

(Dates subject to change – see [School Calendar](#))

TERM 2

- MAY**
- Yr.12 English Standard incursion
 - 14 • SRC Year Group meetings
 - 15 • NAPLAN, Yrs.7&9
 - Winter Grade sport commences
 - Digital Thumbprint program 10F/G
 - 16 • NAPLAN, Yrs.7&9
 - Yr.11 STARR Day
 - Compere auditions for Dance
 - Prefect Afternoon Tea, 4pm
 - Theatresports senior heat, 7pm
 - **P&C Meeting, 7pm**
 - 17 • NAPLAN, Yrs.7&9
 - Girls in Property, p.3&4
 - 18 • Yr.11 Debating at BGHS
 - Prefect Meeting, lunchtime
 - IDAHOBIT, lunchtime
 - 19 • Combined Drama workshop
 - Yrs.9-12 Textiles & 11 D&T to Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week
 - 21 • **HOUSE MEETINGS, 10:10am (assembly bell times)**
 - Student Leadership team meeting
 - Girls in Property, 7:30 am
 - 22 • In Concert choir rehearsal and concert at Town Hall, 7pm
 - 23 • Yr.7/10 Big Sister activity, p.4
 - School Council Meeting, 6pm
 - Yr.11&12 Drama to Belvoir, 6pm
 - 24 • Maths Matters at UTS, 2:45pm
 - Girls in Property, at school
 - 25 • Girls in Property, 8am
 - 28 • **ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**
 - 29 • Sport payments due this week
 - Variety Night rehearsals all day
 - Girls in Property, p.1&2
 - 30 • Zone Cross-Country
 - School/Student Leadership team meeting
 - **VARIETY NIGHT, 6PM** – all parents, family, friends welcome
 - 31 • Girls in Property, 2pm
 - **Community Iftar Dinner, 4:30pm** in Hall – all welcome
 - Yr.11/12 Drama, Yr.12 ESL, Yr.11/12 Aboriginal Studies to Riverside Theatre, 6pm
- JUN**
- Yr.11 English Ext. to State Library
 - 1 • Prefect Meeting, lunchtime
 - 4 • Yr.11 Hospitality CC/F&B Work Placement Week #1
 - **ASSEMBLY**
 - Student Leadership team meeting
 - 5 • Yr.10 Drama Night, 6pm
 - 6 • Yr.10/11 vaccinations
 - 7 • Yr.8 Camp
 - Yr.12 Economics UBS Day
 - Yr.11 PDHPE First Aid course
 - 8 • Yr.8 Camp
 - 11 • *Queen's Birthday Holiday*
 - Online sport selection for Term 3 open 11-22 June
 - 13 • Yr.11 reports on portal

P&C MEETINGS, 7:00 pm, Library
16 May, 20 June, 15 August

Burwood Girls High School

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From the Principal

Burwood GHS continues to celebrate success in a wide variety of areas. Our students taking on new challenges and thriving in so many projects. I am continually proud of the achievements of students and support of colleagues.



International Day 21 March



English Cafe



Cross-country



Anzac Day city march



Eurovision SBS video



Parent/Teacher/Student night



Band tour to Jenolan area



New Director of Education Leadership, Maria Serafim (left)

Our School Plan 2018-2020 and Annual Report 2017 are available on our website. Looking forward to seeing you at the P&C meeting on 16 May, Variety Night on 30 May and the Iftar dinner on 31 May.

Mia Kumar

ENGLISH AND DRAMA NEWS

This term has started well with Year 7 students studying Play-texts, Year 8 studying Representing Women, Year 9 studying Representing Teenagers and Year 10 looking at a comparison of texts, contexts and values between Jane Austen novel and a contemporary film. Senior students continue to work diligently on their programs.

We had fantastic success at the end of last term in the first round of the **Rostrum Voice of Youth Public Speaking Competition**. Our junior team of four students, Gabriella Fanchin-Coelho, Holly Nesbitt, Taylor Tran and Anna Finance, responded to the topic, "When it's Gone, it's Gone", speaking for six minutes without any notes addressing such issues as: meme humour, genetic engineering, domestic violence and adolescent transition to high school.



