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Burwood Girls High School Newsletter

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For Your Diary

TERM 2, 2009	
MAY	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASSEMBLY
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Prefects Meeting, lunchtime
20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duke of Edinburgh Practice Walk 2 P&C Meeting, 7:15 pm, Library
21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> National Public Education Day Opening of Capital Works Program Year 10 Welfare Day Duke of Edinburgh Practice Walk 2
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Free Day Zone Cross Country
25	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment Free Day Education Week SRC Meeting, lunchtime Variety Night
26	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr.7 Vaccinations
27	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> House Meetings during DEAR UNSW Computer Skills Comp
28	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr.11 Reports distributed Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Walk
29	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Walk
JUN	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
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3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Yr.10 Vaccinations School Council
4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Duke of Edinburgh Qualifying Walk
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8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
9	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> BEP Soiree Week 1
10	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNSW Science Comp Year 7/8 Disco
11	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Regional Cross Country
15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ASSEMBLY Event #4 distributed Prefects Meeting, lunchtime
17	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P&C Meeting, 7:15 pm, Library
18	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> FIELD STUDY DAY #2 Yr.9 Welfare Day
19	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage Band Dance
22	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SRC Meeting, lunchtime
P&C MEETINGS	
3 rd Wednesday of month, 7:15 pm, Library.	
Next Meetings: 20 May, 17 June	

From the Principal...

Welcome to Term 2. Welcome back to our France/Italy travellers who had a wonderful time.



Our students and staff were delighted to return to Term 2 to see that the building refurbishment was complete and the playground available for our use. Twenty picnic tables have been installed and a new project (lift installation) was commenced. The official opening of our new facilities by Hon Virginia Judge MP and Hon John Murphy MP will be held on Thursday, 21 May at 10:30 am.



Delighted to hear about successes of our students in various endeavours (well represented on forums at Centre for Learning Innovation, poetry reading, huge successes in sports eg rowing, outstanding performances at ANZAC ceremonies).

Development Day at the start of term. The focus was Literacy and ways to improve performances for all our students. Great enthusiasm and ideas generated to ensure the best possible learning outcomes for everyone.

Next P&C Meeting will focus on our dance program and achievements. So come along on 20 May to the library to hear about our talented students.

Mia Kumar

FRANCE/ITALY CULTURAL TOUR 2009

On 9 April 2009, 16 excited girls from Years 9-12 and three teachers (Ms Ardino, Ms Openshaw and Ms Urbano) ventured to Sydney International Airport bound for Italy and France. After a 22 hour plane trip with a stopover in Hong Kong, we arrived at Rome Fiumicino Airport.

During our three days in Rome we saw many historically and culturally significant landmarks including Ostia Antica, the Colosseum, the Roman Forum, the Spanish Steps, the Trevi Fountain, Piazza Navona and the Pantheon. We spent some of Easter Sunday in the Vatican City, which was an amazing experience.

With great sadness we left Rome and travelled to Florence via the Medieval towns of Orvieto and Perugia. Our hotel in Florence was a two minute walk from the Duomo, and a short distance from the Uffizi Gallery and Ponte Vecchio. In the afternoons we visited the leather markets, where we all practiced our bargaining skills in Italian and splurged on leather jackets.

Then it was on to the picturesque city of Venice. Here we experienced a gondola ride through the canals of Venice, as well as a private boat ride to the lovely islands of Murano, famous for its glassware and Burano, famous for its lace. We also visited the world famous St Mark's Square, St Mark's Church, the Doge's Palace and the Rialto Bridge. Many Venetian mask purchases later, we embarked on the long journey to Lake Como. Although disappointed that George Clooney was unable to join us, we were extremely satisfied with our night's accommodation, a four star hotel.



After crossing the Italian/French border, we arrived in Annecy. Although the duration of our stay in this town was only short, we managed to have an eventful time in the French Alps – accidentally breaking a park bench and nearly being crushed by

cruise ships when innocently paddle-boating on the lake. We then left Annecy, via the city of Orleans, home of Joan of Arc, bound for the city of Tours.

Here we visited two chateaux in the Loire Valley, Chambord and the castle of Blois. They were beautiful, brought to life by our tour guide, whose historical knowledge was not only accurate, but detailed. We visited the Palace of Fontainebleau, before departing for Paris, our final destination.

