The Buzz
Week 6 - Term 1, 2013

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Welcome to 2013 and another school year. By now everyone has settled into their new classes and adjusted to their timetables. This is especially true for Year 7 who have transitioned to high school so smoothly that it seems they have been here all their lives!

**New Staff**

I would like to welcome Ms Minh Thi Tran (music) and Ms Louisa Cunningham (Visual Arts) to the CAPA faculty as well as Ms Alissa Farhad in Science. Also we welcome our new Community Engagement Officer, Ms Soussan Shaikho who has already been busy making connections with our parent body and the local community.

We have sadly farewelled Mr Krishnal Mohan in HSE last week as he was offered a permanent position at Bankstown Boys High School. He has been an amazing asset to the school and he will be missed by staff and students alike. We wish him well for his future career.

**Youth Olympics**

During the summer holidays I had the privilege to attend the Opening ceremony for the Youth Olympics held at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. A number of our girls participated as dancers in a range of performances throughout the night. It was an amazing event and I was very proud to be there to be part of the excitement and to cheer our girls on. A big thank you must go to Ms Zouroudis for all the work and time she has taken to ensure the girls are both ready to participate and have the opportunity. There will be more about this event later in this edition. Well done girls!

**A Busy Start**

Already this term we have had Photo Day (thank you to the Science faculty), the Swimming Carnival (compliments to the PE faculty and their team), the Achievers Assembly (a great success thanks to Mrs El Haddad and her team), and most significantly our Positive Behaviour in School (PBIS) Launch led by Mrs Rytmeister, Ms Yang, Ms Kelly and their team. I believe if you ask anyone at Bankstown Girls High School now about our rules you will hear back - SAFE RESPECTFUL LEARNER!!

I feel very privileged to have such wonderful, clever and dedicated teachers and administrative officers on staff who are constantly developing and implementing programs and activities to ensure the girls have the best and most well rounded educational experience at our school.

**The National Scene**

This year will see the introduction of the Australian Curriculum and new NSW syllabi in K-10 English, Mathematics, Science and History. Our teachers have already started working on programming and resourcing for teaching these new syllabi next year. Other syllabus documents will be developed throughout this year and 2014. Keep a look out for more information in the BUZZ and on the Board of Studies website [http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/). The Federal government has released the Australian Standards for Teachers and the Principal Standard last year and all states and territories will be implementing them over the next 2 years. All teachers who have started teaching from October 2004 in NSW have already had to be accredited against the NSW Standards and as of October 2012 all new teachers will work against the Australian Standards. This ensures that the quality of our teachers and school leaders is high and maintains that high level throughout their careers.

I hope you have enjoyed a smooth and enjoyable start to the school year. Make sure that if you have any problems, concerns or ideas that you contact either myself, one of our deputy principals or any of the appropriate staff at the school.

**Betty Harper**

**Principal**
Welcome to our first issue of the Buzz for the year. There is so much planned for the year it should be an engaging and exciting time for all the girls.

Firstly an update on the Digital Education Revolution laptop program as I am sure that the girls in year 9 are keen to know what is happening there. The DER laptop program was completed in 2012 with the year 9 group the last ones to receive laptops under this program. The DEC was however able to secure funding for laptops for schools for one more year however there are fundamental changes to the way the program will work that has implications for students. The 2013 laptops are provided to school and they will determine how the laptops will be issued. This gives school flexibility in which students have access to the technology. At BGHS staff have spent considerable time developing programs for the laptops in year 9 and as a result of that we will be issuing the laptops to then for the duration of 2013. At the end of 2013 we will be evaluating the program and will plan for how they will be issued and used in 2014. Parents of year 9 will be invited to a meeting in week 6 to outline the program, learn about the laptops and have a clear understanding of rights and responsibilities for students and parents.

In week three we had the launch of the schools PBIS program that focusses on the girls being safe, respectful and learners. It was a great day with Mrs Harper, Mr Borg and myself dressing the part to support the reinforcement of these central concepts of the program. It was great to watch the girls engage in a range of activities designed to highlight each of the concepts. It was especially fun to see girls from each year group rewarded for their positive participation in modelling each of the concepts. Congratulations to Mrs Rytmeister and the PBIS team for their organisation in putting this day together. Congratulations must also go to all of the staff who enthusiastically took on their roles in running each of the activities and of course to all the girls for their wonderful participation and enthusiasm.