Rostrum Public Speaking Junior team (four on right)



Senior public speaking students, Joanne and Grace

In the senior category, Joanne Tran and Grace Lagan spoke for 8 minutes on their chosen topic and we would like to extend huge congratulations to Grace who was successful in winning her round. The quality of all the speeches were outstanding with students impressively employing a range of rhetorical devices. Thanks to Kirsty Millar, our public speaking coach.

The Year 11 debating team has made good progress in The **Premier's Debating Challenge** in 2018 with debaters Mehak Bokhari, Grace Lagan, Nikki Stamoulos and Joanne Tran debating against teams from Tempe High School and Sydney Boys High School where they won one and lost one. The senior debaters look forward to debating a team from Sydney Girls High School in week three. Thank you to Tristan Carey, our senior debating coach.

Drama is going great guns as always with the co-curricular activities rehearsing for their various upcoming competitions. Today Year 12 were lucky enough to pilot The Belvoir Street Theatre's new two-hour Group Devising workshop at no charge. It was a fantastic opportunity for the students and a great success by all accounts. Thanks to Michael Gallaway for facilitating the experience.

Pauline Hageman, Head Teacher English and Drama

Year 10 STARR Day

By Lucy Olson, Year 10

On Friday 4 May, Year 10 participated in the annual STARR day learning sessions on how to make our lives easier, happier and safer. We first participated in a study skills and time management sessions presented by Elevate, where we learnt all about how to keep on top of our work load this year and in the coming years. We were told to 'Learn', 'Master' and 'Create' in order to succeed in assignments and exams, and how to study properly in the amount of time given (and not the night before something is due!).

We then watched a very interesting and engaging documentary on body image called "Embrace". It inspired us all to believe that beauty is deeper down than our physical appearance, and that we should be proud of our bodies. The afternoon session consisted of bubble soccer and a self-defence class. We learnt how we could defend ourselves, if an unfortunate attack were to occur. We all appreciated being taught how to throw punches, kick, and do defensive manoeuvres.



Year 10 warming up

The day was full of learning experiences, and we all took something away from each session. But most importantly, we all had fun learning life skills!



Year 10 learn self-defence and relax with bubble soccer



Year 9 STARR Day

On Wednesday 11 April, Week 11 Term 1, Year 9 had their first STARR Day this year. The day started with a Q & A Forum with a dozen extremely generous Year 11 students who answered questions openly and honestly, providing many valuable insights into their coping strategies and organisation tips. The Butterfly Foundation then gave an insightful presentation on how what we see on social media is not always reality. Following this they saw a small excerpt from a wonderful Australian documentary, Embrace, that highlighted the importance of positive body image. In the afternoon, Year 9 was again joined by the lovely Year 11 students who ran a series of small workshops aimed at empowering the Year 9 students to feel good about themselves. These workshops addressed aspects of physical wellbeing such as tips on applying makeup and how to workout in 15 minutes, but also focused on mental wellbeing with workshops addressing mindfulness and confidence building. We hope they really enjoyed the day and gained a lot of valuable information from it.

Ana Welsh, Year 9 Adviser/Dance Teacher



Ms Kalogeropoulou and Ms Lindsay enjoying Yr.9 STARR Day

DANCE NEWS

Dance Festival Success

Congratulations to the students involved in Dance Company, Dance Ensemble and Year 9 & 10 Elective Dance classes who all successfully applied to participate in this year's **Ultimo Dance Festival** at the Seymour Centre, Chippendale.

The festival has been expanded this year, running over 10 nights from 18 - 29 June (Weeks 8 - 9, Term 2), and is packed with top quality dance works from around our region. Tickets go on sale at 9am on Monday 21 May and always sell out fast, so make sure you get in quick if you'd like to support our fantastic dancers!

Tickets can be purchased from the Seymour Centre's website <https://www.seymourcentre.com>

Ana Welsh, Year 9 Adviser/Dance Teacher

STEM NEWS

iLumin8 Launch

By Annalise Lygdas and Holly Nesbitt

On 3 May Year 8 participated in the launch of iLumin8 for 2018. During the launch we got a quick glimpse into what iLumin8 is all about and how successful iLumin8 2017 was. It was both interesting and entertaining, especially when Mr Van Leeuwen's self-coded light-up lab coat didn't work. Our school never misses a photo opportunity so we decided to

add some pizzazz to the boring black iLumin8 letters by lighting them up with little coloured LED lights. By the end we were all eager to start our projects.