Although we only had three days in Paris, we saw a lot – Notre Dame, the Arc de Triumph, Champs Elyseés, Giverney (Monet's home and gardens), the Louvre and one of the trip's highlights, the Eiffel Tower, which we climbed to the second level.

After nearly three weeks of fun, excitement, education, three course meals and shopping, we flew back to Sydney, somewhat reluctantly. Thank you to all the teachers on the trip, Ms Ardino, Ms Openshaw and Ms Urbano, whose dedication and enthusiasm is much appreciated.

Hayley Lidbury and Hannah Roberts, Year 10



BEP NEWS

There's a financial year, a school year and most importantly for us, a band year and we have just had new years.

The new year for Band occurs during the Term 1 holidays. It has several parts. At the end of the Senior Band Tour the program says farewell to Year 12. After this they only have two jobs, a dawn service and a school assembly where the school presents them with commemorative medallions. It is suitable that ANZAC Day is one of the last two jobs: serving

the community. It is always sad to see them go, many of them have been involved for 6 years and this year, a couple were involved for 8 years! These girls have served the program well and represented the school at the highest levels. The band is always defined by the seniors, and with these we are comfortably an A grade band.

Several Stage Band members will stay with the Stage Band until the dance and CD. The dance is on 19 June. Put it in your diary – it's a good night out with fabulous door prizes. Hope to see you there.

However, younger players may be happy to see the seniors go. Many of them will be promoted: ICB to SCB, JCB to ICB. These students will have different expectations placed on them and will spend the first part of their promotion catching up with the music that is in their new bands 'book'. I wish them all good luck.

So the year will continue; Stage Band Dance, ICB and JCB tour, concerts, A Little Night Music and the list continues. Please come and support the students. We should celebrate their achievements together.

Glenn Armitage, Director

SENIOR CONCERT BAND TOUR 2009

From Tuesday 31 March to Thursday 2 April the Senior Concert Band went on tour to the Central Coast. It all started at 6am when we arrived at school and made our way to the first destination, a nursing home just before Newcastle. Before we started our performance we were allocated time to talk to the residents of the nursing home. We met an old engineer who was 92 years of age, where we chatted about his youth.

After lunch we continued our journey to a K-12 central school, where we once again performed our pieces. Finally we arrived at our cabins where we were staying, and after a long day we had dinner and went to "bed" (or not).

The next morning we rose nice and early to continue our busy schedule that Ms Browne and Ms Staines kindly organised. After our performance at Tuncurry Primary School we were let loose in the main streets of Forster.

On our final day of our tour we visited Forster Primary School where some of our Year 12s became very popular. Then we ended our tour listening to Elvis Presley (unwillingly) on the way home.

*Caitlin Connell, Bea Sherwood &
Olivia Stuckey, Year 9*

ANZAC DAY

At 6 o'clock on the morning of ANZAC Day, the Senior Concert Band, with their conductor Mr Armitage, assembled outside Croydon Park RSL Club. Here, people of the community gathered to pay their respects to the soldiers of Australia, past and present, who sacrificed so much for their country. Like every year, the SCB accompanied the hymns that were sung. Speeches were given by notable members of the community, wreaths were laid and the Last Post was played by our trumpeter, Evie Buckley. A minute's silence followed in which we all stood to commemorate the lives affected by the tragedy of war.

The playing of the reveille by our trumpeter signified the end of the ANZAC Service and the band was invited inside for breakfast supplied by the club.

Later that day, the Intermediate Band lined up in preparation for their march through the city. The ANZAC Day March is held every year and people from all over NSW come together to pay their respects to those affected by war. Participants in the march include war veterans, military ensembles and bands from surrounding organisations. The Intermediate Band played various pieces whilst marching through the city. At the War Memorial, however, no music is played except for a solitary drum beat. Marchers bowed their heads to the memorial as a sign of respect.

Burwood Girls High School's Band Program was proud to help commemorate the soldiers of Australia.

Molly McCulloch & Indigo Elliott Phibbs, Year 11

YEAR 7 AND 8 DISCO

The disco for Year 7 and 8 will be on Wednesday, 10 June in the school hall from 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm. Tickets are available from the school office for \$8.00. Students must present their ticket and school ID in order to enter. Remember, tickets **cannot** be purchased at the door and students must stay in the hall until 9:30 pm unless picked up by a parent/guardian at an earlier time.

