TERM 4

NOV  
16  • SRC Meeting, lunchtime
17  • Yr.11/12 Business Studies excursion to Gelato Factory
   • Yr.9X Commerce Yeeros Stall, recess, outside Hall
   • BEP Stage Band to Ashfield Council event
18  • Junior Ultimate Frisbee Championship at Waverley
   • BEP w’shop at Croydon Park PS
   • P&C AGM in Library, 7pm
19  • BEP and Croydon PS workshop in school Hall
   • BEP Kmart Wishing Tree Launch
20  • No payments accepted from 20 Nov to 2 Dec
   • SRE Seminars
   • Prefects Meeting, lunchtime
23  • ASSEMBLY (Fluteloops)
   • Drama Showcase, 6pm
24  • Summer Grade Sport Semis
   • Yr.11/12 ESL Unicef stall, recess
25  • White Ribbon Day
   • Yr.9Y Commerce Aussie BBQ at lunchtime, outside Hall
26  • Yr.10 Study Day at school
27  • BEP at Croydon PS Market
27/28 • Schools Spectacular concerts
30  • SRC Meeting, lunchtime

DEC  
1  • Financial Rollover (payments accepted after completion)
2  • Yr.7 Celebration of Learning (Reports distributed)
   • Yr.10 English Theatre excursion
   • BEP “A Little (Xmas) Night Music”, 7pm, Hall – all welcome
3  • Yr.6 Orientation Day, 9am
   • String Ens at Bethel Aged Care
4  • Prefects Meeting, lunchtime
   • Yrs.7-10 Blue & Gold Awards ceremony, p.4 – parents welcome
7  • ASSEMBLY (Percussion Ens)
   • BEP Carols Group to St Ezekial Aged Care
8  • Snr Wind Ens, Pittwood Age Care
9  • Yr.10 Film Festival
   • Brass Ens to Croydon Preschool
10 • Yr.8 & Yr.9 Reports distributed
   • BEP Fluteloops to Holy Spirit Aged Care
11 • Yr.10 Reports distributed
   • Yrs.7-11 Presentation Day (SCB), 1 pm – parents welcome
14 • SRC Meeting, lunchtime
   • Yr.10 Formal
16 • Last day of term for students
17 • School Development Day (staff)
   • Yr.12 2015 Reunion Morning Tea
18 • School Development Day

P&C MEETING, 7:00pm, Library
Wed 18 November (AGM)

From the Principal…

Last week two groups of Year 10 students (almost 100 altogether) visited Uluru. They had new and wonderful experiences.

Year 9 students attended their camp at Morisset last Thursday and Friday conducted by our school, also with excellent outcomes.

Gonski events have been successful and thank you to all for promoting equity and excellence in public education.

The school is currently conducting Year 6 interviews and their Orientation Day will be held in the Hall on Wednesday 3 December, 9am-11am.

Other important events this term include:

- P&C Annual General Meeting, Wednesday 18 November, Library, 7pm (presentation on Parent Portal)
- Ensemble Program’s annual concert “A Little (Christmas) Night Music”, Wednesday 2 December, Hall, 7pm (refreshments from 6pm)
- Years 7-10 Blue and Gold Awards Ceremony, Friday 4 December, School Hall, 2pm
- Presentation Day, Friday 11 December, School Hall, 1pm.

See you there, Mia Kumar
WHY GONSKI FUNDING MATTERS

Our goal at Burwood Girls High School is to promote and maintain a learning environment that is based on high expectations and the belief that all students will learn successfully.

We have received $145,561 in additional funding, which has been used to improve teaching and learning outcomes and provide extra resources that benefit our students. This funding is being provided to schools on a needs basis after the independent Gonski Review found a lack of resources was denying too many children the education they need.

The plan is to increase the funding over a six year period and get school resources to a standard that meets the needs of every student – now and in the future.

HOW OUR STUDENTS ARE BENEFITING FROM GONSKI FUNDING

- Our school has high numbers of students in Years 9, 10 and 11 who are newly arrived in Australia and have graduated from Intensive English Centres. We have established a Bridging Class for these students by employing extra English as a Second Language (ESL) staff. This class provides an ESL-rich learning environment to support these students and helps develop their background knowledge of Australia so they can better understand cultural references in the stage 6 curriculum. This gives students a clearer pathway to completing the HSC.

- Mentoring and leadership programs to develop the confidence and interpersonal skills of students.

- We have employed three Community Liaison Officers (CLO) for our Korean, Chinese and Pacific Islander communities equivalent to 6½ days per week to help us improve our connections with parents and guardians and increase their understanding of what the school expects from students.

