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## Burwood Girls High School Newsletter

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### For Your Diary

TERM 4, 2007	
<b>NOV</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly – Percussion Ensemble</li> </ul>
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr.11 Reports distributed</li> <li>• Jnr SRC meeting at lunchtime</li> <li>• Yr.11 Presentation Evening, 7pm</li> </ul>
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 Workshops</li> <li>• P&amp;C Annual General Meeting</li> </ul>
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10/11 Homophobia Workshop</li> </ul>
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seien School Visit</li> <li>• Year 10 Workshops</li> <li>• <b>Last day for payments</b> to the front office before Rollover (Dec 1)</li> </ul>
23/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Schools Spectacular</li> </ul>
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assembly</li> <li>• Snr SRC meeting at lunchtime</li> <li>• Junior Drama Showcase</li> </ul>
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESSA Test, Year 8, in Hall</li> <li>• 'A Little Night Music' concert, BEP, 7:00 pm, Hall</li> </ul>
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<b>DEC</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year Assemblies</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fashion Parade Rehearsals</li> <li>• Jnr SRC meeting at lunchtime</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fashion Parade, 6:45 pm, Hall</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Video Showcase Evening</li> </ul>
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment Free Day</li> <li>• Year 6/7 Orientation Day</li> <li>• Year 6 Instrumental Survey</li> <li>• Faculty Awards Assembly Years 8 &amp; 9, period 3</li> </ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Event #10</i> distributed</li> <li>• Snr SRC meeting at lunchtime</li> <li>• Blue &amp; Gold Awards Assembly, p.4</li> <li>• SC Results available on-line</li> </ul>
12	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 10 Formal</li> </ul>
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Celebration of Learning Day</li> <li>• Year 7 Reports distributed</li> </ul>
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation Day rehearsal</li> </ul>
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation Day + Yr.10 Reports</li> </ul>
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 8/9 Reports distributed</li> </ul>
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HSC results available online</li> <li>• P&amp;C Xmas Dinner</li> </ul>
<b>P&amp;C MEETINGS</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month, 7:30pm, Library.	
Next Meeting: AGM - 21 November	

### From the Principal...

We have been very busy doing Year 6 interviews for students and their parents starting in Year 7, 2008. We look forward to welcoming them to the Burwood Girls High School community next year.



*Mrs Browne, Manager of the P&C Uniform Shop with eager customers preparing for high school in 2008*

Congratulations to Year 11 who will be presented with their Reports and Awards at a special Presentation Ceremony this evening at 7:00 pm in the school Hall.

Just a reminder also that the Annual General Meeting for the P&C is on this Wednesday at 7:30 pm in the Library. All welcome.



Congratulations to Ellana Costa of Year 12 and her teacher, Ms Stavert. Ellana won the STC Young Playwright of the Year Award for her play "The Yellow Dress". Well done!

*Mia Kumar*

## VALUES EDUCATION

A commitment to, and focus on, values education was recently endorsed by State, Territory and Commonwealth Education Ministers. There is significant debate about *what* values our children should learn, *where* our children should learn their values and *how* they will acquire them. Schools have always been engaged in values education but schools are now required to promote "Australian Values" more explicitly. In doing so, a mandatory "values" audit is being done at school.

All staff have been involved in discussion groups, and the senior SRC representatives have conducted focus groups with girls from all years. The results are currently being collated.

**We would like parental input too**, so, if you feel inclined, please answer the following questionnaire and return your response to the school via your daughter. She should hand it in to her period one teacher at roll call. You may also return your responses via email to burwoodg-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

1. What values are important to you?
2. What values do you think your child should be taught at school?
3. Does the school support the values that you try to encourage in your child at home?
4. Look at the following nine *DET CORE VALUES* – responsibility, integrity, participation, democracy, care, fairness, respect, excellence, cooperation. Comment on the extent to which you feel that the school promotes these values.

When all results are tabulated, a forum will be held with members of staff, student, parent and community groups. This will be held early next year and you will be kept informed.

You can download further information at [www.valueseducation.edu.au](http://www.valueseducation.edu.au). Thank you for your continued interest in your child's education.

*Patrice Simpson, Head Teacher Social Sciences*

## LANGUAGE COMPETENCE TEST (ALC) RESULTS 2007

Congratulations to the overwhelming majority of BGHS Year 9 languages students who sat for the ALC Language Competency tests in August this year. The students were tested in both Listening and Reading skills at Level 2 standard, and were awarded a grade of High Distinction (HD), Distinction (D), Credit(C) or Participation (P) in each skill.

