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Burwood Girls High School Newsletter

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For Your Diary

TERM 3, 2005

Aug 8-19	• HSC Trial Exams commence (2 weeks)
12	• HSC Textiles Display, 6:00-7:30 pm, Library
15-17	• Year 8 HIP Program
15-19	• Year 11 Jindabyne excursion (1 week)
17	• P&C Meeting, 7:30 pm
18	• Field Study Day
19-20	• Duke of Edinburgh expedition • HSC Trial Exams end
22	• Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection Night, 7:30 pm, School Hall
25	• Exoday – lunchtime festival
29	• Assessment Free Day • Elective Music Concert, 7:30 pm, School Hall
30	• Year 7 Vaccinations
31	• School Council Meeting, 6:00 pm
Sept 2	• Note: Fashion Parade has moved to 12 October
3-13	• BGHS students visit Japan
5	• Assessment Free Day • 'Big Night Out' Concert, 7:30 pm, School Hall
6	• Assessment Free Day
8	• CHS Athletics
9	• CHS Athletics
10	• HSC Speaking exams for French/Indonesian/Italian Continuers
12	• Next <i>Event</i> distributed • Year 8 Choices 2006
12-20	• Year 11 Exams
21	• Year 12 Farewell Assembly • Year 12 Reports distributed • Year 12 Graduation, 7:30 pm, School Hall
22	• Year 12 Picnic • Year 10 Trial SC Exams
23	• Year 10 Trial SC Exams • Last day of term

P&C MEETINGS
LIBRARY, 7:30 PM
17 AUGUST, 14 SEPT
All welcome!

From the Principal...

This is the final term for our Year 12 students and many of them have already completed special projects for various courses. The HSC major works for Visual Arts were displayed in Week 2 at a magnificent Body of Works exhibition.



Parents, teachers and students enjoying the HSC Body of Works exhibition

On Friday, 12 August there will be a display of the Textiles projects in the Library at 6:00 pm. I congratulate all Year 12 students on their wonderful efforts and wish them the best of luck in the trial exams which commence this week.

Burwood Girls High School is travelling again – five students have been selected from a most enthusiastic group of applicants to go to Osaka in Japan on 3 September, accompanied by Patrice Simpson, Head Teacher Social Sciences.

During the next holidays, five of our students – Alexandra Kemp, Amy Hoang, Vera Li, Sarah Koh and Millicent Brown – will be travelling to Jiangsu Province, in China, accompanied by Evelyn Man. This project is part of an exchange program funded by the Department of Education and Training, where Burwood GHS and Ashfield BHS were selected as part of this program for 2006. Students from Jiangdu High School will be visiting our school this week for 10 days and our students will be hosting them.

On 15 August the majority of our Year 11 students travel to Jindabyne for a week while the remainder will undertake work experience. Both groups are looking forward to new challenges.

On 1 September at 1:00 pm there will be a special opening of the new music annex. Thanks to the large number of parents who have donated so much time, effort and hard work to create extra studio spaces. A magnificent effort!



Students travelling to Japan, with Ms Simpson and a teacher from Osaka

Finally, welcome to Margaret Nowak, our third deputy. Margaret will be working with us until the end of the year. Currently Ms Nowak is coordinating our policy on Gifted and Talented, Student Welfare and managing the large number of late students each morning!

Mia Kumar

ANNUAL FASHION PARADE

Please note that our Annual Fashion Parade that was advertised for Friday, 2 September 2005, has been moved to **Wednesday, 12 October 2005 (First week of Term 4)**. Further details will be provided in the next issue of *Event*.

ENGLISH/DRAMA NEWS

Debating

On Friday, 29 July, five students from Year 7 and Year 8 attended the University of Technology to participate in The Barker Cup debating challenge. Our students won **two** out of the three debates on the day. I would like to thank Ms Benjamin for taking **Jessica Bowen, Elly Foster, Maddison Georgiou, Ariadne Keldoulis** and **Mariama Akunyare**. These girls should be commended for their behaviour and their diligence.

Drama

On Friday, 5 August and Saturday, 6 August, our Burwood students will compete in the Shakespeare Festival. They were the winners of the first round so we wish them well at Ravenswood Girls High. The students are Aristeia, Phaedra and Madeleine from Year 10. We wish the girls and Ms Stavert good luck.

Also, our Year 12 Drama students will be performing their HSC Groups and Individual performances on Tuesday, 23 August. This represents 30% for group and 30% for individual performance of their final work.

English News

We have just launched our first creative competition for Year 7 through to Year 10. All students who have a passion for creating a story, poetry, a web page, a video or a script are asked to enter this special competition. Students have this term to create a wonderful project. All work is to be handed in by Friday, 14 October – the first Friday of Term 4.

