For Your Diary

TERM 3, 2012

**AUG**
- Trial HSC Exams continue
- Yr.11 Jindabyne Camp this week
- Prefect nominations begin
- SRC Meeting, lunchtime

13
- Yr.9 SRC Sausage Sizzle, recess

15
- P&C Meeting, 7:15 pm, Library – Police guest re: cyberbullying

16
- FIELD STUDY DAY #3
- Assessment Free Day
- Music Trial Exam performances
- Language Trial Exams

17
- Last day of Trial HSC Exams
- Music Trial Exam performances
- Jindabyne students return

20
- ASSEMBLY
- Logbook Week

21
- Yr.7 SRC Cake Stall, recess
- Music Soiree (HSC) evening

22
- School Council Meeting
- BEP “Big Night Out” Concert, BBQ 6pm, Concert 7pm (see inside)

23
- Yr.10 Vaccinations
- Yr.7 Chicken Pox Vaccinations

24
- Prefects Meeting, lunchtime

27
- ASSEMBLY
- SRC Meeting, lunchtime
- Yr.8/9 Subject Selection Evening

28
- Yr.10 SRC Sausage Sizzle, recess

29
- Yr.7/8 Subject Selection forms distributed

30
- Yr.7 STARR Day

31
- Special Religious Seminars
- Prefects Meeting, lunchtime

**SEP**
- ASSEMBLY
  - Yr.8/9 Subject choices due
  - Dance Showcase, 7pm (see inside)

3
- Yr.8 SRC stall (TBC)

5
- Yr.11 Yearly Exams (to 14 Sep)

6, 7, 8
- CHS Athletics

10
- Yr.7/8 Subject choices due
- SRC Meeting, lunchtime

13
- Yr.7 Gala Day

15
- HSC practical exams conclude

**P&C MEETINGS (7:15 pm, Library)**
- 18 July, 15 August, 17 October

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From the Principal...

Welcome back to Janina Longman and a big ‘thank you’ to Kathy Lye who relieved in the Deputy Principal role in Term 2.

Thank you to parents who participated in recent school events such as Blue and Gold Ceremony, Parent Teacher Nights, HSC Drama Showcase, Options Evenings and HSC Visual Art BOW/Textiles exhibitions. These events highlight the many talents of our students and provide evidence of good learning at Burwood GHS.

During the July holidays, a group of our girls led by Head Teacher, Patrice Simpson, had a successful visit to Samoa and shared their experiences at our Education Week assembly. We are now planning for visits to New York (dance), Italy (language) and India (International Studies) for 2013.
Our dance ensembles have also received recognition at Sydney Festival in Term 2 and I remind you to put the date 3 September for the Dance Showcase in your diary now – not to be missed!

Congratulations to new Year Advisers for Year 7, 2013 – Jan Gianotti (PDHPE) and Christina Jameson (TAS).

Year 7 Advisers 2013
Lucy Marx

Congratulations also to Lucy Marx, teacher of English – 40 years’ service to public education (20 years at BGHS).

Mia Kumar

TRUE COLOURS SHINING THROUGH
As you may be aware, our school is participating in the NSW Proud Schools Pilot to develop a whole school approach to address homophobia, transphobia and heterosexism, and to provide a safe and supportive environment for same sex attracted and gender diverse students.

In Week 6 this term you will be invited to permit your daughter to complete an online Proud Schools student checklist. The checklist should only take around 5 minutes and will be completed in PDHPE lessons for students in Years 7-10 and in English lessons for students in Years 11-12.

The checklist asks students questions about their views on what our school is doing that helps us to provide a safe and supportive learning environment for students who are same sex attracted or gender diverse and ways to get better at this.

The questions are about homophobia and transphobia generally at school and ask about student’s knowledge and awareness of things that our school does to prevent homophobia.

The checklist is anonymous. There are no right or wrong answers.

The results from the checklist will help inform the ongoing provision of a supportive, safe and inclusive school environment. At Burwood Girls High School we recognise the importance of a safe and supportive learning environment for all our students.

Karyn O’Brien, Deputy Principal

CALLING ALL GOOD SPELLERS
Some brave students in Years 7-9 have volunteered to participate in the OzSpell Challenge this month.

