

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

## TERM 4

- NOV**
- Yr.11 Hospitality-F&B work placement week
  - 19 • Student Leadership meeting
  - 20 • Wear blue for Kids off Nauru
  - Summer Grade comp semi-finals, 15s/opens
  - 7M STEM construction day
  - 21 • Yr.11 Maths Ext. to UNSW
  - Choir rehearsal for Schools Spec
  - Yr.10 Expect Respect workshop
  - Prefects' BBQ at lunchtime
  - Piano & Bass Soiree, 6-7pm
  - P&C Meeting, 7pm in Library
  - 22 • Yr.9 Camp
  - Choir rehearsal for Schools Spec
  - Yr.7 Jump Rope for Heart
  - 23 • Yr.9 Camp
  - Yr.10 to MLC White Ribbon Day
  - Yr.10&11 Japanese film festival
  - Choir at Schools Spectacular
  - 24 • Choir at Schools Spectacular
  - 25 • White Ribbon Day
  - Junior Theatresports Grand Final
  - 26 • Yr.11 Reports available
  - ASSEMBLY
  - SRC year group meetings
  - 27 • Summer Grade Grand Finals, 15s/opens and Semi-finals 14s
  - Café on Queen open 8am
  - 28 • Yr.11 Dance to HSC Dance Day
  - Café on Queen open 8am
  - Yr.8 SRC fundraiser for i-India
  - Duke of Edinburgh Gold NZ Tour parent meeting, 5:30pm
  - School Council Meeting
  - 29 • Yr.9 Commerce X stall
  - Yr.9 Futures Learning excursion
  - 30 • Yr.7 Day of STEM
  - Prefect meeting

**DEC**

    - Yr.11 Hospitality-F&B work placement week
    - 3 • Yr.7 Celebration of Learning – parents welcome
    - Yr.9 Commerce Y stall
    - 4 • Summer Grade Grand Finals
    - Yr.6 Orientation Day
    - 5 • Yr.7 Reports available
    - Yr.10 Science Sustainable House
    - Yr.9 Commerce Z stall
    - BEP's A Little (Christmas) Night Music Concert, 6pm
    - 6 • Café on Queen open
    - 7 • Yr.10 & 8 Reports available
    - Yr.9 Engineering Challenges and IST Robotics Challenge
    - 8 • BEP at Carols in the Park
    - 10 • Library closed for stocktake ALL WEEK
    - Yr.10 'Epic Shorts' film festival
    - 11 • Café on Queen open
    - Yr.10 Formal
    - 12 • Yr.9,8,10 Recognition Assemblies
    - 14 • Presentation Day, 1:00 pm

**P&C MEETINGS, 7:00 pm, Library**  
21 November

# Burwood Girls High School

# EVENT



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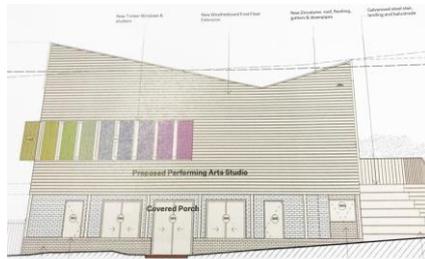
## From the Principal

This year has been wonderful, full of successes, new learning, new connections, new systems and new experiences. One regret is that our new administration block is not complete but I am hopeful that we will take ownership at the start of 2019.

For me personally, it has been a rewarding year as there have been so many varied achievements by students and colleagues. Recently, my director Maria Serafim asked for my moral purpose statement, to which I replied *"My purpose is to ensure a positive, inclusive and rich learning environment with outstanding opportunities for learning, to build a culture of success and excellence."* All of us can be proud to have taken part in achieving this in 2018.

Thanks for support from parents, especially Effie Matsas and Perry Kritselas, presidents of P&C and School Council.

Great foundations for change have been achieved, with the realisation of a new STEM/performance space in 2019.



Proposed STEM/performance space



Prefects with Jodi McKay MP at Diwali



Junior Jazz ensemble at launch of Kmart's Wishing Tree charity



Maths Matters program at UTS

See you at Presentation Day on Friday 14 December at 1:00 pm.

**Mia Kumar**

## ENGLISH AND DRAMA NEWS

Report by Pauline Hageman, HT English and Drama

We still have a number of exciting events to look forward to in the English Faculty. Our annual Year 8 "Poetry Slam" on Wednesday 5 December in the Movement Studio will see the culmination of student exploration this term in their unit on Performance Poetry, conceptually exploring the ideas of identity and belonging. The Slam will be adjudicated by three judges including Tony Britten from The Sydney Story Factory and there will be fantastic prizes for students who are brave enough to perform their original pieces for their peers.

"Epic Shorts", the annual Year 10 Film Festival will be held on Monday 10 December in the school hall. Every year the stunning array of talented films will be showcased for an industry panel of judges who will choose the best shorts from a wide variety of original compositions. While Years 7-9 are the lucky studio audience for this event, Year 10 will be hosting in their Academy dress as stars of stage and screen for the event.

Finally, our new Year 12 cohort will undertake their first HSC assessment task in Week 10, a multi-modal task where they will deliver a TED Talk examining the Story of Human Experiences represented in their prescribed text and a related text of their own choosing. We are excited about all these opportunities which always provide a fantastic conclusion to a fabulous year at BGHS.

In Drama, Year 10 completed an intensive rehearsal process with their highly successful performance of Noel Greig's *Rainbow's Ending*, a play that subtly engages with themes of the environmental and social issues. Twenty-eight students played a range of roles in this storytelling theatrical allegory. Using voice and dynamic physical ensemble work, they thoroughly impressed their audience of family and friends.



