



SPORT REPORT

As the year draws to an end so too does Grade sport.

On 2 December the 14s Grade Grand Finals were played on a very hot and steamy day. Unfortunately, the Touch Football side were defeated in the Semis (a big thanks to the Year 9 assistant coaches).

The B1 softball team lost their final to Concord and the clash of the titans game B1 (Year 8) versus B2 (Year 9) in the European Handball final. All girls displayed outstanding skills and teamwork but the Year 8 team narrowly defeated the Year 9 team. It was a fantastic game to watch.

Congratulations to all the girls who played in a 14s team and we hope you will all try out in 2009 for the 15s and Opens teams.

A very large thank you to Ms Sheens, Ms Kalogeropoulos, Ms Christie and Ms Shakespeare for their time, effort and dedication towards coaching these teams.

Congratulations to **Shani Sleeman** of Year 10 who recently competed in the Pacific Youth Games in Canberra. Shani was successful in her endeavours winning her High Jump event and equalled the record. She will now attempt to qualify for the World Youth Games in Italy 2009. This is a fantastic achievement.

A sad goodbye to **Kara McKee** of Year 9. Kara has been rewarded for her outstanding Water Polo skills with a Sports Scholarship at Meriden College in 2009. A very big thank you to Kara and her family for their support with girls water polo at the school over many years. Good luck Kara!

Some dates to put on your Calendar for 2009:

- * Term 1 Recreational Sport Choices – Tuesday, 3 February
- * BGHS Swimming Carnival, Ashfield Pool, Monday, 9 February
- * BGHS X-Country Run, Timbrel Park, Thursday, 26 March
- * BGHS Athletics Carnival, Homebush, Monday, 1 June

For Year 8, 2009

If you would like to try out for a 14s Grade (Competition) Sport Team for Summer Comp (Terms 1 & 4), you need to sign up on the lists outside the PE Staffroom. Tryouts will be Tuesday, 3 February 2009. The sports available are Touch Football, Softball and European Handball. There will be two teams for each sport.

If your daughter is not interested in trying out for a Grade team or is unlucky not to be selected, she will choose a Recreational Sport which she will participate in for all of Term 1. Recreational Sport Choices will be chosen on Tuesday, 3 February 2009. Girls will be required to pay on that day. More information will be provided the first week back at school next year.

Happy, safe and active holidays to all!

Jan Gianotti, PDHPE Faculty

PLATINUM VOCAL WORKSHOP

On Tuesday, 28 October 2008, four promising singers, **Amelia Myers, Emma Barry, Julie Woo** and **Seriana Daoud**, were selected from Year 10 to participate in a vocal workshop held by the SAE Institute of Music in Wentworth Street, Sydney. It was almost a four hour long practical session on how to sing without damaging vocal chords, about being familiar with the requirements of a recording session and the demands of producing music both live and in a studio.

The workshop was run by Robert "Raab" Stevenson, a vocal coach, visiting from the United States, whose job is to keep Justin Timberlake in tune. The wonderful thing about our Burwood Girls is the interest and enthusiasm they show for learning something new, their appreciation, their sense of humour and great manners. Thank you for your participation, girls; it was an absolute pleasure to take you! Look out for these singing stars in the future!

Ms Benjamin

LUNA PARK FIELD STUDY REPORT

By Sierra Aves, Alison Lee and Daniella Duardo

On Friday, 5 December 2008, about 180 Year 7 students boarded the buses for Luna Park. We arrived there at around 10 o'clock and we waited eagerly to escape the teachers! Finally, after what seemed like hours of waiting, we gained the freedom of going on the rides. It was a really hot day with temperatures ranging around 30 degrees, and as we waited for the rides to start we realised by looking at the size of the lines that we would have to hurry to get a chance to go on other rides. Other schools were there also - Ms Diakos estimated about 1500 other students - so the chance of getting on all the rides slowly faded. The famous classic rides were still there including the Tango Train, Wild Mouse, The Rotor, The Ranger, The Flying Saucer (UFO), The Spider and also Coney Island. Even the teachers (Ms Warrington and Ms Moore) managed to hop on the Ferris Wheel and get a good view. Quite a few of us loved going on the gorgeous Luna Park Carousel. It was all really fun but also exhausting, but still a good day away from school. A great way to wrap up our first year at high school. We thank, Ms Diakos, Mr Brett and the other teachers for giving up their time to take us to Luna Park.

SMS ATTENDANCE NOTIFICATION SYSTEM in 2009

The school expects to start using the new attendance system at the beginning of the 2009 school year. You will no longer receive numerous phone calls and/or emails if your daughter is absent or late. You will be sent just one SMS on your mobile phone. The school can also notify you about upcoming events, meetings, notes home etc.

The number you will need for this system is as follows:

614 169 05254

You can use this number to respond to the message sent by the school or to notify the school of your daughter's absence or lateness to school. SMS messages may be short as long as they are clear, eg. "Sick", "Sick - back tomorrow", "Holiday", "Dentist", "Doctor", "Bus/train late" etc.

If you change your mobile phone number, you must notify the school office as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions about this new system please contact the front office on 9747 3355.

START OF 2009 – WEEK 1(A)

Monday, 26 January	Australia Day Holiday
Tuesday, 27 January	School Development Day (staff only) BEP workshops Uniform Shop open, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Wednesday, 28 January	First day for Years 7, 11, 12 (change to bell times) Uniform Shop open, 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Thursday, 29 January	First day for Years 8, 9, 10 (change to bell times) ASSEMBLY Uniform Shop open, 9:00 am – 12:00 pm Year 7 Band Orientation Afternoon Tea 3:15-4:15 pm
Friday, 30 January	Year 7/Big Sister BBQ lunch + activities, period 4

Reminder to Year 12:

If you have Period 1 free on Mondays, you must be at school by 10:10 am on Mondays listed with an **ASSEMBLY**.