwyer, Year 9 Assistant Adviser*

**JULIE BISHOP’S VISIT TO BGHS**

*Report by Alice Moore, Year 9 Just Journalism*

On Monday 24 August Julie Bishop, the Australian Minister for Foreign Affairs, came to Burwood Girls High School for a forum on the topic of young women and leadership. Girls’ schools in the local vicinity including Strathfield Girls, Meridan, PLC and girls from Concord High School were invited to attend and pose questions about young women and leadership to the Minister for Foreign Affairs.

Many interesting and well-rehearsed questions were asked by students including questions on Julie Bishop’s experiences as a woman in the male dominated world of politics. Also there were questions asking for advice for young women seeking leadership roles. Bishop responded by saying that she never felt gender was or should be a disadvantage or a setback. She suggested strongly that if
young women wanted leadership roles they should be confident about pursuing them. Students from all schools found Ms Bishop to be a confident and engaging speaker and they found the forum inspiring. It certainly was a great opportunity to hear from one of the women in a high power leadership role in Australia.

NATIONAL ART SCHOOL
Over the Term 2 and Term 3 holidays, five talented Visual Arts students attended a special program at the National Art School in Darlinghurst. Year 11 students Joosun Lee, Sophie McQuaid, Tanya Singh Virk Chen, Allegra Short, Lydia Schulze and Selena Zhang dedicated many, many hours to develop their technique in the HSC Intensive Studio Practice program in drawing, painting, ceramics and digital photography. Their impressive work was exhibited at the National Art School on Friday 25 September. Congratulations to you all!

VISUAL ARTS NEWS

2015 PIXEL PRIZE
A BIG congratulations goes to Ramona Codd-Miller of Year 11 who is a 2015 Pixel Prize finalist. The exhibition of this prize opened on 8 October and Ramona’s photograph Carriageworks was one of 138 artworks that were shortlisted from over 300 submissions.

FAREWELL TO CLASS OF 2015
Week 10 Term 3 saw many celebrations for Year 12 as it was their last official week of classes. They started off the week with their last formal assembly dressed as they did when they were juniors in Year 7. A special mention goes to our musicians who gave the best rendition of the school song. All Year 12 sang with gusto, as this was the last time they would officially do so with all the students of Burwood Girls.

We came to school on Tuesday to find our desks obscured with balloons and Post-It notes and the school covered with posters from famous movies that looked slightly odd. As we got closer, we realised that the teachers’ faces had been ‘photoshopped’ onto the bodies of the movie stars, thanks to some clever Year 12s who had spent many hours on this project to make us all laugh. Students roamed the school in their pyjamas and despite all the partying still managed to defeat the teachers in the Students vs Teachers netball game, even when the teachers creatively adapted the rules.
On Wednesday, Year 12 reminded us one more time of their talent in their songs, dances, drama acts and musical pieces at the concert, which was exceptionally clever and had us all crying and laughing at the same time.

Thursday night was the final official school event, their graduation. We publically and formally acknowledged all students’ completion of Year 12 and celebrated their academic achievements with their families and friends.

To mark our last day together, we went to Balmoral Beach. The weather, which had been horrid to date, was warm and sunny. We shared large birthday cakes for Erica’s 18th and students took a walk down memory lane as they opened their time capsules filled with souvenirs from Year 7.

We wish all Year 12s currently sitting their HSC exams the best of luck and look forward to seeing you at the formal on November 10.

Ms Caltabiano and Ms Yongsiri, Year 12 Advisers

DANCE SHOWCASE

On Monday August 24, the Dance Showcase titled “All the Little Things” took place. Local primary schools attended the matinee performance at 11am and, parents, family and friends filled the hall for the 7pm show. This year, the number of performers peaked with 135 students involved. HSC Core and Major Study Performances, Core Compositions and Major Study Dance and Film were some of the highlights of the show, celebrating the achievements of the Year 12 Elective Dance class.

Wonderful dance works, which explored the theme of the concert were also performed by the BGHS Dance Company, Dance Troupe, Acrobatics Dance Ensemble, Hip Hop Ensemble, Musical Theatre, Year 7 Dance Ensemble and Years 9, 10, 11 and 12 Elective Dance classes. I’d like to once again congratulate all cast and crew members for their fabulous work and continued contribution to Dance this year.

BURWOOD FESTIVAL DANCERS

On Sunday 20 September, 14 dance students from Year 7 and Dance Ensemble performed at Burwood Festival on the main stage. Despite the weather conditions the girls performed beautifully and the audience thoroughly enjoyed their performance. We would like to congratulate the girls on an amazing performance and for all their hard work leading up to the festival.