Year 10 Drama production *Rainbow's Ending*



Year 10 Drama

The following week, Year 9 Drama presented an original piece of theatre that they had play built over the previous term. In mounting *ESCAPE!* the students developed, scripted and staged this Halloween-inspired piece of horror-melodrama. Every one of the class engaged with the making of this piece and the level of collaboration was impressive. It was an engaging piece of theatre full of action and intrigue. This class truly impressed the audience with their first public production. Thanks so much to the brilliant Year 10 VET Entertainment students for facilitating the vision, sound and lighting for these productions.



Year 9 Drama production *ESCAPE!*



Tech crew support from Year 11 VET Entertainment

Training commenced in Week 2 for the Junior Theatresports competition run by Impro Australia. Each Tuesday, 15 Years 7 and 8 students showed up to commence training with Bella Debbage, an experienced coach and theatre-maker. The enthusiasm with which they greeted the games and exercises was a pleasure to watch. A group of five students have been representing BGHS in the competition this term in the junior category. Thanks to Michael Gallaway for organising these fantastic opportunities in Drama.



*Theatresports team*

We have a talented group of students who represent the school in the NSW State Drama Ensemble program, including Liv Siefert, Olive FitzGerald, Sylvie Woodhouse and Amelia Pieri who performed as part of Year 10 State Ensemble at The Seymour Centre this term where they playbuilt and rehearsed a piece called, *The Exam*. This piece incorporated the techniques and conventions of the famous physical theatre company, Frantic Assembly in an exploratory performance intended to help parents and adults from older generations to understand the pressures and loss of imagination students may experience during school.

## PREFECTS' REPORT

**Report by Mehak Bokhari, Grace Lagan and Harine Somasundaram—School Captains 2018/2019**

As the new Captains for 2018-2019, we would firstly like to mention how excited we are to lead our successful school and we cannot wait to represent Burwood Girls to our full potential. Even though we have been elected to represent the school, without the backbones of the school, the Prefect body, we wouldn't be able to hold all the exciting events and gain memorable moments. For the three of us, our first term as Captains has been jam-packed with events, opportunities and endless learning experiences.

We kicked off the term with World Teacher's Day where the Prefect body facilitated the delivery of messages from students across the school into the hands and hearts of our wonderful staff. These messages were given out during the staff's morning tea hosted by the HSIE faculty.



*Prefects speaking at the staff morning tea, to recognise World Teachers' Day*



*Attentive teachers were delighted to receive messages of support from students*



*The prefects made a film to celebrate World Teachers' Day*

Despite the cold weather, Diwali, the Hindu festival of lights, was embraced at Burwood Girls with a warm welcome of traditional Indian food, drinks, henna and music!! This year we were fortunate enough for Jodi McKay, MP for Strathfield to join us and celebrate. Diwali at Burwood Girls proves how we foster inclusivity and raise multicultural awareness. Thank you to the students who made the day an unforgettable one for all!

The Prefect body celebrated the season of Halloween by distributing sweet treats and dressing up to get the students in the spirit. We were also super excited to meet and welcome some new, younger faces to the school, as interviews for Year 7 2019 went ahead last week.

Term 3 was a hectic term for the Prefects with organising the whole school Lip Sync battle as well as the BBQ. The Lip Sync battle is always the highlight of the year with teachers and students passionately competing with one another to claim the winner's title!! The BBQ was to not only get the whole school involved in the touch football game but also raise money for the Australian farmers affected by drought. We are proud to say that we raised \$520, knowing that every dollar would make a difference.

Again, a big thank you is in order for all the prefects (and teachers!) who gave up mornings, afternoons and class time to greet the new girls and get them excited for the years ahead.

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## SCIENCE NEWS

### GoIT Challenge 2018

On Monday 29 October, a group of Year 8 students attended in the second annual GoIT Challenge, hosted by Tata Consultancy Services. The challenge involved completing a series of quizzes related to technology and coming up with a project that applies technology to solve a problem in the community.

Only eight teams were chosen as finalists from schools across Australia, with two of those teams being from our school! During the grand final event, teams had the opportunity to pitch their community project to representatives from the IT industry, university staff members, and teachers and students from other schools.

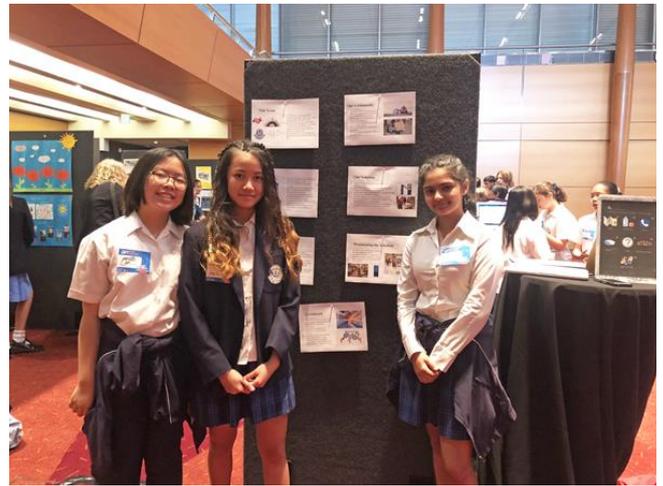
Unfortunately, our projects didn't win this year, but we received very positive feedback from the judges. But we didn't leave empty handed! Hannah won runner up in the quizzes, receiving a trophy and prize money, and Ms Nguyen won the Innovative Teacher award!