- Providing language and cultural specific information to parents makes them partners in the education of their children and helps ensure that students are more engaged with the school. When we engage a CLO it sends a strong message to these families that the school respects their culture and that culture is important in school life.

HOW OUR STUDENTS WILL BENEFIT IF WE GET THE FULL GONSKI FUNDING

If we get the full six years of Gonski funding we can do more and enhance learning for more students. Our plan for the future is to:

- Expand our CLO provision to reflect the size of the school and the different cultural backgrounds of our students.

- Establish a tutorial centre three afternoons per week, staffed by specialist ESL teachers and tutors with science and mathematics expertise, to improve the academic performance of students.

- Employment of additional school counsellors and learning specialists to meet the high demand for support from students with disabilities.

Register your support at www.igiveagonski.com.au

Karyn O’Brien, Deputy Principal

EXCITING COMMUNICATION CHANGES LINKING HOME TO SCHOOL IN 2016

In 2016 Burwood Girls High School will be introducing the Student and Parent Portal through our Sentral platform.

★ Parent Portal

Sentral’s “Parent Portal” provides parents with 24/7 access to your daughter’s data. Parents can log in to access their daughter’s report, attendance information and welfare details as well as updating family contact details.

★ Student Portal

Sentral’s “Student Portal” is a one-stop shop for everything our student community needs. Using their current individual login for the school network, students can access their timetable, assessment marks, attendance history and reports from anywhere, at any time.

The Student and Parent Portal will be phased in for testing and troubleshooting purposes before the end of term. Details with each family’s access key will be distributed in the next few weeks.

Fiona Diakos, Head Teacher Technology Innovations

25 November is White Ribbon Day, sponsored by Australia’s only national, male led campaign to end men’s
violence against women. It is also the International Day to End Violence against Women and marks the beginning of a 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-based Violence campaign.

Zonta International sponsors activities and projects to engage and empower the global and local community to prevent and end violence against women. At our school assembly on 23 November members of Zonta will talk about the types, extent and need to reduce the incidence of global and local gender-based violence.

Zonta members will continue to work with our teachers to involve Year 11 students in workshops further discussing gender based violence to explore what can be done to manage situations and encourage respectful relationships. Students will be asked to agree on some future actions they can take to bring about change.

Henry Wijanto, White Ribbon Ambassador

ENGLISH & DRAMA NEWS

We are headed towards an exciting end of term in the English faculty. Not only do we have Drama Night on Monday 23 November at 6pm in the school hall, Years 7 and 8 have the opportunity to win movie passes in a Wordflyers competition, and Year 10 are going to see Sydney Theatre Company’s production of King Lear on December 2, then have the Year 10 ‘Epic Shorts’ Film Festival on December 9 (see invitation on page 17).

YEAR 8 POETRY SLAM

We have also been lucky enough to have the Australian Poetry Slam Runner Up of 2015, Troy Wong, working as an intern in the English Faculty this term. To celebrate this opportunity, Year 8 will be involved in a poetry slam competition on Friday, November 20. For the uninitiated; a slam is a competition for writers and poets who perform. Year 8 have been invited to say whatever they want, however they want to, in front of an audience of students and teachers. As well as the main slam where Troy and students will perform, we will be holding a teacher versus student challenge in which one student will go poem-to-poem with Mark Dodshon of 8E.C. The winners of each round will win a double pass to Event Cinemas in Burwood.

YEAR 7 AND 8 THEATRESPORTS

Year 7 and 8 Theatresports team has been training with Renee Lindsay and Year 9 Drama in preparation for their second heat in the Schools Theatresports Challenge. Students performed with courage and energy at Ashfield Boys High School on Friday 6 November. Thank you to the Year 9 Drama students for their efforts in coaching and encouraging the team and well done to our first junior team.

YEAR 9 AND 10 DRAMA

On Wednesday 4 November 56 Drama students travelled to the Australian Theatre for Young People to see their current show, The Trolleys. Students enjoyed the play but most importantly, deconstructed the elements used in making the piece, a skill that will certainly transfer to their own learning in the classroom.

After the show, Years 9 and 10 Drama students attended a two hour workshop exploring Verbatim theatre and designing costumes and sets for the stage. The designer from The Trolleys shared her invaluable knowledge of design with students in Year 9 while Year 10 worked on verbatim scripts and were expertly guided and challenged by their tutor.

Congratulations to all students who attended the excursion; it was a great opportunity to learn from industry professionals and to build student knowledge of the theatre. Thanks to Renee Lyndsay and Zoe Smith for organising.

