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Burwood Girls High School Newsletter

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For Your Diary

TERM 1, 2006

FEB	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event distributed
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr.11 Parent Information Evening, 7 pm in Hall
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Photos: Yr.12, staff and special groups Yr.7 Welcome BBQ 6 pm P&C Meeting 7 pm, Hall
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr.12 2005 Reunion BBQ 12:30 pm
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Band Parent Meeting
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr.7/8 Parents Workshop 6:30-8:30 pm in Library
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr.10 Parent Information Evening, 7 pm in Hall
MAR	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Baby Proms – SCB
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council
2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SWIMMING CARNIVAL
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools Clean-Up Australia Day
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duke of Edinburgh Training Day (Saturday)
6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> International Women's Day Assembly SNAP Test – Yr.7
7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ELLA Test – Yr.7
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ELLA Test – Yr.8 Year 7 CAMP (3 days)
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SNAP Test – Yr.8
13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Next <i>Event</i> distributed
14	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Zone Swimming
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Pacific Parents Meeting 6:30 pm in Library P&C Meeting
<p>P&C MEETINGS LIBRARY, 7:30 PM 3rd Wednesday of the month Term 1 Meetings – 15 February, 15 March ALL WELCOME!</p>	

From the Principal...

We welcomed 172 enthusiastic, well-dressed Year 7 students on 31 January and how well they have adapted to their new environment – settling in quickly to high school routines. Our school has been very keenly sought by a number of students seeking enrolment for 2006. The current population for this year is 1053!

I am delighted to report that the School Certificate and HSC results for 2005 were outstanding. Results in all curriculum areas were well above state average and for the HSC, 198 merits (Band 6 or equivalent) were received by our students. Ten students were in the honour lists for 'top ten' in various subjects across the state and three students will receive Premier's Awards. The deputies will be providing details of our results at the next P&C Meeting on 15 February.

We have also commenced our Information Evenings on Board of Studies requirements for parents and students. Year 12 evening was held on 7 February; Year 11 evening on 13 February; and Year 10 School Certificate evening will be held on 27 February. I urge all parents to participate with their daughters.

All students have been issued with a Homework Diary and it is expected that students use these effectively. The diaries also outline relevant information about our school, key personnel, code of behaviour, transport and uniform requirements.

Looking forward to seeing you all at school events.

Mia Kumar



Welcome to Year 7 of 2006!

SRC NEWS

Nominations have been called for the 2006 SRC (Student Representative Council). The deadline is Monday so why not talk this over with your daughter and encourage her to stand for election. The SRC is the voice of the students, and also the backbone of quite a number of student-led activities. It's great for developing leadership and citizenship skills and for fostering links with students in other years.

The 2005 Raffle was drawn at the end of last year and the winners were: Jessica Booth; Joy Goh; Lily Powell; Mrs Gullotta; Mr Lien; Lucy Kopecny; and one other.

With the raffle and the school collection, we raised \$650 that will be sent to assist the Pakistani earthquake victims. Thank you to everyone involved.

Patrice Simpson, SRC Coordinator

KATE DISHER-QUILL SELECTED FOR ARTEXPRESS

We are delighted to announce that Kate Disher-Quill from Year 12 Visual Arts group of 2005 has had her artwork selected for the prestigious ARTEXPRESS Exhibition. This exhibition showcases the best HSC artworks each year. Kate's work, a series of five manipulated digital photographs, is on exhibition at Sydney Olympic Park. If you would like to see the exhibition the details are:

Armory Building 18, Newington Armory, Jamieson Street, Sydney Olympic Park. 6 March – 30 April 2006.

We are very proud of Kate, as we are of the other students from our school who were nominated: Maya Newell, Roslyn Helper and Shaofei Huang. Congratulations all!



