**For Your Diary**

**TERM 3, 2011**

| SEP 5 | SRC Meeting, lunchtime  
| 7 | Yr.7 Vaccinations  
| 8 | NSW Teachers’ Federation Industrial Action – no scheduled classes except Yr.11 exams  
| 9 | Deadly Kids Awards  
| 12 | Prefects Meeting, lunchtime  
| 15 | Year 7 Gala Day  
| 18 | Inner West Band Festival  
| 19 | ASSEMBLY  
| 20 | Yr.12 Farewell Assembly, p.2  
| 21 | Yr.12 Picnic  
| 22 | Yr.10 Trial SC  
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**TERM 4, 2011**

| OCT 10 | First day of term - all students  
| 11 | Recreational Sport Choices in Hall (bring correct money)  
| 12 | HSC Written Exams Commence  
| 17 | SRC Meeting, lunchtime  
| 19 | Trial SC Computer Test Online  
| 21 | Loud Shirt Day  
| 24 | Pink Ribbon Day  
| 28 | Teachers’ Day (Australia)  
| 31 | Hospitality Work Placement Week  

**P&C MEETINGS (7:15 pm, Library)**

| 21 September, 16 November (AGM) |  

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**From the Principal...**

Congratulations to all involved in the ‘Big Night Out’ concert held in our hall on 24 August. It was a fantastic evening with great support from students, parents and members of the Band Program. Congratulations to Diana Springford.

Year 7, 8 and 10 have selected electives for 2012. Thank you to parents for your support with this process. We endeavor to provide the widest curriculum choice to meet the needs of our students.

I would like to wish all Year 11 students a successful and rewarding experience for their preliminary exams that commence on 7 September. They enjoyed challenges at Jindabyne and work experience and were happy to finally receive their laptops back. A positive conclusion to Year 11 as HSC courses commence in Term 4.

Important events:
- Dance Showcase 5 September, 7pm
- Year 7 Gala Day 15 September
- Year 7 GAT Launch 19 September, 6pm
- Year 12 Graduation 20 September, 7pm

**NSW Teachers’ Federation Industrial Action – Thur 8 Sept.**

Please note there will be no scheduled classes on 8 September. However Year 11 exams will still go ahead as planned on that day.

**Mia Kumar**
BEP NEWS
It has been an extraordinarily busy month for the Ensemble Program. At the beginning of August the Intermediate Band toured the south coast, then the Senior Concert Band played at the Sandakan memorial service in Burwood Park and Remy Keldoulis played the last post with great gravity as a crucial part of the ceremony.

The Senior Clarinet Ensemble played beautifully for the pre-concert function hosted by our regional director before the Expanding Horizons concert.

The 24th was our "omnium gatherum" concert by all instrumental staff and students for our families and friends to raise money for the program and as I write, the Junior Concert Band is on the bus returning from our fantastic workshop with the Royal Australian Navy Band.

Our girls of all ages have had an extraordinary variety of experiences and have worked so hard to make some wonderful music.

Diana Springford, Director BEP

ICB TOUR OF SOUTH COAST
Half asleep, the Intermediate Concert Band arrived at school at 6:15 am on 2 August, excited about the tour ahead of us. After loading the bus we were on the way to our first gig at Para Meadows Special School.

We had a great time playing for the kids. From there we drove to Nowra Hill Primary School to perform, only to find our bus bogged as we were leaving.

Next we took a short trip to the Fleet Air Arm Museum, followed by dinner and dreamtime stories at the Mogo Gold Rush cabins.

On Day 2, our last day, we were up early for breakfast. After that we walked a short distance to Mogo Town where we had a chance to shop. We had three gigs that day, at Mogo PS, Moruya PS and Broulee PS, all of which we enjoyed. Unfortunately the traffic seemed to be against us on the way home, but eventually we made it back to school about 9:30 pm, only 2 hours late.

As a whole, band camp was great and we hope to go again next year!

By Amy O’Reilly & Lara Bates, Year 8

‘BIG NIGHT OUT’
Big Night Out was a great success for all students, parents and teachers. It was full of music, dancing and fun. Even the parents and teachers stood up and started boogying to the music! Hopefully next year will be just as successful.

Ava Larsen & Emma McCarthy, Year 8
JCB WORKSHOP WITH NAVY BAND
On 30 August the Junior Concert Band travelled to Waterloo and visited the Navy base to play with the Royal Australian Navy Band. We set up our instruments and sat with the musicians. We played three pieces for them, Fire Dance, Skeleton Dance and Celtic Air and Dance. They helped us perfect the pieces and then played them with us.

After we wound down they played for us a short concert of five pieces. They were truly amazing and talented people. The pieces were very difficult and they even tried a piece with a modern twist. We didn’t want to stop listening to the music, let alone leave. They ended the workshop with their Rock Band playing for us.