The OzSpell team wants all students to spell well. They want them to have some fun and they want to encourage Australian youth to be passionate about words, to expand their vocabulary, to enjoy reading and to develop their literacy and communication skills in the English language.

This is a national competition and every student registered in the competition (cost is $8.80 each) will receive a Certificate of Participation and will also be offered a free individual subscription to Macquarie Dictionary online for one calendar year (valued at $39.99).

District final winners will receive a cash prize of $50 and a sponsor’s bag full of goodies.

The national champion of champions will receive $5000 cash, a huge trophy and extra $5000 cash for their school library.

In Week 6 students will participate in special spelling skills workshops presented by Mr Jack Brand (our wonderful Teacher Librarian) and myself.

In Week 7 we will run three competitions for Years 7, 8 and 9. The top three champions from each year cohort will go on to compete against the other middle year groups to determine our two school champions.

In Weeks 8-10 the two school champions will represent Burwood Girls at a District final. If one of them wins, they will go on to the National Grand Final at the Seymour Centre.

Karyn O’Brien, Deputy Principal

NEWS FROM THE WELFARE TEAM – AN INTRODUCTION TO A NEW TEAM MEMBER
Dear Parents,

My name is Liz James and I will be working at Burwood Girls High School as a Youth Worker. Until the end of this year I will be working 20 hours per week. I am a qualified Youth Worker and have a degree in Social Science and a Diploma in Youth Work. I have been working in the Inner West for the past 10 years.

As a Youth Worker and a member of the welfare team I will support the well-being of students at Burwood GHS. If you would like to contact me please contact the school.

We look forward to working with Liz and having her as part of our team.

Olga Maroc, Head Teacher Welfare

YEAR 9 SCIENCE & ENGINEERING CHALLENGE – WINNERS!
On 25 July a group of 41 Year 9 students had the opportunity to attend the Science and Engineering Challenge at the Ausgrid Training Centre in Silverwater. This is a national Challenge that provides the opportunity for Year 9 or 10 students to engage in hands on activities that involve real situations. It is run every year by the University of Newcastle and for the past three years there has always been a group of...
Year 9 students from Burwood Girls High School competing against many selective schools across Sydney.

Students arrive eager to start the challenges, not really knowing what to expect, but eager to meet their fellow competitors who were from a range of schools; Concord High, Rosebank College, Pendle Hill High, Killarney Heights High and Girraween High. Putting their innovative minds to the test, they constructed model hovercrafts, designed earthquake withstanding structures, built bridges, designed a Mars rover and much more.

The activities continued after a short lunch break, all groups were working hard on new challenges or continuing on the same one, depending on what they had chosen to do. At the end of the day all the groups came together and it was most rewarding as they got to see all their hard work come together in the different forms of engineering masterpieces.

Throughout the day points were awarded to teams who excelled in their challenge. After the morning session, the Burwood Girls team was sitting in 2nd position, 4 points behind Rosebank College. After the nail-biting bridge finale, where the bridge strength was tested in front of all the schools, the final results were revealed. Burwood Girls placing 1st and defeating Rosebank College by over 130 points and moving onto the next round of the Challenge. The Burwood team did incredibly well, placing first or second in most of the challenges.

On Wednesday 15 August the Burwood team will participate in the next stage of the Challenge, competing against other schools who have also won in their local area. We wish them all the best of luck!!

By Hannah Hawkes, Year 9

SAMOA 2012
Once again, BGHS had a successful trip to Samoa as part of an interactive learning experience for Society and Culture and International Studies. Part of the trip involved a visit to Loto Taumafai School for children with special learning needs. The girls helped the students with their class work, danced and sang with them and also presented some great teaching resources, games and T-shirts to the students and staff. There was also a similar visit to Tuasivi High School, our sister school on the island of Savai'i. The most exciting part of the trip, however, was the family homestay. The girls spent a week living with traditional families, interacting with the locals as part of the family. They learnt basket weaving and tapa making, but most importantly, they developed intercultural communication skills which will help them, not only in their course work but also in their future careers. They also became part of a new “family” who will welcome them back whenever they visit in years to come.

Patrice Simpson, Head Teacher Social Sciences

SRC – HANDS ACROSS THE OCEAN
The Hands Across the Ocean fundraisers run by the SRC are in full swing. Last week the Year 11 girls raised over $400 for their charity, Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders). It was a great effort.

