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Burwood Girls High School Newsletter

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For Your Diary

TERM 4, 2008	
Nov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASSEMBLY
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No payments to the office before Rollover on Dec 1
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr.11 Cake Stall for UNICEF
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Crazy Hair Day fundraiser Stop Work meeting P&C Annual General Meeting
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr.11 'Wired' performance, p.1, \$2 Prefects Meeting, lunchtime
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Renaissance Concert, 7pm Last day for payments/receipts before Rollover on 1 December
24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRC Meeting, lunchtime Drama rehearsals, all day Drama Showcase, 7pm
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ESSA Test
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Video Showcase
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Orientation Day for new Year 11 students, 4 pm
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools Spectacular
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Schools Spectacular
Dec	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Financial Rollover
1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASSEMBLY
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 'A Little Night Music 1' concert
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Free Day Yr.9 PASS Surf Awareness Yr.6/7 Orientation Day Yr.6 BEP Survey, 10:30 am Prefects Meeting, lunchtime 'A Little Night Music 2' concert
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All Year 7 to Luna Park
8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Event #9 distributed SC results available online SRC Meeting, lunchtime Yr.8 & 9 Blue/Gold/Faculty Awards Assembly, p.4
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fashion Parade, 7pm, Hall
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr.10 Formal
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr.7 Celebration of Learning Yr.7 Reports distributed P&C Xmas Dinner, Coronation Club
P&C MEETINGS	
3 rd Wednesday of month, 7:15pm, Room 27 .	
Next Meetings: 19 Nov AGM , 11 Dec	

From the Principal...

We are presently involved in interviewing all Year 6 students who will be attending Year 7 in 2009. There will be 170 new students in Year 7 and approximately 20 new students in Year 11.

Congratulations to the prefects who are welcoming the new students and being excellent ambassadors for our school.

Congratulations too to Year 12 students who are delighted to have completed their HSC exams (await results on 17 December). Staff and students enjoyed a wonderful celebration last Thursday night to mark the conclusion of their school year.

Congratulations to all Year 10 students for excellent attendance and remaining focused during their School Certificate exams last week. The presiding officer and supervisors were full of praise for the way in which Year 10 conducted themselves. Well done!

Special congratulations to Nawal Abdi, Year 10, for winning the Junior Section of the Robin Anderson Film Awards with her non-fiction film entry "My Journey". Nawal received a certificate and a Canon video camera. This film and others may be viewed at the Video Showcase on Wednesday, 26 November, 7pm in the Hall. All welcome.



Congratulations to our member of staff, Barry Deacon, on his DET SAS Recognition Award received last week at an evening function in Bridge Street, pictured here with Verity Firth, Minister of Education and Michael Coutts-Trotter, DG.



Mia Kumar

ROLE MODELS OF BGHS: OUR PREFECTS

By Becky Quigley and Rui Dai

We farewell the outgoing Year 12 Prefects and wish them good luck. We would like to present the new prefect body for 2009:

Year 11

Mim Akunyare
Eliza Davey
Indigo Elliott Pibbs
Pascale Esber
Jessica Huang
Beckey Lim
Shalaka Parekh
Geena Shin
Talia Smith
Katherine Zappala

Year 12

Millicent Brown
Veronica Criniti
Rui Dai
Nishita Dayal
Sabrina Gullotta
Camille Hanrahan-Tan
Ariadne Keldoulis
Jessica La Rosa
Liana Paolino
Molly Patterson
Simone Peachey
Becky Quigley
Rebecca Tong
Arielle Tsoukatos
Alison Zell

Congratulations to them all and especially to our new School Captains for 2009:

(L to R) Rebecca Tong, Liana Paolino, Rui Dai



There have been many events taking place for our prefects to experience their roles in the school. Many prefects and house captains represented our school on 30-31 October at the 'StepUP' conference held at Olympic Park. They listened to inspiring speeches along with 700 students from other schools. The prefects did a marvellous job helping teachers to do the Year 6 Interviews which took place from 6-14 November.

A big thank you to all prefects for the smooth running of this event.

As soon as the new Year 11 Prefects were elected, Ms Urbano organised "Leadership Workshops" to help prefects learn how to perform their duties. In the workshops, we got to know each other better. We talked about the qualities of prefects, roles of captains and what it means to be school leaders. During the workshops the eleven nominees standing for School Captain presented their impressive speeches which highlighted their dedication to the school and community. It was indeed difficult for the prefect body, staff and executive to vote for the three captains.

So well done Rui, Liana and Rebecca! (from Ms Urbano)

YEAR 9 INFORMATION DAY ON ENGINEERING AT UNIVERSITY OF NSW

On 22 October, 10 students from a Year 9 Maths class attended an Information Day on Engineering run by the UNSW, at Kensington. We were accompanied by students from other schools and were all thankful to be indoors because of the poor weather.