Kate (on right) with part of her HSC artwork

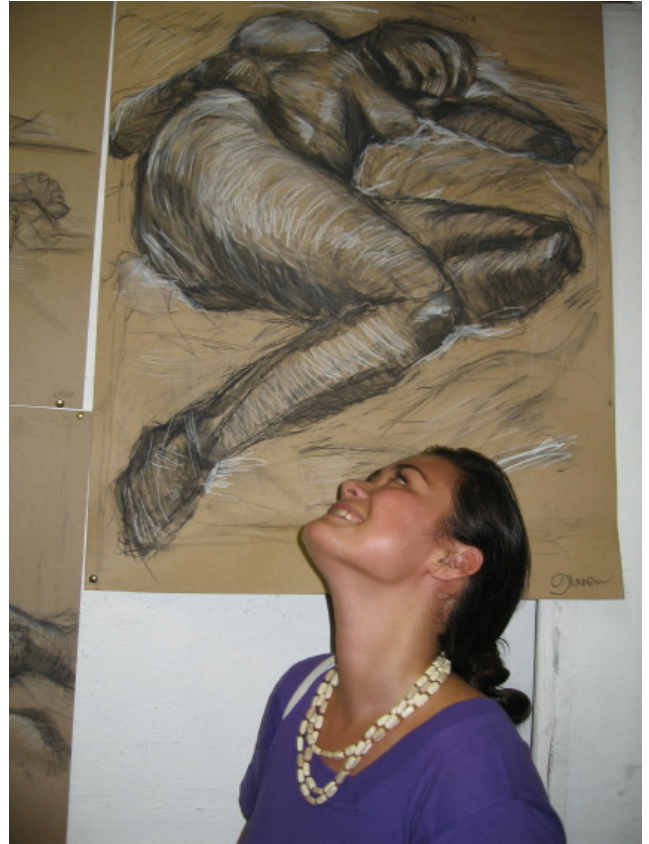
OUR STUDENTS EXHIBIT AT THE NATIONAL ART SCHOOL

During the January and October holidays seven of our senior art students were selected to extend their artmaking at the National Art School. These talented students were:

- Erica Colborne-Veel..... ceramics
- Alice Couttoupes..... drawing
- Paloma Pizarro photography
- Gwenda Taulalai..... drawing
- Lucy Turnbull drawing
- Jaime-Lee Van Der Ley sculpture

Sophia Woolaston..... sculpture
An exhibition of their work was held at the end of their course where they had the opportunity to display their work to the public. We were very proud of their achievements and we hope this experience was enjoyable and beneficial. Congratulations!

Michelle Kals, Head Teacher Creative Arts



Gwenda Taulalai, one of the National Art School participants with her artwork

SPORTS HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR 2006

Congratulations to the following girls who have been elected Sports House Captains for 2006:

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|------------------------|--------------------------|
| YORREL (Blue) | CUMBORA (Yellow) |
| Captain: Anita Tong | Captain: Kate Conder |
| VC: Esther Suh | VC: Sylvia Elters |
| KAYEROO (Red) | KURRAJONG (Green) |
| Captain: Alyssa Hardie | Captain: Linda Liang |
| VC: Lucy Johnson | VC: Ashleigh Moreton |

Good luck to everyone at the Swimming Carnival on Thursday, 2 March (more details soon).

PD/H/PE Faculty

NATIONAL COMPUTER SCIENCE SCHOOL

During the January school holidays, I attended The National Computer Science School (NCSS) at the University of Sydney. NCSS is a one-week, live-in summer school designed for students in Year 12 from all over Australia who are interested in computer programming and website development.

We attended lectures and tutorials to help us learn design skills in HTML/CSS and Python programming language. Then, we split into teams to create a website and develop a functioning search engine (just like Google) and integrate the two to fulfill a charity's design brief. Then at the end of week

we presented our work to a lecture theatre full of people.

It wasn't just work though. Throughout the week there were heaps of games and fun team-building activities that allowed us to socialise with all the participants (including tutors). It was a wonderful experience and I'd recommend any Year 11 student interested in Information Technology and/or web design to think about applying in the future. I'd just like to thank Ms Field and Mr Stubbs for assisting with my application and their avid encouragement.

Steffanie Saw, Year 12



NCSS tutorials (Steffanie on far right of photo)

JUNIOR CHOIR 2006

Junior Choir is open to all interested students in Years 7, 8 and 9. If you enjoy singing and the experience of group vocals, please sign up on the Music Noticeboard or with Ms Mak. First rehearsal is Friday, 17 February at lunch in the Music Rooms. Hope to see you there!

CAMERATA STRING ENSEMBLE 2006

Camerata String Ensemble is open to intermediate to advanced players of violin, viola, cello and double bass. Our focus is on chamber and ensemble skills. Please see Ms Mak if you wish to audition, or add your name to the Music Noticeboard (in the Music foyer).

A selection of comments from parents about Camerata 2005:

"They sounded professional, better than high schoolers!"

"As good as anything I've heard at the Conservatorium!"

"Just lovely, truly special!"

Ynping Mak, Music Teacher

INTERNATIONAL DAY 2006 – Advance Notice

Our annual International Day will be held on Wednesday, 22 March this year to celebrate our multicultural diversity and harmony. In the next few weeks girls will be asked to think about how they will contribute to the day. Mark this special date in your diaries!

CIVICS AND CITIZENSHIP SUCCESS

Congratulations to Ausseela Thanaphongsakorn on her High Distinction in the Personal Interest Project for the 2005 HSC. Ausseela's 7000 word research "Does Post Modernism Hinder a Young Person's Political Dreams?" earned her the Civics Prize from the Australian Parliamentary Education Office. On 24 February she will attend the award ceremony and officially hand over her research to the NSW State Library where it will be accessioned for all to see. Well done Ausseela!