I was thinking the other day about my first year here at BGHS and one of my first classes was a year 9 History class. In that first lesson I looked round at all the young faces, bright and eager. Much has changed. Now they are our year 12 group. The faces are a little older, they are taller, a little more mature and the eagerness is still there. It was great to see year 12 take on the responsibility of running the events at our PBIS launch and chaperon the girls as they moved from one event to another. In their last year at high school I enjoy seeing how they grow and mature, the changes in their views and outlook and the way they approach the challenges they face. Keep working hard girls.

Year 10 may not have to contend with the School Certificate exams any more but it is still a very important year. After completing all their school assessment grades will be submitted to the Board of Studies that will show your progress. It is important for all of you to work hard and perform at your best for your assessment tasks. Make sure you are organised and always ask your teacher for help if you are not sure about something.

It is interesting to see how much year 8 have changed since they started at the beginning of last year. No longer the youngest and smallest but still full of youthful enthusiasm. You have settled in and know what is expected. This year will be challenging and you will have to work hard. I look forward to seeing you all rewarded for your hard work at merit assemblies so make sure you collect all your merit certificates.

I hope everyone has fun this year and can rise to the challenges offered at school and at home.

Mark Leary
Deputy Principal
Year 12, 10, 8
The key focus of our school is on student learning and achievement and it is pleasing to see most students excited and enthusiastic to be back at school. I would encourage all parents to take an active role in their daughter’s education. If at any time you have any questions or would like any information about your daughter’s progress please feel free to contact the school. There are many people at the school who can help you including Year Advisors, Head Teachers, the School Counselor, the Careers Advisor, the Deputy Principals and the Community Engagement Officer.

We have had many new enrolments at our school especially in Year 11. The word has obviously been around the community about what a wonderful school we have and the dedication of our teachers and outstanding results of our HSC students in 2012. Year 11 seem to have settled in well so far with all students now finalising their subject choices. Our Year 7 and Year 9 enrolments have also increased from last year.

Attendance and punctuality at school are essential if the girls are to be successful in their education. Can I ask all parents to make sure that all the girls are at school on time every day and in full school uniform. If the girls are absent from school because they are genuinely ill or there is a family crisis they will need to bring with them the next day a signed note from a parent explaining their absence.

Also can I ask parents to make sure they do not organise overseas holidays and trips during school time. If this cannot be avoided then parents need to seek an exemption from attendance at school (this may not always be granted, depending on the circumstances). An appointment with the Principal organised by Ms Yang our relieving Head Teacher Student Wellbeing needs to be made at least two weeks prior to any exemption being granted.

This year I am pleased to announce that BGHS has also appointed a full time Community Engagement Officer Mrs Soussan Shaikho funded as part of the school’s equity funding. Her role is to organise and facilitate parent and community involvement in the school. If any parent would like to discuss any aspect of their involvement at the school please feel free to contact Mrs Shaikho. Also a reminder to all parents that they are warmly invited to our next parent meeting which will be held in the staff common room on Tuesday 26th March 2013. I look forward to meeting as many parents new and existing as possible.

On Thursday 21st February 2013 we celebrated our annual Achievers Day at a special assembly held in the school hall. I was extremely pleased to see so many of our Year 10 and Year 12 students from 2012 achieve such outstanding results. They are a credit to the school, their teachers and their parents. The highest ATAR in 2012 was 95.0. Ten girls achieved an ATAR above 90. 46 students or 40% gained places at university, with the rest of the cohort either engaged in full time TAFE or private colleges or full time work. The main areas entered into by the girls were the medical sciences, radiology, primary and secondary education, business, commerce, physiotherapy, speech pathology, the arts, nursing, retail, and childcare.

Bankstown Girls High School has a zero tolerance policy about bullying, but with mobile devices such as phones and laptops, bullying can follow students past the school playground. Get the lowdown on bullying from School A to Z: the signs to look for, what to do if your child is being bullied and how you can help your child. There are expert articles to read and videos to watch. www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/wellbeing/behaviour.

