It has been a busy start to the year and I would like to thank my colleagues, students and parents for supporting the school in so many positive ways. We have held many successful events:

- Distribution of Year 9 laptops was successful with workshops on 30 March.
- Year 7 Camp with Big Sisters was a great opportunity to make new friends.
- International Women’s Day celebrated at Darling Harbour, Ashfield Council and School Assembly.
- Visiting Japanese students from Chikushi Jogakuen HS, Tokyo, welcomed by our students.
- Year 6 Information Evening welcomed almost 600 people. Prefects were excellent hosts.
- Our Zone swimmers who went to Regional carnival have qualified for the State!
- Photos successfully completed except for special groups scheduled for 2 April (SRC, Prefects, sports groups).

A reminder that Harmony Day (21 March) will be celebrated with our International Day on Thursday 22 March, where students wear their national costumes or the colour orange. Festivities commence after recess and parents and grandparents are invited at noon to join us. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Mia Kumar
CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR SRC FOR 2012
These students have been elected to represent their year on the Student Representative Council for 2012:

Year 7
Jessica Robertson (7B) Sabrina Barutha
Ellior Zhu (7B) Mei Shin Sarah Chew
Elle Kritselas (7C) Ji Hyun Choi
Olivia Pagliasso (7C) Ji Hee Jerey Hwang
Evelyn Nikas (7M) Taufa Kaliti
Eleni Tsionis (7M) Angelique Kyriazis
Elizabeth Karakitsos (7Q) Ana Moraitakis
Sarah Travis (7Q) Allegra Short
Maddie Dimakis (7J) Yianna Tromboukis
Jessica Tang (7J) Jennifer Tzortzis
Dang Khanh Le (7W) Amelia Wood
Shekinah Waycott (7W) Fiona Wu

Year 9
Riani Babalis Ayesha Arain
Ellen Balomatis Josephine Chan
Alexandra Giakoumelos Eun Louise Kim
Katherine Hong Anna Joly
Zhen Lan Landy Hu Sharmyn Kayani
Ahry Kim Jaimee Lolly
Stella Kouros Wanqi Lily Li
Chantelle Manion Cindy Lu
Kim McKenzie Teresa Lu
Michelle Jeagal Isabella Millner-Cretney
Christine Trieu Sharon Ono
Nicolett Tsitsos SophiaPalagas
Lucy Ward-Gemmell Lanai Reid

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GIFTED & TALENTED (GAT) PROGRAM
The Gifted and Talented Program commenced this year with the Year 8 Rich Task Team ready for the new challenge. Students are formalising their topics for their oral presentation of arguments later in the year. This year, too, we focus on the development of presentation and creative thinking skills with significant support from the Technology Officers.
Year 7 Rich Task Team will be announced soon. We are in the process of collating the information from teachers and parents. We are looking forward to

BEP NEWS
Busy time ahead for the Band Program.
• ANZAC Day ceremonies in the school holidays and assembly in Week 1 Term 2.
• Variety Night, Week 2 (2 May) – all BEP involved.
• Senior Concert Band 3-day country tour in May. Notes will be sent home to participating band members. Check website regularly for updates to BEP calendar.

2012 DER-NSW PARENT SURVEY FOR PARENTS OF STUDENTS IN YEAR 9, 10 AND 11
The New South Wales Department of Education and Communities is seeking your views on the NSW one-to-one laptop program.

A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the New South Wales Department of Education Communities in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state. The evaluation has taken place over 3 years.

A link to the survey is on the school’s web site in the NOTES section (and on Year 9, 10 and 11 pages), and is shown below.
Individuals cannot be identified in the data. Evaluation reports to date can be viewed online: https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/how-we-operate/national-partnerships/digital-education-revolution/rql/research.
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Jeff Stubbs, Head Teacher Technology Innovations
working with a new group of talented students who are prepared to work independently and creatively.

Margaret Nowak, Program Coordinator

DEBATING
The first Debating Workshop of 2012 was a great success and the next five promise to be even more successful! Our coach, Ms Rochelle Haley, congratulated the students on their enthusiastic participation and continues to be extremely impressed by our Burwood girls; their rapidly developing debating skills and friendly, helpful manner.

This term the workshops are held on Wednesday afternoons, from 3:20 until 4:50 pm. Next term the afternoon will be changed to accommodate those students who have been keen to attend the Debating Workshops but have been otherwise engaged with Band training. The Premier’s Debating Competition starts in Term 2, allowing for the training of teams during Term 1.

Ingrid Benjamin, Debating Coordinator

CLOSE THE GAP 2012
International Day on Thursday 22 March coincides with National Close the Gap Day. Our new Indigenous student in Year 7, Shyarna Lomas, will have the honour of doing the Welcome to Country to open our formal proceedings on the day.

At the start of International Day students will be engaged in a lesson on Close the Gap, a campaign to raise awareness of the gap between Indigenous and non-Indigenous Australians’ life expectancy. Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander People still die 10-17 years younger than other Australians. The Australian Government has committed to Close the Gap, but much more needs to be done if we want to close the gap within a generation.