On Tuesday 14 August, there will be a sausage sizzle run by Year 9 to raise money for Osu Children’s Orphanage in Ghana. Sausage on a roll will cost $3 but meal deals, including a can of drink, will be $4.

In Week 6, Year 7 will be running a series of cake stalls for a school for Burmese refugees in Mae Sot in north Thailand. They were inspired by an International Day talk given by an ex-student who was a volunteer teacher there last year.

In Week 7, there will be another sausage sizzle, run by Year 10, to raise money for I-India School in Rajasthan.

In Week 8, Year 8 will raise money for the Fred Hollows Foundation.

The SRC girls meet once a fortnight to represent their peers in discussion of matters of importance and they are capably led by Katie Cunningham and Krissie Karatasas, the SRC presidents. The fundraisers are additional responsibilities they take on
to continue our school's Hand Across the Ocean Charities. Please help them by encouraging your daughters to support these fundraising activities.

Patrice Simpson, Head Teacher Social Sciences, Coordinator SRC

‘NOT FOR OURSELVES ALONE’

JEANS FOR GENES DAY
On 3 August, students were allowed to wear jeans to school for Jeans for Genes Day. The school raised $336 towards this worthy cause.

YEAR 8 ‘NFOA’ PROJECT – SAVING THE ORANGUTANS OF BORNEO
Year 8 are excited about our ‘pet’ charity, the Orangutans of Borneo.

Every hour, 300 soccer fields of rainforest are cleared in Borneo to plant palm oil. Fifty orangutans are killed every week and many babies are orphaned as a result. Without major intervention, these beautiful, peaceful animals will be extinct in 5 years!

On Wednesday 8 August, we held a cake stall to raise money to adopt two baby orangutans and save 200 hectares of rainforest. We are also trying to raise awareness about the terrible implications of buying products containing palm oil.

The cake stall was a great success and raised just over $500, with beautiful cakes supplied by Year 8 and over 40 volunteer helpers. Thank you to all the parents who helped us make cakes. For more information ask your daughter to show you Year 8 Project on the school Moodle.

Look out for our baby orangutans’ pictures soon!

Rosemary Sandow, English Faculty

LAPTOP NEWS

Laptops continue to play an integral part in our students’ learning and so to ensure they remain efficient, some housekeeping needs to take place. Years 10, 11 and 12 students were asked to present their laptops to Mr Kaing (our Technology Support Officer) as a form of stocktake. Any student in these years who has not already done so, are requested to bring their laptops to Mr Kaing in the Library, as soon as possible.

After all the formal exams have been completed, the Year 12 laptops will be collected for the process of decommissioning. This process will remove the security measures and the DEC licensed software and will see the installation of Windows 7 Ultimate and other software.

Once this process is complete, it will allow the students to have the laptop returned to them without it being connected to the Department of Education’s network.

More news on this will follow.

Fiona Diakos (Relieving Head Teacher Technology Innovations while Jeff Stubbs is on long service leave)

PREFECTS REPORT

The Prefects are keeping busy this term, continuing to monitor the Cheltenham Road crossing every afternoon and enjoying their new role. We would like to wish the Year 12s all the best in their trials as well and compliment them on the new jerseys the students are wearing with pride and a special thanks to Ms Mak for organising it. The Prefect body hopes the Year 11s enjoy their trip to Jindabyne and hope those who are not going will enjoy work placement. To the Year 10s, nominations for 2013 Prefects will commence soon. If you are interested and have any questions, do not hesitate to ask any of the current prefects. 😊 Have a great term, everyone.

Tara Lau and Luisa Travan, Year 11 Prefects

VISUAL ARTS NEWS

6X4 ART EXCHANGE
Year 11 students Isobel Blomfield and Dalia De Maria took part in the 6x4 art exchange earlier this year, a wonderful initiative run by The Sketchbook Project in the United States. They sent off their outstanding photograms made in Photography, Video and Digital Imaging and received beautiful artworks in return.
ENTER THE DRAGON
The Year 8 Visual Arts students are currently undertaking an exciting project in which they engage in the study of art in Asian cultures. Students are creating a design for a crest that symbolises their personalities and developing this into a painted tile. Some of the gorgeous artworks for a dragon mural have already been completed, with more to come. We can’t wait for the mural to be completed! More news on this in the near future.

