



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Rebecca Campbell

As parents and teachers, one of the greatest gifts we can instil in our children is the love of reading. Reading is not only an important life skill, but it fosters creativity and curiosity along with the ability to think critically and to consider other perspectives. Basic literacy skills such as writing and spelling are also developed through reading, and subjects such as Mathematics rely heavily on a student's ability to read and extract key information. This week in the Middle School we celebrated Book Week, where boys had the opportunity to meet authors and participate in a variety of activities inspired by books. The Middle School Libraries were abuzz with activity and it was wonderful to see students so enthusiastically engaged.

With the rise of technology — gaming, YouTube and social media — reading is at risk of becoming a lost art. I was interested to attend Cam Adair's gaming addiction presentation a few weeks ago, where Mr Adair posed the question, 'Why do we game?'

Our boys' responses included, 'it takes you to another world', 'to relax', 'you can talk to your mates about it' and 'you feel like you are part of the game'. As I sat and listened to these comments, it took every ounce of restraint for me not to stand up and shout, 'What about books?'

Books were once the primary vehicle through which children could delve into new worlds, use their imagination, engage in discussion with their friends and enjoy some downtime. I am saddened to think that the joy of reading is being overtaken by technology, especially gaming.

The literacy levels of boys attract a lot of negative press, especially around standardised testing such as NAPLAN. We are constantly reminded that boys' literacy levels are behind those of girls. Even more alarming are stereotypes that only girls like to read, and boys only enjoy non-fiction books. At BGS, we are committed to challenging these stereotypes and actively seek ways to engage boys in reading. Weekly library lessons take place where boys are introduced to new authors and series, share what they are reading and engage in rich discussions about texts. Our English teachers intentionally select quality literary works that are age-appropriate and appeal to boys' interests.

Our Middle School Reading and Literacy Advisor, Ms Michelle Ragen recently conducted a survey to identify students' reading habits and preferences. Findings from the survey included:

- Middle School boys tend to prefer print books over all other mediums, including eBooks
- While most boys enjoy reading, their level of enjoyment decreases slightly from Year 5 to Year 8
- Most Middle School boys prefer fiction over non-fiction — even in Year 8, 78% of our boys prefer fiction
- Adventure and fantasy genres remain very popular in each year level
- In Years 5 and 6, mothers are overwhelmingly the ones who most commonly recommend books to their sons; however, by the time boys are in Year 8, the Teacher Librarians most commonly recommend books to them
- *Harry Potter* and *Percy Jackson* are popular choices for our Middle School students across all year levels

Head of English, Mr Greg Howes shared reasons why some boys become reluctant readers, particularly as they



get older. Sometimes it's because there's little time left in a busy day; sometimes it's because they just lose interest. Another factor is that it can be difficult to find the right book that will help older students move beyond young adult fiction. To overcome these obstacles, Mr Howes offers the following tips for parents and teachers:

- Talk enthusiastically about books and the ideas they contain. Curiosity is motivating. Even as adults, we are more likely to read a book that someone else has mentioned favourably.
- Find books that will serve as a bridge into more challenging literary works. Look for books that are marketed to adult readers but are still accessible to young adults. Stories that involve detective work or deal with the concept of justice are usually appealing.
- Create routines around reading. All that is needed is 15 minutes a day. Audiobooks and story-related podcasts shouldn't be forgotten; there are some wonderful apps and online resources. Time spent travelling to and from school is underutilised for 'reading' purposes.
- Display a positive attitude towards reading and find the time to read.

Role modelling has a powerful impact on children. In my own professional reading, I recently came across the term, 'dispositional apprenticeship'. Advocates of this type of learning highlight that children learn from us the messages that we explicitly and implicitly deliver. They go on to say that mirror neurons fire most strongly for people with whom we identify; we are programmed to learn from others. In other words, if children see those they are closest to enjoying reading, they are more likely to pick up a book themselves. The messages we send around reading and the value placed on it at home and school greatly influence our boys' attitudes and dispositions.

I thank Ms Vicki Palmer and Ms Dani Smith for making Book Week such an enjoyable event and for the incredible role they play in nurturing our reading culture.

Middle School end-of-term assembly

Parent invitation

All Middle School parents are invited to attend the end of Term 1 assembly next **Thursday 28 March, commencing at 8.30am**. Please proceed to the Centenary Hall Gallery for seating.

Rebecca Campbell
Acting Head of Middle School

Deputy Headmaster – Students

David Carroll

Boys and Sleep Health

Week 8 has been busy as we enter the final few weeks of Term 1.

