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Burwood Girls High School Newsletter

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For Your Diary

TERM 3, 2007	
SEP 17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Assembly (Thursday bell times) Yr.11 Exams continue until 21/9/07 Event #7 distributed Snr SRC meeting at lunchtime
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C Meeting, 7:30 pm, Library
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Immunisations
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> IWEF
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assembly Yr.10/11/12 Vaccinations Jnr SRC meeting at lunchtime
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Farewell Assembly, p.3 Year 12 Graduation, 7:00 pm in Hall (Reports distributed)
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 12 Picnic Year 10 Trial SC exam
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 10 Trial SC exam Last day of term
TERM 4, 2007	
OCT 15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> First day of term for all students Assessment Free Day Assembly Event #8 distributed Fashion Parade rehearsal Snr SRC meeting at lunchtime
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Free Day Fashion Parade rehearsal / show, 6:45 pm, Hall
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C Meeting, 7:30 pm, Library
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> HSC Exams commence, until 16/12/07
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No Assembly (Thursday bell times) HSC courses begin for Yr.11(12) Jnr SRC meeting at lunchtime
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 8 Geography excursion
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Year 7 Immunisations
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Logbook Week No Assembly (Thursday bell times) Snr SRC meeting at lunchtime 'A Little Night Music', 7:00 pm
31	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> School Council Meeting
P&C MEETINGS	
3 rd Wednesday of month, 7:30pm, Library. Next Meetings: 19 September, 17 October	

From the Principal...

Lucy Johnston and the prefects, supported by P&C and teachers, held a very successful Year 7/8 dance to raise money for our charity "Hands Across the Ocean". This event was also attended by the students and prefects from Homebush BHS and Ashfield BHS. We



thank everyone for their contribution.

Students in Year 11 had a great time at Jindabyne and now have commenced their preliminary examinations. Year 12 students are happy to have finished their trial exams and are counting down the

days to the HSC.

The school is holding the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony on 26 September and I would like to invite parents to attend and return RSVP with payment to the office.



I am pleased to report that the school is undertaking a values audit of staff and students and there will be a Values Forum held next term for parents. We are keen to find out what our community believes important.

Last week our students in Years 8, 9 and 10 completed a learning survey to determine areas for development in 2008. Planning for next year is commencing already.

Thank you for your support.

Mia Kumar

YEAR 11 JINDABYNE CAMP 2007

Early on a Sunday during Week 5, over one hundred Year 11 students and six teachers piled onto three buses bound for Jindabyne. On arrival at camp we settled into our luxury lodges complete with widescreen plasma TVs, and prepared for four days of skiing and snowboarding together with students from North Sydney Boys High and Singleton High School.

At Thredbo, each group had a daily ski lesson followed by free ski time for the rest of the day. Naturally many of us had unplanned encounters with other skiers or boarders while learning to ski for the first time, the most memorable "stacks" having a domino effect causing a few multi-skier pileups. After 4 days on the snow we grew hugely in our confidence and ventured higher up the mountain to tackle green and even blue runs.

Back at camp there were many highlights, with evening activities such as Jindy Markets and the Disco keeping us fully occupied. On the last night after two hours of energised dancing, pens were borrowed and details were swapped with the many new friends we had made during the week. Overall, Jindabyne was a great experience where we learned much about ourselves and each other, developed strong friendships and as a consequence were very reluctant to return to Sydney. All of us greatly appreciated the opportunity to attend this camp and we would like to give special thanks to Ms Slocombe, Ms Scott, Ms Stavert, Ms Sheens, Mr Stewart-Thomson and Mr van Leeuwen who all helped to make this camp possible.

Harriet Philip and Isabella Roxburgh, Year 11



CAREERS IN THE VISUAL ARTS

On Tuesday 4th September the Visual Arts Faculty organised a presentation at school by Billy Blue, a design college which is based in North Sydney. A group of 25 students attended the presentation. Sarah, the presenter, explained course options available in print based design and multi-media design such as video and animation. Samples of student work from the college were shown and our students asked questions about the courses and careers in design. The college offers students an opportunity to spend a day at the college participating in design workshops to enhance their understanding of design. At Burwood, we have an increasing number of students who are interested in design as a career and the students

enjoyed the opportunity to find out more about training and careers in design.