Tidda is an Aboriginal word for ‘sister’ and Tidda Girls is a student leadership group at Burwood Girls that began its work last year. We will soon be holding our first meeting for 2012 and I would again like to harness the enthusiasm of students within the school to help to raise awareness and understanding of issues within modern Australia.

If any parents are interested in joining this group I would be more than happy to welcome you with open arms. Send me an email (karyn.obrien@det.nsw.edu.au) and let me know if you have any ideas, resources and/or contacts that would enhance this initiative.

Karyn O’Brien, Deputy Principal

ZONE AND REGIONAL SWIMMING
The Northern Suburbs Zone swim carnival took place on Wednesday 7 March at Lane Cove Pool. With the looming threat of a severe weather warning, the swimmers took to the pool in a fast and furious manner. With the assistance of Ms Campbell and Mr Hilliard the races were marshalled at a cracking pace.

With a squad of only 27 swimmers, Burwood Girls blitzed their opposition in nearly all races and age groups. An outstanding performance by all the relay teams who will compete at Regional next week. Overall, finishing in 4th place and of course 1st in the girls competition, it was a proud moment for myself and our parent cheer squad.

Congratulations to the following girls:

Samantha Crawford 7  Ashley Chambers 9
Madelene Dimakis 7  Eun Jee Cho 9
Karina Parsons 7  Hannah Hawkes 9
Scarlett Harding 7  Rika Kelso 9
Melissa Iosifidis 7  Megan Nguyen 9
Jessica Robertson 7  Poppy Stojanovic-Hill 9
Helen Tran 7  Jasmin Harding 10
Xanthe Young 7  Teresa Lu 10
Storm Allen 8  Tessa North 10
Lucinda Buckley 8  Remy Keldoulis 11
Shania Mitchell 8  Chloe Hilliard 12
Kayla Rogers 8  Lily North 12

The girls mentioned above competed at the Sydney North regional swim carnival on Tuesday 13 March at Homebush Aquatic Centre. The girls did Burwood Girls proud with many personal bests swum.

Shania Mitchell Yr.8, Lucinda Buckley Yr.8, Eun Jee Cho Yr.9, Storm Allen Yr.8 will compete at the CHS state swim carnival later this month as part of the 14yrs age relay. Also, Lucinda will swim in the 14yrs 100m Butterfly and Shania will swim in the 200IM, 200m & 100m Freestyle and 100m butterfly. We wish you all the best girls.

So a great season of swimming from BGHS Congratulations to all our swimmers.

Jan Gianotti, Sport Coordinator

CAREERS MATTERS
It is good to see students availing themselves of opportunities. So it was particularly pleasing to see an increase of 40% in the number of students who attended lunch time activities organized by the Career Adviser in 2011 compared to the previous year.

This leads to the schedule of careers events for Year 12 in 2012. Last month students were given the...
Year 12 term newsletter which contains an outline of the scheduled careers events for 2012 including information on UMAT, UAC, ATAR and upcoming visits to the school. In the past week a couple of notices were placed in the daily announcements on an upcoming Year 12 Medicine Information Evening being held at the University of NSW. This will be held on Tuesday 8 May at 6:30pm. Places are limited and will fill fast so I recommend that if you’re interested in applying to study Medicine you register as soon as possible. Before you can register students are required to see the Career Adviser to obtain the password. To register go to www.network.unsw.edu.au

Sydney University has a site on their webpage targeting Year 9 and 10 students. Titled roadmap to university for year 10 students it aims to help students choose electives which will benefit them in their post-secondary studies. The site can be accessed through the following link:


A number of Year 11 students will be undertaking a Certificate II in Fashion Visualisation through the Whitehouse Institute of Design. This requires the girls to attend the college for a total of six weeks during their school holidays which includes a three week block in January 2013. Congratulations on your motivation to obtain additional qualifications while still at school. The commitment and discipline shown are qualities employers are always looking for.

Hugo Floriani, Careers Adviser

TAS NEWS

We continue having a fabulous year in TAS with many great successes in all years.

Year 11 and 12 Textile & Design students learned a lot from participating in the Fashion Design workshops. Congratulations to Melna Huang of Year 11 and Ruby Tran of Year 12 who are the successful recipients of the one-week workshop at Whitehouse Institute of Design.

Niamh Kyriacou and Danica Vuong, Year 12, achieved Highly Commended Certificates and Gift Vouchers and Alexis Georgiou and Jenny Chen, Year 11. Well done to all girls who participated.

Year 10 Textiles Technology students will be participating in a similar workshop next term.

The Year 11 and 10 Textiles students participating in the “Rags to Riches” project are progressing well with their creations. We have many fabulous designers amongst us and everyone is eagerly awaiting the parade.

We look forward to seeing students, parents and friends in the school hall 6pm on Wednesday 28 March (see flyer below).

Year 7 students have started on their various Asian inspired projects in Technology. Amazing results have been achieved by all. Vietnamese culture is the
The girls wanted us to include the recipe to share with you all.

