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For Your Diary

TERM 2, 2012

MAY
14 • ASSEMBLY
15 • NAPLAN 7/9
16 • NAPLAN 7/9
• P&C Meeting, 7:15pm, Library
17 • NAPLAN 7/9
• Zone Cross-Country
• Nan Tien overnight excursion
18 • NAPLAN 7/9 catch-ups
• Nan Tien excursion
• Special Religious Seminars
• Prefects Meeting, lunchtime
21 • HOUSE MEETINGS (during assembly time)
• SRC Meeting, lunchtime
23 • School Council Meeting
24 • ATHLETICS CARNIVAL, Olympic Park, Homebush
• Assessment Free Day
25 • Yr.11 Reports distributed
28 • Logbook Week
• ASSEMBLY
30 • FIELD STUDY DAY #2
• Assessment Free Day

JUN
1 • Prefects Meeting, lunchtime
4 • SRC Meeting, lunchtime
7 • Yr.12 STARR Day
11 • Queen’s Birthday Holiday
13 • Yr.10 Reports distributed
14 • Regional Cross Country
15 • Yr.8 Reports distributed
18 • Event #4 distributed
• ASSEMBLY
• SRC Meeting, lunchtime
• Yr.10 STARR workshop, p.4, Hall
20 • Zone Athletics
• Patti’s Singing Soiree, 6:30pm
• P&C Meeting, 7:15 pm, Library
21 • Yr.7 Vaccinations
• Yr.8/10 PTS Night, 4-7pm, Hall
25 • Assessment Free Day
• Blue & Gold Awards, p.4, Hall – parents welcome

P&C MEETINGS (7:15 pm, Library)
16 May, 20 June

From the Principal…

This year’s Variety Night was outstanding. The quality of all the items was extremely high and students and staff should be extremely pleased with the enthusiasm and support received.

It followed two other successful events, International Day held last term on 22 March and the Rags to Riches Fashion Parade on 28 March. All of these events showcase the amazing talent and energy our students and staff put into the organisation of improving student learning outcomes.

A reminder to parents that NAPLAN testing occurs 15-18 May and that the Athletics Carnival will be held once again at Homebush Athletics Centre on 24 May.

Mia Kumar
DEBATING WORKSHOPS AND GALA DAY
The girls participating in the weekly Debating Workshops with coach, Ms Rochelle Haley during Term 1 have ensured that all six of the afternoon sessions were an enormous success. Ms Haley said the girls were wonderful to work with and showed “non-stop effort, enthusiasm and commitment to developing the skill of debating”. These students will join other debaters from teams formed prior to 2012 in a Gala Debating Round in the school hall on 9 May. The Premier’s Debating competition will begin towards the end of Term 2.

Ingrid Benjamin, Debating Coordinator

YEAR 9 SCIENCE FIELD STUDY DAY
On Thursday 22 March, Year 9 students boarded four coaches and a minibus, all anticipating the exciting day that had been planned for us at the Wollongong Science Centre and Planetarium, whilst preparing for a long road trip there. Although it took us just under 1½ hours to get there, when we finally did arrive we were not disappointed and found it was all worth the wait.

Walking through the entrance doors we were greeted and surrounded by some of the most unique and transfixing contraptions and interactive exhibitions. On offer were fascinating optical illusions demonstrating how you can manipulate what one’s eyes see, equipment that test one’s strength, endurance and balance, devices that measure and convert energy into powering simple household objects such as a hairdryer, real fossils available to observe, an Earthquake detector and even dinosaurs (electronic or of the plastic kind of course!).

After exploring through each exhibit we were guided into the Science Centre’s Planetarium where we watched a short film on the Origins of Life in a dome shaped room. The film covered the Big Bang theory and some of the latest discoveries about how our world came about. We also got to view some of the constellations in our sky which was remarkable and very realistic, all of us almost forgetting where we were. After that we were treated to a Liquid Nitrogen Show this was a crazy cool experience, literally. The show revealed the remarkable effects that occur when a range of materials are cooled down to below -200°C, we were awestruck.

Visiting the Wollongong Science Centre and Planetarium was an unforgettable, memorable and not to mention super fun experience. I think I can speak on behalf of all Year 9 when I say that we could have spent a week there and that we would delightfully seize the opportunity to go back.

So, when can we move in?