Troy Wong with 8F
STATE DRAMA FESTIVAL

Congratulations to the talented Burwood Girls who are members of the 2015 NSW Public Schools Drama Ensemble and performed in the State Drama Festival at the Seymour Centre on 22 and 23 October. The two day event was hosted by Jay Laga’aia and showcased the students’ talents, celebrating the best drama works and performances from across NSW public schools and the NSW Drama Ensemble. Students involved were: Liv Siefert in Year 7, Bonnie Fitzgerald in Year 8, Mia Evans-Rorris in Year 10 and Amelia Lane, Fatima Ongu and Milly Gaylard Herbert in Year 11.

Pauline Hageman, Head Teacher English and Drama

FREE PIANO

Ms Hageman is offering a working, upright piano free to a good home (must be collected). If you are interested please contact her at the school.

YEAR 11 COMMUNITY WORK

Our new Year 12 English ESL have put into practice their study of "Living and Working in the Community" by volunteering to raise funds for teenagers living with cancer, on CanTeen Bandanna Day, and by organising a Sweet Stall to help children internationally through UNICEF. These girls have applied the school motto, "Not for ourselves alone" and helped raise over $1200 by "thinking globally and acting locally." Well done!

Janice Raynor, English Faculty

THE YOUNG WOMEN’S LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE

On 22 September, Storm Allen and I arrived at NSW Parliament House, soaked from head to toe in the most ironed school uniform we owned. We were attending the ‘Young Women’s Leadership Conference’; a half-day workshop for Year 11 girls with keynote speakers, a panel of women MPs and workshops on issues around leadership and women.

We sat in the foyer surrounded by at least 30 other pairs of girls from schools all around NSW. Somehow, Storm and I were the only girls wet from the torrential rain we just ran through from Martin Place. We were ushered into the theatrette. A sea of blazers, hair ribbons and skirts filled the seats as we prepared questions for our first speaker, Pia, a female leader in the Computer Sciences. She spoke about her life, the struggles of being female in a male dominated work place, not wanting to embrace her geekiness and her future concerns around traditional parental roles now that she was seven months pregnant.

Pia taught us there are five vital skills needed to succeed in the work place: 1) integrity, 2) empathy, 3) critical thinking, 4) IT skills and 5) self-awareness. Although Storm and I are not interested in Computer Science, Pia was a great speaker about female leadership and the importance of dreaming big.

The day progressed by observing the parliamentary cabinet first hand, seeing the passing of bills and lack of female representation. We were then ushered back into the theatrette where we were graced with the presence of
Trish Doyle MP for Blue Mountains, Bronnie Taylor MP for Regional and Rural NSW and Tamara Smith MP for Ballina. The three women were all very successful and busy and all made it very clear that none of them would have seen themselves as MPs at our age. They spoke of their journeys, the hardships faced and the lessons they learnt.

Storm and I left Parliament House, mostly dry, inspired by the opportunity Ms Sandow had given us and with the knowledge as women we must support each other.

Amelia Wood, Year 11 Prefect

YEAR 9 INFORMATION AND SOFTWARE TECHNOLOGY - MINI VR HACKATHON

Mr Cheshire took a group of talented Information Software Technology students (Rebecca Sanchez, Shrimoyee Sen, Natia Psaradelis, Sanshea Mendez and Sasha Wood) to a Mini VR (Virtual Reality) Hackathon at the Think Space at the Powerhouse Museum on Thursday 22 October. Students were asked to produce a VR that helped the world. The girls joined other students from five schools to form a group of 4-5 members. As a team member they were delegated a role in the areas of designing their Virtual Reality. The entire process of production was driven by the students, except for occasional mentoring from professionals in animation and coding. At the afternoon award ceremony, Natia and Rebecca shared with their five member team the winning category of Crowd Pleaser for their First Fleet VR.

Sasha and Sanshea won the Best Green Idea for their group’s VR on litter. Shrimoyee’s group also won their category, for their VR on Racism.

Mr Cheshire made a teacher presentation on Culture of the Free: engaging students to consider new perspectives. He discussed some of his 9IST students’ interactive Adobe Captivate research responses to the questions of the ethics of illegal Downloading and Big Data (Sentiment Analysis) and the methods utilised in the classroom to engage their use of technology and STEM. Congratulations to all.

YEAR 7 GIFTED & TALENTED ‘RICH TASK’ PRESENTATIONS

Following a very successful launch of the Year 7 GAT program, most of the team members have completed the presentations of their Rich Tasks to class audiences. The 2015 team members have demonstrated very strong analytical and presentation skills offering engaging and thought provoking insights into their ‘worlds.’ All presentations offered something different. We learned about planets, space exploration, endangered animals, Gaudi, greyhound racing and the threat to the Barrier Reef.