Charles Borg
Deputy Principal
Year 11, 9, 7
On the 13th of February, BGHS held a PBIS (Positive Behaviours Intervention System) launch day at our school for the whole day in order to teach our students to be Safe Respectful Learners.

PBIS day was all about having fun and learning at the same time. The teachers and the year 12 students did a wonderful job of organising and preparing this day for the student body. The BUZZ team took some time to speak to children from different years about their experience with P.B.I.S day and of course there were many compliments about how much they enjoyed the day.

Contributed by Barbara Tuimatafanua
During 2011 and 2012 the school community has been involved in the development of a Positive Behaviours Intervention Systems (PBIS) program. The staff, students and parents have been consulted to develop school rules and expected behaviours across the full range of classroom and non-classroom settings. These expected behaviours were taught during the Essential Learning Period (ELP) in 2012. As a part of the ongoing commitment to promoting these expected behaviours, a logo and signage was developed by the school community and is now highly visible in all areas of the school. This year we will review our welfare and merit systems and we started by positively reinforcing the safe, respectful learner message with a launch day full of fun and engaging activities for the students.

Every teacher and student had fun participating in a range of safe, respectful and learner activities. Students gathered lost treasures, went through the electric fence, raced with sacks and eggs, discussed the meaning of respect in Summer Heights High, examined personal values, found out similarities and differences they have with their peers and worked out how cooperation can solve problems. The students have pledged, by painted hand print, to honour the rules and this will be displayed in the school corridors.

The day ended with a whole school photo that will be published in a future BUZZ newsletter.

Thanks to all the staff for their commitment, the team for the organization and the students for their participation on the day.

The PBIS team.
On the 21st of February, the annual Achievers Assembly was held. The assembly showcased not only the achievements of the Year 12 class of 2012, but also the achievements of current students. The speeches given, particularly by the 2012 Dux of the school, Hadeya Elnajjar were inspirational for all years. Valuable lessons were learnt from the things said, and key points will forever be taken along with us in our lives.

Congratulations to all the award winners, ranging from sports to maths, from years 8 to 12. All parents who attended were very proud of their daughters for their hard work and effort.

The musical performances were awesome! Their amount of talent and their song choices went extremely well with the mood in the assembly. Well done to the Year 12 Music class and their music teacher Miss Tran.

The after party was amazing, the food tasted especially great - great job Year 12 Hospitality!

Contributed by Naomi Tanielu and Anisha Jose
The outstanding results of our HSC class of 2012 reflect how hard working and committed they were in preparing themselves for their HSC studies and exams for a successful transition into further study and other opportunities post-school. I am extremely pleased to report on the fantastic achievements these students plan to pursue in their new journey in life.

Dux of the year was Hadeya Elnajjar, who achieved an amazing Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank (ATAR) of 95.00. Hadeya excelled in all her subjects, especially English Extension achieving an E3 and Band 6 in both 2U Ancient History and Biology. Hadeya was awarded the UNSW Academic Achievement Award. Hadeya was also fortunate to be selected for Sydney University’s Early Offer Year 12 Scheme (E12) which includes a $5,000 first-year scholarship, an Apple iPad, mentoring and assistance in her chosen course Applied Science (Physiotherapy). Congratulations Hadeya.

Leena Nguyen also was very determined and worked very hard to achieve an excellent 94.75 ATAR; she has enrolled at Sydney University to undertake Advanced Science. Other top performers, Theresa Tran’s ATAR - 91.25 and Angela Stankovska’s ATAR - 90 were successful too in being selected for the Early Offer Year 12 Scheme with Sydney University. Theresa has enrolled into Applied Science (Medical Radiation Sciences) Diagnostic Radiography, whilst Angela will undertake a course in Applied Science (Speech Pathology).

This year, in addition to USYD E12 program, two other students were successful in being offered their first preference at UTS as they were nominated for the UTS Principals’ Recommendation Scheme - Sonia Kokuro entering Medical Science and Stella Vu who has enrolled into Business (very competitive course). Both Saja Qasem and Mirvat Abdulkader, studying Health Sciences, received a First Year Bursary Scholarship – USYD for $2000.