By Kascha Chin-Potter, Year 9

WOMEN IN SCIENCE AT MACQUARIE UNIVERSITY
To help celebrate International Women’s Day, about 50 Year 10 students went to Macquarie University on Tuesday 13 March to attend the Women In Science Day. Walking through the University we were struck by how large and modern it was and that it was surrounded by bushland which made it a pleasant environment.

During the day we listened to some wonderfully inspiring women who were now doctors or professors in their specialised fields of science. We heard about the interesting adventures of Dr Melanie Bishop who was an ecologist who studied biological systems in mud of estuaries. We also heard from Professor Catherine McMahon, an audiologist who was working on new types of Cochlear implants.

After exploring the wonderful lunch options available to uni students, we got to ask a panel of women scientists questions about choosing science subjects and studying science at uni. They ranged from medical researchers to astronomers and engineers. This provided some good practical information about being a woman in some male dominated areas of science. The day ended with a science field fair with some hands on experiences and an opportunity to ask uni students questions. Here are some comments from Year 10:

“Professor McMahon made me interested in Audiology. I want to study Biology.”

“This day has encouraged me to study science as there are so many opportunities in many fields of science and you can travel and see the world by going to conferences.”

By Jane Burkitt, Angela Thorne and Year 10 students
GOLD DUKE OF EDINBURGH WALK, 20-23 APRIL

Congratulations to the twelve students who completed their Gold Duke of Edinburgh award. A 40km, four day walk through the bush from Wondabyne through Kariong and to Patonga with an 18kg backpack is not for the faint of heart! Despite adversity they triumphed and carried beaming smiles right up to the Patonga chip shop. All agreed that the weather held beautiful and that it’s fine to pack a lot when travelling, but not when you have it carry it yourself.

Guy McCulloch, Social Sciences Faculty

ART EXPRESS

On Friday 27 April the Australia Catholic University hosted the Opening Night of the first in a series of touring Art eXpress exhibitions, showcasing some of 2011’s best HSC artworks. Amongst them was 2011 graduate Lillian Woolaston. Her work, A Serious Mistake consisted of three clothes dummies wearing Lili’s silkscreen printed Apron designs. The work was displayed with three large poster images and was a searing commentary on modern Australia’s unhealthy meat obsession. On the night Lili was chuffed to see her work on display, coming up after her university lectures at Bathurst University where she is now studying Nursing and Paramedics. Congratulations Lili!

Xanthe Warren, Creative Arts Faculty

INTERNATIONAL DAY – 21 MARCH

Nothing was going to dampen the spirits of students and staff on a day which was punctuated by grey skies and light showers. How better than to remind ourselves first up of the need to “Close the Gap” and address the disadvantages of Indigenous Australians. Soon enough this was followed by the smoke from sausages grilling on the Great Aussie Bar BQ, the alluring aroma of lamb souvlaki at the Greek stall; the vibrant colours of our national costumes and all the exotic flavours of food from 50 countries and 20 stalls or more; these are what linger in the memory of a most enjoyable day. Amidst this hive of activity, there was a still, small island of calm as the girls of the calligraphy stall deftly wielded their brushes; confidently forming characters for names such as Li-di-ya and Em-mi-lee.

Who can forget the vision of Mrs Kumar as she visited one activity after another, poised for that “Kodak moment”; dressed in a luminous gown and breathtaking head piece? And whilst all this was happening in the forecourt under covered walkways, there was the concert. The parade of nations was great fun and the performances were thrilling; hip hop, swaying island girls, lilting instrumentalist and sweet vocalists and much, much more.

How better to end the day than to reward ourselves with the drawing of the raffle? So many tickets, so little time! For a day filled with food and entertainment we have only to thank all those who planned and organised so well and all those who engaged so whole heartedly to make this International Day such a certain success.

Tom Ying, Head Teacher History

INTERNATIONAL DAY – THANK YOU SPONSORS

Burwood GHS would like to publicly thank the businesses that generously gave donations for International day:
- Wests Ashfield Leagues – 4 x $50 dining vouchers
- Spotlight P/L – $50 gift card
- Ray Mobbs, Textbook Agency – $50 donation
- LG IMAX Theatre Sydney – Double Pass ($59 value)

We greatly appreciate your support.

BEP NEWS

It’s been a very busy month for members of the BEP.

