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Burwood Girls High School Newsletter

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For Your Diary

TERM 1, 2005	
Feb 7	• Event posted home • Parent meeting – BIEP 7:30 pm
11	• School Photos
16	• P&C BBQ to welcome Year 7 parents (all parents welcome) 6:00 pm, Hall • P&C Meeting 7:30 pm
17	• Yr.11 Welfare Day • Surf Camp
18	• Surf Camp
21	• Yr.12 Parent Meeting
23	• Swimming Carnival
28	• Yr.10 Parent Meeting • HIP (three day program)
Mar 1	• ELLA Testing
2	• Year 7 Camp (3 days)
3	• Assessment Free Day • SCB Baby Proms
4	• Clean Up Australia Day for Schools
7	• International Women's Day Assembly
14	• Next Event distributed • 'Big Night Out' Concert

P&C MEETINGS

16 FEBRUARY 7:30 PM
(BBQ 6:00 PM)
16 MARCH
18 MAY
All welcome!

From the Principal...

Happy New Year to everyone!

Many new students (including 165 in Year 7) were warmly welcomed by our returning students at an assembly last Tuesday. Our total enrolment is approximately 1050 for 2005.

There are also some staff changes and I am delighted to welcome:

Ms Jane Burkitt (Science)	Ms Evelyn Man (Languages/Maths)
Ms Ayla Erken (Science)	Ms Julie Perdriau (Technology)
Ms Belinda Fenech (Dance)	Ms Kate Stavert (Drama/English)
Mr Hugo Floriani (Careers)	Ms Mary Teague (STLA, Visual Arts)
Ms Effie Harris (Maths)	Ms Kiki Tsoli (PDHPE)

Our School Certificate and Higher School Certificate results were wonderful. Certainly our congratulations to all students who performed so successfully. Cheryl Gleave has prepared an extensive report which can be shared with parents at the next P&C Meeting on 16 February (after the 'Welcome Year 7' barbecue). There will also be an opportunity to meet the new careers adviser. So do come along and hear about the school's excellent achievements.

There has also been some building renovations during the summer holidays including two new flag poles, refurbished staffrooms for Creative Arts and Languages, new media classroom, new floors for the two dance/drama studios, and 10 more picnic settings in the playground. We are also expecting an additional demountable classroom and a music shed.

Our school is now considering ways to support the education of children and young people in countries affected by horrendous natural or political disasters. The students, guided by the SRC, are taking up the challenge of considering the most appropriate project to assist others in rebuilding the future for young people in Asia, India and Africa. We have already identified a name for our efforts, "HANDS ACROSS THE OCEAN" and there will be a special concert held on Sunday 20 March. Please put the date in your diary.

Other important dates for the students are:

11 February.....School Photos
16 February.....BBQ (6pm) in Hall followed by P&C (7:30pm) to welcome Year 7 parents. All parents welcome.
23 February.....Swimming Carnival

I look forward to the whole school community working together to achieve the best possible educational outcomes for our girls.

Mia Kumar



Welcome to Hugo Floriani, our new Careers Adviser

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE RESULTS 2004

Congratulations to Year 12 2004 for their great results in the Higher School Certificate. 162 students who ranged across all ability levels sat the exams. They achieved strong results and are to be commended for their hard work throughout the year. Compared to the rest of NSW schools, Burwood Girls High School had a significantly higher proportion of students in the top 3 bands (ie. marks of higher than 70)

The following students achieved exceptional results:

- Lisa Su** – 1st in NSW in Chinese Continuers
- Lisa Su** – 3rd in NSW in Chinese Extension
- Jessica Kerr** – 2nd in NSW in Indonesian Continuers
- Jessica Kerr** – 3rd in NSW in Indonesian Extension
- Emma Vickers** – 6th in NSW in Indonesian Extension
- Ami Chen** – 12th in NSW in Chemistry
- Eva Xie** – 5th in NSW in Chinese Background Speakers
- Yumin Hong** – 9th in NSW in Chinese Background Speakers