It was refreshing to witness the strong attendance at the Sleep Health Information Evening for parents on Monday night. Sleep expert Lisa Maltman gave parents a clear indication as to their role in assisting boys with sleep. I agree with her belief that we need to address the topic personally, so as to model good practice for our children. If we are to have any impact, we must first address the issue ourselves. The benefit, of course, is that it will be incredibly valuable to our health and wellbeing.

This concept is no different from other areas, as modelling good practice is the key to so many aspects of effective parenting. I encourage you to visit [The Sleep Connection website](#) and access the useful resources on offer, particularly focusing on pre-sleep and post-waking routines. These are crucial to the establishment of your body clock, which is in turn crucial to effective sleep patterns.

National Closing the Gap Day

Today was the Closing the Gap assembly. This is an important assembly each year at BGS as we continue to develop the awareness of our community on the roles we play to assist in closing the gap for Indigenous people. I congratulate the Closing the Gap Committee senior leader, Jude Forrest, who spoke brilliantly at today's assembly and who has done an excellent job leading the group this year. I thank Mr Selwyn Button who was our guest speaker at today's assembly. It was an excellent address and I do not doubt that it had an impact on everyone present.

As part of our actions in this area, the School has completed a draft of its Innovative Reconciliation Action Plan. This follows the completion of the Reflect Reconciliation Action Plan at the end of the 2018 school year. Both documents provide a plan for the community's actions in assisting closing the gap.



Director of Boarding

Berian Williams-Jones

This week, Lisa Maltman of The Sleep Connection once again visited Brisbane Grammar School to help with the School's processes and practices regarding sleep. In the past, Lisa has worked directly with Harlin House to monitor sleep patterns and to provide best practice examples as we develop and refine our approach. We aim to ensure your son gets the rest he needs to fulfil his potential.

Schools use data to check the effectiveness of processes and initiatives. Boarders have been providing data relating to their time asleep and the quality of that experience. We will review this information to appraise our current systems and refine our practices.

This works alongside a more traditional means of evaluation, in walking the corridors and making sure lights are out and boys are in bed. On Tuesday night of this week, I was particularly impressed by the Years 10 and 11 boys on the ground floor who had managed their bed routines to the extent that the only significant noise I could hear was the gentle snoring of one of our senior boys.

Our approach is simple: we establish a set routine that we adhere to, and in doing so look to manage access to technology and develop the habit of reading. From novels to set texts for English and even the occasional boy reading essays on pluralism; I am heartened by what I see.

The challenge is that such patterns and routines take time to establish. I encourage you to maintain the boarding bedtime and sleep routine over the coming break to assist your son in readiness for his continuing academic journey for the rest of the year. Should you wish to discuss anything concerning our sleep management process, please contact me directly. Your feedback is greatly valued.

Director of Outdoor Education

Derek Jervis

The Year 8 Outdoor Education program is designed to facilitate the development of teamwork in the class. The values and virtues that the students focus on include contributing to the group, communicating with peers, persisting, providing support and collaborating on tasks. These objectives run through the activities over the four-day program and the class reflect on both their own and their peers' achievements throughout the week.

Isaac Bassingthwaight stood out this week as a thoughtful and team-oriented student. Isaac consistently engaged in all the activities, was willing to put others first and was most recognised by his peers for demonstrating the value and virtue objectives of the week. Doug Chapman was fantastic during the group initiative activities. Doug was willing to take a leadership role and made great contributions to his group's experience on the expedition and at the campsite.

Morgan Jury made an impression on the class by the way he communicated, talked to and listened to everyone during the activities, duties and even in free time. Max Clarke showed some refined climbing techniques on the rock-climbing wall. The class recognised that Max showed great persistence throughout the program.

Form seniors Josh Khoo and Lochie Pheely were wonderful mentors for 8B. They showed strong leadership and initiative throughout the program and embraced the opportunity to return to support their Form Class through the experience. Josh and Lochie worked particularly well together to demonstrate different facilitation and leadership styles and guide the class through the challenges of the program.

Ms Naomi Russell joined her form class for the experience and enjoyed watching the boys operate in a new and challenging setting. Mr Sam Lobascher visited the class to complete the bushwalk on Mt Alford and watch the boys navigate and work as a team to complete the journey.

Click to view the [8B photos](#) and [8B video](#) of the boys' experiences.

P&F Moogerah Committee Bushwalk

The P&F Moogerah Committee Bushwalk is on Sunday 28 April this year. There are two walking options taking in some of the features of the new Outdoor Education property. Contact committee president Will Siganto for more information at will.siganto@postconrisk.com.au.