Patrice Simpson, Head Teacher Social Sciences

BGHS STUDENT AWARDED "YOUNG CITIZEN OF THE YEAR"

Burwood Girls High School was extremely proud to hear that one of our 2005 HSC students, Ausseela Thanaphongsakorn, received the Burwood City Council's "Young Citizen of the Year" award on 26 January 2006.

Mrs Kumar, Ms Montgomery and Ms Simpson attended the ceremony and were delighted to witness Ausseela accept the award from the Hon. Kim Beazley. Ausseela has been a prominent member of our SRC all throughout her high school life and has contributed to many community activities like ANZAC and Sandakan ceremonies and Red Cross fundraising. She is also a volunteer newsreader at the local community radio station. We are thrilled that she has been honoured in this way.



L to R: Mayor of Burwood Council, John Faker; the Hon. Kim Beazley; Ausseela; John Murphy MP and Virginia Judge MP

ADMINISTRATION MATTERS

Hi and welcome to 2006. Hope you all have an exciting year at Burwood Girls High.

School accounts will be sent out shortly. If you have already paid your daughter's fees please keep your receipt in case of any computer glitches.

'**Tuancy Call**' will start operating again from Week 3 (13.2.06) so please make sure we have your correct mobile phone and/or home numbers. If you know your daughter is going to be away or late please call the school by 10:30 am to let us know. Please provide a note for any absentees or lateness.

Just a reminder about **sick bay**. This is a very limited service. There are only two beds in the sick

bay for over 1000 students. We ask your cooperation in not sending your daughter to school if she is feeling unwell.

If you have **moved recently** or changed any of your contact details, including your daughter's emergency contact numbers, please let the office know.

The '**Back to School Allowance**' data for Years 11 & 12 will be collected by the DET this week and cheques will be sent out in the near future. For students in Years 7-10 cheques should have been received during the January school holidays. Please contact me on 9747 3355 (ext.114) if you have not received the cheque.

New students: please return your yellow Medical Information form to the office as soon as you can.

Office Hours: Students can make payments before school, at recess and lunchtime. Students – do not come to the office to make payment between periods. **Parents:** payment can be made over the phone using a credit card. We take Visa, MasterCard and Bankcard.

Have a great year and please don't hesitate to contact the office if you have any queries; we are always happy to help out if we can.

Bronwyn Hatzis, School Administrative Manager

P&C ASSOCIATION

A special invitation is extended to all Year 7 parents to attend our first meeting on 15 February 2006. All parents and interested members of the school community are welcome to attend. We start with a BBQ at 6:00 pm outside the School Hall followed by a meeting in the Hall at 7:00 pm.

Your daughter should have brought home a note late last week about this meeting. If not, please ring the school on 9747 3355 to let us know if you are attending, to help us with catering.

Welcome back to all executive members of the P&C – looking forward to another successful year.

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

Once again a successful transition for Year 7 coming to Burwood Girls High. If parents have any problems please do not hesitate to ask for help. Full stock will be back on shelves in a week or two.

The Uniform Shop is back to normal trading hours: Every Tuesday, 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. If necessary, parents may arrange to visit the uniform shop on a Monday by making an appointment at least one week in advance by calling the school on 9747 3355.

Elaine Browne, President P&C

BURWOOD INSTRUMENTAL AND ENSEMBLE PROGRAM (BIEP) NEWS

Great start to the year – workshops held 28, 29 & 30 January. All ensembles are up and running.

INNER WEST ENSEMBLE PROGRAM – IWEP3

Anyone interested in playing in an adult band, this is for you! If you are a past student or parent, or just interested in being part of a community band, please contact Mrs Browne at the school (9747 3355).

Rehearsals will be on Thursday nights, 7:30-9:00 pm in the Music Rooms.

SPECIAL THANK YOU to **G.K. Wilson & Associates Pty Ltd** for their generous sponsorship to help start the IWEP3:

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IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday, 20 February, 7:30 pm, Music Rooms – Band Parent Meeting. (Term 2 meeting – 22 May.)
- Sunday, 2 April, 4:00 pm – 'Big Night Out' Staff Music Concert (see advertisement) at Wests Leagues Club, Ashfield.
- Friday, 2 June (evening) – Sentimental Journey of the Big Band Era. Wests Leagues Club, Ashfield. Tickets \$10 (from Mrs Browne).

Elaine Browne, Secretary BIEP

The Stars Come Out for ...Big Night Out Music Staff Concert

4:00 pm, Sunday, 2 April 2006
Wests Ashfield Leagues Club
Liverpool Road, Ashfield (near Elizabeth St)
Hear the likes of "Little" Patti, Errol Buddle, and GAJ Armitage, take you to a musical wonderland!
Adults \$15, Concession \$10, Families \$35
Tickets available at the door
or ring 9747 3355 for bookings.