The purpose of the day was to show students the importance of engineering in today's society and how interesting and demanding it is, to study engineering. There were presentations on engineering courses, tours around the massive school and laboratories, and we had the opportunity to make our own sweet ice-creams! We also had the chance to have discussions with engineering students and the staff in the Faculty of Engineering at UNSW.

We suppose the breaks were the best – muffins with a diameter of 11cm for morning tea, and a buffet lunch! By the end of the day we had made new friends and our interests in engineering had intensified.

We had an amazing time there and we would like to thank the teachers, Mr Campbell who used an '18-sided die' to choose the 10 lucky girls, and huge thanks to Ms Openshaw who accompanied us, and made our time enjoyable there.

Crystal Wang and Leanne Young, Year 9

AMEB EXAM RESULTS

Congratulations to the following girls:

- **Georgia Girdler**, 3rd Grade Flute, Pass with Honours
- **Eleanor Crowe**, 4th Grade Flute, Pass with Credit

SHORT FILM

Congratulations and acknowledgement to **Yadira Rengifo**, **Utkarsha Adikhary** and **Joanna Rucinski** (all Year 10) for their excellent short film on litter and the school environment shown at the end of Term 3.



ANNUAL RENAISSANCE CONCERT

'Sentimental Sarabande' is the name of this year's Renaissance Concert, to be held at St John's Anglican Church, Bland St, Ashfield, on Friday, 21 November at 7pm. Entry is by donation. Light refreshments will be available. Please come and enjoy a glorious evening's entertainment.

SPORT REPORT

As the weather heats up, so too does the sport activity here at Burwood Girls High. First, congratulations to the newly elected Sport House Captains and Vice-Captains for 2009:

Cumbora

C – Angie Zappala
VC – Shani Sleeman

Kurrajong

C – Eliza Davey
VC – Freya Hickey

Kayeroo

C – Jessica Cattell
VC – Genevieve Carey

Yorrell

C – Kathryn Pearce
VC – Jacqueline Law



Well done to **Shani Sleeman**, Year 10, for placing 1st in High Jump at the All Schools Athletics Carnival. She will now compete at the Pacific School Games in Canberra (30 Nov-6 Dec) as part of the NSW Team. We all wish Shani the very best.

Well done to **Kara McKee**, Year 9, for being selected into the Opens Met Sydney North Water Polo Team. Kara recently travelled to New Zealand to play as part of the Under 15s CHS team. This is an outstanding effort.



Kara McKee in action

Grade Sport

The 15s and Opens summer grade grand finals were played Tuesday, 4 November. Unfortunately, the Opens Softball team finished 5th and did not make it into the finals. The Opens Touch Football team were unbeatable throughout the competition and easily defeated Hunters Hill High 9-1. The Opens Basketball team showed true grit playing with only four players and winning. They defeated Ryde. The 15s Basketball team were unfortunate not to win their final round against Ryde.

A big 'bravo' to **Kara** and **Georgia C** for playing – as they had played three games of water polo beforehand.

A big thank you to Mr van Leeuwen, Ms Grech and Mr Stewart-Thomson for coaching these teams.

The 14s Softball, European Handball, Touch Football teams are well placed for their semi-finals to be played Tuesday, 25 November.

Water Knockout

Throughout the year we had students from Years 7-10 compete in both the Opens and Under 15s knockouts. The Open team made it to a round 4 game, and the Under 15s were knocked out in round 3. The girls did extremely well having never played together as a team and for competing against well established school teams. Both teams scored some magnificent goals, and were very strong in defence. A wonderful effort from all players.

Year 8 AFL

In Term 3, two Year 8 teams participated in an AFL Round Robin competition at Henley Oval, Marrickville. The girls had a fantastic time, improving their skills and knowledge of the game. It was a great experience and the girls are looking forward to next year's competition. Team 1 made it through to the quarter finals.

A big thanks to Ms Kalogeropoulos.

Year 7 Gala Day

On Thursday, 18 September, 161 Year 7 students and 50 Year 9 & 10 PASS students and seven staff members made the trek to Meadowbank Park West Ryde for the 2nd Northern Suburbs Zone Year 7 Gala Day. Soccer, volleyball and netball were played and the girls had a fantastic time, not just improving skills but making friendships with students from other schools in our sporting zone.

Congratulations to the Year 9 & 10 PASS students who not only coached and umpired all the day but ran training sessions for their teams at lunchtime in Blair Park. Well done!

