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## Burwood Girls High School Newsletter

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### For Your Diary

TERM 1, 2009	
<b>FEB</b> 16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRC Meeting, lunchtime</li> <li>• <i>Event #1</i> distributed</li> </ul>
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• P&amp;C Meeting, 7:15 pm in Hall. All parents welcome, esp. Year 7</li> </ul>
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr.10 PASS Surf Camp</li> </ul>
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23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASSEMBLY</li> <li>• Prefects Meeting, lunchtime</li> <li>• BEP Staff Concert 'Big Night Out', 7:30 pm, Hall – everyone welcome</li> </ul>
23	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Camp</li> </ul>
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Camp</li> <li>• Sydney Region Opening of the School Year</li> </ul>
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Year 7 Camp</li> <li>• Clean Up Australia Day for Schools</li> </ul>
<b>MAR</b> 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• SRC Meeting, lunchtime</li> </ul>
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr.10 Parent Information Evening</li> </ul>
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr.12 English Drama excursion</li> <li>• School Council Meeting</li> </ul>
5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UNIFEM Breakfast</li> </ul>
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ASSEMBLY – International Women's Day</li> <li>• Logbook Week</li> <li>• Prefects Meeting lunchtime</li> <li>• Yr.6 Information Evening, 7pm, Hall</li> </ul>
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Assessment Free Day</li> <li>• Zone Swimming</li> </ul>
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day Meetings (DEAR)</li> <li>• Yr.12 Nan Tien Temple excursion</li> </ul>
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13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr.7/Big Sister activities, p.4</li> </ul>
16	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day Meetings (ASSEMBLY BELL TIMES)</li> <li>• <i>Event #2</i> distributed</li> <li>• SRC Meeting, lunchtime</li> </ul>
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr.11 Crossroads Day 1</li> <li>• P&amp;C Meeting, 7:15 pm, Library</li> </ul>
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Yr.7 Vaccinations</li> </ul>
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• International Day</li> </ul>
<b>P&amp;C MEETINGS</b>	
3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of month, 7:15 pm, Library.	
First Meeting: 18 February 2009 in Hall	

### From the Principal...

We have had a successful start to 2009! I would like to congratulate our students for an excellent beginning to the year – focused on learning, punctual, well organised and wearing the school uniform to perfection!

We welcomed 170 Year 7 students and 47 new students in other years. All seem to have settled in to new school routines well. We also welcomed new Canteen management (see website for more details).



We also welcomed seven new members of staff in the areas of Mathematics, Visual Arts, Science, Social Sciences, TAS and Dance. At the end of 2008 David Allen was promoted to Deputy Principal at Sydney Secondary College, Leichhardt Campus and Frank Charalambous retired after 26 years service to mathematics education at Burwood GHS.

The Higher School Certificate results for 2008 were quite outstanding with 56 students receiving 129 merits in 33 subjects. Seven of our students received a Premier's Award.



Vinita Deshpande   Catherine McCarthy   Allina Yang   Mounica Sriramula   Nicoletta Mitsopoulos   Winnie Low   Alexandra Donis

Well done to all girls!

The results for Bands 5 and 6 are as follows for SC 2008:

SUBJECT	BANDS 5 and 6	
	BGHS	STATE
English	48.0%	39.1%
Mathematics	37.2%	25.8%
Science	41.7%	30.4%
History	34.9%	23.4%
Geography	32.0%	28.6%
Computing	100%	99.6%

We are expecting wonderful achievements from those students in senior school. More details of our HSC/SC results will be presented at the P&C Meeting on Wednesday, 18 February at 7:15 pm in the Hall. Our speaker will be Ann Fletcher.

Looking forward to seeing you there to discuss our successes and maybe also have a chance to look at the Smart Data package developed by DET.

*Mia Kumar*



### YEAR 11 JINDABYNE CAMP 2009!

Deposits are being accepted at the school office for the Year 11 Jindabyne Camp in August. Deposits need to be paid to the school office before **Friday, 27 February** so that the school can secure its booking for this year's camp.

Deposits may be made by cash, credit card or cheque payable to Burwood Girls High School. Credit Card payment may be made by phone to the office, on **97473355 ext. 114**.

