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## Burwood Girls High School Newsletter

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### For Your Diary

#### TERM 1, 2006

MAR 14	• Zone Swimming
15	• Pacific Parents Meeting 6:30 pm in Library • P&C Meeting
17	• Year 9 Welfare Day
20	• Assessment Free Day
21	• <i>Harmony Day (orange)</i> • Assessment Free Day
22	• Assessment Free Day • INTERNATIONAL DAY Celebrations
23	• Regional Swimming
28	• Year 6 Information Night
29	• Year 6 Tour of School • Geography Competition • Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition
30	• Duke of Edinburgh Practice Expedition • Year 7 Immunisations • Year 10 Surf Camp
31	• Year 10 Surf Camp
APR 2	• BIEP <i>Big Night Out</i> Concert, 4 pm, Wests Ashfield Leagues Club
4	• Computer Skills Comp.
5	• School Cross Country • Year 12 Reports distributed
6	• CHS Swimming
7	• FIELD STUDY DAY • CHS Swimming
8	• CHS Swimming
10	• ANZAC Day Assembly • Band Tour -country NSW
12	• Yr.11/12 PTS Night
<b>P&amp;C MEETINGS</b> LIBRARY, 7:30 PM 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month Meetings – 15 March, 17 May ALL WELCOME!	

### From the Principal...

The school held an excellent Swimming Carnival on 2 March and I would like to thank parents for ensuring that their daughters participated. There was a great display of swimming skills and wonderful house spirit shared by our students and staff.

The enthusiasm was maintained on the following day when we observed the *Australian Schools Clean Up Day* and thoroughly cleaned up our playground and gardens.



*Staff and students lend a hand on Schools Clean Up Australia Day*

I would like to congratulate all students who were elected to the Students Representative Council (see page 4) and Student Forum. I look forward to sharing ideas about priorities for our school.

Our next focus is *International Day* on 22 March when all students are encouraged to wear national dress. Parents are invited to attend from 12:30 pm until 3 pm or anytime in-between.

The next P&C Meeting will focus on enhanced data results for our school – ie. how we value add!

See you on 15 March.

*Mia Kumar*

## TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

This year as part of the school's Gifted and Talented program, Burwood Girls will be entering a team (or teams) in the Australia-wide Tournament of Minds competition. This tournament's aim is to enhance students' potential by developing creative problem solving techniques and encouraging lateral thinking as well as enterprise, time management, collaborative work skills and even performance skills.

Students from Years 7 to 10 will be invited to participate in what is always a tremendously enjoyable, exciting and stimulating competition. Each team will consist of seven participants who will be a mix of students from each year group. Teams will be required to work together on a challenge chosen from one of the following disciplines: Language Literature, Maths Engineering or Social Sciences and present their solutions on Tournament Day.

Teams will be selected and activities will be conducted in Term 2 and the first half of Term 3 culminating in Tournament Day in late August. The NSW state final will take place in September followed by the national final in Adelaide in October.

Interested students should attend a meeting which will be announced through the daily notices at roll call.

*Jurate Janavicius, T.o.M. Coordinator*

## VISIT TO THE MUSEUM OF ANCIENT CULTURES

As part of the introduction to archaeology which the Year 11 Ancient History classes undertake, 48 students visited the Macquarie University Museum of Ancient Cultures in Week 4. They took part in the 'hands on' program which is a unique learning experience. Students were given protective gloves to wear as they handled numerous ancient artifacts to each other and were asked to see if they could determine the use of each artifact and what each was made of.



The curator of the museum Dr. Karl van Dyke made the students think very hard as they sat around a 4000 year old Egyptian coffin and had to accurately describe what they were looking at. He had four important rules which he explained if followed would guarantee high salaries in their future occupations: look and listen carefully, gather your evidence, make your hypothesis, have fun!!!

*Tom Ying, Head Teacher History*

## BGHS SUPPORTS SRI LANKA STUDENTS AFFECTED BY TSUNAMI

Thanks to the funds raised in 2005 by BGHS students and staff in our Hands Across the Ocean charity project, we have been able to provide funding to three needy girls from the Unawatuna school in Sri Lanka. Volunteers have presented the funds to the girls over the Xmas holidays. The money will be used to assist the girls with costs associated with their education such as school uniforms, shoes, books and stationery. Details of the girls and their photos are below.

BGHS will continue with our Hands Across the Ocean appeal for less fortunate students in other parts of the world throughout 2006. Our first major fund raising effort will be on International Day, Wednesday, 22 March 2006.

*Ms Wendy Gray, Head Teacher Languages*

### K Sanali Dashika (15 years old) (Buddhist)

Birth date 1991/05/10  
Home Address "Lankan"  
Maharamba  
Unawatuna  
School Address Mr Dayaratna (Principal)  
Unawatuna M. V.  
Unawatuna  
Mother K D Sumanalatna  
Father deceased (I believe when she was 2)  
Phone 0914921498

### Tsunami Story

Sanali's family home although not destroyed by the tsunami was hit by it. The family no longer feels safe in their home. They left their house and moved further inland to live with Sanali's grandmother.

**Sponsorship** 5000 rupee given 2/2/06

### W. D. Nirishi Lakmali (Buddhist)

Home Address Manigawatta,  
Maharamba  
Unawatuna  
School Address Mr Dayaratna (Principal)  
Unawatuna M. V.  
Unawatuna  
Mother Sharmilie Hemamala  
Father deceased

### Tsunami Story

Nirishi experienced the tsunami and suffered considerable trauma. Her house was not affected. Nirishi lives in a very basic cottage, dirt floors, no bathroom, well for bathing in front of house.