Congratulations to Amy Le, Jeanette Lim, Natalie Liu, Abisha Sapkota, Hannah Tabikh, Jade Yeo, and all the students who competed.

*By the GoIT Team*



*Presentation to the runner-up*



*The team displays*



*The GoIT team at UNSW*

## MATHEMATICS NEWS

Report by Gavin Parker, Head Teacher Mathematics

### Barbie Bungee



This term our Year 7 students are working on a STEM project called Burwood Goes Ballistic in their maths and science classes. The students will be designing catapults to launch a projectile to hit a target. As part of the learning process in maths, the students have been participating in an activity called Barbie Bungee. Student's work in groups using rubber bands to create a bungee jump for a Barbie doll. The number of rubber bands and the distance fallen form a linear relationship which can be graphed and used to allow Barbie to fall as close as possible to the ground without hitting the floor.

For more information go to  
<https://burwoodgoesballistic.weebly.com/>



7M in action completing the Barbie drop

### Maths Club is coming!

SINE up for Maths Club, COS you don't want to miss this!

You will have the opportunity to explore current issues which involve Mathematics, take part in competitions to find the ultimate Mathlete, and so much more!

SNACKS will be provided.

**When:** Wednesday, 28th November (Week 7)  
Wednesday, 12th December (Week 9)

**Time:** 3:30pm- 4:30pm

**Where:** Room 14

**Who:** Anyone! Any age, any year :)

**Bring:** Devices (a lot of activities will be completed online), paper and pen.



Note: This is not replacing the Homework Centre and is not a tutoring session. MATHS CLUB will unite people who love Mathematics!

### Maths Pathway Program

Student in Year 7 have been participating in Maths Pathway. This is a fully differentiated model of teaching incorporating online modules, testing and rich tasks. It enables students to fill gaps in their learning, as well as build on existing knowledge. Student growth is at its core with the fundamental belief that all students can achieve at high level.

An interesting article can be found at  
<https://www.berkeleyschools.net/wp-content/uploads/2015/04/Unlocking-Student-Math-Potential.pdf>

The Maths Pathway program will continue at BGHS in Years 7 and 8 for 2019. To support its implementation the Mathematics faculty recently undertook training in its use.



Staff training for Maths Pathway

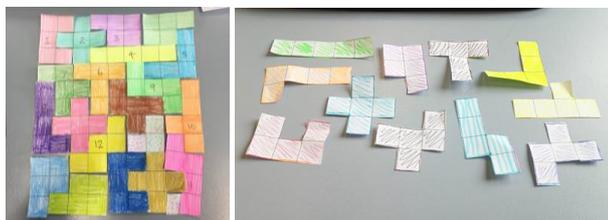
### Rich Task of the Week – Pentominoes Investigation

- When five squares of the same size are joined together it is called a pentomino
- Duplicate pentominoes are when one pentomino is reflected or rotated, these count only as one pentomino

#### Tasks

1. On grid paper, make all the unique pentominoes. Use a ruler to make the pentominoes and colour each pentomino a different colour.
2. How many are there?

3. Check with a partner that you have all the pentominoes.
4. Cut out all the pentominoes so you can use them as puzzle pieces.
5. How many small squares are there in all the possible pentominoes?
6. It is possible to make rectangles using all of your pentominoes. Try making a rectangle with dimensions 12 squares by 5 squares. Take a photo when you have completed this challenge.



## GIFTED AND TALENTED PROGRAM

*Report by Margaret Nowak, GAT Program Coordinator*

The Gifted and Talented program launch on 23 October was a highlight for Year 7 parents. They loved the displays and the discussion on learning outcomes. Well done to all the students for their impressive displays and presentations.



*Some of the Year 7 GAT students*



*Thank you to parents for supporting the students*



*Presentation of GAT certificates*

## TAS NEWS

*Report by Rosemary Patonay, Head Teacher TAS*

Where has the time gone we might ask ourselves!

As we are heading towards the end of 2018 we are busy planning for 2019 when we have lots of new things happening for all years. We are looking forward to implementing a new syllabus for Technology (Mandatory) in Year 7. It is a practical based design and producing syllabus and we are excited about some new projects and opportunities that we will be offering.

For our senior students in both Textiles and Design the time has come to start planning for their Major Projects. These are highly involved projects that need careful thought and consideration especially in relation to being realistic. The time frames are dictated by NESA and both these projects are externally marked. We will be holding an information evening in early Term 1 for both the students and parents and look forward to seeing you all there. As we say, 'it takes a village to raise a child'!

Thank you to everyone who came along to the SHOWGIRLS Fashion Runway and TAS Immersion evening on Wednesday 14 November. Your support and encouragement was greatly appreciated by the students and the TAS Faculty. It was a fun and enjoyable evening and look forward to seeing everyone there again in 2019.

### SHOWGIRLS Fashion Runway and TAS Immersion Evening

On Wednesday 14 November TAS held their SHOWGIRLS Fashion Runway and TAS Immersion Evening.

It was a highly successful evening where students who study the various TAS subjects had the opportunity to showcase their practical work.

These practical based projects all revolve around the design process and utilise many 21<sup>st</sup> Century learning skills that can later be transferred to different situations in the student's real world.

Year 8 have made pyjama shorts and then decorated tops with different aesthetic design features making gorgeous little sets.

Year 9 drew inspiration from Collette Dinnigan and produced silky robes embellished with gorgeous laces and layering.