The girls have also been asked to perform at Carols in the Park on Saturday 12 December as part of the main stage entertainment and are working hard on creating and developing Christmas themed works to perform.

Do you love dance? See ad at the end of this issue for a Dance Ensemble Free Trial Month!!! Or try out for one of our other dance ensembles.

Xanthe Warren, Creative Arts Faculty

Melissa Caltabiano, HT PDHPE/Dance Coordinator
LANGUAGES NEWS

YEAR 9 INDONESIAN CELEBRATE INDONESIAN INDEPENDENCE
Report by Sasha Wood, Year 9

In Year 9 Indonesian we have found many things to celebrate. Two of these parties have been a celebration for Indonesian Independence (Hari Kemerdekaan Indonesia) which is celebrated on the 17 August, and a fruit party to finish our topic of bargaining.

In our Independence Day party we had lots of food and a special type of auction. In this auction we each got a certain amount of paper Indonesian money and our teacher had a box of wrapped mysterious items. We had to outbid each of our classmates in Indonesian with our money. We found that it was a great way to learn our big Indonesian numbers.

Our other party was a fruit party where we tasted different types of tropical fruit. We all enjoyed being healthy for once! Our topic last term was on bargaining and we all found out about a new skill that we could put to the test if we go to Indonesia.

I think that our entire class can agree that even though learning a language can sometimes be challenging we all love learning Indonesian.

ENSEMBLE PROGRAM NEWS

PRIMARY SCHOOL WORKSHOP
Report by Erika Lehmann, Year 7

On Thursday 8 October Burwood Girls High School hosted a combined schools music workshop with 120 primary school students. The primary students came from Croydon Park, Dobroyd Point, Haberfield, Clemton Park and Forest Lodge. We were conducted by Yvonne Brown and Edward Lyon from Haberfield.

We began the day with performances from the BGHS Concert Band and Stage Band. Then we workshopped two pieces with the primary students sitting with us. After recess we had sectional tutorials which allowed us time to really get to know the primary students and improve our playing. Yvonne Brown and a guest conductor, Edward Lyons, brought us back together to work on our joint pieces.

After lunch we made some final tweaks to the pieces. At two o’clock it was show time, we performed for the parents and principals of the Primary Schools. We played the two pieces we had been practising and Burwood Girls added in a piece of our own.

A big thank you to Yvonne Brown for organising the whole day. We couldn’t have done it without you.
TAS NEWS

YEAR 12 GRADUATION CATERING

Another Year 12 Graduation at BGHS! Year 10 and 11 Hospitality students (and of course Ms Keller’s Exploring Early Childhood Class!) worked extremely hard over the course of two days to provide a feast of treats for Year 12 Graduation of 2015, on September 17. Once again, close to 1000 people attended the event and enjoyed freshly made sandwiches, finger foods and of course Ms Tairi’s famous wedges, served with the traditional sour cream and sweet chilli sauce.

The Catering Team (Ms Kiely, Ms Keller, Ms Patonay and Ms Tairi) would sincerely like to thank Ms Longman, Ms Fletcher and Mr Kent for their much valued help and support at the end of the evening – lots of clearing up to be done! It was another successful event, despite the badly timed rain, and all the students who helped make the evening possible should be very proud of their efforts and for truly displaying the ethos of BGHS – Not For Ourselves Alone.

Ms Keller, TAS Faculty

PLEASE SUPPORT CHINA TOUR 2016

We would like to offer parents and friends the opportunity to purchase a selection of Handcrafted Cards, Christmas Cards or Gift Bags at bargain prices to help us with our fundraising efforts for the China Tour 2016. Please have a look at the ad at the end of this issue.

SPORTS NEWS

NETBALL WIN

On Friday 11 September Year 12 and Year 10 boys from Homebush Boys HS visited Burwood Girls for a re-match of the netball game played in Term 4 last year when our same Year 12 Burwood team was victorious.

Once again it was a hard fought match with the girls’ skills and agility just overcoming the boys’ height and speed to win. A great time was had by all and respect was gained on both sides. The boys did very well to pick up the rules as most of them are new to netball, and their jumping ability is amazing to watch!

Congratulations to our Year 12 netball girls who have been a highly successful team in all senses of the word for the past five years. From playing together first as a Grade team and then as the BGHS Knockout team for 15s and then Opens, these girls have enjoyed and valued each other’s friendship and skills, showing wonderful sportswomanship and team work throughout. This team is truly more than the sum of its parts. I wish them all the very best in their future and long may they play netball!
ANOTHER NETBALL WIN!
A different Burwood GHS netball team played Ashfield BHS on 15 October at Burwood, securing another win for BGHS. Full report in next issue of Event in November.