Other top achievers who performed well receiving either a Band 6 or 5 in a more than one subject and have successfully enrolled into their courses at university were Elizabeth Forrest, Sheena Nguyen, Hawraa Haddad, Mary Pham, Tania Murtanovska, Emma O’Reilly, Faatuai Siitia, Mona Baddah, Hadia Sati, Khan-Huyen Pham, Haneen Abusabah and Amira Hawwash. Areas of tertiary study to be undertaken by these students this year vary from Applied Science, Health Sciences, Arts, Business and Commerce, Teaching, Social Work, Design and Technology, Nursing, Policing and Psychology. Their great determination, organisational skills and hard work has paid off.

So far, other Year 12 students that I have spoken to whilst conducting the annual Post-School Destination Survey have also successfully enrolled into further forms of study either offered by university colleges, TAFE, private collages or full-time work. Some courses being undertaken include; Accounting, Business, Community Services and Animal Studies and Child Care just to name a few.

Ms Hundy
Careers Adviser

Some of the Year 12 High Achievers
Theresa Tran, Noorhan Alshanteer, Mona Baddah, Emma O’Reilly, Mirvat Abdulkader, Angela Stankovska, Hadia Safi, Noor Youssef, Hadeya Elnajjar (DUX), Saja Qasem, Vicki Bediako, Layall El Kobaitry

HSC Top Achievers Workshop

On February 21st along with the school acknowledging and celebrating the excellent results of our top achievers with the Achievers Assembly, these students also volunteered their time to participate in a one period workshop for eighty selected year 10, 11 and 12 students. During the workshop the Yr12 achievers discussed what they did to achieve great HSC results. The ex-students communicated on how important it is during your studies to ensure you balance your study with rest breaks, eat well and use a study schedule to be better prepared with time management along with many other helpful tips. It was a highly constructive and beneficial workshop for all the students who attended.

The staff and students of Bankstown Girls High congratulate these students and all other high achievers from 2012. Remember, you could also be a high achiever by being prepared, staying focused and completing all tasks.

Ms M. Hundy
Careers Adviser
The annual Bankstown Girls High Swimming Carnival took place on Wednesday 20th February 2013 at Revesby Swimming Pools.

The morning clouds caused a bit of concern, however the skies eventually cleared and the weather was warm and sunny – perfect conditions for a swimming carnival.

Girls from year 7 and 8 and competitors from year 9-12 filled the grandstands with Red, Green, Yellow and Blue – our house colours.

Our houses represent Australian Female Olympic Champions in Sport – sprinter, Cathy FREEMAN, Basketballer, Lauren JACKSON, swimmer, Susie O’NEILL and wheelchair racer, Louise SAUVAGE.

When the races got under way, it was very competitive. There was great representation and participation across all age groups, and the results remained very close all day.

When the girls were not racing in the pool, they were participating in some very fun and interesting Novelty Events, put on by Mr Ristevski and his Year 10 PASS class. Balloon races and sponge tunnel ball just a few of the exciting games that were played.

Of course however, every great day must come to an end. Kick board races saw the completion of the day, and all students must be commended on how efficiently they got changed, cleaned up their areas and politely left the venue.

Yet another successful carnival that would not be possible without the organisation and smooth running by the PASS elective, the teachers and of course our brave competitors. Congratulations to the students who have progressed through to the Zone Carnival – we wish you the very best of luck. We hope to see the same enthusiasm, sportswomanship and enjoyment at the up-and-coming athletics carnival.
Age Champions
12 Years – Lucy Davies
13 Years – Rania Nabih
14 Years – Natasha Collins
16 Years – Aya Halaby
17 Years – Isabelle Mun
Invitational (fastest swimmer of the day) – Karina Fjodorova

House Points
1st Freeman on 282 Points
2nd Sauvage on 277 Points
3rd Jackson on 271 Points
4th O’Neill on 250 Points
Welcome to BGHS - Year 7

So far year 7 have settled in well at Bankstown Girls High School. The students have been involved in lots of whole school activities including PBIS Launch day on the 13/2/13 where all students learnt the new school values of being safe, respectful and a learner in all school environments including classroom and non-classroom settings. These values are also being explicitly taught once a week during the Essential Learning Period (ELP) on Tuesdays so the students can learn the expected behaviours at Bankstown Girls High School.