We danced, we played our hearts out and thanked them in the end. It was a once in a lifetime experience and we loved it.

Jennifer Tzortzis, Year 7

STOP PRESS...BURWOOD FESTIVAL
We have three items representing BGHS in the ‘Noisy By Choice’ Talent Quest on Sunday 18 September at the Burwood Spring Festival in Burwood Park. They are Georgia Sallybanks, the Rock Band of Bonnie McLean, Shivani Mehta, Victoria Anastasopoulos, Briana Chan, Sierra Aves and Annabelle Young who will be dancing. Good luck to all these girls.

Janina Longman, Deputy Principal

SOCIAL SCIENCES
Some interesting lessons are happening in the Social Sciences. Here Year 11 Business Studies with Mr Wines and Ms Alexandratos are learning about Styles of Management and Mr Morrison’s Year 10 Geography class are studying the Asia Pacific Region.

Patrice Simpson, Head Teacher Social Sciences

SRC NEWS
Congratulations to Year 11 SRC who raised $300 at a recent cake stall and to Years 7 & 8 who raised $200 with a Gelato Stall in Week 7. All proceeds will go to the school’s ‘Hands Across the Ocean’ projects. Year 8 will also be selling refreshments at the HSC Dance Showcase on 5 September to add to this amount. Thanks for parental support, especially with the cake stall.
Over the last 12 months the SRC have raised over $4000 for various charities and assistance to disaster relief. This huge amount does not include the money raised on International Day. It’s wonderful to see our girls living up to the ideals of the school motto “Not For Ourselves Alone”.

Patrice Simpson, HT Social Sciences/Coordinator SRC

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YEAR 9 GEOGRAPHY FIELD STUDY DAY

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ENGINEERING REPORT
On Friday 12 August, ten Year 10 students attended UTS for a Hands On Engineering & IT Day. Students were divided into small teams. Each team took part in a schedule of interactive sessions, presentations, and problem solving activities.

Two student speakers, Alexandra Hipolito and Amanda Siqueira, addressed the group about their experiences studying overseas. All the students found this very inspiring. Here is what some of our girls thought of the day:

- “What I liked from the visit was working with other students from different schools as a group.” Ivy
- “There is nothing more inspiring that a six months overseas trip for doing an engineering degree!” Ting
- “What I liked about the visit was working and meeting with other students from different schools. It was an unforgettable day as we learnt many new things and know how interesting engineering is.” Jenny
- “Meeting new people and free stuff 😊” Jasmine
- “The guest speakers.” Georgia

Lynne Openshaw, Mathematics Faculty

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YEAR 11 JINDABYNE CAMP – A FANTASTIC EXPERIENCE!
On Sunday 14 August, the day that Year 11 had been looking forward to for days, weeks and months had finally arrived! Our trip to Jindabyne began at a ridiculously early hour of the morning, where we prepared for an intense week of falls, stacks and tumbles down the mountains of Mt Kosciusko National Park.

On arrival, we settled into our luxury lodges, packed the fridges with as much junk food as we could possibly get and made our first sightings of the North Sydney High boys and Armidale High School, who we were to spend the rest of the week with at camp.
Many of us had never skied before, so our daily lessons were often spent in fear of tumbling uncontrollably down the mountain, coming to a sometimes painful but spectacular stop, or ‘face planting’ for metres on the powdery snow. In the afternoons, we enjoyed our free time on the slopes as we tested our new skills, getting ourselves stuck on tricky runs where we dodged trees and made jumps – something that was far beyond our somewhat amateur abilities. We spent our evenings participating in night activities, like the Jindy Markets, the disco and a movie night, where we made some great friendships.

By week’s end, details were swapped and hugs were exchanged as we set out for our trip back to Sydney, dreading our return to school and fearing the copious amounts of work that teachers were soon to dump on us in preparation for our exams. We are all very appreciative of the hard work and effort put in by Ms Mak, Ms Stavert, Ms Moore, Ms Hardwick, Mr Stewart-Thomson and Mr van Leeuwen, who made this trip such a successful and memorable experience for us all!

Alison Drake, Year 11

TIDDA GIRLS HOST THE GREAT BOOK SWAP
At our school assembly on Monday 29 August we listened carefully to our guest speaker, Enid Hokin, from ANTAR (Australians for Native Title and Reconciliation), who outlined the work that this organisation does to support and empower Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

You may have seen the Sea of Hands campaign which ANTAR promotes. Why don’t you add your voice to the growing number of Australians calling for justice for Indigenous peoples? Add a hand to the Sea of Hands at http://seaofhands.antar.org.au/

Also at our school assembly last week, two very talented and inspirational students, Mouradi Nassereddine and Kascha Chin-Potter wrote, starred in and produced a wonderful short-film to encourage the school community to participate in the ‘Great Book Swap’ on Tuesday 6 September to help raise funds for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

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YEAR 12 MUSIC SOIREE
On 30 & 31 August our HSC Music 1 and Music 2 students presented a Music Soiree. On these evenings students played their HSC Performance pieces to a very supportive and enthusiastic audience.