Illuminating "iLumin8"

Amelia Adams, Year 8 said "I think that iLumin8 is great for expanding the minds of the young women of Burwood GHS and encouraging them to fulfil their potential across STEAM subjects."



Checking out 'binary bugs'

During this term Year 8 will be exploring design, coding and problem solving. Each class will be creating two major light sculptures using the skills they learn in visual art, science, mathematics and technology. On the evening of 3 July the light sculptures will be on display around the school for everyone to see. Year 8 will have created their very own Vivid.



Light components used in "iLumin8" sign

SCIENCE NEWS

Women in Science Symposium

Fifteen Year 10 students attended the Women in Science Symposium held on 23 March at the Australian National Maritime Museum for International Women's Day. The aim of the symposium was "to encourage high school girls to look beyond the lab coats and to see the possibilities for careers in science".



Year 10 at Women in Science symposium

The day began with the Year 10 students speaking with a number of scientists from various universities and industries who helped the students complete fun activities which demonstrated the different areas of science in which they work. Following these activities, students had the opportunity to go on a behind-the-scenes tour of the museum to see the conservator's work area and many of the artefacts that the museum has in storage.

There was some extra time before lunch, so we were able to board the HMAS Vampire, Australia's largest museum vessel and the last of the country's big gun ships. In the afternoon session, students heard from female scientists about their current job, their career path and were inspired by the many different areas that science can take you.

Elli-Jane Mielcarz, Science Faculty



Aboard HMS Vampire

Year 11 Chemistry visit ANSTO

By Eleanor Kazafaniotis, Year 11

As an aid to the Nuclear Chemistry unit, I, along with other Year 11 Chemistry students, made a visit to the Australia Nuclear Science and Technology Organisation (ANSTO) on Friday 16 March. This centre is renowned for being Australia's largest public research organisation and is widely recognised as an international player in the field of nuclear science and technology.



Year 11 Chemistry student at ANSTO



We were greeted with enthusiastic workers who helped us perform an experiment to measure radiation at different distances from the source. We were also given a scintillation counter to measure the ionising radiation of various objects, and as a year group we complete a scientific report on our findings. Along with this hands-on experience, the second half of the day involved delving into the wonders of the atomic world. I would never have imagined being able to stand before the country's only nuclear reactor, OPAL. To hear about its role in the production of medical radioisotopes and the irradiation of silicon used worldwide in electronic components, I was able to return to school feeling inspired from such a fantastic day.

This excursion was by far one of the most informative experiences yet - I would definitely recommend all to take a visit to the centre!

LIVE PRODUCTION & VET ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY NEWS

Top Girls at Drama Theatre, Sydney Opera House

Year 12 Entertainment attended a pre-show talk with the play's director to gain insight into the interesting techniques employed in the performance. During the performance, we were ready to experience the well-rehearsed overlapping dialogue and sudden blackout paired with loud rock music that created chaos to disorient the audience. We were amazed to see the scene transitions in the second act where the cast and crew moved props and set pieces in a choreographed synchronised formation.



Year 12 VET Entertainment at 'Top Girls'

Little Big Shots at Fox Studios

Live Production and Entertainment Industry students were involved with the filming of Little Big Shots Season 2. We learned about the amount of work and time involved in filming segments for each episode of the show. On the tour of the camera truck we were overwhelmed with the amount of equipment that was installed in the small space. On every workbench there were vision mixers and preview monitors that displayed footage streamed from 11 studio cameras for operators to edit into a single episode.



VET students at Fox Studios



Fox Studios – behind the scenes

Recording Studio Session at Australian Institute of Music

Students from Live Production and Entertainment Industry had the opportunity to work with the amazing Scotty from the Audio Engineering Department at AIM to learn about recording session processes and techniques using the studio's professional analogue mixing console and pro tools recording software. We experimented with different microphones for recording and assessed the best option for our talented vocalists. We also managed to track drums, electric bass, electric guitar, lead vocal and 25 backing vocals to produce our hit song.