The Jindabyne Camp Information Brochure is available online at the school website **[www.burwoodg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.burwoodg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au)** at the School Information page.



*John van Leeuwen*

### BIG NIGHT OUT – Instrumental Staff Fundraiser Concert – Monday, 23 February 2009, 7:30 pm, in the School Hall

Come to the Annual Instrumental Program Fundraiser staff concert featuring the famous and lovely Patricia Amphlett, some charming chamber music by seasoned professional musicians and lots of jazz, a saxophone solo by our very own Band Director Mr Glenn Armitage and, as a finale, the very danceable Staff Big Band. A range of gourmet refreshments will be available from 7 pm.

Tickets are available at the door or, prior to that from Mrs Browne, at the amazingly reasonable prices of \$18 Adult, \$12 Student and concession, \$45 Family. Support your Band Program, it's going to be a fun evening, and you'll never again have the opportunity to hear these magnificent musicians at these prices!

### BEP NEWS

#### BANDS WORKSHOP – 27 January 2009

The day before school went back all three bands gathered in the full summer heat to get into all the new music before everything became hectic. Our very own favourite ex, Simon Bartlett turned up to take the Senior Band through their paces for the day. The orchestral conductor Matthew Coorey took time off between gigs with the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, the London Philharmonic and the Western Australia Symphony Orchestra to work with the Intermediate Band. Diana Springford and Junior Band got to know each other and their new pieces too. Everyone worked hard, got organised and made the view of the year ahead very promising with some fine music making.

#### WELCOME YEAR 7

Welcome to all our Year 7 students who are joining the Band Program this year. Any Year 7 student that has not been contacted please see Mrs Browne in the Music Office. All rehearsals have now commenced. There has been a change of day and time for some:  
 JCB – Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:00 pm  
 Yr.7 Training Band – Wednesday, 3:30 – 4:30 pm  
 ICB – Wednesday, 3:30 – 5:30 pm  
 SCB – Thursday, 3:30 – 5:30 pm  
 Stage Band – Thursday, 6:00 – 7:00 pm

Musettes – Friday lunchtime

Community Bands:

IWEP1 – Wednesday, 7:00 – 8:30 pm

IWEP 3 – Thursday, 7:30 – 9:30 pm

*Elaine Browne, Administrator, BEP*

### **2008 UNIVERSITY OF NEWCASTLE MATHS & SCIENCE SUMMER SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS**

Congratulations to **Katherine Hudson, Vivian Lai, Aniella McKee, Selina Shi, Cynthia Tan, Jemma Thrussell, Crystal Wang** and **Christie Yang**, who were recipients of the scholarship (400 students applied, 180 were successful).

These eight Burwood GHS students traveled to the University of Newcastle together on the train and spent one week on the campus, from Sunday 7 December to Friday, 12 December 2008.

They participated in engineering and electricity workshops, maths challenges, they visited physics laboratories, Hunter Water, and Newcastle City Council, they programmed robots, and listened to speeches from successful women scientists and engineers.

Evening activities were for learning, as well as getting to know the other students who had come from all over Australia, as well as Singapore. Activities included swimming night, disco night, and waste art fashion parade.

*Hewlett Field, Mathematics Faculty*



### **P&C MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 18 FEBRUARY**

The P&C extend a special invitation to all parents, especially parents of Year 7, to attend our first P&C Meeting for 2009, to be held in the School Hall at 7:15 pm on Wednesday, 18 February.

Ann Fletcher will be presenting our HSC results from 2008. A light supper will be served.

Looking forward to seeing you there.

*Elaine Browne, President P&C*

### **P&C UNIFORM SHOP**

The Uniform Shop has resumed normal trading hours: every Tuesday, 8:30 am – 2:30 pm (students: before school, recess and lunchtime only).

Year 7 Lockers will start next Tuesday – please see Mrs Browne. All stock has arrived (small jackets, PE shirts etc.) Ph: 9747 3355.