Michelle Kals, Head Teacher Creative Arts



Sarah, the presenter and students

JOHN KALDOR VIDEO LAUNCH AT ART GALLERY OF NSW

A group of 15 students from Years 10, 11 and 12 represented our school at the John Kaldor Video Launch at the Art Gallery of NSW on Thursday, 30 August. The students were accompanied by Ms Kumar, Principal, Ms Kals, Head Teacher Creative Arts and Mr Markou, Photographic and Digital Media Teacher.

The package of five videos that were launched will soon be available to all public schools in the state and will form a valuable resource in the study of visual arts subjects.

It was a very interesting, fun evening. Engaging presentations were made by John Kaldor, a long standing patron of the arts, Edmund Capon, the Director of the AGNSW and by three of the video artists. We viewed their videos and our students chatted confidently with the artists and John Kaldor about the project.

We are delighted with the interest and enthusiasm shown by our students at the event. They were excellent ambassadors for our school. Thank you girls for your participation.

Michelle Kals, Head Teacher Creative Arts



Ms Kumar and students at AGNSW for "MOVE: VIDEO ART" launch

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Congratulations to the two teams who represented Burwood Girls in the 2007 Regional Tournament of Minds Final. Both teams performed exceptionally well, presenting creative and clever solutions to difficult challenges in both Social Science and the Language and Literature category. Both teams were required to develop solutions to challenging problems which were then delivered in the form of a ten minute drama performance. Teams needed to demonstrate high order problem solving skills, team work, creative writing skills and acting skills.

The Gold team was particularly successful and was awarded Tournament Honours. They were **Rikki Collins** and **Alexis Talbot-Smith**, Year 10, **Michelle Sverdlhoff-Bruer** and **Lucy Skillen**, Year 8, **Niamh Kyriacou**, **Lisa Li**, and **Leah Emmanuel**, Year 7.

The Blue Team members were **Lulu Tan** and **Ishita Mehrotra** Year 10, **Natalie Afshar** Year 9, **Joanne Lee**, **Lucy White**, **Clare Cornish** and **Marina Lawrie**, Year 7.

Jurate Janavicius, English Faculty



The Gold Team



The Blue Team

IPT FIELD STUDY

On Friday, 31 August, Ms Diakos and her intrepid Year 11 Information Processes & Technology class went on an excursion to IMAX at Darling Harbour followed by a tour through the ABC studios at Ultimo.

At IMAX we saw a short film called "Deep Sea World" – it was for our multimedia topic. The feature

was a 45 minute presentation in 3D and it was quite an intense experience, giving most of us goose bumps! For some of us it was the first time seeing a 3D feature and we also found it interesting to see how what we got to see on screen was actually shot on film.

It was very insightful seeing how much technology and how many information processes were used so that we could be so amazingly entertained.

After the IMAX show we took a brisk walk to the ABC studios at Ultimo. The ABC tour was interesting as our tour guide took us to many different areas within the studios. We saw the shooting studio of "The New Inventors", make-up, wig and special effects rooms as well as radio control rooms for 702. The ABC News broadcasting room and weather broadcasting area was also quite an experience – with all of us getting to experience being in the broadcaster's seat!

There are many aspects of technology we take for granted, especially in our entertainment and education, and we found it an interesting and constructive day. It helped put theory from text books into perspective!

Thank you to our teacher Ms Diakos and to Ms Jaques and Mr Marshall for accompanying us.

Shadi Essam & Windy Xu, Year 11 IPT



ENGLISH DEBATING

On 30 August, Burwood GHS Year 7 Debating Team debated against Hurstville Boys High School and won by a close margin. The topic was "that the Internet does more harm than good". Burwood GHS was the Negative Team and Hurstville BHS was Affirmative. After the debate we enjoyed a tasty snack of Tim Tams and cake rolls. We left none for the boys, and felt sick on the car ride back to school. But we still found the energy to laugh all the way back!

*Alina Pahor, Taylah Plataniotis,
Beatrice Sherwood, Clair Kenway*

PS. The Year 7 Debating Team were excellent representatives of Burwood GHS. Thank you, girls!