The presentations on the Renaissance, the Little Black Dress, Women in Australian Politics, and Mickey Mouse were particularly memorable. We laughed and cried watching the presentation on Shibu Ina dogs.

Presentations continue. Congratulations to all students on their achievement.

Margaret Nowak, Program Coordinator
HSIE NEWS

COMMERCe
This term, Year 9 Commerce classes have been studying the topic ‘Running a Business’. This topic includes Financing, Marketing, Operations and Productions and to learn this effectively, each class has formed a business.

In class, we came up with three options that we might sell at school. We then took to our peers in a market research survey to discover which one would have the highest rate of success. Classes were then run like an actual business. Each of the three groups had a CEO, an assistant CEO and an administrator. The rest of the students in each class then split up into teams of Finance, Operations and Productions and Marketing. A manager was appointed for each ‘section’ and they worked directly with the CEOs and administrator.

9Com.Z operated on Wednesday of Week 6. “Scoops” sold ice-cream and toppings. Students had a great time and sold lots of ice-cream. On Tuesday 17 November, 9Com.X will follow with their Greek stall “Yeeros” at recess, and then in Week 8, 9Com.Y’s “A Good Old Aussie BBQ” will finish the program with their BBQ & Drinks stall.

We’ve all had a great time learning how businesses run and are grateful to all our teachers for helping us with the process. So far we have raised $334. Money from all the businesses will be donated to the White Ribbon Day’s effort to end domestic violence.

By Alexa Swientek, Year 9

BUSINESS STUDIES
Year 11/12 Business Studies were scheduled to go on a field trip to the Pure Gelato factory to observe and learn first-hand about business operations. Half the group visited the factory on Wednesday 11 November and filled both their worksheets and their stomachs, with knowledge and Gelato samples respectively.

This excursion was planned with the aim of helping students in the lead up to their next assessment task where they are required to construct a business report, advise a hypothetical business on a range of strategies to improve their operations.

The second group departs for the factory on 17 November and will hopefully gain as much knowledge as the first group (with or without the Gelato temptations!)

Henry Wijanto, HSIE Faculty

YEAR 12 FORMAL 2015
On 10 November, Year 12 enjoyed their final school celebration- the Year 12 Formal. Held at Doltone House, Jones Bay Wharf, the girls all dressed to impress and brought fancy dates. It was a wonderful celebration, and once again they were brilliantly behaved and exuded elegance and grace. We farewelled them one final time and waved goodbye as they set off on their next big adventure. A wonderful cohort, who will no doubt continue to make us proud in everything they pursue.

Melissa Caltabiano and Amy Yongsiri

SRC NEWS
On Monday of Week 7 the last SRC meeting of the year will take place. The girls will have a party to celebrate their successes throughout 2015. The SRC is a great leadership platform and representatives take on many responsibilities such as coordinating special events like International Day, International Women’s Day and Anzac Day. They also discuss school business and make recommendations for improvement. Each year group also organises a charity for our Hands Across the Ocean projects and this year nearly $3000 has been raised.

There are three SRC reps on the BGHS School Council and in Term 3, Lucy Ward-Gemmel, Christine Trieu and Chantelle Manion had their last meeting, just prior to their HSC. We have three new student representatives – Amal Dib, Bonnie Fitzgerald and Samantha Kostakis (photo page 15), all from Year 9 and they will hopefully be with the
School Council for the next three years. They all spoke really well at their inaugural council meeting last week and they are quite excited about their new roles.

There will be some changes to the SRC next year but the girls all seem happy with the plans. Elections will be held over the next few weeks so we are ready to start early in Term 1 next year.

Patrice Simpson, Coordinator SRC

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**CREATIVE ARTS NEWS**

**LIGHT PHOTOGRAPHY**
The students from Year 10 Photographic and Digital Media went on an ‘enlightening’ adventure on Friday 30 October. They painted Blair Park with light and experimented with coloured gels and different torches. The results were spectacular, as the park was converted into a photographic spray of lights.

Congratulations to all the students who attended the excursion. They were well behaved and highly creative.

*Brett Cheshire and Amy Yongsiri, Creative Arts Faculty*

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**HSC VISUAL ART – ART EXPRESS**
A big congratulations to Rosa Wei and Joanna Chen of Year 12 for having their Visual Arts Body of Works short listed for Art Express. This is a remarkable and prestigious achievement bestowed on a small percentage of the 9,500 students who do Visual Arts every year. Joanna’s remarkable flash animation and Rosa’s series of oil paintings (pictured) both contained many, many hours of work and are well deserved recipients of this nomination.