Year 10 have produced stunning summer dresses and are now working on more advanced techniques with their 'formal dresses'.

Year 11 have worked hard to produce those beautifully high embellished corsets.

CONGRATULATIONS to all the girls for getting involved and displaying great confidence and resilience.

THANK YOU to everyone who assisted to make this event a success and to those who came along to support the TAS Faculty and students. All was greatly appreciated.

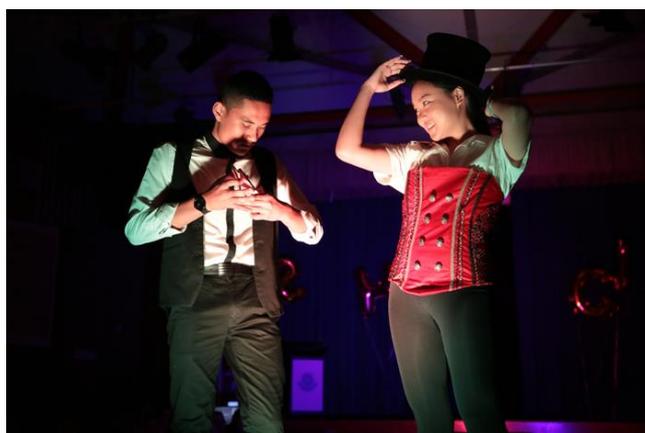
Also, thank you to the students from Homebush Boys HS for escorting our girls on the Runway.

The skills learnt in Textiles are highly valuable and I found a very interesting article from BBC News from a professor of surgery who teaches surgery to medical students and he is quoted as saying, "young people need a more rounded education, including creative and artistic subjects, where they learn to use their hands."

*BBC NEWS Surgery Students 'Losing Dexterity to Stitch Patients' by Sean Coughlan October 30, 2018*

The thought behind the Year 7 Bollywood Inspired "Carry Alls" was actually based on developing student's fine motor skills through using hand embroidery and other aesthetic design techniques such as attaching beads and sequins. Great to see we are ahead of our time with thoughts and actioning it.

### Some highlights from SHOWGIRLS



### Hospitality – Year 10 and Year 11

Congratulations and thank you to the students who volunteered to cater and serve the finger foods and mocktails prior to the Runway. The guests enjoyed delectable spring rolls, Italian and Swedish meatballs, falafel and mini chocanana muffins. The mocktails were a great hit.

These included Ceylon Summer Punch, Hudson Lemonade and Lemon, Lime and Bitters.

The Year 11 students were assessed on the preparing and serving of the mocktails so they could accomplish their competency on Preparing and Serving Non Alcoholic Beverages.



Year 11 Hospitality students at Showgirls Runway

## HUDSON LEMONADE RECIPE

### Ingredients

- 2 unpeeled lemon wedges
- 1\4 unpeeled lime
- 2 tablespoons white sugar
- 100 ml cranberry juice
- 100 ml ginger ale
- Ice



### Method

- Place lemon, lime and sugar into cocktail mixer and muddle into a pulp.
- Add ice and Cranberry juice.
- Cover mixer and shake.
- Strain into a high ball glass.
- Top up with ginger ale.
- Garnish with lemon wedge.

### Year 7 – 7TAM – Ms Patonay

7TAM3, as part of their Vietnamese Safari – Food based unit, had a real life experience at MINT Restaurant on Burwood Road. The girls had a great time and totally immersed themselves in the experience. As well as experiencing the food and ambience it was about social interaction and etiquette. In TAS we have a general no phone policy which we encouraged on our walk down to

and at the restaurant. It was highly successful on so many levels.

Congratulations to the girls on their excellent behaviour that the general public there also commented on after telling me that I was brave taking so many girls out!



Year 7 students experiencing Vietnamese cuisine at MINT

“I have eaten Vietnamese food before, but this was better than that”

“I am so glad I chose the dish I did – it tasted so yummy”

“It was nice talking with my friends and enjoying the food”

“Nearly as good as the food in Vietnam”

“A fun experience, the food was better than what I anticipated”

“Loved the food”

### YEAR 9 FOOD TECHNOLOGY – Ms Slocombe

Year 9 Food Technology have been involved in a Project Based learning unit of work, titled ‘Foods for Special Occasions’ which is totally student directed. It has been a highly successful and valuable initiative that is thoroughly engaging and enjoyable for the students. The students have been studying various cultures and the foods that they prepare and serve on special occasions.

The students have led the practical lessons demonstrating their dishes and having the class then prepare their chosen dishes. Dishes have included: - teriyaki chicken sushi, Brigaderios, Butter chicken and Rice, Home-Made Falafels and Crepes just to name a few!

These experiences have enabled them to practise and refine many food related techniques as well as communication skills and collaborative teamwork and enlightening students on perspectives of what preparation teachers need to do.



Student led learning in Food Technology

### Year 11 Hospitality – Food and Beverage Work Placement

Hospitality students must complete a mandated 70 hours of Work Placement over the two years of study. This gives the students an opportunity to put into practise the theory that they learn in class and see functioning establishments in full motion.



Year 11 students on Work Placement

They have had valuable learning experiences at Hard Rock Café, The Star, Zaffran, Angel Place Café, Doltone House, Hilton Sydney and Black Bird Café to name a few.

THANK YOU to all these establishments for providing our students these valuable experiences.

### Days for Girls

Thank you for all the donations towards our Days for Girls Charity that were donated at the Showgirls Fashion Runway on Wednesday 14 November.

We raised over \$300 plus we received some underpants and flannels.