The ICB had a marching workshop on the last Friday of the holidays and were literally put through their paces all that day by their conductor Tara Fermor. On Sunday morning they played for the Ashfield RSL Dawn Service and followed that early morning with two marches - one for each of the Ashfield and Burwood RSLs. They are to be commended on their commitment and dedication. The Drum Corp was in fine form this year and kept everyone in step. Thanks to Jon Collins for preparing them so well. Thanks also to Katerina Frolov for stepping back into the band to be such a great Drum Major. ICB also gave a superb performance on Variety night. What a band!
The SCB played beautifully for the Croydon Park Dawn service, with a call for 6.30 am. They also played brilliantly for Variety Night and are, as we go to print, on tour, momentarily stranded in Bingara! More on that in next Event!

Special mention should go to Remy Keldoulis who played the Last Post so evocatively for all the RSL ANZAC ceremonies, and the school and Croydon Park public school ANZAC ceremonies. Also to the singers Julia and Katerina Frolov for singing for the ANZAC ceremonies.

Finally, the Brass Ensemble was a fantastic new addition to the Variety Night program and gave a very funky performance lead by their conductor Elina Suuronen. We look forward to hearing more from them. The Musettes also contributed beautifully with "You've got a Friend". Our thanks to Patricia Amphlett for her preparation and guidance.

The three rock bands, The Silhouettes, The Squishies and Forte gave compelling performances too, with the expert help of their teacher/roadie/guitarist Tony Gibson.

Diana Springford, Director BEP

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**CAREERS MATTERS**

Students are reminded to refer to the careers calendar on a weekly basis as there are many events being held by institutions to help both students and their parents make informed decisions on post-school options.

The University of NSW is holding a number of Year 10 Subject Selection and Information Evenings over the next few weeks. UNSW offers popular Year 10 Subject Selection & Information Evenings designed specifically for current Year 10 students and their parents. Full details are on the careers noticeboard or go to [www.unsw.edu.au/events](http://www.unsw.edu.au/events)

The school will be placing an order with the University Admission Centre (UAC) for the University Entry Requirements 2015 Year 10 Booklet. This booklet is a valuable tool for Year 10 students choosing their subjects for Years 11 and 12. It shows the prerequisites, assumed knowledge and recommended studies for university courses starting in 2015. Booklets cost $6.00. If you would like a copy your payment must be made to the front office by May 22. After this date orders can be made directly to UAC on their website [www.uac.edu.au](http://www.uac.edu.au)

There are only eleven school weeks left for Year 11 students who are not going on the ski camp to finalise their work experience for the Jindabyene week. Please see the Careers Adviser to collect your forms.

Students are under the false impression that scholarships are only for students that excel academically. This is not the case as evident by the following two examples.

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**Peter Howard Future Chef Scholarship:**

Each year HTN (Hospitality Training Network) selects a Year 12 student to be the recipient of the HTN Peter Howard Future Chef Scholarship. This scholarship provides a week’s supported culinary adventure including travel and accommodation to gain valuable hands-on experience.

**2012 Youth Parliament Scholarship (YPS):**

There are five scholarships for students from culturally and linguistically diverse (multicultural) backgrounds to become involved in Youth Parliament. Youth Parliament brings together passionate young people from across NSW. The program aims to promote youth-led advocacy, active community leadership and legal and parliamentary education and is open to any young person aged 15-18 years. The issues covered by Youth Parliament in the past include Aboriginal Affairs, education, climate change and the environment, juvenile justice and women’s affairs. The YMCA NSW Youth Parliament is managed by the YMCA of Sydney and run by a volunteer taskforce of past participants.

Hugo Floriani, Careers Adviser

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**VISIT BY WUHAN CHANGQING SCHOOL (CHINA)**

On International Day this year, we had the good fortune to host a group of lovely visitors from Wuhan Changqing School in China. There were seven students (five girls and two boys), three teachers and their interpreter. The students were from Years 7 and 8, and were paired with seven student volunteers from our Year 7 classes.

The students were all in their distinctive school uniforms, so we couldn’t easily lose them. At the beginning we all felt a bit awkward but soon enough we became good buddies with them. It was also our first experience of International Day so we were a bit overwhelmed with all the excitement as well. However, it was a great fun day that we spent together with them. And who could forget the teachers’ dance-off in the hall that was won by one of the teachers from China!

We had a normal school day the following day, made bright and wonderful by an extra half-day that our guests spent in our lessons with us in the morning. After Period 2 they had to leave and we all gave them a warm farewell, which hopefully added to the good impression I’m sure they had of Burwood Girls High School.