Music 1 students with their teacher, Ms Amanda Caltabiano

The performances were of a very high standard and congratulations must go to all our Music students for their wonderful efforts. Their teachers, Ms Ynping Mak, and our new member of the Music Staff, Ms Amanda Caltabiano, are also to be congratulated on the excellent support and encouragement that they have given so generously to all students.
 Participating students bring along a gold coin ($2) and a book they’ve read and enjoyed. All these pre-loved books are put together in a central location, i.e. the Fitness Studio, and students then choose a ‘new’ book they would like to borrow for five weeks.

I hope we have a great response from our school community to this initiative by the Tidda Girls.

Karyn O’Brien, Deputy Principal

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**MARIE BASHIR PEACE AWARD 2011 RECIPIENT**

This award, organised by the National Council of Women of NSW Inc, accepts nominations from schools all around NSW for students who are committed to promoting harmonious relationships and peace. There were six winners this year and Katherine Hudson of Year 12 was awarded one of three Highly Commended Certificates, to be presented by Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO at Parliament House on 21 September. Congratulations, Katherine.

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**NEW CALEDONIA STUDY TRIP**

Bonjour from New Caledonia! During the July holidays, while Sydney was enjoying a bout of miserable weather, 25 keen French students from Years 10-12 enjoyed a très magnifique trip to Noumea, the capital of the French-Pacific island New Caledonia.

Each day we spent our mornings improving our French skills at CREIPAC language school, followed by various activities. We took a tour of Noumea on the "Petit-train", visited the town where we shopped at the markets and ate the most scrumptious macaroons and learnt about the Indigenous Kanaky culture at the world renowned Tjibaou Cultural Centre.

The Amedee Lighthouse proved to be a most memorable experience where we climbed the 230 stair lighthouse, went snorkelling on the reefs and ate a delicious tropical lunch. We spent our evenings and the Saturday with our wonderful host families. When it came to saying goodbye many tears were shed and contact details exchanged.

We gained many memories during the trip that wouldn’t have been possible without the hard work and dedication of Ms Barr and Ms Urbano – merci beaucoup mesdames!

Report by Alison Drake, Annika van Leeuwen & Leah Emmanuel, Year 11

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**YEAR 8 VISUAL ARTS FIELD STUDY DAY**

On Monday 15 August, Year 8 Visual Arts students had a wonderful day visiting exhibitions at The Australian Museum and The Art Gallery of NSW.

Students were able to view fantastic specimens and draw directly from these at the Museum. Students explored the new Contemporary Galleries at the Art Gallery and also visited the Yiribana Gallery to learn about traditional and contemporary Aboriginal artworks.

A highlight of the day occurred unexpectedly when our students were waiting patiently for a delayed bus on the steps of the Gallery. A bride and groom in full wedding regalia requested a photo with our girls, to which our students happily consented. It was a lovely moment.

It is always a pleasure to take our students on Field Studies. They were complimented several times on the day for their excellent conduct by members of the public. Well done, Year 8 Visual Arts!

Michelle Kals, Head Teacher Creative Arts

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**CAREER MATTERS**

On-time applications close on Friday 30 September. Year 12 students are encouraged to apply well before this date. Traditionally there is a last minute rush and the system can go into overload. Applications will be accepted after this date, however a late application fee will be charged. This fee does also increase on a monthly basis. There will be some speakers attending before your final week. Please ensure you read the calendar on the careers noticeboard at least once per week for important upcoming dates.

Congratulations to all the Year 11 work experience students. The employer feedback and the employer’s assessment report comments have been great. A few of the organisations contacted have offered the students work opportunities. Again, congratulations on a job well done.
TVET Applications for 2012 have closed. Any Year 10 students who wish to undertake a TVET course next year will have another opportunity when the course vacancy list is published.

Hugo Floriani, Careers Adviser

P&C MEETING, WEDNESDAY 21 SEPTEMBER
We look forward to seeing parents on Wednesday 21 September in the Library (7:00 pm for refreshments and 7:15 for formalities). Special topic “Middle Schooling at Burwood GHS”.

Leanne McKee, President P&C

P&C UNIFORM SHOP
The Uniform Shop’s trading hours are every Tuesday, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm (students: before school, recess and lunchtime only).

Elaine Browne, Manager, P&C Uniform Shop

GALLERY
10 more picnic tables installed this term

Congratulations to our debating team

Visiting ACARA representatives talking about ESL at BGHS

The team speaking about technology innovations and BGHS

Expanding Horizons Gala Concert, Sydney Opera House, 15 August

More Year 11 at Jindabyne