CULTIVATING URBAN ECOSYSTEMS
Year 9 students studying Photographic and Digital Media are currently working on a unit that encourages sustainability through art. Their innovative digital artist maps were presented at the Visual Art and Design Educators association conference at the MCA in conjunction with the University of NSW. The Educators who attended the seminar were greatly impressed by the caliber of work by these students. Well done!

VISUAL ARTS BODY OF WORK EXHIBITION
On the evening of Tuesday 31 July the Year 12 Visual Arts students showcased their fantastic artworks. The night was opened by Cheryl Best, Manager of Learning and Development and was well received by the teachers, family and friends that attended.

The students produced a great range of work including painting, drawing, photography, animation, film, interactive artwork and sculpture. All 43 students are to be congratulated on the huge success of completing their works and on the exhibition.

Many thanks to the wonderful Hospitality students who catered on the night and contributed to the enjoyment of those who attended.

Congratulations to the Visual Arts staff also who supported the students in this endeavour.

Reports by Amy Yongsiri, Creative Arts Faculty

‘KEEP SAFE’ STUDENT FILM FINALISTS TAKE THIRD PLACE
Congratulations to Year 10 Photographic and Digital Media students Julia Frolov and Hattie Wilson who recently showcased their filmmaking and director talents as finalists of the inaugural Strathfield Youth Film Festival held in June. The film festival’s theme was ‘Keep It Safe’.

This Strathfield council initiative was to encourage young people to think about the issues of personal safety by producing a short film between 2-5 minutes. The films had to successfully deliver a positive community safety message targeted to a youth audience. Julia and Hattie’s short film entitled “Focus” skilfully explored some ways that young students could be vigilant and aware whilst walking out in their local community. Their captivating film shot on location around Strathfield came in third behind second and first place getters from McDonald College.

Both Julia and Hattie are passionate about their filmmaking and I am sure this is not the last we will see of their cinematic talents and ideas.

A huge congratulation to both Hattie and Julia from everyone at Burwood Girls High School for caring about their community and showcasing the many issues of cyber and phone safety young people face today. Their film “Focus” from the Strathfield Youth Film Festival 2012 is available for viewing on YouTube. Have a look - it may help you one day!

Mr Cheshire, Creative Arts Faculty

BURWOOD GIRLS REPRESENTED AT HEAD ON PHOTO FESTIVAL
Many thanks go to Ellie Foster (BGHS HSC 2010), who gave permission for a beautiful series of photos she produced while at our school, to be exhibited as part of the Head On Photographic Festival.

Celebrated Australian photographer, Anne Zahalka, singled out the work, a contemporary recreation of photos from Ellie’s childhood, for praise.

Congratulations, Ellie. The school is delighted that you are pursuing your interest in digital media in your studies at the College of Fine Arts, University of New South Wales.

Michelle Kals, Head Teacher Creative Arts
DEBATING NEWS
During the second half of Term 2, the Year 9 and 10 teams participated in the Premier’s Debating Competition. It was decided to hold as many rounds as possible on the same day to assist with organising adjudicators. The Year 9 and 10 Canterbury Girls teams proved to be challenging opponents and we enjoyed having our knowledge of current affairs tested!

Although Burwood’s Year 9 team - Ellen Balomatis, Gabrielle Oehlmann, Hannah Atkin and Kascha Chin Potter - argued admirably, the topics did not swing in their favour and they did not get a win in these rounds. Burwood’s Year 10’s, namely Lucy Wilcken, Annika Jolly, Ella Williams, Jaimee Lai and Georgia Mason, “got lucky” and had three consecutive wins.

Year 7 and 8 debates followed and one of the topics was “That public transport should be free”. That was actually a deceptively tricky argument as the affirmative and Burwood graciously congratulated Ashfield Boys on their effort at winning two out of the three rounds.

Stay tuned for the next installment on the final winners! These finals will be held at Georges River College, Peakhurst Campus!

By Georgia Mason, Year 10

TAS NEWS
It has been a busy few weeks again in TAS. Lots of great things have been happening in all classes. Teachers and students should be proud of all their achievements thus far this year. Well done to everyone!