### **GRIFFIN SCHOLARSHIP**

**Jessina Oakes** and **Kiah Pilz** in Year 11 have been successful at receiving the privilege of being Griffin Theatre Ambassadors for 2009. Both girls are exemplary Drama students and this program will complement their Preliminary and HSC studies of the subject. Jessina and Kiah will learn from industry professionals in the areas of performance, directing, scriptwriting, design and analysis. They will attend sessions at the theatre in Darlinghurst each Saturday this year and have received tickets to the Griffin Theatre 2009 season. They will be given the opportunity to perform in a group devised performance later in the year. Congratulations to both girls on being accepted into the program.



*Amy Jamieson, English Faculty*

### **NOTES FROM THE FRONT OFFICE**

#### **New SMS System:**

We have started using the new message system to notify parents of their daughter's late arrival to school. We will also use this system to send reminders of upcoming events and other important information such as when the newsletter will be distributed, fundraising events, year meetings etc. We are still in the trial and error stage of this new system and I apologise for any confusion this has caused. I have received some feedback from parents and will rectify some of the issues raised.

When you receive a message you just need to reply on your mobile phone. You don't need to call the school. However, you still need to notify us in the morning if you know your daughter is going to be absent or is running late. You can either call the school on 9747 3355 or text a message on **614 1690 5254**.

**A signed note is still required for any absence.**

If you do not wish to receive messages on your mobile you must notify the front office as soon as possible.

**Contact details:**

Please notify the school of any changes to contact details (home, work, mobile, emergency contacts etc) and address as soon as possible. This information is important if we need to contact you because your daughter is sick and needs to be picked up or needs to see a doctor.

**Student Safety:**

Please do not pick up or drop off students in the staff car park at the front of the school. Students should also avoid walking through the car park. Drivers must observe the 'No Stopping' zones around the school. Students - please use the zebra crossing in Queen Street when crossing the road.

**First Aid:**

First aid facilities at the school are very limited. Students are advised to keep their own emergency supplies in their school bag at all times (eg headache tablets, bandaids, tissues, sanitary supplies). Parents - please do not send students to school if they feel unwell in the morning, unless you are prepared to come to school during the day to take them home.

**Website:**

Late notes, change of address forms, early leaver request forms and absentee notes can all be found and downloaded from our website. You will be able to find copies of the notes for upcoming excursions as well.

Thank you.

*Bronwyn Hatzis, Office Manager*

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**FREE STUDENT EXCHANGE INFO NIGHTS**

Learn all about student exchange, World Education Program (WEP) Australia and the 2009/2010 exchange programs available at one of WEP's free information sessions in Sydney.

**18 February, 1 April, 7:30 – 9:00 pm, Bowlers Club of NSW, 95-99 York Street, Sydney**

Students can choose from over 20 countries to live and study with the support of a host family, school and community. Explore new opportunities beyond the classroom! WEP Australia is a not-for-profit student exchange organization registered with the education departments. [www.wep.org.au](http://www.wep.org.au)

**PARENTING COURSES**

The City of Canada Bay Council and Drummoyne Community Centre are running a number of (mostly free) seminars/workshops during Term 1, including Toddlers: Terrible or Terrific?, Play & Learn with 0-2 Year Olds, Groovy Grandparents Playgroup, Grandparents Day Out, Caring for Kids (St John Ambulance accredited First Aid course, cost \$70), and Parenting after Separation. All enquiries, phone

Drummoyne Community Centre, 10 Cometrowe St, Drummoyne on 9719 8102.

**Staff of the Burwood Ensemble Program  
invite parents, friends & community members  
to**



**A fundraiser for the Ensembles Program  
at Burwood Girls High School**

**Monday, 23 February 2009  
School Hall, 7:30 pm**

***Chamber music, jazz bands and, to finish the evening, the staff Big Band – dancing is optional but encouraged!!***

**Virtuosic, experienced, stylish and  
some famous performers, including:**

Patricia Amphlett  
Henry Avila  
Jon Collins  
Alison Evans  
Martin Kay  
Tom McElvogue  
Melissa Page  
Elina Suuronen  
Luda Tees

Glenn Armitage  
Marie-Louise Bethune  
James Ellyard  
Ryan Hackland  
Gretel Langford  
Nicole Murray-Prior  
Diana Springford  
Rowan Taylor  
Kate Wilson

**Tickets: \$18 Adult / \$12 Concession / \$45 Family  
Available at the door or from the Music Office,  
ph. 9747 3355**



*Welcome to new members of staff*