However, we still require some further donations to help us achieve our goals:

- 500 pairs of cotton underpants, sizes 10, 12 and 14
- 250 Face washers (plain, dark colours)
- 50 metres 100% durable cotton (see below)
- 100 metres colourful flannelette

#### Specifications

Fabrics should be NEW.

**For Shields:** Quality, durable 100% cotton (sometimes called Quilter’s cotton)

**For Liners:** Quality 100% cotton flannel

**For Bags:** Quality, durable 100% cotton or cotton/poly (cotton/poly okay for bags only).

All fabrics (including underpants) should be:

- Appealing medium/dark colours, preferably with patterns that help hide stains.
- Botanical, geometric, batik, etc patterns are best.
- No light coloured fabrics that will easily show stains.
- No prints with a face/eyes (animals, fish, people etc)
- No insects or snakes (butterflies okay)
- No camouflage / guns / hunting
- No solid saffron fabric for Asia (monk robe yellow) (patterns okay)
- Avoid cartoon / TV / pop culture / national flags / words / glam

Bed sheets should not be used because the threads are usually smaller and therefore not as durable or strong as the quality fabric you buy at a fabric store.

Monetary donations can be made through the school front office – “Days for Girls” account. Donations will be used to buy resources to make the kits.

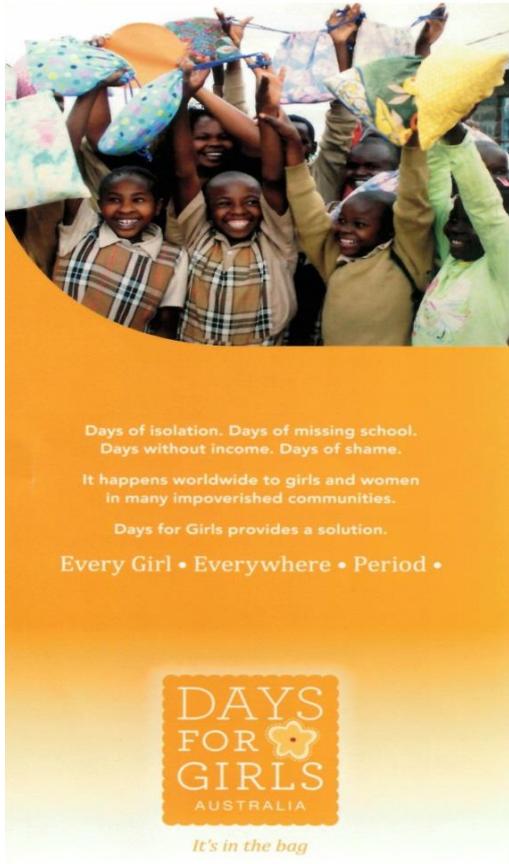
**Days for Girls** is a feminine hygiene programme providing quality, sustainable solutions for girls who have nothing, absolutely nothing, to manage their period.

Without access to hygiene products, girls in many countries can miss up to 8 months of school every 3 years, and are much more likely to drop out altogether.

Days for Girls kits provide the opportunity for **DIGNITY, EDUCATION AND BETTER HEALTH** so that girls and women can reach their **POTENTIAL**. It’s so simple – it’s a key to **SOCIAL CHANGE**.

A Days for Girls kit lasts for 3 years, and enables a girl to attend school every day of every month. Period.

For more information visit:  
[www.daysforgirls.org](http://www.daysforgirls.org)  
[www.facebook.com/daysforgirlsaustralia](https://www.facebook.com/daysforgirlsaustralia)



### Café on Queen

Hospitality students run the café as part of their Food and Beverage Hospitality training.

#### Café on Queen will be open on:

Tuesday and Wednesday  
Weeks 7, 8 and 9.

Check daily notices for further updates.



### Subject Contributions

Thank you to parents and carers who have paid their daughter's TAS subject contributions, either in full or in instalments. It has been greatly appreciated as these cover the cost of consumables used in the classes.

Contributions are payable at the front office or online and receipts are to be brought to the classroom teacher.

Thanking you all for your understanding and support in this matter. If you have any queries about any TAS subject, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Patonay, Head Teacher TAS, on 97473355 (school) or 0423236666.

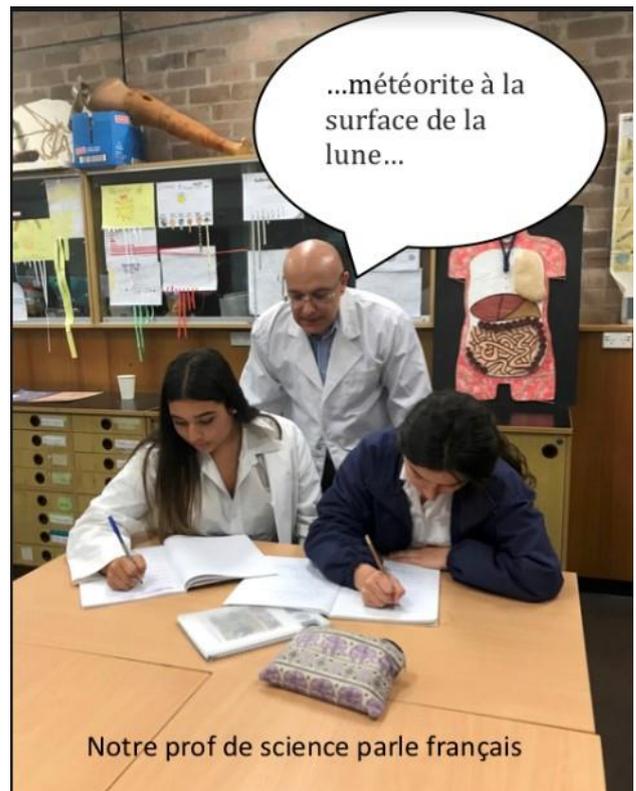
## LANGUAGES NEWS

### SBS Photo competition

Report by Hewlett Field, French teacher

The SBS Photo competition for 2018 has the theme of "The amazing possibilities that learning a language opens up for you".