Janelle Gianotti, Sport Coordinator

BEP NEWS

On Sunday, 9 November at 10am, **Evie Buckley** and **Hannah Roberts** (both Year 9) attended Ashfield RSL for a Remembrance Service. Evie played the bugle and Hannah participated in a reading and placing of a wreath. On the same day at 2pm, a small group of students played at the War Graves at Rookwood Cemetery for a Remembrance Service. Thank you to all students and parents who attended these services.

On Monday, 3 November the Junior Concert Band, Stage Band and String Ensemble enjoyed a

day tour to the Southern Highlands, visiting and performing for two schools. Both schools were very happy to receive our girls, even supplying them with morning tea and a BBQ lunch. Thank you to Mrs Thrussell who was Band Mother on this tour.

Elaine Browne, Head Administrator, BEP

ROBYN ANDERSON FILM AWARD

The Robyn Anderson Award is a prestigious Australia-wide film competition for school students. **Nawal Abdi**, a Year 10 Photographic & Digital Media student, has had her film selected as a finalist from hundreds of entries. Nawal's film is about her family's flight from Palestine to Lebanon and then to Australia. It will be screened with the other finalists at 7pm on Wednesday, 12 November 2008 at the Dendy Opera Quays. This is a brilliant achievement.

Congratulations, Nawal, and we all wish you every success with the award. We have a keen group of PDM students who will be attending on the night. A big thank you also goes to Mr Cheshire and Ms Bellemore for all their wonderful work in assisting students with their filmmaking.

Michelle Kals, Head Teacher Creative Arts

2008 DRAMA SHOWCASE

On Monday, 24 November we will be holding our Drama showcase, "Stories from the Id", in the school hall. This year's showcase features performances from Years 9-11 and is an opportunity for parents and students to see the amazing dramatic talent at Burwood Girls High. The show begins at 7pm and admission is \$5. See you there!



IMPORTANT NOTE TO PARENTS OF YEAR 10

Just a reminder to all Year 10 parents that **Year 10 must attend school until Presentation Day on Monday, 15 December**. All students are to be on time and in full school uniform each day. During the next few weeks students will be completing "All My Own Work" which is a compulsory course set by the Board of Studies and must be completed before sitting the HSC. Students will also be creating a resume, finishing course work and completing study skills programs. If you have any questions regarding the Year 10 program please contact Janina Longman, Deputy Principal at the school.

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 19 NOVEMBER

The P&C Meeting will be held in **Room 27 at 7:15 pm** on Wednesday, 19 November followed by the Annual General Meeting, to finish no later than 9:00 pm. All welcome.

Remember the meetings will be held in Room 27 (enter via front door of school) until further notice due to the building works around the school.

The P&C Xmas Dinner is to be held on Thursday, 11 December at the Coronation Club, Burwood Rd, Burwood at 7:30 pm. We would love you to come along. Please ring Mrs Browne (9747 3355) to RSVP or for further information.

Elaine Browne, President P&C

P&C UNIFORM SHOP

- Year 6 interviews last week went very well. Welcome to our Year 7 students for 2009. More stock is now being ordered.
- New PE t-shirt is very popular with all students. Some sizes are out of stock – more coming start of 2009.
- New v-neck woolen vest has been added to our range (\$50).

Trading hours: every Tuesday, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm (students: recess and lunchtime only). Ph: 9747 3355.

POLICY OF P&C UNIFORM SHOP ON REFUNDS

- (a) Student purchases from shop: we often suggest students take item home and let parents check fitting. This is a privilege we give the students.
- (b) Students can return item **if intact and**:
 1. tag is still in place;
 2. item has not been worn;
 3. item has not been washed.
- (c) Refund or exchange will be given if conditions in (b) have been met.
- (d) Refunds are **not** given in cash. Refunds must be in the form of a cheque and must be approved by P&C, therefore may not be given until next P&C meeting.

This policy was put in place some years ago to safeguard the refund as we had some students ask for cash refunds without the knowledge of their parents.

Elaine Browne, Manager Uniform Shop/President P&C

CHANGES TO SCHOOL CALENDAR

The School Calendar for Terms 3 & 4 (blue) which was posted home to parents, has the following changes:

- **18 November** – add Yr.11 Cake Stall for UNICEF
- **19 November** – add Crazy Hair Day fundraiser for Leukaemia, organised by Year 8
- **19 November** – Stop Work Meeting by teachers, 8:45am -10:45 am
- **27 November** – add 4pm, Orientation for new Year 11s
- **5 December** – add all Year 7 to Luna Park
- **8 December** – *Event #9* distributed (not 15 Dec)
- **9 December** – Fashion Parade, 7pm, Hall (not 18 Nov)
- **11 December** – P&C Xmas Dinner, 7:30 pm, Coronation Club, Burwood (not 17 Dec).