Ingrid Benjamin, English Faculty

BAND PROGRAM

The Intermediate Concert Band went on tour from 10 to 12 September to Mudgee and Gulgong, this being their first country trip. They thoroughly enjoyed their performances and workshops that were arranged with

local high schools and primary schools. It is a great experience for the girls. However, I am not sure that the 5:30 am start was something they looked forward to!

Our Sax Quartet and String Quartet performed on Thursday, 13 September at Wests Leagues, Ashfield for a presentation afternoon.

Burwood Festival - on 16 September all IWEP bands performed at Burwood Park as well as all our quartets.

Glenn Armitage will be our guest speaker at our next P&C meeting on 19 September. I invite all parents, especially music parents, to attend.

Elaine Browne, Administrator

AMEB EXAM RESULTS (CLARINET)

Congratulations to the following girls and their wonderful results:

Samantha Paterson	CL5	A
Hannah Sewell	CL5	A
Claudia Cammarata	CL1	A
Annika Van Leeuwen	CL3	A
Indigo Elliott Phibbs	CL6	B
Ella Collins White	CL6	B
Lily Tansey	CL4	B+
Meladie Cao	CL4	B+
Clare Cornish	CL2	B+
Nicole Confalonieri	CL2	B+

P&C ASSOCIATION

The next meeting is to be held on Wednesday, 19 September at 7:30 pm in the school Library. Our guest speaker, Glenn Armitage, will talk about the Band Program in the school. All parents, friends and community members are welcome to attend.

Elaine Browne, President, P&C

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is open every Tuesday from 9am to 3pm (recess and lunchtime for students) unless otherwise notified.

Elaine Browne, Shop Manager

SCHOOL CANTEEN NEWS

Fresh Express would like to take this opportunity to remind you all about our freshly prepared food. All meals are prepared daily at your very own canteen. We have a variety of dishes to choose from.

Gone are the days of boring meat pies and sausage rolls. However we still cater for those who wish to enjoy them, only now we offer LOW FAT/LOW SALT healthier alternatives.

Your canteen opens at 8am to provide a breakfast service to both students and staff. Try our new **fruit toast** – it's delicious and a great way to start the day.

Read your specials board daily - with the warmer weather approaching our menu offers great mouth watering **pasta** and **rice** dishes, freshly made **sandwiches, wraps, Greek, Caesar** and **green salads**.

Remember to place an order for recess or lunch before the start of the school day. This will enable you to not only collect your order quickly but ensures your

favourite dish is available and any special requests are considered.

We would also like to take this opportunity to remind students and staff that we now have EFTPOS available in the majority of our canteens.

The Canteen Manager and Staff look forward to seeing you at the canteen.

PS. The **milkshakes** and **smoothies** are fantastic!!!

COMMUNITY NOTICES

A GREAT WAY TO START 2008

What better way to see in the new year than to host an international exchange student. Expand your family's horizons and make a friend for life. Unlike a boarder, the student participates as one of the family, including helping with chores, following house rules, and joining in the fun. Southern Cross Cultural Exchange currently has over 100 students from Europe, Canada, USA, Japan, Brazil and Colombia, who will arrive late January 2008 for a few months.

SCCE is a non-profit organization with 24 years experience in exchange programs. Hosting is voluntary and students bring their own spending money as well as being covered for medical and educational expenses. Please ring now for more info on **Toll Free 1800 500 501**.



RECREATIONAL SPORT GOES FOR A SPIN!

The Spin Class, held on Tuesday afternoons, shows how Year 8, 9 & 10 girls work together with sweat and determination to improve their fitness. Their perseverance and endurance are examples of their commitment to achieve their best. Pedaling and singing for 40 minutes, along to invigorating music is a great way to spend Tuesday afternoons.

Marica Stipanovic

LASTLY, A WORD (OR TWO) FROM THE OFFICE!

ALL STUDENTS: Remember to bring your library/swipe card to school EVERY DAY. Too many students forget to bring them on a regular basis.

First Aid: Please bring your own tissues, bandaids, pads etc to school, and **do not come to school if you are sick** – you will be sent home anyway and it is better if you do not spread your germs to everyone else.