Years 8 and 9 French have had an exciting time creating their images and captions. Judging and the announcement of the winner will take place in late November.



By Alliyah Ayoubi with thanks to Mr Marcs



By Ava Singh



Allons-y! Apprenons! Parlons!  
By Emma Kennett



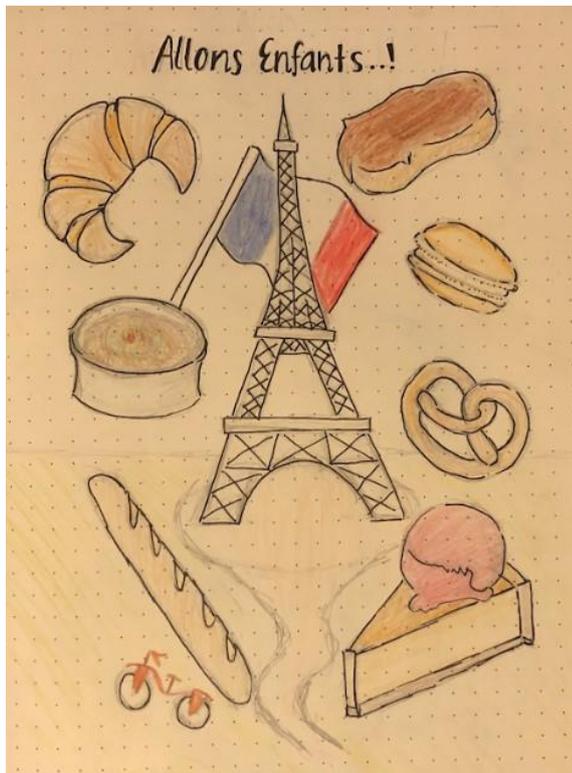
By Molly Newton



Je découvre le monde avec le français.  
I can discover the world with French.  
By Hannah Clague



On apprend le Français et on voit la vie en rose (Comme Edith Piaf)  
We learn French and we see life through rose coloured glasses, like Edith Piaf  
By Pragya Sethi, Year 8



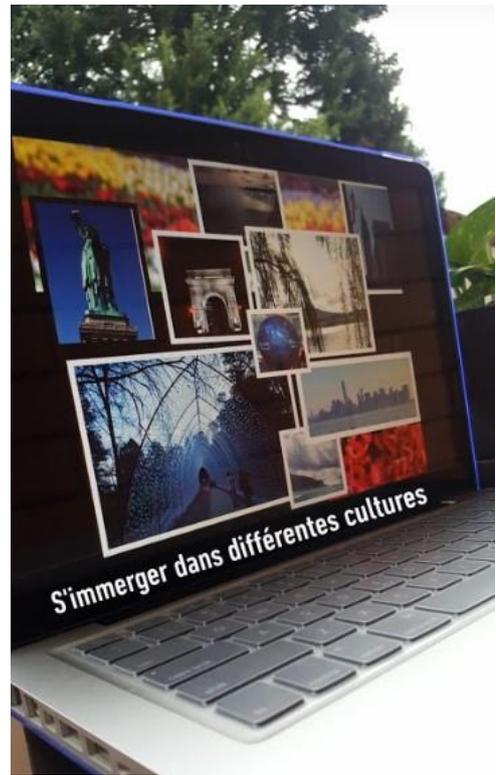
By Kimberley Tran



Dans ma salle de classe. On apprend le français. C'est cool!  
By Amelia Adams



Avec les langues on voyage!  
Languages can take you anywhere!  
By Sophie Giese



By Khyati Walia

### Korean Performance Contest 2018

#### Report by Hayley Choi, Year 10

On 25 September, the seven students from the Korean class represented BGHS as the finalists of the 2018 Korean Performance Contest.

The girls spent the whole day at the Korean Cultural Centre where Korean Education Centre Sydney provided a comfortable place and delicious meal and snacks.

It was a time of sharing each other's love and passion for Korean culture and expressing the students' abilities and potentials in K-pop dance.

They experienced and learnt the Korean culture through Korean traditional 'Pung-mul' music, dance and instruments like 'Jang-gu'. Everyone performed with enthusiasm and competitive spirit.

At the end of the day, all the girls from our school achieved great prizes and results in the contest:

**1<sup>st</sup> winner with \$300 gift card:** Year 9 - Hiu Wai (Tiffany) CHI, Michelle KIM, Michelle KONG, Aleksyah VIEN and Melissa YU

**2<sup>nd</sup> winner with \$200:** Year 10 - Hayley CHOI

**3<sup>rd</sup> winner with \$50:** Year 10 - Nabin KIM



Mon cher, j'arrive! My dear, I'll be there soon!  
By Kayla Hill



The limit of language is the sky  
By Margaret Wing



Korean performance contest winners

## Learning Korean Culture at BGHS 2018!



### Report by Genevieve Yi, Year 7

On Friday 21 September, Year 7 had the opportunity to learn about Korean culture. It was a very informative day for all the students. I personally had a great time. All the people that ran the activities were very polite, friendly and hardworking. The day was very organized and it flowed very well. The activities were well thought out and enjoyable.