Amelia Sim, VET Entertainment Teacher



Recording session at AIM

MATHEMATICS NEWS

Year 7 Maths Pathway Update



Year 7 has settled in very well to their Maths Pathway program. The students are achieving great growth rates. These are expressed as percentages with 100% meaning the growth one would expect in one calendar year. There are six classes and their average growth rates are 158%, 248%,

176%, 179%, 157% and 123%. Each class is achieving a growth rate of well above what they would expect to achieve in a year using a traditional teaching model.

This term we are going to focus more on rich tasks (problem solving activities) as Term 1 was about establishing the routines and embedding the program.

You can access your student's progress data on the maths pathway site using your student's password and clicking on the parent portal. This enables you to monitor very closely your student's progress in Mathematics and which year level content they have mastered and are currently working on.

Rich Task - Fibonacci Sequence

In the last Event Newsletter the rich task was to use exactly four 4's to form every integer from 0 to 20, using only the operators +, -, x, /, () (brackets), . (decimal point), x² (square), and ! (factorial).

For a solution follow the link below.

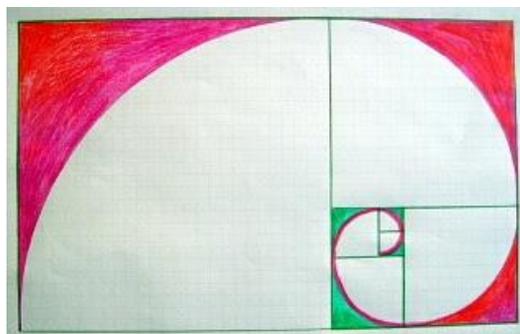
<https://www.mathsisfun.com/puzzles/four-fours-solution.html>

Recently, students in Year 7 have begun investigating number sequences, ratio and more through Fibonacci's sequence of numbers

1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34, 55, 89....

How does this number sequence work?

This number pattern was discovered by the Mathematician Fibonacci and is seen throughout nature.



How is this spiral generated using the Fibonacci sequence? For more information follow the link below.

https://youtu.be/qTw_qay54Wl

iLumin8 Mathematics

On Thursday 3 May the iLumin8 STEAM Program was launched. Year 8 Students will be participating in this exciting project throughout Term 2. As part of iLumin8, our girls will be building 'Binary Bugs' (right). These bugs explore ideas linking Mathematics, Science and Art through paper folding.

We will be doing a number of other classroom activities to support the project.



For more information visit
<https://sites.google.com/education.nsw.gov.au/ilumin8/>

Choose Maths Awards 2018



BGHS has had great success over the last 2 years winning prize money and being recognised for our creativity in film making on MATHEMATICS. The CHOOSEMATHS AWARDS are on!

Students need to collaborate in small teams and make a short video around this year's theme "Our World Needs Maths".

Head to <http://choosemaths.org.au/> to find out more information or come and see Mrs Thanos in the Maths staff room.

To see past winners including students from BGHS go to <https://choosemathsawards.org.au/student-awards-past-winners-2017/>

LANGUAGES NEWS

Indonesian Presidential Visit

In March, one of our Year 12 students, Amal Dib, was chosen for her community work and interest in International Relations to represent our school and NSW at a multi-faith youth summit as part of the ASEAN Summit.

Amal spent time in workshops with students from all over Australia and Indonesia and formed some lasting friendships. She was fortunate to meet the President of Indonesia Joko Widodo and Prime Minister Malcolm Turnbull at an official function.

Amal proudly represented her school and the country and found the whole experience very rewarding.

Lauren Dwyer, Year 12 Year Adviser



Youth Summit as part of the ASEAN Summit

Year 10 Korean cooking class

By Charmila Villasista, Year 10

Students of the Year 10 Korean class prepared a wide variety of Korean dishes on Thursday morning of 5 April.

They brought their own ingredients to school and made bibimbap, ddeokbokki (spicy rice cake), pajeon (spring onion pancakes), jjajangmyeon (black bean noodles), and patbingsoo (shaved ice dessert).