A big thank you to Mr Wines who organised our buddies for us, as well as Annie Wang, Megan Woo, Roslyn Kho and Winnie Zhang (all in 7J); Kelly Lu and Ziling Liu in 7B; and Kathy Chen in 7W.

By Jessica Liu, 7J
SPORTS REPORT

GOAL, GOAL, GOAL!
The Burwood U/14’s European Handball teams had a successful start, as the competition reaches the midpoint of the season. Burwood 2’s are currently undefeated after eight rounds, and lead the competition. The Burwood 1’s are in third place, with two narrow losses to Burwood 2’s at Concord.

Both teams play a ‘zone’ attacking and defensive game, similar to basketball. In the undefeated Burwood 2’s, Angelique Kyriazis and Lona Simkhada have peppered the opposition goals with many scoring shots. Ahry Kim, Alexandra Giakoumelos, Sabrina Barutha and Maysa Wozeer have controlled the mid-field and defended our own goals, with goalie Alice Loveday.

The Burwood 1’s have looked equally dangerous with powerful shooters Cecilia Martei and Stephanie Pavin consistently finding the back of the net. The important goalie role has been shared between Quirshill Mazel and Jamie Ramjan with great support of the mobile defenders, Ruby McHutchison, Bethany Conna and Eda Avar. Both teams are playing with energy, commitment and sportsmanship.

The 2012 summer season of grade sport will resume in Term 4. With the Burwood teams dominating the 10 team competition, it could be a Burwood vs Burwood grand final, and another championship. Three of the four teams were successful in gaining a place in the State Championships which will be held in Penrith. The Open’s will be held late July and early August for the 14’s and 16’s. We would also like to congratulate all girls on their fantastic behaviour while representing Burwood Girls High School. We wish you the very best in the State competition.

Bill Hilliard, Team Coach

INDOOR SOCCER – WINNERS!
A very big congratulations to the 14’s, 16’s and Open’s indoor soccer teams who played exceptionally well in the Indoor Regional Championships. Three of the four teams were successful in gaining a place in the State Championships which will be held in Penrith. The Open’s will be held late July and early August for the 14’s and 16’s. We would also like to congratulate all girls on their fantastic behaviour while representing Burwood Girls High School. We wish you the very best in the State competition.

Olga Dalageorgos, PDHPE Faculty

NETBALL KNOCKOUT
The Burwood GHS Opens Netball Knockout team travelled to Gosford on 1 May to compete in Rounds 2 and 3 of the State Opens Netball Knockout competition, after soundly defeating Marsden High, 60 v 14, in Round 1 at home.

The second round game against Northlakes High involved a beautiful display of skills by Burwood, earning a victory of 53 v 18. The 3rd round game against the formidable Tuggerah Lakes Secondary Campus was a closely fought match resulting in a defeat of 38 v 51.

Congratulations to our team, made up of Lucy Zell, Chloe Hilliard, Lily North, Claire Kenway, Annika van Leeuwen, Zoe Vicic, Caitlin Connell, Georgia Valis, Tess Angel and Tessa North. Special thanks to Fotini Sklavounos, our impeccable badged umpire for the day and Jane Burkitt, our fabulous team manager.

Sandra Moore, Mathematics & Science

TAS NEWS

TAS keeps going from strength to strength this year with all the fabulous events and achievements throughout all stages and subjects.

YEAR 7 are continuing with their Asian inspired units and have achieved some tremendous results with the various projects. The puzzles are looking professional as are the beautifully embroidered Indian inspired “Carry-Alls”. The students are demonstrating great creative flair and we are looking forward to sharing their amazing work with parents in the near future.

Thank you for all the positive feedback regarding the Fresh Summer Rolls Recipe. We are all happy that you enjoyed them as much as the girls.

YEAR 8 went to the Powerhouse Museum and Darling Harbour for Field Study Day #1. The students had to view an exhibition that they found interesting and write a magazine/newspaper article on their return for an assessment task.

“Love Lace”, Texstyle and Design Tech proved to be among the popular exhibits the girls chose. We have discovered a number of budding journalists amongst our students. Well done! We then invaded Darling Harbour and the students’ taste buds were tantalised by the various culinary delights. The girls’ behaviour and attitude was exemplary in the Burwood Girls’ style. A great day had by all!