CANTEEN NEWS

Welcome to 2006 from all FRESH EXPRESS canteen staff, and thank you teachers and students for your continued support and smiling faces. Hello to all new students and parents.

Please have a look at our menu for 2006 (enclosed with this newsletter). We have included lots of fresh and healthy new choices.

Breakfast is available every day from 8am. We encourage students to pre-order their lunch before recess. We also invite parents or students to contact us regarding any special dietary requirements.

The Canteen staff, Irene, Joanne, Wendy and Conny look forward to providing the students and staff of BGHS with fresh, healthy food and friendly service throughout 2006.

Fresh Express Canteen Staff

COMMUNITY NOTICES

PACIFIC UNITY FESTIVAL

This quality Polynesian family event takes place on Saturday, 4 March 2006 from 10 am at Tempe Recreation Reserve, Holbeach Ave, Tempe. The Festival will encourage harmonious relations between Pacific communities as well as other cultural groups in Sydney. All are welcome to attend. The day will feature:

- Exhibition of Arts and Crafts

- Showcase of both traditional and contemporary performances

- Educational workshops

- Diverse food stalls

- Competitive and social sporting activities

- High profile sport and entertainment

- community members for mentoring purposes

- Explore/exchange cultural resources.

For information contact Lee Hemi on 0412 533 704.

**FRESH EXPRESS CANTEEN MENU
INCLUDED WITH THIS NEWSLETTER (SEE
BELOW).**



Fresh Express Schools 2006

BREAKFAST

Toasted Cheese & Tomato	\$3.50
Toasted Ham Cheese Tomato	\$4.00
Vegemite Toast	\$2.50
(Additional Filling Extra	\$0.80)
Hash Browns Oven Baked	\$1.00
Frozen Yogurt	\$2.00
Fresh Smoothies	\$3.50
Frozen Fruit Cups	\$1.00
Fruit Salad & Yogurt	\$4.00
Muffins - Baked Daily	\$1.50
Plain Croissant	\$2.50
Ham & Cheese Croissant	\$3.50
Plain Toast with butter (2)	\$2.00





Fresh Express Schools 2006

Everyday Menu

Daily Specials

<p>Salads \$3.00 - \$5.00</p> <p>Fresh Fruit \$3.50 Small Caesar \$3.00 Small Greek \$3.50 Large Garden \$5.00 - With meats, tuna or egg</p>	<p>Vegetarian \$2.50-\$4.00</p> <p>Fried Rice \$3.50 Nachos \$2.50 Wedges (Sour cream .50cextra) \$2.50 Vegetable Pasta \$4.00 Pesto Pasta \$4.00 Macaroni cheese \$4.00 Baked Potato \$3.50</p>
<p>Sandwiches \$3.00-\$4.00</p> <p>Cheese & Tomato \$3.00 Salad \$3.50 Ham, Cheese & Tomato \$3.50 Roast Beef / Corned Beef \$3.50 Chicken, Lettuce & Mayo \$3.50 Homous, Tabouli & Falafel \$3.50 <i>Toasted Extra .50c</i></p>	<p>Pasta Dishes \$4.00</p> <p>Pesto with Parmesan Lasagne Bolognese Spring vegetable Napoletana Macaroni cheese</p>
<p>Wraps All \$4.00</p> <p>Homous, Tabouli Falafel Garden Salad Ham, Cheese & Tomato Chicken, Avocado & Cheese Chilli Chicken</p>	<p>Rice Dishes \$4.00</p> <p>Beef and vegetables – Stir Fry Chicken & vegetables – Stir Fry Chicken & potato Curry Beef Curry Chicken Kebabs Chicken with Vegetables</p>
<p>Burgers \$4.00</p> <p>Chicken fillet (Lettuce & Mayo) Gourmet Beef (Tomato & Lettuce) Chilli Chicken</p>	<p>Cakes and Muffins \$1.50</p> <p>Freshly baked daily Jelly \$1.00 Mousse \$2.50</p>
<p>Pies and the Rest \$2.00-\$3.50</p> <p>Lite sausage rolls Home made sausage rolls Ham and cheese croissants Hot doggies Lite pies</p>	<p>Drinks \$1.50 - \$3.50</p> <p>Fruit Box \$1.50 Just Squeezed Fresh Juices \$2.00-\$3.00 Diet Drinks \$2.70 Sports' Drinks \$3.00 Water \$2.00 Milk Shakes \$3.00 Real Fruit Smoothies \$3.50 Frozen Yogurt \$2.00</p>
<p>Fruit \$1.00each</p> <p>Apple/Banana/Orange</p>	