Despite some students had difficulties preparing their food, everybody had an enjoyable time having a hands-on experience learning about traditional food in Korea.

After they had finished cooking their dishes, they enthusiastically shared their food amongst the class and enjoyed the time making good memories and having a taste of culture of Korea.

Thank you Ms Rosemary PATONAY allowing us to use school kitchen for Korean cooking class.



Year 10 Korean cooking class

HSIE NEWS

Economics Careers seminar

Year 12 Economics attended an Economics Careers Afternoon at Deloitte Access Economics at Circular Quay, on 28 February.

They listened and spoke with experts from a variety of economics fields such as environmental economics, applied economics and banking.

They were also lucky enough to catch up with past Burwood GHS students who are now working in the field of economics.

Leith Thompson, Economics Teacher



Careers Afternoon at Deloitte Access Economics

Western Sydney Youth Summit

On Friday 6 April, a group of BGHS students from Years 10 and 11 travelled to Lidcombe with Mrs Dib in order to attend the Dooley's Western Sydney Youth summit.

Those open-minded young girls listened to inspiring speakers who shared their experiences, concerns and ideas about being accepted into the community despite their differences.

Furthermore, Burwood GHS attended interactive workshops, participated and exchanged opinions in intriguing discussions about cultural acceptance, communal cohesion and even strategies to create and develop a community with greater acceptance and unison.

Along with other individuals with interest in the forum, they enjoyed (and danced to) guest performances from Arabic drummers and an Afghan girls' refugee dance group. Not to mention the lucky draw at the end of the day, where some lucky individuals earned some prizes.

It was a day well spent at the 2018 Youth Summit!

Erin Dib, Year 10 Adviser/Languages Faculty



Highlights from the Western Sydney Youth Summit

TAS NEWS

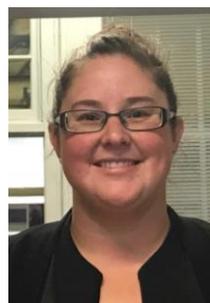
Some TAS staff changes

Welcome to Paula Papas (right) who has returned to teaching after two successful years in the fashion industry. We know fashion is her passion and I am sure that she will be sharing her new skills with students.



Debbie Kiely went on maternity leave and gave birth to a beautiful daughter, Pip.

A warm welcome to Rebecca McDonald (right), who joined the TAS Faculty (relieving Debbie), with great expertise in the TAS area and will be working as part of the team developing Café on Queen.



Year 8 at Wet n Wild, Field Study Day #1

By students of 8TAB2 & 8TEF3

Even though we had a great time, there was a serious side to the experience and that is the design project. The brief is to design a ride or a piece of equipment that is inspired by the theme of Wet n Wild. Students need to draw fully labelled pictures and consider safety features amongst other things.



Year 8 students at Wet n Wild field study day



Year 8 students 'researching' ride safety!

Year 10 Field Study Day, 21 June

Year 10 students will have a choice of courses/activities/experiences available to them through TAS & Creative Arts.

The choices offered through TAS are:

- High Tea at Queen Victoria Building, cost \$50, max. 36 students

- Sushi making and Teppanyaki, cost \$50, max. 18 students
- Barista course*, cost \$110, max. 24 students
- Pizza and chocolate making, cost TBA, max. 20 students

All courses will be first in with payment to secure a place.

*NOTE – The Barista course is compulsory for Hospitality students to complete and sign off one of their course competencies.

Hospitality

The students have a number of practical catering events coming up including preparing for an ELEVATE luncheon, making sandwiches and wraps for a professional learning evening and cooking soup for the community Iftar dinner. These will all be prepared and served at industry standard.

The students' involvement in running Café on Queen commences this term and is ideal training in an authentic industrial setting, serving customers and working as part of a team.



Our girls are ready! Year 11 Work Ready Day

On 29 March, Year 11 Hospitality and Entertainment students participated in a Work Ready Day program to assist them to understand practices and learn behaviour expected by industry. This will lay an excellent foundation for their success in work experience and future work opportunities.