*Xanthe Warren, Visual Arts and Design & Technology Teacher*

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**MUSIC – ENCORE NOMINATION**
Congratulations to Year 12 Music 1 student Alissa Cayas who has received an ENCORE nomination.

ENCORE is a program of outstanding performances and compositions by students from the Higher School Certificate Music examinations. ENCORE, presented at the Sydney Opera House, provides an opportunity to showcase examples of how students have risen to meet those challenges by submitting exemplary work.

We are all so proud of her exceptional achievement. Her dedication, enthusiasm and passion for learning are outstanding. She is a performer for Burwood GHS students to aspire to, and a role model in her professionalism. I wish Alissa all the very best in her musical endeavors.

*Amanda Caltabiano, Music/Creative Arts Faculty*

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**DANCE NEWS**

**DANCE ZONE PRODUCTIONS**
On Saturday 7 November, representatives from Dance Troupe, Acrobatics and Hip Hop performed as part of the Dance Zone Productions (DZP) annual concert. DZP is an agency who provides specialist dance teachers to our extra-curricular dance program. Our students performed brilliantly to a full audience at the Seymour Centre's Everest Theatre and stood out for their professionalism, energy and commitment to their performances. Some of our students were formally recognised by DZP for their outstanding work this year: Zoe Ransevycz (Acrobatics), Amara Shin (Troupe) and Yajna Neri (Hip Hop).
Our next performances will be at the Carols in the Park event at Burwood Park on 12 December, 6-9pm, where Dance Company, Dance Ensemble, Year 7 Dance Ensemble and Musical Theatre will be a featured dance segment in the Christmas celebrations.

Melissa Caltabiano, HT PDHPE and Dance

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**LANGUAGES NEWS**

**YEAR 7 ASIA LITERACY**

7D immersed themselves in the Asia Literacy component of their Languages course. They researched and presented their PowerPoints and wore traditional clothing which demonstrated the diversity of our Asian neighbours.

Selena dressed in traditional Thai clothing and presented with Olivia, Isabella and Karmen. Zbika dressed in traditional Sri Lankan costume and presented with Rachel, Rosie and Indigo.

Other groups also presented well, including Selena and Inji teaching the class how to count in Cambodian with a video showing of the Coconut Dance!!

Great work from the whole class.

Josephine Ardino, Languages Teacher

**YEAR 9 JAPANESE TO JAPAN FOUNDATION**

The Year 9 Japanese class went on excursion to the Japan Foundation at the Central Park building in Chippendale for a day of immersion in Japanese language and culture. We started the day learning the customs and phrases for visiting a Japanese house and the importance of offering and accepting tea every time!

After a short break, we took part in Taiko drumming, learning how to keep a rhythm based around the words for different fruit in Japanese and how to count them. Everyone had a great, noisy time playing the taiko drums.
Then we went for lunch at Ippudo Noodle Restaurant downstairs. With a choice of broth, choice of noodle cooking style (soft, medium or hard), choice of toppings, and many other choices, the girls found it difficult making a quick decision on what to eat. For some, it was an easy decision to follow up with Matcha ice cream for dessert. After lunch it was back upstairs to watch the Japanese hit comedy film, ‘Swing Girls’ about a group of high school girls who rally together to form a Big Band and perform swing and jazz numbers. The girls laughed at all the jokes and seemed to enjoy it very much. In Dani Vega’s words, ‘It was amazing!’

After the film, we had a bit of time free to have a quick look at Daiso, a Japanese chain specialising in products at $2.80. Overall, it was an enjoyable day, despite the weather, and everyone learned something new.

Edward Kent, Head Teacher Languages

YEAR 11 JAPANESE TO DARUMA

On 29 October, our Year 11 Japanese Continuers class went to an authentic Japanese restaurant called “Daruma” in the city. There, we were able to use the language skills that we’ve learnt in class to have a conversation in Japanese with the staff. It really helped us as it was relevant to the “shopping and eating out” unit that we are currently studying. The food was really great and everybody had a lot of fun.

Afterwards we all went to “Daiso”, a Japanese store and shopped around for cheap and cute Japanese goodies. The whole experience was really fun and everyone had a great time.

By Vivien Lee, Year 11

KOREAN PERFORMANCE AND ART COMP

On 16 September, the Burwood Girls performers who made it to the finals of Korean Performance and Art Competition competed at the Korean Cultural Centre with Mr An, our Korean language teacher.