Annetta St Louis, Head Teacher English

HSC VISUAL ARTS EXHIBITION

This exhibition opened on Wednesday evening, 25 July and was strongly supported by friends and family of our Year 12 Visual Arts students. Students exhibited work of an impressive standard in a range of media and forms including large-scale colour photography, printmaking, painting, drawing, ceramics, sculpture and video. The Year 12 teachers, Ms Kals and Ms Tapp, changed the venue to the School Hall this year rather than the usual

venue, School Library, because of the scale of the works.

Our audience was thrilled with not only the quality of the work but the diversity in concepts and approaches that was evident. **Kate Disher-Quill** and **Amy Nazloomian** made entertaining speeches on behalf of their fellow students to acknowledge the support and encouragement provided by their teachers. Our Year 12 students deserve the praise that they received over the three days of the exhibition for their tireless efforts and for their excellent achievement. Congratulations girls!

Many thanks and congratulations go to Ms Tapp, Ms Raynor and Ms Habijanec for their fabulous efforts in guiding our Year 12 group this year.

Michelle Kals, Head Teacher Creative Arts



Kate Disher-Quill's photograph (centre) with her real-life subjects, Micky Quill and Bob Howard



WELFARE NEWS – YEAR 7 VACCINATIONS

The second dose of Hepatitis B vaccine will be administered (to those Year 7s who received the first dose in May) on Tuesday, 30 August 2005.

Students involved will bring home forms for parents to sign this week.

Olga Maroc, Head Teacher Welfare

PARENTS OF YEAR 11/YEAR 12 TVET STUDENTS

TVET Progress Reports for Meadowbank College have been distributed to students. The report is neither a result sheet nor academic transcript. The purpose is to give the parents and teachers an overview of the progress of the student.

Hugo Floriani, Careers Adviser

NEWS FOR PARENTS OF HSC CANDIDATES

There are many administrative requirements for HSC students during this term. Please remind your daughter to complete the required paperwork.

- Provide signatures to Ms Gleave to submit to Board of Studies (these are used by Board of Studies in cases of students losing their BOS PIN number).
- Apply for university admission (UAC books were distributed to Year 12 on 1 August).
- Apply for University Access Scheme (disadvantaged students).
- Notify Ms Gleave and the school of any change of address.
- Apply for relevant scholarships. Mr Floriani and Ms Gleave have details of many of these.
- Australian Veterans' Children's Assistance Trust for university or TAFE study for child or grandchild of a Vietnam veteran (see Ms Gleave).
- The Sir William Yeo Scholarship – for students enrolling in courses such as rural science, veterinary science, agriculture and agricultural economics (see Ms Gleave).
- The Sir Colin Hines Scholarship for Children of Vietnam Veterans (see Ms Gleave).

FIELD STUDY DAY – TERM 3 – ALL STUDENTS

The Field Study Day this term is on Thursday, 18 August 2005 (Week 5). The students will be involved in the following activities:

Year 7	Luna Park	\$28.50
Year 8	Katoomba	\$27.00
Year 9	Wollongong University	\$20.00
Year 10	Art Gallery	\$8.00
Year 11	Jindabyne/Work Placement	
Year 12	HSC Trials	

If you have not already done so, please return any permission slips to faculties involved, and payment to the front office, **no later than Tuesday, 16 August.**

Rosemary Patonay, Head Teacher Technology

P&C SPECIAL NOTICE

TRIVIA NIGHT, 17 SEPTEMBER - CANCELLED

Unfortunately, our Trivia Night advertised for Saturday, 17 September 2005 has been cancelled due to lack of interest! Thank you very much to those people who did offer to help and/or donate prizes. We still hope to be able to have a Trivia Night early next year when more people are willing to be involved.

The next P&C Meeting is Wednesday, 17 August 2005 7:30 pm in the School Library. The Agenda is as follows:

- Trivia Update
- Tracksuit report
- SNAP Reports
- Information Systems

Elaine Browne, President P&C

BIEP NEWS

We started Term 3 with the Primary Workshops held on 17 and 18 July, attended by 85 students from primary schools in the area. These workshops were very successful, with three of our Senior Concert Band students teaching for the two days alongside Glenn Armitage and Simon Bartlett.

Recent Events

- Stage Band played at the Citizenship Ceremony on 27 July.
- We competed in the NSW Waverley Band Festival on 30/31 July with the following results:
 - SCB – Silver Award
 - ICB – Silver Award
 - JCB – Silver Award
 - Stage Band – Silver Award

Congratulations to all, and my thanks and congratulations to all students for being so well presented and well behaved at these events.

Elaine Browne, Secretary

'BIG NIGHT OUT 2005'

It's Back! Staff of Burwood Instrumental and Ensemble Program let their stars shine as they come out and play and sing in our major fundraiser for the year.