This program was highly successful first thanks to students who have been extremely attentive to Ms Longman for her presentation, Ms Sim for organisation, Ms McDonald, Ms Milovanovic and Ms Tairi for organising morning tea. Big thank you to our guests from SSBEN, Kate Giatras and Nicole Crump and in particular our former students Matilda Press and Shyarna Lomas who have built a successful careers after completing VET courses at our school.

Rosemary Patonay, Head Teacher TAS



Year 11 VET Work Ready Day



Year 11 VET Work Ready Day

PATRICK NESS – WRITER’S FESTIVAL

At the Sydney Writers’ Festival one of the world’s most loved authors of YA – Patrick Ness was a key speaker as part of the exciting 2018 Festival line-up. Amelia Pieri was fortunate to secure an interview with this great writer. The organisation to which Amelia is a member is called “Film In Revolt” (filminrevolt.org). This is where the interview will be uploaded in the coming week or so. It was a 10 minute interview after the session Writing for YA Books and Film at Riverside Theatres Parramatta. Ness spoke about where his powerful stories have come from – from *The Rest of Us Just Live Here*, to *Chaos Walking*, to *A Monster Calls* and his latest – and most personal novel – *Release*. Ness delved deeper into what it’s like to work as both an author and a screenwriter, and seeing his successful works turn into major motion pictures.

Ness is currently riding on a wave of success following fellow YA authors whose books have been adapted to screen (such as John Green’s *A Fault in Our Stars* and franchises like *The Hunger Games* and *Divergent*). The movie adaptation of his popular 2011 novel *A Monster Calls* (viewed by all of last year’s Year 7s) was released in Australia in July 2017, and a movie based on his award-winning *Chaos Walking* trilogy is currently in production with a cast led by Tom Holland (*Spider-Man Homecoming*) and Daisy Ridley (*Star Wars: The Force Awakens*).



Amelia and the signed book

“This trilogy tells the story of Todd Hewitt who is one month away from the birthday that will make him a man. Todd lives in a town of men in New World, a place where you can hear everything men think. But his town has been keeping secrets from him, secrets that force him to run. On the way, he meets a girl named Viola who may be the key to unlocking New World’s many secrets. Together, they try to escape and hide in an environment where all thought is heard, all movement seen as they both discover the truth about the lives they left behind, and the spectacular world they’ve learned to call home” (Walker Books 2018).

Amelia found that Ness “was extremely friendly, he had just come from hours of book signing and it’s evident how much he appreciates his readers. I learnt a lot about writing books and film and about his writing process and wisdom”. Patrick Ness presented as part of the Secondary Schools days program. He kindly autographed all the books that Amelia took along on behalf of our library. A huge thank you to her for securing this interview and for thinking of us! Amelia and her “mates” visit the library every morning to check out the latest reads and enjoy a catch up before school. What could be more pleasant?

Maria Sander Burns, Teacher-Librarian

ENSEMBLE PROGRAM NEWS

Our students represented the school in fine form at the Ashfield Park ANZAC Sunday service and march as well as participating in the Sydney City March on ANZAC Day.

Thank you to all girls and parents for your commitment and support in helping us give very strong performances. Well done to all for excellent playing at our school ANZAC Assembly. Special mention must go to Lauren Pearson, Year 9, who played a beautiful Last Post and Rouse at our school assembly and also at Earlwood Public School.

Here are some great photos taken by the family of Emma Dawson, a student from Canada who was here for Term 1 and joined the band for ANZAC Day. Our school band has been promoted on the other side of the globe! It was lovely to give a visiting student such a great experience while she was here.



BGHS Marching Band at Anzac Day city march



BEP members happy to serve the community

Remember to put **VARIETY NIGHT** in your calendar for **6pm, Wednesday 30 May**. Core Ensembles will be performing!

Also a reminder for those interested in learning more about our exciting proposed **trip to Europe in 2019** to submit your expression of interest so that we can organise an information evening soon.

Genevieve Campbell, Director of BEP

School Cross-Country on a Very Hot Day



SPORTS NEWS



Reported by Janelle Gianotti, Carnivals Coordinator

School Cross-Country

The Burwood GHS Cross Country took place on the hottest day of the term - Thursday 12 April. We utilised the new Wangal Park area, Blair Park and the BGHS oval as part of the course. It was the first time, in many years, that the whole school population was involved in this event and all students who participated, both competitively and recreationally, enjoyed the new course.