Monika Diak – 1st in NSW in Hungarian Continuers (Saturday School)

Garima Sethi – 2nd in NSW in Hindi (outside tutor)

Shaizy Kaur – 4th in NSW in Hindi (outside tutor)

Six students were acknowledged in the NSW Top All Rounders list meaning that they achieved Band 6 (90+) in all their subjects. Congratulations to **Ami Chen, Jenny Han, Jessica Kerr, Doreen Mo, Kerrie Park and Emma Vickers**, who will all receive the Premier's Award for all-round excellence in the Higher School Certificate on 17 February.

Burwood Girls High School performed significantly above state average in 60% of subjects. Performance in a further 30% of subjects was at or near the state average. 47 students received 128 merits (ie. marks of 90+) in 35 subjects.

Particularly outstanding results were achieved in the following subjects where the percentage indicated shows the percentage of Burwood Girls candidates who received a Band 6 (90+) mark:

Economics (25%)	Music (40%)
Advanced English (24%)	Visual Arts (36%)
English Extension 1 (70%)	Chinese Continuers (57%)
English Extension 2 (66%)	Chinese Extension (50%)
Mathematics 2U (18%)	French Beginners (22%)
Mathematics Ext.1 (26%)	Indonesian Continuers (28%)
Modern History (35%)	Indonesian Extension (40%)
History Extension (37%)	

SCHOOL CERTIFICATE RESULTS 2004

169 Burwood Girls High School students sat for the School Certificate tests. Burwood Girls High School students performed at or above state average in all tests.

The percentage of students achieving top results (Band 5 and 6) were as follows:

English-Literacy (44%)

Mathematics (27%)

Science (41%)

Australian History, Civics & Citizenship (30%)

Australian Geography, Civics & Citizenship (23%)

Cheryl Gleave, Deputy Principal

YEAR 9 DEBATING

The winners of the annual Year 9 Great Debate for 2004 were **Kaylie Yan, Jenny Shao and Gloria Cai**, with **Mary Nishimura** as team adviser.

Mr Cox organised an inter-class competition for all Year 9 English classes, culminating in a grand final between Ms Benjamin's and Ms Lazos/Sandow's classes. The topic was that "Santa Claus should go back to the North Pole" and the negative team won with well supported arguments. Congratulations to all teams.

Janice Raynor, English Faculty



BURWOOD INSTRUMENTAL & ENSEMBLE PROGRAM NEWS

On Australia Day, 26 January 2005, the Senior Concert Band performed at Woodstock Community Centre for Burwood Council. One of the guest speakers was Mr Beasley, the new leader of the federal opposition. As you can see by the photo, the band members were very polite and paid close attention to Mr Beasley's speech!



VISUAL ARTS STUDENT GETS POLITICAL POSTER PUBLISHED

Congratulations to Visual Arts student **Nadia Lee** for having her political poster and commentary accepted for publication in the War Widows Guild of Australia Magazine.

In Term 3 2004, Nadia Lee of Year 9 Visual Arts created a social message graphic postcard that also contained a commentary about her feelings on War. Nadia sent the graphic to the War Widows Guild of Australia, which is an organisation that supports widows of war. The organisation has a magazine with a circulation of 13 000 readers.

Chief Executive Officer Patricia Campbell was so impressed by the fact that young students took the time to express their views and that Nadia used her art as agent for social commentary, the War Widows Guild offered to publish Nadia's graphic and commentary. The article will appear in a 2005 Magazine Issue.

A copy of the graphic is shown below. Congratulations to Nadia from the Creative Arts Faculty.