Year 7 had a great opportunity to get to know each other and other students at the school swimming carnival on the 20/2/13 at Revesby Leisure Centre. The students had to sit with students who were in their sporting house who may not have been in their normal classes. This provided a great opportunity to meet new people and be part of a team.

As part of the orientation program, all of year 7 students have been assessed in all subject areas to determine individual student strengths and weaknesses in literacy and numeracy. Social data has also been collated to help determine their new classes. Students will have a brief assembly at school on Friday 1st March where they will receive their new class timetable which is effective as of Monday 4th March.

Attention Parents/Caregivers

Year 7 immunisations were held on Thursday 21/2/13. Parents please note that if your daughter was absent or did not have her permission card on this day, she still needs to return it to the Head Teacher Welfare Miss Yang. These students will have their immunisation at a later date in which you will be notified.

Please ensure that your daughter comes to school in the correct uniform every day. Remember that the uniform shop is open on Monday and Wednesday mornings. If you are waiting for an order as they may not have had the item you wanted in stock, please write your daughter a note to excuse her for wearing the incorrect uniform. Uniform procedures are very strict and if your daughter is out of uniform without a note she will receive a detention as part of the school’s uniform policy.

All year 7 students will be taking part of the Bully Busters program on Friday 8th March, 2013. This will provide the students with strategies to deal with situations involving bullying including being the victim and how to help out friends. In addition to this, I urge that if you feel that your daughter is involved with any sort of bullying, please contact Miss Ames at the school.

Other important things to note are, please remind your daughter to bring a student diary to school every day. Her timetable should be stuck into it so it doesn’t get lost. It is also a good idea to have a copy of her timetable at home for her to refer to. Please note that on Mondays and Fridays students need to bring a book to read during ELP.

Year 7 are also going to be part of the peer support program with year 11 students to help them with making friends and keeping friends. This will be staring soon and will take place during the Essential Learning Period (ELP).

Contributed by Miss Ames
Year 7 student Advisor
Early in the term, The Buzz team interviewed 5 randomly chosen year 7 students, asking them about what they thought of the school, their favourite teachers and subjects— even trivial things such as their favourite lunch!

**NAME:** Tania Yassine, 7C.
**FAVOURITE SUBJECTS?**: ‘English and Art.’
**FAVORITE TEACHER?**: ‘I haven’t really found a favourite teacher yet.’
**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN HIGH SCHOOL?**: ‘Learning more in English.’
**WHAT SCARED YOU ABOUT COMING TO HIGH SCHOOL?**: ‘Bullying.’
**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LUNCH?**: ‘A homemade, nutella sandwich.’

**NAME:** Willieta Grant, 7C.
**FAVOURITE SUBJECT?**: ‘HSIE.’
**FAVOURITE TEACHER?**: ‘Ms Yang.’
**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN HIGH SCHOOL?**: ‘Having fun!’
**WHAT SCARED YOU ABOUT COMING TO HIGH SCHOOL?**: ‘People that I didn’t know.’
**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LUNCH?**: ‘Nachos from the canteen.’

**NAME:** Houda Achmawi, 7A.
**FAVOURITE SUBJECTS?**: ‘Art.’
**FAVORITE TEACHER?**: ‘Ms Yang’
**WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN HIGH SCHOOL?**: ‘Having less homework.’
**WHAT SCARED YOU ABOUT COMING TO HIGH SCHOOL?**: ‘The new students and Teachers.’
**WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LUNCH?**: ‘A homemade, Vegemite sandwich.’
NAME: Diana Hussain, 7A.
FAVOURITE SUBJECTS: ‘TAS’
FAVORITE TEACHER: ‘Ms Yang’
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN HIGH SCHOOL?: ‘Excursions!!’
WHAT SCARED YOU ABOUT COMING TO HIGH SCHOOL?: ‘Nothing’
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LUNCH?: ‘A homemade, peanut butter sandwich.’