We first walked to Westfield Shopping Centre to buy some things, and we walked to Burwood train station and caught a train to Town Hall. When we arrived to Town Hall, we walked to the Korean Cultural Centre, we went to the bathroom to change into our performing outfits and waited for everyone to be seated and started the event.

It was 1pm and the event started, they had a welcome introduction speech introducing performers and guests. Then Kindy-Year 6 performed. Some weren’t able to come so we were shown a video. Their performances were amazing and entertaining! After Kindy-Year 6 finished it was time for Year 7-12. Their performances were fantastic!

Our Burwood Girls performers did an awesome job saying their speeches in Korean, performing their Kpop dance cover and Kpop song cover.

After watching the performances it was teatime. Everyone had some snacks to eat and tasty drinks. Then it was time to announce the winners; first the Kindy-Year 6 and Year 7-12 artwork winners, then the performance winners. BGHS teams won fantastic prizes:

- Yr.8 Emily Cheng, Vanessa Perino, Silin Lin – 1st $300
- Yr.9 Elle Xian, Oni Chan, Anusha Ojha – 2nd $200
- Yr.11 Kristen Macareg – 2nd $200
- Yr.11 Lisa Chen, Lucy Sun, Xiao Wei – 3rd $100
- Burwood Girls High School – Special prize for art division $300 ($30 x 10 students)
It has been an amazing day and experience to perform and be awarded. Then we had a group photo and made our way home.

We would like to thank everybody from the Korean Cultural Centre, audience, guests etc and thank you Mr An for taking us there for the day!

By Vanessa Perino, Year 8

KOREAN WRITING COMPETITION WINNERS
On Saturday August 15, 2015 Koreans celebrated the 70th anniversary of liberation as Korea was liberated from Japanese colonial rule on August 15, 1945.

To celebrate this day, Korea Liberation Association in Australia Inc. hosted the Korean writing competition of 70th Anniversary of Liberation. Anyone who was interested was permitted to apply and about 408 pieces were submitted.

Two of BGHS students were lucky to get an award. Joanne Tae (Year 10) won a first place in high school section. She won $200 and a guitar. Angela Ryu (Year12) won the third place in the high school section. She won $100.

By Joanne Tae, Year 10

KOREAN BOOK REVIEW AWARDS DAY
On Wednesday 16 September people from all ages including myself got to have great fun receiving an award we all deserved by writing a review of a book about Korea. It was organised by Korean Cultural Centre Sydney.

The day started with everyone getting to know each other. We also got to watch a funny and beautiful art show. They came from Korea and were all very talented, they had a different way of showing their art skills, and it was very cool to watch.

Everyone then got their awards, from the primary schoolers to even elderly people. It was nice to see how people put a lot of effort into their paper and were then given a prize for their hard work.

We finished with our farewells and had the whole day to think of how to spend our prize!

Here is the list of BGHS prize winners:
- Olivia Zhang, Year 9, Grand Prize, Non-Background division $700
- Caieta Correa Yang, Year 9, 1st Non-Background division $500
- Elle Xian Year 9, 2nd Non-Background division $300
- Joanne Cho Ae Tae, Year 10, 1st Non-Background division $500
- Hee Joo Stefanis, Year 10, 2nd Non-Background division $300

By Caieta Correa Yang, Year 9

ENSEMBLE PROGRAM NEWS
Thank you to our Brass Ensemble who performed their annual civic duty so well, playing for the Remembrance Day service at Rookwood War Graves on 8 November. This is an important annual event and the RSL Association spoke very highly of both your playing and your demeanour.
Congratulations as well to Ruby Hawken and Jazzmyn Alamango (Year 7) who led the singing of the National Anthem and laid a wreath on behalf of the school at Ashfield RSL’s Remembrance Day service. Thank you to students and parents for making these commitments outside of school time.

Ruby and Jazzmyn later received lovely crocheted poppies from an appreciative member of the audience, to wear on 11 November.

The rest of the term will be super busy and fun with a number of small groups giving Christmas concerts around the community as well as our end-of-year school assembly performances. Listen out for information and notes about these, and also check the BEP calendar for updates.

Most importantly for ALL your diaries is our final concert of the year, A Little (Christmas) Night Music, Wednesday December 2. All ensembles are performing so bring family and friends along for a fun evening of music (see ad on page 16).

Genevieve Campbell, Director, Ensemble Program

STAGE BAND WOWS AT THE OPERA HOUSE

The girls of the Ensemble Program continue to do the school proud with their musical excellence!

Stage Band played at the Opera House recently, as featured performers at the NSW Public Schools Festival of Choral Music. This was a unique opportunity that exposed us to performing in a state of the art venue at a professional standard. We have worked very hard all year to prepare the piece and were definitely rewarded with the gratification of the audience in loud applause and cheers! We all had a lot of fun together and are already working on new pieces for next year’s concert!