YEAR 10
Year 10 are eagerly awaiting their Field Study Day #2 on Wednesday 30 May. The students will have the opportunity to participate in “Let’s Get Creative”. TAS, Creative Arts and Drama will be offering creating learning activity workshops that students can choose from. TAS is offering:

- Sushi Making/Fuji Teppanyaki Japanese Restaurant Experience, $40 per person.
- Donuts & More, $10 pp for ingredients.
- Barista Coffee Course – approx. $70 pp.
- Basic Knitting & Crotcheting & More, $15 pp, includes knitting needles/crotchet hooks and yarn.
YEAR 10 FOOD TECHNOLOGY EXCURSION TO ULTIMO TAFE/APPRENTICE RESTAURANT

On 15 March, Year 10 Food Technology students were given the opportunity to attend Ultimo TAFE where they were given a guided tour through various hospitality facilities. As students are currently studying the “Food Service and Catering” unit in class, this was a wonderful learning experience whereby students were able to explore many facets of the Hospitality industry first hand, such as hotel management, food and beverages service and a variety of commercial kitchens.

After the tour students enjoyed a scrumptious three course meal at the Apprentice Restaurant, made by final year Hospitality students. Our students are to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour throughout the excursion.

Natalie Slocombe, TAS Faculty

YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY

Eufemia Macri is an enthusiastic, hard-working and diligent Hospitality student who always willingly goes well above and beyond the call of duty in Hospitality, at school and in work placement.

Eufemia has been nominated for the 2012 VET in Schools Student Award and now has been considered by a selection panel for the Sydney Region of the Department of Education and Communities.

YEAR 12 TEXTILES & DESIGN

Year 12 Textiles & Design are progressing well with their Major Textiles Projects. We look forward to seeing you all at the Exhibition in late July in the school hall.

‘RAGS TO RICHES’ FASHION PARADE

Recycled, upcycled, restyle and revamped! The ‘Rags to Riches’ Fashion Parade spectacular showcased the masterpieces that the Year 11 Textile & Design students and some Year 9 and 10 students created through “upcycling”. This is the practice of taking existing fashion pieces and textile items to produce new masterpieces.

The students were mentored for 9 weeks by Rachael Cassar who is a renowned fashion designer specialising in upstyling. Thank you to Rachael for her inspiration and constant encouragement.

This experience was a huge success as it highlighted creative ability and increased the self-confidence of the girls. It was well received and enjoyed by the participants and all those who attended this fantastic fun night.

Many creative designers came to light and we look forward to being involved in this wonderful event again in 2013. Approximately $800 was raised and this will go towards purchasing three sewing machines for Tuasive College in Savaii, Samoa and textile products for other charities.

Thank you to everyone who attended, Burwood Council, NRMA, Rebecca Sinclair, Rachael Cassar, Lorraine Shepherd and the participants. Without everyone’s involvement this event would not have been the success it was.

Upcoming Events in TAS:

- School Fashion Parade for all years.
- Excursions to Ultimo TAFE and Whitehouse Institute of Design and local eateries.
- Ready, Steady, Cook excursion.
- Barista course.

Reminder to parents: Please pay the SUBJECT FEES to the front office as soon as possible. These fees are for the consumables used by your daughter in classes. Any concerns please phone Rosemary Patonay at the school on 9747 3355.

Rosemary Patonay, Head Teacher TAS

Woolworths ‘EARN AND LEARN’ 2012

Woolworths Earn and Learn is back and easier to participate than in 2011.

From 9 May, when you shop at Woolworths, please collect stickers from the checkout operator and place them on the sticker cards (available from the TAS staffroom). There will be one sticker for every $10 spent. Once completed, the sticker cards can be placed in the collection box at the TAS staffroom. The program closes on 1 July.

We look forward to your support so that the school can earn valuable learning resources by us all shopping at Woolworths. Thank you to everyone in advance. If you have any questions please contact Rosemary Patonay, HT TAS on 9747 3355.

P&C MEETING, WEDNESDAY 16 MAY

The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 16 May in the school library, 7 pm for refreshments, 7:15 pm meeting.

Speaker this month:

- SIMULATED CLASSROOM experience for parents.
  Presenter: Kathy Lye, Relieving Deputy Principal.

Looking forward to seeing you on 16 May.

Alice Magoffin, P&C President

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop’s days and hours each week:

- 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