BOW – TEXTILES & DESIGN MAJOR TEXTILES PROJECT EXHIBITION, TUESDAY 31 JULY 2012
Thank you to all parents, family and friends who attended this most successful evening. The Year 12 students should be proud of the excellent standard of work they have achieved. Students have been busily working on their textile items and portfolios as they are due to be completed and handed in on Monday 13 August at 3pm.

A big thank you to Mrs Taiiri and the two Year 11 Hospitality students, Sylvia Ashiadey and Khadija Nassor, who ensured that the catering was amazing.

WHITEHOUSE SCHOOL OF DESIGN SCHOLARSHIP
Last holidays I went to the Whitehouse Institute of design with a one week scholarship for the Fashion Illustration workshop which I received from the workshop they held at school last term. The week at the Whitehouse consisted of drawing illustrations of fashion figures, designing clothing and drawing facial features on fashion figures. The teachers were all well-known fashion designers and the drawing techniques they taught me were amazing. The classes were rewarding and despite the long hours I felt that I have gained a lot out of the workshop and I am very grateful for the opportunity they have given me.

Melna Huang, Year 11

The other worthy recipient of the scholarship is Ruby Tran, Year 12. She will attend the course in the December school holidays.

VET IN SCHOOLS – WHITEHOUSE FASHION VISUALISATION AND STYLE VISUALISATION
During the April and July holidays, Zoe Erken, Alexis Georgiou, Jessica Xie, Annie Lee and Julie Narm of Year 11, attended the Whitehouse Institute of Design TVET course. We initially thought this would be an easy course but gradually we figured it was far more time consuming and much dedication was required. There were many times we spent hours whinging about the amount of drawings and artworks that we had to complete, but with the help of the teachers and encouragement by peers, we were able to finish our tasks in time.

Through these tasks we were able to learn various skills and techniques. Some of us attended the fashion design course while others attended the style visualisation. There were tasks such as Photoshop, collages, figure drawings and different drawing techniques.

Through this TVET course our confidence in drawing has increased, and we were able to meet new friends. Our last course will be in the Christmas holidays which will be running for three weeks. We are all looking forward to this course and receiving our certificates.

Julie Narm and Zoe Erken

Anyone interested in these courses can contact Whitehouse: www.whitehouse-design.edu.au/courses or enquiry@whitehouse-design.edu.au.
In the next issue of Event, please look out for information on: new courses being offered in TAS; RSA – Responsible Service of Alcohol course; Barista Training, and much more.

FEES
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

BEP NEWS
Make a note in your diary – “Big Night Out” is on again. Always heaps of fun – not to be missed!

SANDAKAN
On 5 August, the Brass Ensemble, with Dan Murphy conducting, attended the annual Sandakan Ceremony. The students were wonderful. Special thanks to the prayer readers: Tara Lau, Rhea Papadopoulos and Madelene Callaghan, and the bugler, Remy Keldoulis. Well done.  
Diana Springford, Director BEP

INTERMEDIATE CONCERT BAND TOUR TO MOGO – 26-29 JUNE
It was an early start for the intermediate band on the last Wednesday of Term 2. We all met at 6:45am and were very envious of the rest of the school, knowing they were enjoying their relaxing sleep-ins. We packed the coach with a mountain of suitcases, instruments and pillows and by 7:30am we were off and on our way to Mogo, accompanied by Tara Fermor (our conductor), Ms Springford and Amanda Caltabiano.

We first stopped at Wollongong and had a two hour rehearsal. After this we came to a town called Berry where we stopped for lunch. We then hit the road again and arrived at Mogo Gold Rush Colony at around 5pm. We were given our rooms and got dressed into our band uniforms ready to perform at Tomakin Sports Club that evening. We performed our concert and finished at 8pm then headed back to our accommodation. We had showers, got into our pj's and all 38 of us squished into the teachers' cabin, ready for “Tara's Bedtime Stories”. After this we said goodnight and went back to our cabins, where we supposedly turned our lights off… Instead we stayed up for hours eating lollies and plotting our mischievous plan which we would put into action the next day.