By Matilda Press, Year 11

CULINARY TALES

Year 9 Food Technology enjoyed the privilege of participating in a cooking class led by two wonderful ladies, who also happen to be refugees to Australia. Milie from India and Saida from Lebanon shared their stories of seeking refuge in Australia, as well as opening a window of discovery into authentic preparation techniques of Indian and Lebanese cuisine. A generous feast of food was shared by all, including Mangas (rice and mince with chicken), Fattoush, Mehallabiya (milk pudding), Rajma Curry (red kidney bean curry), Raita, Roti and Gajar ka Halwa (carrot halva).

Our girls thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be hands on in using traditional tools and simple ingredients to prepare incredibly nutritious food. Students were able to explore these mouthwatering cuisines, as well as learn about cultural influences and customs from a personal perspective.
YEAR 11 TEXTILES AND DESIGN

I would like to recognise the fabulous work of Year 11 Textiles and Design in the completion of their ‘Ladylike Dresses’ practical assessment task. They creatively interpreted and fulfilled the brief and the garments evidence some of their best work to date. A special mention goes to Ruby McHutchison who put her mathematical skills to use as she pattern made the entirety of her backless cowl neck gown, completely from scratch! Another special mention goes to Emma Siharath for the impeccable construction of her ethereal and floral appliqué garment and also to Alex Cusack who expertly managed layers and layers of scratchy tulle for her ballerina skirted dress. This group of students represents some of the most talented, passionate and driven I have had the pleasure of teaching, I have no doubt they will do amazing things for their HSC major works next year and I can’t wait to facilitate this design process.

The Year 11 dresses are currently displayed in the library annex. 

DAVID JONES AND ST. GEORGE TAFE DESIGN COMPETITION WINNER

This semester students studying Textiles and Design were given the opportunity to enter a design competition through Sydney TAFE and David Jones in order to have their work featured and win tickets to their annual VIP event, parade and exhibition. The challenge was to design an outfit in response to the brief of ‘Soft Pop’. The event was well attended by guests from The Woolmark Company, David Jones, Westfield Group, Vogue Australia and Fashion industry elite.

The TAS Faculty is delighted to announce the winner as Olivia Pagliasso of Year 10!

Olivia reports to us below on the VIP event at The Muse.

Olivia’s take on the design brief and moment she won:

“It had to be wearable, something you could wear to your best friend’s party, quirky and unique, yet still modest and feminine, overall just ‘fun’! And I won! It was such a surprise and shock to me at first, and then the excitement kicked in! Typically my first thought was to what I would wear!”

Olivia on the event:

“As I walked in I was overwhelmed by the number of people in attendance. A banner of my design, the inspiration brief I submitted, along with an explanation of the competition was displayed close to the entrance for everyone to see. During the award and speech ceremony for the St George TAFE students, my name was called up to receive an award certificate for my achievement. It was an exciting event and I loved seeing firsthand the results of such hard work presented on the runway, lots of champagne (not for me!) and canapés!”

Miss Paula Papas and Olivia Pagliasso, Year 10
On Friday 16 October, Textile and Design students from Years 9, 10 and 11 attended the Collette Dinnigan: Unlaced retrospective exhibition. Exclusive to the Powerhouse Museum Sydney, it is the first exhibition to explore the work of this internationally acclaimed Aussie fashion designer. Featuring ensembles, accessories and archival material drawn from the Museum’s collection and Dinnigan’s own archive. The exhibition presents her signature lace and embellished designs in a series of interactive and striking themed sets.

What Burwood Girls had to say:

“The most enjoyable part of the exhibition was the obsessive creative room where we see all the inspirations she has. My favourite dress was the Ballerina Belle evening dress from Autumn/Winter 2001. Several transparent layers of silk tulle were used to create the effect of weightlessness... hand embroidered, French black lace were also applied to the neckline.” – Jessica Yu, Year 11

“The design your own dress part of the exhibition was the best part because after walking through the main exhibit you get a lot of inspiration and by the time you get home it’s lost… so being able to draw designs straight after was fantastic.” – Emma Darling, Year 10

“I loved seeing the amazing use of sequins, jewels and streamers in the glitter room. The jewels lit up the whole room with the reflective surfaces they produced. It was mesmerising.” – Tianna Mehmet, Year 10

“The highlight of the Collette Dinnigan exhibition was the sparkle room. It contained a short, bedazzled dress which was worn by Taylor Swift to the 2010 American Music Awards. The use of silk, sequins and diamantés decorated the dress. I really loved the young, chic and contemporary look.” – Arabella Catalano, Year 10

“I enjoyed the illustration activity the most as it was fun to get the chance to draw one of her designs ...or one of our own.” – Jasmine Goh, Year 9

“The most enjoyable part of the exhibition was the wedding dresses. It was amazing to see how delicate the fabrics were and how much work Collette put into them.” – Maggie Young, Year 9

“Definitely being honoured to see her designs, and I fell in love with her black lace garments, worn by the glowing lit up mannequins.” – Rose Hannan, Year 9

Collette Dinnigan: Unlaced will be showing until 28 August 2016.