NAME: Line Vai, 7C.
FAVOURITE SUBJECTS: ‘Music’
FAVORITE TEACHER: ‘Ms Michaelson’
WHAT ARE YOU LOOKING FORWARD TO IN HIGH SCHOOL?: ‘Meeting new people.’
WHAT SCARED YOU ABOUT COMING TO HIGH SCHOOL?: ‘New faces.’
WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE LUNCH?: ‘Chicken Wrap from the canteen.’
SRC Update

I'm proud to report that this year’s SRC comprises of a number of strong representatives - young women who are resilient and highly motivated.

We have a strong emphasis on leadership this year and the SRC is working hard to become better leaders, to make a positive impact within our school. They are committed to our core school values and as a team, they collaborate to get the job done.

The SRC meetings are held on Monday’s during ELP in the Library. Updates are provided to students by year representatives at weekly year assemblies.

Please do not hesitate to speak to myself or a member of the SRC - we are always open to suggestions and comments.

We will be providing feedback to our community via our corner in The Buzz. Stay tuned!

Barbara Arambatzis
SRC Coordinator
barbara.arambatzis@det.nsw.edu.au

Upcoming Events
8 March - International Women's Day
14 – 17 March - World’s Greatest Shave
21 March - Harmony Day

The stolen generation and national SORRY day

The 13th of February 2013 marked the 5th anniversary of National Sorry Day.

European colonisers were aware that disease, violence and dispossession had devastated Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander societies. From the mid-19th century, governments developed policies to protect what remained of the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people. Not only were Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people forced off their lands but the children of families were stolen and placed in government homes or with non-indigenous families.

As many as 100,000 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Australians were stolen from their families between the 1880's and 1969. 5,000 in NSW alone.

Government authorities of the era justified this by citing abuse, neglect, and the child’s interest.

The deeper motivation for child removal was to 'breed out the colour' and prevent the "corruption of white society".

The bringing them home report on the national inquiry into the Stolen Generations was published in 1997 by the Australian Human Rights and Equal Opportunity Commission.

It detailed the devastating effects of child removal on Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children and their families.

In 2008 Former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd finally made an official apology to the Stolen Generation; "The time has now come for the nation to turn a new page in Australia’s history by righting the wrongs of the past and so move forward with confidence to the future. We apologise for the laws and policies of successive parliaments and governments that have inflicted profound grief, suffering and loss on these of fellow Australians.”

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Year 7 Achieve Outstanding Results

This Year 7 has been a clear winner for its participation, enthusiasm and strong results in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Almost all 88 students in Year 7 this year completed the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Each Year 7 student will been awarded a beautiful certificate signed by the Premier of NSW, Mr Barry O’Farrell. Furthermore, the most stunning results were from long-term participants in the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Many students have been involved for many years. These students received Platinum Certificates for seven years of continuous participation and Gold Certificates for four years of continuous participation.

Contributed by Mrs Hawkins

CERTIFICATE WINNERS

Congratulations go to:

Platinum Awards

* Nouha Assafiri
* Jennifer Huyh

Gold Awards

* Mary-Anne Oaariki
* Neha Noor
* Queenie Nguyen
* Jinan Naaman
* Samah Elomar
* Noelle El-Ibrahim
* Katherine Condino

Congratulations to all the winners of certificates, well done and good luck for next year in the Premier’s Reading Challenge.
My name is Soussan Shaikho and I am the new Community Engagement Officer at Bankstown Girls’ High School.

If I can be of any assistance to you with school related issues or if you would like information about community support agencies please come in and see me or contact me at the school on 9709 6788. I am available from Monday to Friday.

I would like to also invite you to our parent meetings throughout the year and also to any of our parent workshops and parent excursions. Information regarding these meetings and workshops will be sent home with your daughter. I look forward to meeting you all and hope to see you at these meetings.

ABOVE: Parents attending the first parent meeting for 2013.

“OFF AND AWAY”
Acceptable Use of Mobile Devices @ BGHS

This is a reminder to all students about the acceptable use of mobile phones at BGHS.

You are permitted to bring mobile devices to school as it is important for parents to get in contact with you before or after school. On arrival to school the device should be switched off or placed on silent during the day. When in class mobiles need to be in your bag or pocket and not taken out unless you have your teacher’s permission. Girls who have their mobile out during class time without permission will have them confiscated and sent to the Deputy Principal for their year group.