We did multiple activities, which started off with viewing an introductory video to Korean culture followed by watching two K-pop performances of Red Velvet's "Peek-a-boo" and Pentagon's "Shine". We then split off into our class groups and started the activities. We did two K-pop dance classes, to Black Pink's "DDU-DU-DDU-DU" and Triple H's "365 Fresh", embroidered flower badges and carved soap into the shape of a Korean traditional dress called hanbok.

The activities reflected on both modern and traditional aspects of Korean culture. Along with the activities, there were also traditional Korean games and traditional clothing to try on.

Personally, my favourite activity was the flower embroidery, but everyone else's was probably the dancing. We were shown how to sew a flower pattern using traditional Korean fabric.

Overall, the day was very enjoyable and I also learnt a lot about Korea and its culture.



Year 7 enjoying Korean crafts

### Linguafest!

Linguafest is the annual language short film competition for schools conducted by the Modern Language Teachers Association (MLTA). This year the Year 8 Chinese and French classes, as well as the Year 9 French class, submitted films to the competition. The theme was "A Celebration" and the

signature item that was required to appear somewhere in each film was a pair of sunglasses.

The Chinese class wrote and produced a film about Chinese New Year with a couple of twists – all the dumplings got burnt, and there was no money in the red packets! Christmas in Australia was one of the topics in the films submitted by the French classes.

We worked hard on our films and uploaded them to the MLTA website for judging in mid-September. After we came back in Term 4 we heard that our films were not chosen for the finals 😞. Nevertheless, we had a great time being creative and working hard to meet the deadline. We'll be trying again next year.

### Samples of Linguafest entries



### HSIE NEWS

#### Diwali celebrations

On 7 November Hindus, Sikhs and Jains all around the world observed Diwali. For many, this occasion recognises the triumph of good over evil and light over darkness. These days it also represents a celebration of harmony, tolerance, understanding and friendship.

Led by one of our captains, Harine, a group of 19 girls organised Burwood Girls' third Diwali festival, with traditional decorations, music and fabulous food, including two vegetarian curries, chicken tandoori wraps and the tastiest mango lassis in Sydney.

There were skilled henna artists available and our local State MP, Ms Jodi McKay was very happy with her new hand design.

Special thanks to the girls and to all the parents who contributed in some way to make the day a huge success, despite the inclement weather.

Thank you to Ms Tairi and Mrs Milovanovic for helping out!

*Patrice Simpson, HSIE faculty*



*Lovely traditional costumes were worn by many students*



*Fabulous food at the Diwali celebrations*

## PDHPE AND DANCE NEWS

### Hip Hop at Dance Zone Productions

Hip hop dancers and Acrodancers from Burwood GHS performed at Dance Zone Productions concert at the Actors' Centre, Italian Forum, Leichhardt on 14 November. They were absolutely fabulous! Well done to these students for all their hard work.

*Janice Raynor, Hip Hop Coordinator*



*BGHS Acrodancers at Leichhardt*



*Hip hop crew with coordinator Janice Raynor*



*Hip hop crew in action*

## LOOK UP – no devices for one day!

Look Up Day on Friday 9 November was definitely a risk, but a risk worth taking. After some initial resistance from students about being detached from their devices for the day, the day turned out to be a real success. The playground was filled with music, games, chalk art, and promises to reduce screen time and become involved in real life conversations! Students who embraced the challenge really seemed to enjoy themselves and made stronger connections with those people around them.

The Acts of Inclusion students worked hard with the entire organisation and running of the day, and we even had lots of extra helpers join in along the way, so thank you to all of you. With all the generous donations of raffle prizes from businesses (Daisy's Milk bar, Ruby Lonesome Corner Cafe, Heath Nock - Hunter and Fox) as well as prizes from many parents and teachers, we managed to raise a grand total of \$811.75 for Mind Blank.

However, the most successful part of the day was the awareness raised around the links between excessive screen time and mental health issues. We truly hope that all the promises students made to reduce their screen time will be kept and that the message behind the day will not be forgotten any time soon.

*Ana Welsh, Acts of Inclusion Coordinator*



*Enjoying quality time with friends*



*Let's twist again*



*Faulty towers*



*Ms Welsh with students and raffle table*



*The girls appreciated the donated prizes*



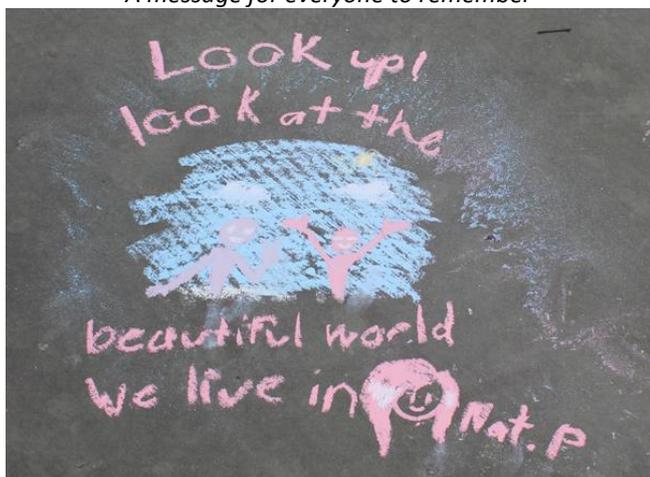
*Food to share*



*Promises, promises!*



*A message for everyone to remember*



## ENSEMBLE PROGRAM NEWS

*Report by Genevieve Campbell PhD, BEP Director*

The Ensemble Program continues to race towards the end of the year with a number of achievements and lots of music making still to go!