**FRESH SUMMER ROLLS**

*Ingredients*(for 2 people)
- 4 rice-paper rounds
- 2 small chicken tenderloins
- ½ carrot – peel & cut into julienne
- 2 lettuce leaves – wash & shred
- 25gms vermicelli rice noodles
- 2 sprigs fresh mint
- 2 sprigs fresh coriander
- 4 garlic chives
- ½ C bean sprouts – trimmed
- 2 tea sugar

*Dipping Sauce*
- 1 Tab Hoisin sauce
- 2 Tabs coconut cream
- 1 Tab unsalted roasted peanuts – roughly chop

*Method*

1. Soak noodles in warm water for 15 minutes. Drain.
2. Sprinkle sugar over carrot and leave for as long as possible. Wash and drain.
4. Pick leaves from herbs, wash and drain.
5. Combine Hoisin sauce and coconut cream in a small bowl. Sprinkle sugar over carrot and leave for as long as possible. Wash and drain.

*To Assemble*

Soften rice paper rounds, one at a time, in a bowl of hot water for 30 seconds until soft. Place on a CLEAN tea towel. Place ⅓ of the lettuce on the lower base of the wrapper. Layer ¼ of all other ingredients on top, except garlic chives. Fold wrapper from the bottom over the contents, then fold in both sides. Insert one chive so that it sticks out at one end. Now finish rolling into a complete cylinder to seal. Cover rolls with cling wrap on a plate until served.

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## PREFECTS REPORT

Throughout the term, the prefects have been busy organising and attending events. On 7 March, the captains, SRC representatives and teachers attended the International Women’s Day Breakfast listening to inspiring guest speakers such as the amazing, internationally known journalist, Sally Sara while eating a delicious breakfast.

The Year 6 information evening was held on 5 March in the hall filled with keen parents and kids. The Year 6 tour around the school was held on 8 March. Even though it was pouring throughout the day, it was a success.

The Year 7 and 8 Disco was on 15 March and turned out to be a big winner. Everyone enjoyed a fun night filled with dancing and meeting new people.

Year 7 had a wonderful time at Broken Bay camp from the 29 February to 2 March, meeting new friends, experiencing new activities and having a lot of fun.

International Day is on 22 March, with many students and teachers looking forward to celebrating our widely multicultural school. It is going to be an exciting event and we greatly encourage students to dress up as much as they can to make it a fun and festive occasion.

The prefects would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter holiday!

*— Luisa Travan and Tara Lau, Year 11 Prefects*

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## P&C MEETING, WEDNESDAY 21 MARCH

The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 21 March in the school library, 7 pm for refreshments, 7:15 pm meeting.

**Speakers this month:**
- **WHAT’S HAPPENING WITH YEAR 7** – Olga Dalageorgos, Year 7 Adviser to talk about Year 7 organisation, curriculum and progress.
- **WHAT’S HAPPENING WITH YEAR 10** – Janina Longman, Deputy Principal to talk about the new ROSA assessment system now that the school certificate exams have been abolished.
- Mia Kumar, Principal to discuss planning for the next three years and what we are trying to achieve for our school community.

Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday 21 March.

*— Alice Magoffin, P&C President*

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## P&C UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop’s days and hours each week are:
- **Tuesday**, 8:30 am – 1:00 pm
- **Thursday**, 1:10 pm – 2:30 pm

Students may only visit the Uniform Shop before school, recess & lunchtime during opening hours.

Parents may visit any time during opening hours.

Any enquiries, please call the school on 9747 3355.

*— Elaine Browne, Manager, P&C Uniform Shop*
CALL FOR DONATIONS – UNIFORM ITEMS
If anyone has unwanted BGHS uniform items at home (including school shoes), please take them to Ms O’Brien, Deputy Principal. All donations gratefully received.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

THOUGHT ABOUT TRYING HOCKEY?
Your local Briars Hockey Club is one of the largest and most successful hockey clubs in Sydney with 6 junior and 2 Minkey teams. Briars Hockey Club is currently looking for experienced and first time junior players in all age categories.

Training takes place at Cintra Park, Concord (next door to Concord Oval) each Wednesday - Minkeys (Under 9s) and Under 11s at 4.30pm, Under 13s and Under 15s at 5.30 pm, and Under 17s at 6:30pm with each session running for an hour. Competition starts at the end of March with games on Friday nights or Saturday mornings.

Email briarshockey@yahoo.com.au or call Janet Adams on 0403 255 767 for further information.

HELP FOR PARENTS OF TEENAGERS

The Kids Are All Right is a new Australian website for parents and carers of teenagers.

The website launched late last year with a bank of articles relating to parenting teenagers, which is growing every day.

Now a forum has been added, allowing parents and carers to talk with each other about topics such as teenage parties, relationships and school issues.

There is also a teenage job board and events calendar.

Publisher Rachel Hynes says she started the website after her daughter began high school, and she realised there were fewer opportunities to talk with other parents.

"Parents need other parents to talk to, to share experiences with and to ask their advice," she said.

To mark the launch of the forum, The Kids Are All Right team is giving visitors to the site a chance to win a Kindle Fire tablet/eReader.

Visit www.thekidsareallright.com.au