BGHS students' results were excellent overall, with students scoring more than the national average of High Distinctions and Distinctions in every language. In listening skills either a HD or D was awarded to 47.3% of our French students and 63.2% of our Italian students, 75% of Chinese students and 85.7% of Indonesian students. In comparison, national averages were approximately 40%. The same number of Indonesian and Chinese students scored HDs and Ds for their reading skills while 84% of French and Italian students scored a HD, D or C.

Congratulations to all the girls who participated in these competency tests, and particular

acknowledgement to the following girls who scored at least one HD:

### Chinese:

Melinda Chan, Louise Hang, Tingting Hu, Jessica Huang, Veronica Lee, Jasmine Li, Michelle Long, Eri Okuyama, Carol Pong, Kitty Ren

### French:

Lucy O'Connor, Francesca Sabbatini, Melody Cao

### Indonesian:

Indigo Elliott-Phibbs, Johanna Lihou, Samantha Popovic

### Italian:

Seriana Daoud, Pearl Le, Adele Mazzeo Colagiaco, Anastasia Michael, Melissa Rodriguez, Natasha Sanfilippo, Hannah Sewell

*Wendy Gray, Head Teacher Languages*

## GUEST SPEAKER

On 29 October, Year 7 enjoyed listening to Aboriginal guest speakers.



## RADIO STATION 2RDJ-FM VISIT

Three Year 9 students, **Talia Smith, Natalie Afshar** and **Geena Shin**, recently represented the school on Radio Station 2RDJ-FM, hosted by Jason Kerr at Woodstock Community Centre, Burwood.

The students were live-to-air after school on Monday, 5 November, where they talked about school organizations and events, announced songs and gave traffic reports.

All of the girls were wonderful ambassadors for the school and found the occasion a very valuable experience, where they learnt first hand about the workings of a radio station.

*Robyn Hopkins, English Faculty*



### COMMERCE CANBERRA TRIP CANCELLED

Unfortunately, the year 10 Commerce trip to Canberra this year has had to be cancelled as we did not have enough interest from the students. This is the first year we have had to take such measures. Perhaps the timing was not right as it was planned for much later than usual in the school year. We apologise to those girls who paid their deposits. Refunds will be available shortly.

### COMMERCE BUSINESSES BOOMING

Two of the Year 9 Commerce classes have successfully completed their businesses. Congratulations to SWEET ADDICTION and MACHO TACO who both put their knowledge of business operations into practice over the last few weeks.

“Sweet Addictions” was no ordinary cake stall. The girls bought shares in the business, organised themselves into departments such as Finance, Market Research and Advertising, and developed strategies to maximise both their profits and their understanding. A net profit of \$370 was made and this will be donated to the Breast Cancer Foundation.



Likewise, “Macho Taco” students have worked through all the stages in establishing a business - researching their product, arranging finance, maintaining records and of course, the actual “operations” of providing delicious tacos. They overcame problems such as power shorts in last Friday’s rain to satisfy many hungry customers and their final net profit of \$275 will go directly to WIRES, the Wildlife Rescue service.



The third Commerce class business will face its test next Thursday, 22 November, and I am sure they will

also delight their clientele with their product. Currently, they are in the final stages of organising their media campaign. Don't pack a lunch for your girls next Thursday as they will be able to purchase healthy BBQ chicken wraps and also yummy spiders from SPY-DA CHICK-N. All proceeds from this business will be directed towards programs to assist women and children in war ravaged African regions.

Congratulations to all three classes on your excellent efforts.

*Patrice Simpson, Head Teacher Social Sciences*

### SRC NEWS

Four of our Yr 10 reps and I had a very special night on 1 November, dining at State Parliament House with Mr Phil Lambert, Director of Sydney Region DET. This event was sponsored by the DET and Leichhardt Council to raise both funds for, and awareness of, people in the newly democratic Timor L'este. They heard Jose Ramos Horta speak via satellite and saw the launch of “Hands Across the Water” a short film by Tim Brunero (of Big Brother fame) and Union Aid Abroad APHEDA. **Arielle Tsoukatos, Rebecca Tong, Christina Nicholas and Simone Peachey** were quite moved by what they learnt on the night and now hope to include a sister school in Timor L'Este in our own BGHS Hands Across the Ocean charity program.