### Remembrance Day

We must all thank and be proud of Callisto and Tamzin MacKenzie who represented the school at Ashfield RSL's Remembrance Day service last Sunday. Members of the Ashfield Branch were in high praise of their poise and excellent singing and reading. Congratulations girls.



*Remembrance Day service*

### Junior Strings at Bayswater Aged Care

Junior Strings gave a wonderful performance for the residents at Bayswater Gardens Aged Care at Abbotsford. This group has gone from strength to strength this year and is still growing! Congratulations girls!



*Junior Strings*

### North Coast Tour

Concert Band and Junior Strings are just back from a very successful tour to the North Coast. Three days packed with performances at primary schools and aged care centres may have resulted in some tired students but your music and conversations were greatly appreciated by your audiences, and your playing and team work were excellent. Well done!



*Attentive primary school audience*



*Performing for aged care residents*



*A fun break from tour duties*

### **Kmart Wishing Tree launch**

Our Junior Jazz ensemble were invited to perform at the launch of the Kmart 'Wishing Tree' for charity, in Ashfield on 15 November.

There was a very large and appreciative audience of customers, the public and invited guests. Local police, fire brigade, Salvation Army, a Balmain tiger and a large group of shoppers had a sing and even danced with the girls. Congratulations to the students for putting on a wonderful show!



*BEP's Junior Jazz ensemble at Kmart with Ms Campbell and Ms Bonaddio*

### **Europe Tour**

#### **Dates for your diary:**

- Dec 3: Year 7 Celebration of Learning. Year 7 Band/Strings Ensemble.
- Dec 4: Orientation Day. Concert Band and Junior Strings
- Dec 5: A Little (Christmas) Night Music. ALL Ensemble Program groups.
- Dec 8: Burwood Council's Carols at Burwood Park. Concert Band.
- Dec 14: Presentation Day. Senior Concert Band.

Parents and friends are invited to  
**"A Little (Christmas) Night Music"**

**6pm, Wednesday 5 December in the Hall.** Tickets at the door: adults \$10, students \$5. There will be treats to eat and lucky door prizes (keep your tickets).

Burwood Ensemble Program Presents

**A Little (Christmas) Night Music**

6pm, Wednesday December 5<sup>th</sup> in the school hall

An evening of music, carols & good cheer!

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 Treats to eat, lucky door prizes (keep your tickets). 🎵 🎵 🎵

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S AWARD

## P&C NEWS

### Report by Inji Tasdemir

At the beginning of this term and end of Term 3, 20 Year 9 students and 9 Year 10 students participated in the Duke of Edinburgh walks.

We caught a train to Otford Station the hiked through the Royal National Park. We stopped at a beach for lunch and shared all the food brought. We camped at North Era beach, explored the rock pools, had a campfire, told stories, played piggy in the middle on the beach and that night it was quite windy (Ms Credlin didn't bring a sleeping bag).

The next morning it rained a bit as we hiked straight up the mountain. Once we got to Helensburgh Station the Year 9s caught the train home while the Year 10s went to Engadine for lunch then continued walking.

That night there was an electrical storm that flooded the campsite and made everything wet and muddy. We washed our tents in the stream nearby then walked to Waterfall Station.

It was a great experience and we thank all the teachers that gave up their time to come with us.



*Duke of Edinburgh's Award walk*



*Camping in the wind and rain was no obstacle!*

### NEXT MEETING: WED 21 NOVEMBER

The next P&C Meeting is on Wednesday 21 November at 7:00 pm in the school library.

Guest speaker Monika Di Maio, Head Teacher HSIE, will introduce herself and talk about learning and innovations in history and the social sciences.

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!

*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>

## SPORTS NEWS



### Knockout Water Polo

#### Report by Taylor Tran, Year 9

On 23 October the U15 Burwood Girls water polo team set out for their day of knockout competitions. The knockout competition entails multiple consecutive games on the same day to determine the best team in our zone.

Our team was undefeated for 6 games, making it to the grand final, where we lost to Mackellar. Overall we played to the best of our ability and are extremely happy with our team's combined efforts. Don't worry, we'll win next year!



*U15 KO water polo team*

## CAREERS

### Six Year 12 students gain Early Offers for Combined Law at Macquarie University

A total of thirteen Year 12 students have been given Early Offers in a range of courses, including Combined Law, at the Macquarie University for 2019 enrolment. The offers were made under the Global Leadership Entry Program (GLEP).

A GLEP offer is assessed on Year 11 results and the demonstration of leadership and community service.

HSC/ATAR results do not change the outcome of a successful GLEP offer.

*John Hegedus, Careers Adviser*

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## NO MORE PAYMENTS BY PHONE

Parents are advised that the school no longer accepts payments over the phone. This is a Department of Education policy to protect the privacy and security of parents' credit card details.

Parents are welcome to make a secure payment **online** at any time, via 'Parent Online Payment' (POP) on our school website. Please allow up to 2 days for the school to receive and process payments made through POP.

*Elizabeth Retsas, School Administrative Manager*

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This is the last *Event* for 2018. Enjoy the rest of the year, have a wonderful summer break, and we will bring you more exciting news from Burwood GHS in 2019! *Editor*



## MORE ENGLISH AND DRAMA NEWS

All Year 7 students visited the Seymour Centre on Friday 16 November to view 'Suitcase Stories'. Drama is part of the English syllabus in Years 7-12.