If a mobile is confiscated you will be able to pick it up at the end of the day from your Deputy Principal. If your mobile is confiscated for a second time your parents will need to come to the school to pick up your mobile. If you have your mobile confiscated a third time you will be instructed to not bring your mobile to school again.

At recess and lunch you are NOT permitted to make calls on your mobile, however SMS messages are acceptable.

A reminder to parents that if you need to contact your daughter during the school day you can ring the office on (02) 9709 6788 and they will arrange to pass a message on or allow your daughter to use a school phone to speak with you.

If you have any queries please contact our Deputies, Mr Borg or Mr Leary

Newly Elected Parent Meeting Committee

President: Margaret Goneis
Vice President: Susheila Halaufia
Secretary: Wedad Machlouch
Treasurer: Samah Noshie
Assistant Treasurer: Tepapa Tongia
Back to School Puzzles

Spot the difference

Can you find 15 differences??

Can you work it out??

Five friends have their gardens next to one another, where they grow three kinds of crops: fruits (apple, pear, nut, cherry), vegetables (carrot, parsley, gourd, onion) and flowers (aster, rose, tulip, lily).

1. They grow 12 different varieties.
2. Everybody grows exactly 4 different varieties.
3. Each variety is at least in one garden.
4. Only one variety is in 4 gardens.
5. Only in one garden are all 3 kinds of crops.
6. Only in one garden are all 4 varieties of one kind of crops.
7. Pear is only in the two border gardens.
8. Paul’s garden is in the middle with no lily.
9. Aster grower doesn’t grow vegetables.
10. Rose growers don’t grow parsley.
11. Nuts grower has also gourd and parsley.
12. In the first garden are apples and cherries.
13. Only in two gardens are cherries.
14. Sam has onions and cherries.
15. Luke grows exactly two kinds of fruit.
16. Tulip is only in two gardens.
17. Apple is in a single garden.
18. Only in one garden next to Zick’s is parsley.
19. Sam’s garden is not on the border.
20. Hank grows neither vegetables nor asters.
21. Paul has exactly three kinds of vegetable.

Who has which garden and what is grown where?

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**COMMUNITY CALENDAR**

DON’T FORGET ... School Athletics Carnival – 20th March, 2013 – The Crest

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**Parent Meetings 2013**

Parent Meetings are held on the following Tuesdays in the Staff Common Room. Meetings begin at 9:30am and light refreshments are available. All are welcome to attend. Please see dates below.

**TERM ONE**
- Week 4—19th February
- Week 9—26th March

**TERM TWO**
- Week 4—21st May
- Week 8—18th June

**TERM THREE**
- Week 5—13th August
- Week 9—10th September

**TERM FOUR**
- Week 4—29th October
- Week 9—3rd December
COMMUNITY NOTICES

Are you a young person or family needing support and don’t know where to start?

Talk to us today. We understand your unique needs and can set up a support plan linking you to the right services to assist you or your family.

You can speak to us by telephone, you can visit our office or we can meet you in your home or community.

For more information contact us on:

⇒ 1300 244 826 (8am - 6pm)
⇒ southwestsydneyfrs@burnside.org.au

We can assist you to find:

- Domestic violence services
- Housing and accommodation
- Financial assistance
- Counselling and mediation services
- Parenting programs
- Mental Health Support
- And any other services you may need

We also have interpreters for some languages.

Family Law Network Australia

The Family Law Network Australia is a free service. They can provide information and support in regards to legal issues such as:

- Separation and divorce
- Parenting arrangements
- Property settlements
- Child Support

Access their services via: www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au

Bedwetting Information Evening for Parents

If you have a son or daughter aged 5—18 years who has a bedwetting issue (nocturnal enuresis)

Then come along to the seminar to hear all about:
- family history and bedwetting
- types of enuresis
- causes of bedwetting
- how constipation may contribute to bedwetting
- treatment of bedwetting
- when and where to get professional help

Continence Foundation of Australia in NSW Inc.

7 pm Tuesday 26 March 2013
@ Paraquad Building
6 Holker St Newington - near Newington Shopping Centre
(children welcome too!)

$10 donation (Tax deductible)

RSVP: by 19 March 2013
via email to nswcfa@gmail.com or phone 02 8741 5699