It was another bright and early start for us all on Thursday. We had breakfast and packed the coach, ready to arrive at Mogo Public School which was our first performance destination for the day. After this concert we drove to Moruya Public School and performed in their school hall in front of around 300 students. Everyone quickly re-packed the coach and along with the secret help of Dennis the bus driver, Ms Springford and Miss Caltabiano we had the joy of seeing our conductor's face as we “accidently” drove away into the distance leaving her there by herself on the pavement. We went as far as two streets when we realised it would be best to go back and get her.

After that we went back to our accommodation and had a tour of the Historical Gold Rush Colony. We all had a chance to pan for gold, some of us more successful than others. We then had two hours free time which we spent playing a huge game of sardines in the dark. At 9pm that night an Aboriginal man named Rodney came and told us dreamtime stories around a campfire. An hour later we thanked Rodney and headed back to our cabins where we attempted to stay up late again but due to all the excitement we had that day, fell asleep straight away.

We had the same early start as the previous two mornings. We packed our suitcases, ate breakfast and loaded the coach with all our luggage. We went to St Mary's Public School in Moruya and performed one final time. We then made our long journey back to school, stopping at Ulladulla for lunch and returning to school at 6pm.
We all had an amazing time on band camp. Thank you to Tara, Ms Springford, Miss Caltabiano, and Mrs Browne for organising the trip. Surprisingly we managed to get all the way home without the coach breaking down!

_By Evie Hannah and Ramona Codd-Miller_

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**SPORTS REPORT**

It’s been a very busy Term 2 and the beginning of Term 3 in regards to students representing BGHS at sport. With the 2012 London Olympics happening at the moment, we can only hope that one day we may see one of our students or ex-students competing at this level due to their amazing results mentioned below.

**NATIONAL DIVING**

Congratulations to Tamara Ambrose, Year 10 for her outstanding performance at the National Schools Diving competition held last week at the Sydney Aquatics Centre, Homebush. Tamara achieved a Silver medal in the Synchronised pairs event and 1 Bronze in Springboard and 1 Bronze in Platform.

**CHS CROSS COUNTRY**

Congratulations to Nina Pearson, Year 11 (17+yrs) who finished 5th and Sylvia Lu, Year 11 (16 yrs) who finished 12th at the NSW State Cross Country carnival. Well done girls, 4km is a long distance to run and in very trying conditions as well.

**FUTSAL INDOOR SOCCER**

Well Done to the 14’s (Allegra Short, Rhea Papadopoulos, Adalita Young, Sophie Logan, Georgia Spence, Alice Loveday, Sienna Eggleton), 15’s (Ava Larsen, Emma McCarthy, Lara Bates, Ellen Vass, Natalie Davies, Cottie Zamora, Tori Riganias, Madeleine Karavotas) and 17+years (Elizabeth Jones, Zoe Zaczez, Hannah Tansey, Sierra Aves, Jasmin Pilatos) Indoor Soccer teams for successfully reaching the NSW State FUTSAL championships. We wish you and your super coaches (Ms Dalageorgos and Ms Kalogeropoulos) all the best.

**SYDNEY NORTH REGIONAL ATHLETICS**

This carnival was held in Week 2 of Term 3 and BGHS was well represented in both track and field events in all age groups. As the team manager, I would like to congratulate the girls on their individual and team results and also their team spirit and support they showed not just to the BGHS girls in the team but to all athletes that represented our sporting zone - Northern Suburbs.

There are six students who will compete at the CHS-NSW State Athletics carnival in early September and we wish them all the best:

- **Hannah Tansey**, Yr.11 - 3km Walk
- **Bianca Tassone**, Yr.11 - Shot Put
- 12 yrs 4 x100m age relay - Ella Boyd, Emma Douglas-Oliveira, Akua Franklin, Nara Brown - all Year 7.

Also, congratulations to Kate Webster, Year 7 for representing BGHS at the Regional Gymnastics trials.

To all students - keep in mind ‘The race for excellence has no finish line’.

Jan Gianotti, Sports Coordinator

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**DANCE SHOWCASE 2012**

This year’s Dance Showcase will be in Week 8, on Monday 3 September, at 7 pm.

The theme for this year is "Stop, Rewind, Fast Forward” and it will be bigger and better than any of the years so far. Put the date in your diary and look out for the notice announcing ticket sales.

**Ticket prices:** Adults $8, Concession $5, Family of 4 $25. Everyone welcome!

All profits from the night will go towards the BGHS New York Dance Tour, so come and support all our dancers. We hope to see you there.