A big thank you to all of the teachers who assisted with check points, timing and recording results and the students who also helped Ms Gianotti throughout the run.

Age Champions for 2018 are:

- 12 years- Marisa Redden
- 13 years- Helena Malesci
- 14 years- Sadie Shanahah
- 15 years- Jasmine Anderson
- 16 years- Katherine Anderson
- 17 years- Angelina Agamemnonos
- 18+ years- Janya Koshnitsky

The next level of competition is the Northern Suburbs Zone Cross Country at the Macquarie University Playing Fields North Ryde on Wednesday 30 May 2018.



Mr Gallaway hitched a ride with the equipment!

CHS Swimming 8,9,10 April

Congratulations to the following students who represented Burwood GHS at the Combined High Schools Swimming Carnival at the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre as part of the 6 x 50m Freestyle All Age relay team- Georgia Atherton Yr.7, Abbey Connor Yr. 8, Sienna Uasi Yr.9, Charlotte Fletcher Yr.10, Isabella Rocher Yr.10 and Olivia D'Agostino Yr.12. These swimmers worked with determination and commitment to place 8th in the final of this event.

Abbey Connor and Olivia D'Agostino, also competed in numerous individual events and performed extremely well.



CHS Swimming Team

CHS Diving

Imogen O'Brien of Year 9 continued her winning form from 2017 and continued to make a huge splash at the CHS Diving competition held on 9 and 10 April at the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre.

Here are Imogen's outstanding results – 1st on 3m springboard, 3rd Opens Platform, 3rd Champion of Champions and 2nd in the Synchro Diving event.

We wish her all the best as she competes at the All Schools Championships this month.



Imogen with diving medals in 2017

STAFF VS STUDENTS ROUND 1 – EXTREME DODGEBALL

By Chloe Chua and Sammy Kotsakis

In the final week of a very jam-packed Term 1, the Prefect body held the infamous quarterly Teachers vs Students Competition, an extreme dodgeball round robin. Spirits were high and the scent of competition filled the air of the

BGHS oval as 15 students and teachers took to the asphalt with one dream, victory. As the whistle blew game faces were on; teacher against student, there was no mercy. Although the students persevered, the teachers' force was too strong, taking out all 3 rounds and ultimately taking home the Round 1 trophy.

Although the students lost, our spirit has not been crushed. We will return in Term 2 bigger and better... Watch out teachers; enjoy the victory whilst it lasts!



Staff vs students dodgeball

CO-CURRICULAR NEWS

Scottish Dancing

The school was delighted to receive this recent email:

"My name is Justine Banks and I teach Scottish Highland dancing to two of the students who attend your school. Talitha McDonald in Year 12 & Emi Davies Barnier in Year 9.

I just wanted to pop you a line to let you know that over the Easter weekend these girls travelled up to Newcastle to compete in the Australian Board of Highland Dancing - Champion of Champions Event.



Talitha and Emi

Both girls behaved and danced so beautifully all weekend and were very successful.

The girls were all in different divisions. Talitha was in the highest division - Premier. This section of over 20 dancers

had competitors from not only every state in her section but also from Scotland and New Zealand. Talitha performed beautifully but was unsuccessful in a podium place.

Emi danced in the Intermediate division and placed in all but one of her dances. Receiving overall 2nd place in the Festival of Tartans title on Saturday and overall 3rd place in the Champions of Champions title on Sunday. There were competitors from all over Australia in her section. Emi's ultimate prize from the weekend was a gold medal in the Sword Dance.



Emi displaying a winning leap!

I thought you would love to know how these students performed. They have been working very hard for the last few months in the lead up to this National competition and I was so proud that their dedication and drive not only showed in the way they performed but that they received placings in their sections as well."

Year 10 student selected to perform in Tender Young Creatures



Sylvie Woodhouse, a talented Year 10 Burwood Girls student was one of 16 young performers selected to perform at Bondi Pavilion in a performance of Tender Young Creatures. The performance, which took place during the April school holidays, is loosely based on the classic tale of Little Red Riding Hood but with an abstract twist.