Where: The School Hall

When: 7:30 pm, Monday September 5

How Much? Pitifully cheap!

Adults \$15

Students, children \$10

Families (2 adults, 2 Children) \$35

Buy tickets at the door or through Elaine Browne at the school (9747 3355). Refreshments will be available.

ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

Truancy Call – automated attendance system

As reported previously, we are currently participating in a trial of a new system call *Truancy Call*. This is an automated system that contacts parents of students who have been recorded as either absent or

late without a note from parents. Some of you may have already received a phone call, SMS or an email.

The most important thing to remember, if you receive an automated phone call, is to press '0' (zero) before hanging up. If not, the system will just keep calling you.

If you know your daughter will be late or away for the day, please call the school on 9747 3355 before 10:30 am. Your call will be recorded and you will not receive an automated call.

We ask for your patience during this trial as we work out all the kinks. We hope this system is a great success in improving attendance.

Front Office Renovations

The front office is still undergoing renovations. We appreciate parents' extra patience until the work is completed. Hopefully when our new surroundings are finished we will be able to serve the school community even more efficiently!

For any school enquires phone 9747 3355.

Bronwyn Hatzis, School Administration Manager

COMMUNITY NOTICES

HELP FOR TEENAGERS WITH ANXIETY AND DEPRESSION

Do you know a teenager who is constantly:

- avoiding school, parties or unfamiliar social situations
- afraid of trying anything new
- worrying about anything and everything AND is often:
- unhappy and down on themselves
- feeling hopeless or worthless?

Teenagers with these types of problems can be helped by learning how to manage worried thoughts, face things they are afraid of, and improve their mood. At the Macquarie University Child and Adolescent Anxiety Clinic, and innovative treatment program tailor-made for teenagers with anxiety and depression is currently being trialled. The program involves a weekly 2-hour session for 12 weeks for groups of 6 teenagers of similar age and with similar problems, in a family context. The cost is \$350 (including a \$150 bond), although concessions are made according to income.

If you know someone who may be suitable for the program, please contact the clinic directly on 9850-8711. If you would like more information on the program, please contact Dr Carolyn Schniering on 9850-6741, or Prof Ron Rapee on 9850-8032.

KIDS LEARNING TO DE-STRESS

One-day meditation courses for high school students 12-16 years are available on the following dates: Sunday, 14 August or Sunday, 11 September, at Ashfield Public School. There is no charge for courses. Funded solely by donation. For more information go to www.bhumi.dhamma.org and follow links to children/teenager courses or call 9568-3277.

YFU STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION EVENING

Looking for adventure? Dreaming of traveling the globe? Needing to escape Australia for awhile and see what else is out there? YFU Student Exchange Information Evening – 17 August, 7:00 pm, Bondi Surf Life Saving Club, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Bondi Beach (next to the Pavilion). Parents welcome! 1800 654 947, www.yfu.com.au.

IS YOUR CHILD SHORTSIGHTED?

The Vision Cooperative Research Centre Ltd (Vision CRC) at University of NSW is looking for children to take part in a study of shortsightedness (myopia) and daily wear contact lenses.

If your child: is aged between 8 to 14 years, has myopia, he or she may be eligible to enter this study. For the duration of the study, participants will receive: FREE contact lenses; FREE solutions; ongoing eyecare provided by Vision CRC optometrists.

If you are interested in having your child participate in this study, please contact the Vision CRC Clinic, Monday to Friday 9:00 am to 5:00 pm, phone: 1300 651 663, email: enquiry@visioncrc.org. The Vision Cooperative Research Centre Ltd is the world's largest vision correction research institute.

HOMEWORK HELP – MARRICKVILLE COUNCIL

Free study help for High School and Primary students. No booking needed, just turn up with your homework or assignment for our tutors to help. The program does not provide one to one intensive tutoring, rather focusing on homework assistance in a group setting. This service is available during school term, as follows.

Marrickville Library

Monday 4pm-8pm

Chemistry, Maths, Physics & Science

Tuesday 4pm-8pm

English, History & ESL

Wednesday 4pm to 8pm

Chemistry, Maths, Physics & Science

Thursday 4pm to 8pm

English & Primary Subjects

Saturday 12pm to 3pm

English, Ancient and Modern History & Primary Subjects

St Peters/Sydenham Branch Library

Thursday 4pm to 7pm

Junior High School Subjects, Primary Subjects

Stanmore Branch Library

Thursday 4pm to 7pm

English & Primary Subjects

Dulwich Hill Branch Library

Thursday 5pm to 8pm

English, Modern & Ancient History & Primary Subjects

All enquiries: Joanne Russo, Marrickville Library, 9335 2165



The recent Year 8 Subject Selection evening for Year 9 subjects 2006, was very well attended



Students helping each other during a session of Peer D.E.A.R.