_Melissa Caltabiano, Dance Coordinator_

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**CAREERS MATTERS**

A few Year 12 students have not collected their copy of the University Admission Centre (UAC) 2013 Guide. This guide contains details on more than 1,500 courses on offer from 24 institutions. The guide also has information on course costs and financial assistance, information on the ATAR, how to apply, offers and enrolments and the Special Tertiary Admissions Test (STAT). Applications for study in 2013 opened on August 8 and on time applications close on Friday 28 September 2012. Applications after this date will be accepted however, late fees will be charged.

This year’s UAC guide has an additional section listing courses from nine institutions which take direct applications.
UAC has a number of new publications including FAQs for parents and FAQs about the ATAR. These can be downloaded from the UAC website – http://www.uac.edu.au/publications/undergraduate.shtml. The Career Adviser has a few copies of the FAQs about the ATAR to give to any interested Year 12 students.

A reminder to Year 12 students the University of Western Sydney has rescheduled their visit for early September. In addition The Career Adviser has scheduled a number of talks on the UAC application processes and direct application process for university and TAFE. Other sessions have been organised to answer questions on how to navigate the UAC 2013 Guide.

Year 10 students intending to undertake a TVET course as part of their Year 11 studies in 2013 need to hand in their completed nomination form by the due date to ensure they are considered for the first round of the application process. Year 11 students who undertook a TVET course in 2012 need to hand in their signed EOI to continue a TVET Course in 2013 identifying if they intend to withdraw or continue next year.

The Career Adviser has a few copies of the Uni of NSW publication First Steps to Your Career available for any students in Years 10, 11 or 12.

Hugo Floriani, Careers Adviser

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**P&C MEETING, WEDNESDAY 15 AUGUST**

At the last P&C Meeting, Jenny Hardwick, Head Teacher English, gave a wonderful presentation on Teaching and Learning in the English Classroom. We really appreciate all the time and effort Ms Hardwick put into this presentation, which is available to view on the school's website on the 'P&C' page under ‘Our School’.

The next P&C meeting is on Wednesday 15 August in the school library, 7 pm for refreshments, 7:15 pm meeting. We will have a guest from the Police Force speaking about Cyberbullying.

Looking forward to seeing you on 15 August.

Alice Magoffin, P&C President

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**Blazers** (for all years, on display in Library) are available now, price $145.

Year 10 – please come down and pre-order your senior uniform – no money needed yet.

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

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**WELFARE NOTICE**

The school has been notified of two cases of chicken pox. Please be alert to any symptoms. Year 7 are being vaccinated for chicken pox on 23 August.

Olga Maroc, Head Teacher Welfare

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**HIKE FOR HUNGER**

Rovers Australia, in connection with Wesley Mission, aim to collect cans to stop the hunger. You can help with the collection of canned food to reach our goal.

There are starving children and adults who are hungry and do not have any food.

If you have any cans that could help, please give them to Stephanie Weyland in 7B, or drop in box outside PE Staffroom.

**BANDAGED BEAR’S BIG DAY OUT** (Formerly the Teddy Bear’s Picnic)

Sunday 9 September at Sydney’s Luna Park, in support of the Westmead Children’s Hospital.

For more information: http://www.bandagedbearday.com.au/home

Are you a scientist, or an engineer?

- Would you enjoy inspiring our teachers and students in their science?
- Would you like to become our school’s scientist?

Our school is registered for Scientists in Schools and we’re looking for a scientist who is interested in working with our staff and students – it would be great to have someone from our local community.

Scientists in Schools use a broad definition of ‘scientist’ which includes professionals working in a science or engineering-related area, encompassing research and applied scientists, technologists and engineers, medical and allied health professionals and mathematicians.

**There are no fixed hours** – it’s up to you and the teacher to decide how you can contribute.

Contact Deborah Segal at the Science Faculty at BGHS and register or find out more information online at www.scientistsinschools.edu.au

Scientists in Schools is an Australian Government initiative, managed by CSIRO Education.

If you’d like to call the Scientists in Schools team, they’re on 9490 8405 or email them at sis.nsw@csiro.au.

Event is also available on our website: http://web3.burwoodgh.schoo ls.nsw.edu.au