SPORTS NEWS

15s KNOCKOUT NETBALL

On Friday 23 October, our 15s Knockout Netball team played their first round match against The Forest High School. The team consisted of students from Years 7, 8 and 9. Fortunately the rainy weather stayed away and we were able to take to the court.

We started well, but let opposition shooters get a few too many chances and they led at quarter time. Throughout the match, the BGHS team worked hard together to try and cut the deficit, but unfortunately The Forest took out the match 34-15. Despite this, the game felt much closer and had a high level of intensity, with the
BGHS players working well together as a team and excelling in all positions.

Unfortunately this means we didn’t progress to the next round, but are looking forward to next year already!  

Lauren Dwyer, coach

RUN CLUB IN SRI CHINMOY LANE COVE RUN

On 18 October, The BGHS Run Club participated in the Sri Chinmoy Lane Cove Race. A number of students from Year 7 through to Year 11 joined Mr Chalmers to run 7km around the bay.

As the third and final race of the Run Club series for 2015, all of the girls represented the school with pride and ran to their potential. Charlotte Fletcher, who nearly won her age category, really enjoyed the experience, “Running with my friends and some of the seniors like Mia and Ana was really fun! We stuck together during the race and really supported each other”. Congratulations to all participants.

I would like to personally thank all the students who have participated in Run Club this year. It is so great to see so many of you turn up at 6:30AM and take part in all the activities and events with eagerness and enthusiasm. Ms Longman, Mr Wijanto and I are looking forward to continuing Run Club in 2016!

Mr Chalmers, Run Club Coordinator

DUKE OF EDINBURGH BRONZE WALK

The Duke of Edinburgh walk went well on 21/22 October with no dramas to speak of. The girls are happy and enthusiastic about proceeding to a Silver award. Thanks to Ms Stavert and Mr Wijanto for giving up their time to support Year 9 students in this great extra-curricular opportunity.

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 work one day a week 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 Kritselas at perry@insuranceadvisorygroup.com.au
P&C AGM: Wednesday 18 November
Please join us for the P&C’s Annual General Meeting in the Library at 7:00 pm. Office bearers will be elected for next year. There will also be a presentation by Fiona Diakos, Head Teacher Technology Innovations, on the Student and Parent Portals being introduced in 2016.
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:

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

COMMUNITY NOTICES

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PHOTO GALLERY

Our new SRC representatives on School Council (see article page 6)
As part of the World’s Biggest Classroom project, Ms Warren’s Year 10 Visual Design students set up a display of their wearable art at Westfield Burwood.
Year 10 students had an exciting day on 21 October as they accompanied Ms Thompson and Ms Segal to the Youth Eco Summit at Newington, Stanmore. It was a valuable learning experience.
BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH SCHOOL
“A Little (Christmas) Night Music”
Wednesday 2 December

School Hall, Queen Street, Croydon
Performance begins 7 pm

A selection of light snacks available from 6pm
Tickets at the door: $10 Adult / $5 Student
(5 raffle tickets included in door price)
Students are placing gifts under the tree in the Hall to be donated to a children’s charity
An Invitation

Year 10 parents and caregivers are invited to attend the Burwood Girls High School Film Festival ‘Epic Shorts’ during periods 2 and 3 (10:50am – 1:20pm) on Wednesday 9th December 2015 in the school hall.

Film-makers will be dressed ‘for the Oscars’ and make an entry down the red carpet at approximately 11am. There will be popcorn, ice-cream and cold drinks available.

The Epic Shorts Film Festival celebrates the students’ work on film-making and is the culmination of the Year 10 English program. In small groups, students have made short films, often for the first time, and in the process have learnt several new skills including writing screenplays, storyboarding, filming and editing. It is also an opportunity to explore various concepts they have learned throughout the year.

We hope you can come along and support the girls’ creative efforts; it should be a memorable and entertaining event.

Ms Pauline Hageman
Head Teacher English and Drama