Congratulations to the Year 9 representatives who raised over \$400 for their chosen charities, orphanages in Ghana and Kenya with their GELATO stall last week.



Also, a big thank you to Year 10 who raised over \$300 to go to the Starlight Foundation. This week, Year 11 will be selling flowers to raise money for NACCHO (National Aboriginal Community Centre for Health Organisation). In Week 7, the Year 7 and 8 reps will be selling butterfly themed cakes to raise money to help those with eating disorders.

All girls have had a successful year, not only in fundraising activities, but in participating in decision making processes and in gathering vital data to help with the school's directions. Year 10 and 11 reps have been trained in conducting focus group discussions with girls from all years regarding their attitudes to the values we espouse at BGHS. See *Values Education* article.

*Patrice Simpson, SRC Coordinator*

## ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

### PAYMENTS TO THE FRONT OFFICE:

#### ROLLOVER

Please note that the office will be closed for payments in Week 7 (26 November to 30 November inclusive). If you need to pay for any excursions or school fees, please pay at the front office by the end of Week 6 (23 November).

For all school enquiries phone 9747 3355. Thank you.

*Bronwyn Hatzis, School Administrative Manager*

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## SPORT NEWS

Congratulations to the following girls who have been voted in as House Captains and Vice Captains for 2008:

### Cumbora

C – Jessica La Rosa

VC – Millie Mclvor

Trazzera

### Kurrajong

C – Isabel Durie

VC – Jenny Davies

### Kayeroo

C – Rebecca Tong

VC – Katherine

### Yorrell

C – Ruby Hackett

VC – Ariadne Keldoulis

## CHS Athletics

Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements at the CHS Athletics Carnival late last term.

Yr.12 Jenny Conder 2<sup>nd</sup> 1500m, 1<sup>st</sup> 3km

Kate Conder 4<sup>th</sup> 1500m, 3<sup>rd</sup> 3km, 2<sup>nd</sup>

Steeplechase

Yr.10 Ruby Hackett 2<sup>nd</sup> 1500m

Yr.9 Shani Sleeman 1<sup>st</sup> High Jump, breaking the state record

## Grade Sport

A general reminder to all 14's, 15's and Opens Grade sport students – with the weather being very hot already, please remember to bring a hat to wear, sunscreen to apply and enough water to drink, to all your venues.

### ALL SPORT!

Canvas, slip-on shoes (happy shoes) are **NOT ALLOWED** to be worn for **any** sport on Tuesday. They do not provide the correct support or grip needed and injury can occur very easily. Please wear the correct footwear for Tuesday sport.

*Janelle Gianotti and Angie Bereveskos,  
Sport Coordinators*

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## AMEB RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students on their recent exam results:

### Violin

Romy Maguire, Yr.7           A           Grade 2

Samantha Paterson, Yr.8    B           Grade 5

Lisa Li, Yr.7                 A           Grade 2

Xin Yuan Chai, Yr.9         A           Grade 6

Sai Mi Jeong, Yr.10         A           Grade 6

Lucy White (viola), Yr.7    B           Grade 4

### Clarinet

Lucy Tremain, Yr.7         Honours   Grade 3

## Musicianship

Lucy Tremain, Yr.7

Credit

Grade 3

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## P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

All parents and interested community members are invited to attend our Annual General Meeting, 7:30 pm, Wednesday, 21 November in the Library.

## P&C UNIFORM SHOP

We are now in our busy time with all Year 7 2008 coming in for their uniforms. Normal hours resume in Week 6.

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## BEP NEWS

The **Inner West Band Festival** sponsored by Wests Leagues Ashfield was held on 18 November at BGHS. It was a magnificent event with 32 bands taking part.

**“Rock Oz” Concert** – The ICB performed on Saturday, 17 November in Burwood Park.

**Workshops** – The SCB are joining James Ruse Agricultural High School for workshops on 19 Nov at BGHS and on 22 Nov at James Ruse Agricultural HS.

**“A Little Night Music”** is on again! Tues/Wed, 27/28 November, 7:00 pm in the school hall. \$10 Adults, \$5 children, \$20 family (discount for attending both nights!). All bands and ensembles will be performing. Bring friends and family - tickets available from the BEP office.

Girls just wanna have...  
**FUN!**



Burwood Girls fashion  
Tuesday 4th December 2007  
6:45pm for family / \$5 per ticket.  
\$20 for School Hall  
7pm Start  
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