Ms K. Tapp, Visual Arts



DRAMA NEWS

Congratulations to **Jess Hildebrand** and **Sophie Woolaston**, Year 11 Drama students, who were selected from hundreds of applicants from all over NSW, to be ambassadors for the Griffin Theatre. During January they participated in theatre workshops lead by professional actors and will continue to be involved with the theatre throughout the year. We can look forward to seeing Jess and Sophie display their theatrical skills at the Drama Performance Evening to be held later this year!

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL (SRC) 2005

Congratulations to the following girls who have been elected onto the SRC for 2005:

Year 8	Marley Williams	Year 11
Andrea Babalis	Ruby Pavone	Megan McKee
Jessica Bowen	Sarah Morris	Nina Abbey
Hannah Dawson	Year 10	Bettina Vuong
Sabrina Gullotta	Rosie Short	Rosie Sugden
Ariadne Keldoulis	Kate Jones	Isabella Manuel
Christina Nichols	Alex Einfeld	Anna Huish
Lily Powell	Anita Tong	Jaime Lee Van Der Ley
Gina Rushton	Eleni Schumacher	Vanessa Ha
Alexis Talbot-Smith	Thea Powell	Jessica Booth
Year 9	Lucy Kopecny	Nancy Lien
Hannah Erken	Susannah Condie	Neha Dayal
Alison Baillie	Ellana Costa	
Alice Waddington	Ella Gubb	
Gracie Drew	Lexy Mullins	

After the camp in Week 5, each Year 7 class will elect their representative.

The SRC plays a vital part in decision-making at Burwood and also work on many of our big extra-curricular activities. In Term 1 these will include International Women's Day assembly in Week 6, and International Day in Week 8. The girls will also be helping to co-ordinate some major fundraising activities for school, as well as national and international humanitarian aid projects.

The school looks forward to our SRC maintaining its excellent tradition of school contribution and we congratulate all the newly elected members.

Ms Patrice Simpson, SRC Co-ordinator

STUDENT WELFARE

We have a couple of changes to the Welfare Team this year – Ms Amanda McGrath (History) is the Year 7 Student Adviser and has already begun to successfully settle the Year 7 students into Burwood Girls High School. She is being assisted by Mrs Chris Maiorana (History) as Assistant Year 7 Adviser.

Mrs Thekla Christie (Science) has taken over from Ms Kathy Barr as Year 11 Student Adviser and will be the student's point of contact in Year 11 and Year 12. Ms Angela Urbano will continue in her role as Assistant Year 11 Adviser. Thank you to all for their hard work and effort!

Parents of Year 11 students should have received a note concerning the Year 11 Welfare Day on 17 February. The program for the day includes motivational speakers as well as sessions on goal setting and study skills. There is a cost of \$10 to cover guest presenters.

Ms Olga Maroc, Head Teacher Welfare



L to R: Chris Maiorana, Year 7 Assistant Adviser, Amanda McGrath, Year 7 Student Adviser.



Thekla Christie, Year 11 Student Adviser

YEAR 7 NEWS

Welcome to the new Year 7 for 2005. All students seem to be settling in well to the routine of high school.

Year 7 are busy preparing themselves for a busy term one with a range of events taking place including:

Swimming Carnival	23 February
School Camp	2-4 March
History Field Study Trip	31 March

Year 7 students are expected to attend all of these events. The school camp will be at the Broken Bay Sport and Recreation Facility and will be an opportunity for students to get to know one another in team building exercises and other fun activities such as a talent quest. Following the camp students will have an opportunity to vote in their Year 7 SRC representatives. I welcome parents to contact me with any queries regarding the camp or other activities taking place this term.

Amanda McGrath, Year 7 Student Adviser



Students starting 2005 with enthusiasm!

YEAR 7 CELEBRATION OF LEARNING DAY 2004

The Year 7 Celebration of Learning Day, held on 9 December 2004, was a fun and exciting way for Year 7 to celebrate their achievements in their first year at Burwood Girls High School.