Tender Young Creatures is performed in a white, basic space with limited seating and is a revealing look at the fears that live inside us all. The girls created a wide variety of soundscapes against a backdrop of animations, including chanting in Latin.

Sylvie's favourite moments during rehearsals were in genuinely being inspired by the director and building close relationships with the other performers. As a family of performers, they were able to change things up when they were faced with obstacles, sharing peer opinions, and generating an unyielding friendly atmosphere.

Sylvie advises other young girls, "You can do anything if you strive and put in the hard work and effort." She believes that you should never back down from your passion. Sylvie also comments that, whilst the rehearsal schedule has made it difficult keeping pace with school assignments, it is definitely worth the effort.

Year 10 Journalism



P&C NEWS

NEXT MEETING: WEDNESDAY 16 MAY

The next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 16 May at 7:00 pm in the school library.

Guest speaker Edward Kent (Head Teacher Languages) will discuss the importance of learning languages and overseas excursions.

Everyone is welcome to attend P&C meetings and we warmly invite parents to join our discussions and find out more about programs and initiatives that may benefit your daughters. Please come and share a cup of coffee and a chat. We extend a special invitation to Year 7 parents. We are always happy to see more dads!

The P&C Grounds Improvement Committee is seeking parents who may be able to assist with preparing a concept landscape design for a specific area of the school. We are also seeking builder/concreters who could provide quotes for small works – concrete pads for seating area. If you would like to assist, please forward your email to pandc.bghs@gmail.com

If you wish to be added to our email list and receive updates, please send an email to pandc.bghs@gmail.com

Effie Matsas, P&C President

Minutes of previous meetings are available on the school website along with information about the P&C:

<http://web3.burwoodg-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/ourschool/pc>

SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY NOTICES

All welcome to join us for Iftar Dinner



Annual Burwood Girls High School Community Iftar Dinner!

BGHS is having its fifth community dinner!

When: Thursday 31 May 2018

Time: 4:15 pm – 7:00 pm

Place: School hall

Bring: A savoury dish to share. If using meat please make sure it is Halal. The staff and school will provide soup and desserts.

Come along and join us for some delicious delicacies from around the globe and celebrate the breaking of the fast with our students. Family and friends welcome. Enquiries: Mrs Dib, 9747 3355 (school).

iParent –
Office of the eSafety Commissioner
<https://www.esafety.gov.au/education-resources/iparent>

The iParent website is an Australian Government resource where parents can learn about the digital environment and how to help their children have safe and enjoyable online experiences. Features include information on staying safe, online risks, multimedia reviews, online safeguards and getting help.

It also includes a 10 minute interactive tour for parents of pre-teens and young teens (10 to 14 years). There are plenty of tips and practical steps so you can help your child explore safely and manage online issues should they arise. This is especially important at this age as they strive for independence and peer acceptance.



BGHS performing at 'In Concert'

BGHS has 28 students in the choir and a number of girls in the orchestra & Wind Ensemble performing at 'In Concert' (see below). We would love parents and friends to come to the concert and support our students. Enquiries: Mr Neville.

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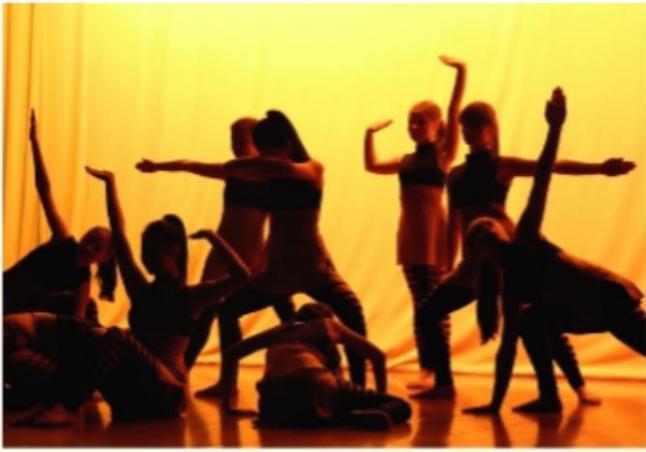
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Wednesday 30 May
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