Year 7 and 8 students from Homebush Boys HS and Ashfield Boys HS will also be attending. Parents and teachers will be supervising. The school captains and prefects look forward to providing an enjoyable evening.

*A. Urbano on behalf of School Captains &
Prefect Body*

DESIGN CENTRE FIELD STUDY

A group of more than 80 students from Years 9-12 studying Visual Design and TAS subjects attended the FRAMED presentation at The Design Centre at Enmore TAFE on Thursday, 7 May. It was a spectacular parade of wearable art that showcased the brilliant work of the Design Centre as well as a visit to the Design Market and the work of Stage Design students. The event was a huge success and the feedback from our students was that it was *amazing and inspiring*. Thanks to all the teachers who put their efforts into organising and attending this event with our students. Ms Patonay, Ms Jameson, Ms Tong, Ms Toohey and Ms Abboud. Congratulations to all students who attended for their excellent attitude and conduct.

Michelle Kals, HT Creative Arts

CAREERS NEWS

The Inner West Careers and Employment Expo returned to its customary venue in Burwood on Friday May 8. This year's expo was the largest to date and well attended (schools coming from as far as Blakehurst). There will be follow up visits to the school by some of the exhibitors, in particular the representatives from the universities.

Year 12 students who intend applying for medicine or health science could be required to sit for the

Undergraduate Medicine and Health Science Admission Test (UMAT) in addition to Higher School Certificate. Registrations are now open and close on Friday June 5. For information & to register go to www.acer.edu.au/umat.

The careers website is now "up and running". It contains information on upcoming events, important links (eg UMAT), resources and much more. It will be updated weekly.

Hugo Floriani, Careers Adviser

P&C MEETING, WEDNESDAY, 20 MAY

Our next meeting is Wednesday, 20 May, 7:15 pm in the Library. All welcome.

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).

Elaine Browne, Manager

NOTE FROM THE OFFICE

Excursion letters are now posted on the school's website, in case students misplace or miss receiving these letters.

TAKE YOUR HOLIDAYS WHEN WE DO!

Parents, students and teachers are concerned when students fall behind in their studies because of long absences. Families who plan to travel should do so during the school holidays. Parents are reminded that they must seek permission from the principal to take a student out of school during term time for 10 school days or longer.

If you are planning to take your child out of school during term time, please make an appointment to discuss your plans with the principal (for long absences, 10 school days or more). The principal has information to assist families to plan holidays that are least disruptive to their children's schooling. You may be required to apply for an **Exemption from Attendance at School**. Forms are available from the principal.

For shorter leave during term time (less than 10 days) the student should bring a letter from home and present it to the front office. If the absence is for a significant period, or affects assessment tasks, the student must give copies of the letter to their teacher and Year Adviser. Please advise the school well in advance if you are planning a long absence. Senior students in particular should check with the principal before buying plane tickets or planning long absences during term time.

School holidays for remainder of 2009 are:

11 July until 28 July

3 October until 18 October

Summer holiday begins on 19 December 2009

School resumes January 28th 2010

COMMUNITY NOTICES

SCHOOL BASED APPRENTICESHIP AND TRAINEESHIP INFORMATION EVENINGS FOR YEAR 10 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS

Wednesday 27 May, 7 – 9pm

South Sydney Junior Rugby Leagues Club,
558a Anzac Parade Kingsford

Wednesday 17 June, 7 – 9pm

Kareela Golf Club, Bates Drive Kareela

Information will be given on over 70 traineeships and 12 apprenticeships. Over 25 employers and training providers will be in attendance to provide details on employment and training opportunities.

Photo Gallery



Two Year 11 students participated in the poetry afternoon with a group of poets.



Our rowers performed well at the Rowing Championships.

Year 7 students are having an excellent time at high school. Captured here in a recent TAS class.



Mr Glen Wines is relieving Head Teacher Languages and making great progress in promoting teaching of languages (see Daily Telegraph, 5 May).

More France/Italy photos



Regional Director, Dr Phil Lambert, visited our school on 2 April – enjoyed meeting the students and staff.