The day started off with Mr Stubbs, Head Teacher – Teaching & Learning, cutting the ribbon to officially open the celebration. Then we saw a colourful, creative Geography Powerpoint presentation on the rainforest. After that the parents and students got to have a look around at all the great work that the Year 7 classes have done.

After enjoying our classroom learning showcase, we all sat down to watch the performance showcase. We got to enjoy lots of great performances from a rock band, some debating, dancers, some drama and some music. It was a great entertaining performance.

Then we went out to enjoy a yummy sausage sizzle served by our Year 11 Big Sisters. During lunch, the visitors left and the years changed into mufti and put on their dancing shoes and had a disco! We played some fun games and had a dance. After the disco we all got into our class groups and we were handed our reports and our portfolios.

We would just like to thank everyone who took part in the Year 7 Celebration of Learning Day, especially our Year Advisers, Ms Stipanovic and Ms Raynor, who helped us on our way through Year 7.

Written by the Reporting Committee, Ellen Rowles (7R 2004) and Helen Engel (7W 2004).

SCHOOL UNIFORM

A reminder to parents that the uniform requirements for our students are outlined in your daughter's "Student Planner and Diary".

All items (except for shoes) are available from the school uniform shop.

Please ensure students have the correct skirt (that is, for Seniors a "Plain navy blue 'A' line with inverted pleats" and solid "Flat heeled, black leather shoes".

D. Allen, Relieving Deputy Principal

P&C ASSOCIATION NEWS

Happy new year to all parents and a special welcome to new Year 7 parents. P&C Association meetings are held every 3rd Wednesday of the month (unless otherwise notified) at 7:30 pm in the school Library. Notice of meeting dates are listed in the parent newsletter 'Event', which is usually distributed just prior to each P&C Meeting.

The first P&C Meeting this year is on Wednesday, 16 February and will start with a special barbecue at 6:00 pm in the school Hall to welcome the new Year 7 parents, to be followed by a meeting at 7:30 pm. We look forward to seeing you.

PLEASE NOTE NEW UNIFORM SHOP HOURS:

Mondays – second half of lunch (1:30-2:00 pm)

Tuesdays – 9am – 3pm

Elaine Browne, President P&C

FROM THE FRONT OFFICE

Welcome back everyone. Thank you to the parents who have already returned the yellow form "Student Information" (medical and publicity consent). If you have not already done so, please return this form, completed on both sides, as soon as possible so that we may update our records.

If your details change throughout the year, especially address, phone number, and emergency contact people, please let us know straight away.

All enquiries: 9747 3355.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

Drummoyne Community Centre has vacancies in:

Triple P - Positive Parenting Program - gain confidence and competence as a parent of children 2-12 years. This 8 week program commences Wednesday 9th February at Drummoyne Community Centre, 7-9.30pm. Course costs \$25 each. Please contact Drummoyne Community Centre for registration package - 9719 8102.

Children's Art Classes - which are held after school on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons at Drummoyne Community Centre starting 9th & 10th February for term, 1. Classes are for children 5-7 years (3.45-4.45pm) and 8+ (5.00-6.00pm). Classes are for an hour. Cost \$117 for 9 weeks (materials included). For more info and to book please call 9719 8102.

Seasons for Growth - enjoy a creative, safe learning experience with an educational program about the individual and his/her own responses -to change and loss. It does not focus on the circumstances or issues which are private. Confidentiality is strongly emphasized. Run in partnership with Inner West Family Support. Introductory workshop 22nd February, 12 noon - 1.30 pm (\$10 for materials). 4 week program starting 1 March, 12noon - 1.30pm (\$15 for materials).

Self Esteem and Communication - 4 week program run in partnership with Relationships Australia covering; understanding self and others; relationship styles; skills in communicating clearly; dealing with feelings; problem solving; conflict resolution skills. Tuesdays, starting 22nd February, 7.00-9.30pm. Advance bookings essential, cost \$110 (concession \$66).

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Event is also available in colour from our website.