Director of Student Services

Dale Nicholas

Changes to qualifications allowed for Year 12 school leaver entry to university

In the new System of Assessment and Tertiary Entry (SATE) there are changes to the qualifications allowed for school leavers when applying to university. Decisions about the use of qualifications other than the ATAR are made by individual institutions. For example, in the case of UQ and QUT AMEB qualifications are no longer accepted for school leaver entry in 2021. The information below provides information on decisions made by the three Brisbane universities.

The University of Queensland

In the year that a student completes high school, the only ranking that will be awarded to a UQ preference will be that of the new ATAR when it comes into effect for the first time in 2020.

From 2020 onwards, UQ will no longer allow school-leaver applicants to receive a standalone selection rank based on a VET award alone. This is in response to the introduction of the new SATE system. Currently, students can use VET awards to gain a separate tertiary entrance rank in Queensland in addition to their OP or school studies. Under the new system, a completed VET award may be used in the calculation of a student's ATAR where it is one of the student's best eligible study results.

Advice from the Admissions Office at the University indicates that this decision also applies to 'alternative qualifications' and includes ranks gained from Music, Dance, and Speech and Drama qualifications from providers such as AMEB.

This change will only impact students applying to UQ for tertiary entry in the year immediately following Year 12. Non-school-leaver applicants will still be able to use their VET and other qualifications to apply for entry to UQ in subsequent years, and this change will not impact students completing their OP in 2019.

The full UQ statement is available [here](#).

Queensland University of Technology

QUT will not accept non-AQF performing arts qualifications, such as AMEB or Trinity College. You can read more on QUT standards for entry to the new system [here](#).

Griffith University

Griffith University has a statement on their website which indicates that from 2021 the ATAR will be the admission pathway for Year 12 students applying to study a Griffith undergraduate program. They have a commitment to the continuation of VET pathways and the details of this can be found [here](#).

Director of Information Services

Cathy Oxley

In each of our three libraries, we work hard to make reading a normal and important part of our students' lives. The Book Week activities that our Middle School boys have been enjoying this past week are a result of the dedication and hard work of our library staff; in particular Teacher Librarians Ms Vicki Palmer and Ms Dani Smith. Books and reading also feature prominently on our library website and, if you haven't visited lately, you can find us [here](#) or click on the image below. Take a few minutes to explore all the wonderful resources on offer for your boys.



At the end of this term, we will be updating our Library Management System to promote books and reading even more effectively. The new system offers greater functionality, such as:

- Intuitive searching
- Tailored book reading lists
- Curated book widgets
- Integration of e-resources

We are confident that both students and staff will transition easily to the new system, and we're keen to explore what it can offer to improve the boys' reading enjoyment and literacy levels.