OPENS FOOTBALL TEAM WINS THE SYDNEY NORTH ZONE COMPETITION
What a game! The Burwood Girls HS Opens Football team took on Fort Street High School in the grand final on Tuesday 1 September, and the game certainly did not disappoint.

The team made a slow start especially when Fort Street scored 2 goals in the first 5 minutes but made a strong recovery to eventually win the match 3-4, going deep into extra time. As Burwood was down on numbers, many of the players had to play the entire game in the hot sun and put in an extra special effort on the field.

Co-captains Allegra Short and Ella Boyd led the team brilliantly, communicating effectively with their fellow team mates and making sure that everyone kept a level head and stayed focused. Allegra, who played her final game for the school and scored multiple goals, remarked “That was easily the most intense game we played this year. Fort Street got an early lead but there is great resolve in this team and that is what won us the game. I am so proud of the girls!”

Special mention should go out to Tori Tumeth, Susan Phonsongkham, Maddie Dimakis, Mahalia Lum, Paloma Shrestha, Eleni Tsionis and Belinda Anderson-Sharp for coming into the team at such late notice. It was an amazing effort from all involved. Well done girls!

Matthew Chalmers, Opens Football Coach

YEAR 7 GALA DAY
On 10 September 2015, Year 10 PASS and Year 7 students attended Gala Day. Year 7 students participated in either a Soccer, Netball or Volleyball round robin tournament for the day. Year 7 were coached by the Year 10 students for five sessions in preparation for Gala Day. The focus was to develop their skills in preparation for the tournament. All Year 7 students performed well on the day. They thoroughly enjoyed playing against students from different schools in friendly competition. Year 10 students provided excellent coaching skills and encouragement to all students on the day. Year 7 are very appreciative of their efforts throughout the training sessions and the Gala Day. It was a very successful day with Burwood Girls netball and soccer teams winning the competition. Congratulations to all students who participated in this great day.

Olga Dalageorgos, PDHPE Faculty
RUN CLUB NEWS
BGHS runs in ‘The Happiest 5km in the world!’
On 23 August, the Burwood Girls High School Run Club participated in the Swisse Colour Run at Centennial Park. Described as the happiest 5km in the world, a collection of students from Year 7 right through to Year 12 ran with Mr Chalmers and Mr Wijanto. All of the girls had an amazing time and thoroughly enjoyed covering themselves in the colours of the rainbow! Year 7 student Marissa Konnaris found the Colour Run both challenging and a great opportunity to spend some time with her friends. “These events are a lot of fun. I get to hang out with not only my Year 7 friends but other friends from Years 9, 10 and 11. It’s also a great way to keep healthy!”

All of the girls involved should be congratulated for completing the run and representing the school proudly.

GOLF NATIONAL CHAMPION
This is a paraphrased extract from a letter sent to the school by Denise Clune, NSW Girls Golf Manager.

It is with great pleasure that I inform you of the success of one of your students, Bella Kil, Year 9, at the School Sport Australia U17 National Golf Championships contested in Canberra from Monday 10 August through to Friday 14 August. Bella was one of six players representing NSW in the girl’s team and competing against Queensland, Victoria, South Australia, Western Australia and ACT.

The week’s competition was very demanding and required golfers to complete a physically and mentally challenging format. Wednesday was an educational day and all players listened to a presentation from Golf Australia before a tour through Australia’s War Memorial – and were also treated to snow falling as they were leaving the memorial.

The final match on Friday saw the team’s hitting off at 6:50 am in -2°C temperature.

At all times Bella demonstrated wonderful courtesy, outstanding sportsmanship and a truly inclusive manner towards her team mates. Bella is a National Champion; a member of the NSW Combined Girls and Boys Team who were awarded overall National Champions for their efforts and a credit to her family, school and state. Bella received a gold medal as one of the winners of the Australian Team Matchplay Championships as well as a silver medal for second in the Team Stroke Play Competition.

INNER WEST CATHOLIC PRIMARY NETBALL GALA DAY
On 9 September a group of BGHS’S finest Netball umpires assisted at the Inner West Catholic Primary Netball Gala Day. This event was held at Cintra Park, Concord and is an annual event where our students assist. This year we had 24 girls (from Years 7-10) take charge of the umpiring duties and several of the Year 10 students assisted with
coaching some of the Holy Innocence primary schools team’s. This event has allowed our girls to connect and strengthen our link with our local community and for them to utilise their knowledge and skills through leadership and up holding our school motto- “Not For Ourselves Alone”. Congratulations to all the girls involved as you received wonderful feedback from all teachers, parents and conveners on your professionalism on the day.