**Sponsorship** 5000 rupee given 2/2/06



*Nirishi*

**M. W. Malkea Madushani (16 years old) (Buddhist)**

Home Address 16/222 Matnara Rd  
Unawatuna  
School Address Mr Dayaratna (Principal)  
Unawatuna M. V.  
Unawatuna  
Mother Unknown whereabouts  
Father Deceased (heart attack)  
Guardian Nanda Wytharana (Nana)

**Tsunami Story**

Both Malkea's brother and brother-in-law had supported her and her grandmother before the tsunami. Both worked for a Dive business. The business was destroyed and to date neither have found employment. Their house is very basic, outside well for bathing.

**Sponsorship** 5000 rupee given 2/2/06



Sanali



Malkea

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2006**

On Thursday, 2 March, the BGHS Swimming Carnival was held at Ashfield Pool.

Attendance and participation by the students was outstanding. The girls showed excellent support for their houses and the carnival was filled with the vibrant colours of red, green, yellow and blue. Thank you to all staff who helped make this day a wonderful success.

The winning house for 2006 – CUMBORA!

Age champions are:

- 12 years – Madelaine Wilson
- 13 years – Kirsten Lee
- 14 years – Madelyn Wong
- 15 years – Ariadne Keldoulis
- 16 years – Claire Papworth
- 17 years – Emma Davey



The Zone Swimming Carnival will be held on Tuesday, 14 March. We wish the team well.

*Janelle Gianotti, PDHPE Faculty*

**BGHS FUNDS FOR BALI ORPHANAGE**

BGHS has committed \$1,500 to the Jodie O'Shea Panti Asuhan Orphanage in Bali thanks to the efforts in 2005 of our Hands Across the Ocean fund raising activities. The funds will be used to help build a study centre where the children can do homework and receive extra assistance from volunteer tutors. The orphanage is flourishing thanks to the efforts of sponsors who have so far built the children new accommodations, and are commencing several projects such as providing filtered water and building vegetable gardens. BGHS will continue their fund raising activities this year to provide ongoing support for these children. Parents and students visiting Bali are invited to drop in to the orphanage. For further information contact Ms Wendy Gray, Head Teacher, Languages.



*Bali children receiving their Xmas presents*

**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.

### IMPORTANT BIEP DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 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*

### PARKING ENFORCEMENT OFFICER IN AREA

Burwood Council has decided to install a Parking Enforcement Officer in the area. We are giving you notice that you will be fined if you stop or park contrary to the signs. For the safety of our children remember – No Stopping means **NO STOPPING**.

### P&C ASSOCIATION

All parents and interested community members are welcome to attend our P&C meetings held third Wednesday of each month (unless notified otherwise). The next meeting is on 15 March, 7:30 pm in the Library.

### P&C UNIFORM SHOP

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*

## WANTED DID YOU GO TO CLEVO?



Did you go to Cleveland Street School or know someone who did? **We're celebrating 150 years!**  
**On May 5-6.**

Events will include an official opening day, Carnivale (with food and music) BBQ, cocktail party and reunion dinner. For more information contact Glenda at Cleveland Street School on **9319 4807** or [hodgeglenda@yahoo.com.au](mailto:hodgeglenda@yahoo.com.au).  
Bring your family, bring your friends! All welcome!

### OPENS WATERPOLO KNOCKOUT TEAM WIN

Congratulations to the Opens Waterpolo team who gave Pennant Hills a thumping in their 1<sup>st</sup> round match on Thursday, 9 March with Burwood winning 12 – 0. Thanks to Mrs McKee for scoring. Best of luck for the Round 2 & 3 matches held at Ryde Aquatic Centre on 20 March.

*Janelle Gianotti, PDHPE Faculty*

### ALL PARENTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND OUR ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL DAY CELEBRATIONS ON WEDNESDAY, 22 MARCH AT 12:30 PM:

Welcome JO NAPOT

**BURWOOD GIRLS HIGH**

Invites parents to

**INTERNATIONAL DAY**

Wednesday, 22 March 2006  
12:30 - 3:00 pm

GREAT FOOD  
EXCELLENT DANCING  
FANTASTIC MUSIC

**CELEBRATE  
OUR MULTICULTURAL COMMUNITY**

MALO LELEI BIENVENUE

### CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL FOR 2006

<b>YEAR 8</b>	Yae-Ji Choi
Nawal Abdi	Ha nnah Erken
Mariam Allam	Pia Lu
Mim Akunyare	Katie McCarthy
Lena Chen	Jordan Michelmores
Eliza Davey	Lauren Moss
Pascale Esber	Ruby Pavone
Scoutt King	Harriet Philip
Talia Smith	Jami-Lee Stuart
Julie Woo	Eliza Tieman
Michelle Long	Alice Waddington
<b>YEAR 9</b>	<b>YEAR 11</b>
Ellie Cakau	Archana Chandra-Sekaran
Sabrina Gullotta	Ellana Costa
Neha Mandehar	Alex Einfeld
Vipasha Mukherjee	Kathy Gao
Rosetta Ngata	Kate Jones
Christina Nichols	Lucy Kopecky
Lily Powell	Lexy Mullins
Rebecca Tong	Stephanie Phillips
Arielle Tsoukakis	Eleni Schumacher
<b>YEAR 10</b>	Esther Suh
Alison Baillie	Rosie Short

Ella Burgess

Anita Tong

Year 7 elections will take place after returning from  
Camp.