Ms Gianotti, PDHPE Faculty

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**P&C NEWS**

**Can you help with our new school bus?**

The School Executive Committee has done fantastic work helping BGHS procure its own 19 seater school bus (with side hydraulic lift for people with disabilities, musical instruments and sports equipment).

We are asking the school community if anyone can assist with the following:

1. Are there any parents/carers who may wish to drive the bus? Drivers do need to have a special license to drive the vehicle. Please forward your details to the principal mia.kumar@det.nsw.edu.au or ph. 9747 3355.

2. We are requesting sponsorships from local businesses to assist with running expenses.

If you are aware of any business that may be able to assist, please forward details to Perry Kritiselas at perry@insuranceadvisorygroup.com.au

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**Next P&C meeting: Wednesday 21 October**

Please join us for the next P&C meeting in the Library at 7:00 pm. There will be a presentation on our Gonski Story. All welcome! We are always happy 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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**P&C UNIFORM SHOP**

_The Uniform Shop’s NEW regular days and hours each week (from Term 4, 2015):_

- **Tuesday, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm**
- **Thursday, 8:30 am – 10:30 am**

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_

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

Getting to know another person, especially one from a different culture, can be exciting, challenging, and has its unique benefits. Department of Education-registered and approved Southern Cross Cultural Exchange (since 1983) is providing such a unique experience to help your children and family learn through bridging cultures, grow closer with one another, understand one another better and see the world in a new light.

International exchange students from France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Finland, Denmark and Sweden are arriving in Australia to live as a local with volunteer Australian families and attend a local secondary school. The students, aged 15 – 17, arrive from February 2016 for 3, 5, or 10 months and are fully insured, with their own pocket money. If you have a spare room or bed, and a place at the family table, why not be the “heart” of cultural exchange by becoming a volunteer host family?

Call S.C.C.E. now on 1800 500 501 or email scceastl@scce.com.au or visit www.scce.com.au and ask for our incoming student profiles, choose the nationality you prefer, and start having fun matching up your hobbies and interests.

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_AT HOME - HOST FAMILY OPPORTUNITIES_

In January, students aged 14 – 19 years from over 25 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 3, 5 and 10 months. Opportunities are available to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide each student with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to practice your language skills, share your stories, learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill.

Our students bring with them their own spending money, health insurance and a wonderful attitude and desire to learn about their new host country. Your whole family...and your relatives and friends...will grow and learn as you all get to know your new ‘son’ or ‘daughter’ from another land. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website.

http://studentexchange.org.au/host-a-student
Giving back

Selling? Renting? Buying?

Ray White Burwood are now proud supporters of Burwood Girls High School!

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

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

Janet Biviano Principal
0404 348 981 | janet.biviano@raywhite.com

How are Gonski-funded programs making a positive difference to student learning at your school?

GONSKI WEEK CELEBRATION

Principals, teachers, parents/carers and community members are invited to attend this National Gonski Week event to celebrate the positive difference Gonski-funded programs are making to student learning in public schools across the Reid electorate.

GUEST SPEAKER: Correna Haythorpe, AEU Federal President

REID FEDERAL ELECTORATE

Thursday 29 October 2015
6pm-8pm

Club Burwood RSL
96 Shaftesbury Rd
Burwood, NSW 2134

RSVP by Friday October 23

Light refreshments will be provided

Please email jwotton@tscau.federall.org.au with your school name and the names of those attending. Jessie Wotton can be contacted on 0427 078 188 if you have any questions.

Authorised by RedElbow, Acting Branch Secretary, NSW Teachers Federation, 23-33 Mary Street, Strathfield NSW 2135
Please support China Tour 2016 Fundraising Program

The China 2016 Tour Group would like to offer you the opportunity to purchase a selection of Handcrafted Cards, Christmas Cards or Gift Bags to help us with our fundraising.

The cards come presented in an attractive, reusable box. Both the cards and gift bags offer great value. Each box contains 36 premium cards – that is 83 cents per card – even cheaper than bargain basement shops! Gift bag pack contains 20 bags – equal to $1.50 per bag! An amazing bargain!

If you have a family member, neighbour or friend who would like to purchase one of these beautiful gift card boxes or gift bag packages, we will be taking orders until 20 October 2016.

Order requests can be emailed to Ms Keller: mireille.keller@det.nsw.edu.au

Students will also be visiting staffrooms to take orders and selling at recess on Tuesday 20 October on the TAS deck. Please provide the CORRECT money in a sealed envelope, labelled with your name and contact number.