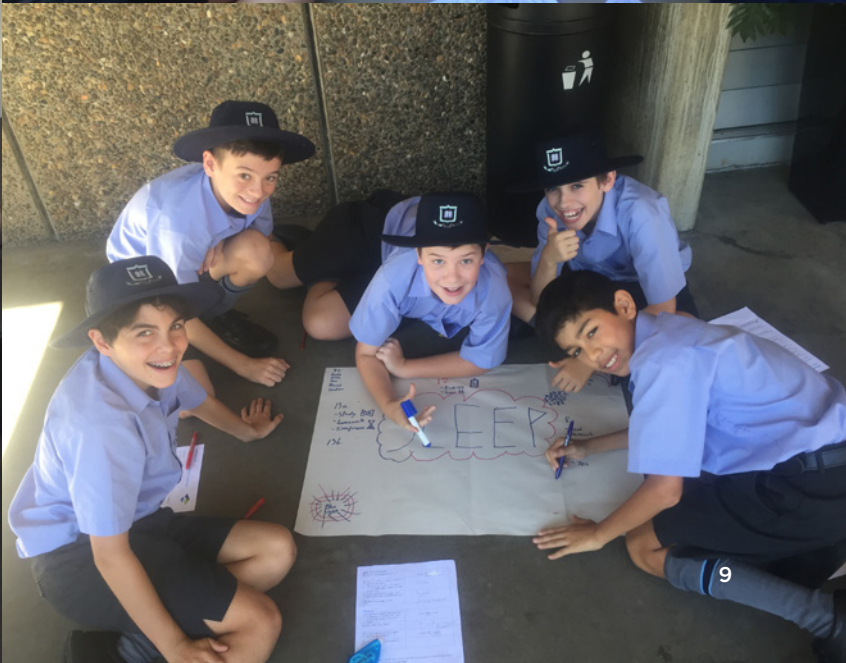
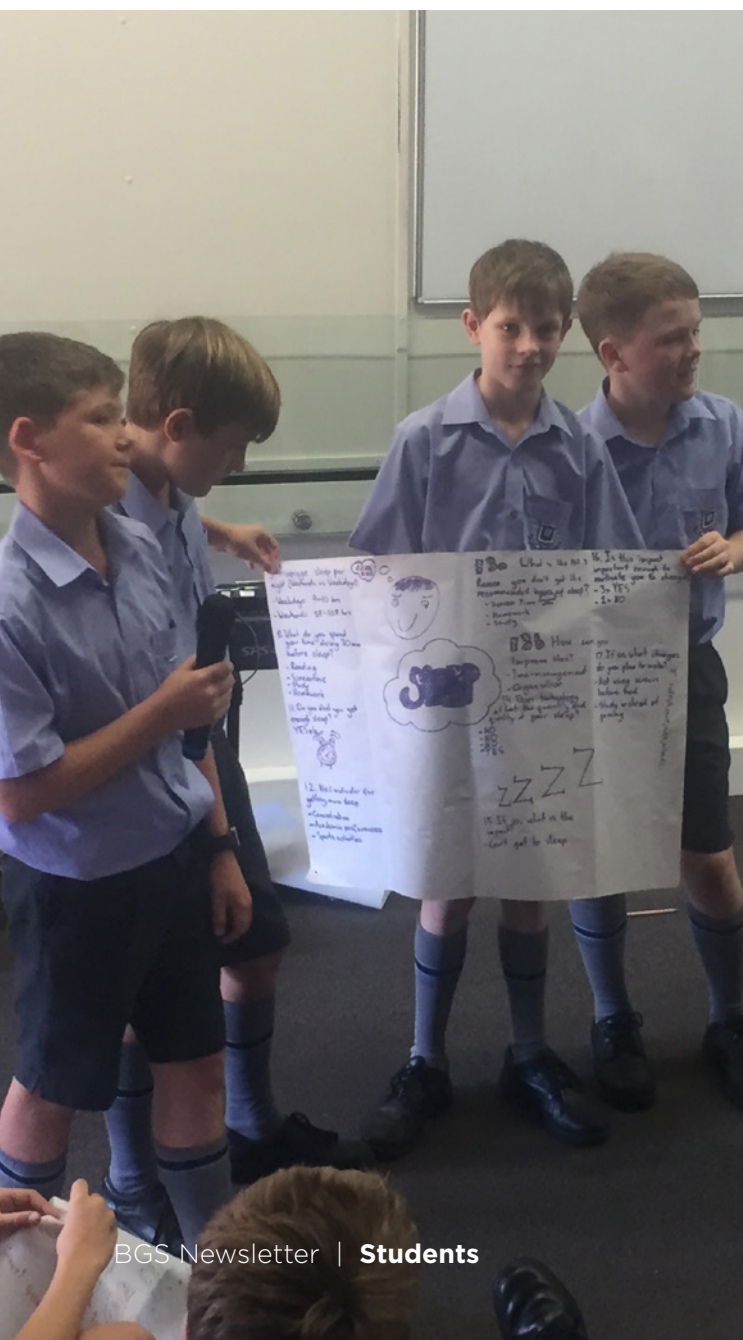
Director of Student Wellbeing Programs

Philippa Douglas

On Tuesday, boys in Year 7 participated in a workshop focusing on the importance of sleep on their emotional and physical wellbeing. Lisa Maltman from The Sleep Connection explained to boys that improving their sleeping habits is the simplest way to improve their overall health, resilience and performance. Throughout the workshop, boys developed an awareness of the current level of sleep deprivation among students and the effect this is having on all aspects of their lives. Boys were also empowered with knowledge, practical strategies and tools to make informed decisions regarding their sleep health.

Interestingly, most boys' motivations to improve their sleep were similar to what we expected — improvements in mood, energy, concentration, academic and sport performance. It was very positive to see how aware boys were of the impact poor quality sleep had on their relationships at school and home and how they really didn't care as much about people when they were tired. This was something they wanted to improve on. The issues explored during the workshop will be further discussed during student wellbeing lessons.

Some excellent follow up resources can be accessed [here](#). These links include information on child/ adolescent sleep health as well as information to support adults. There are also links related to technology use, time management, sport performance, along with mental health and wellbeing tools via Smiling Mind.



Senior winter uniforms

Senior winter uniforms are to be worn from Tuesday 7 May 2019. All Senior students (Years 9 to 12) who do not currently have a blazer will need to come to the Grammar Shop to purchase a blazer and white shirts. If embroidery is needed on the pocket, the yellow Colour Awards form can be picked up from the Co-Curricular Office and brought to the Grammar Shop with the blazer. The deadline for submitting blazers with yellow forms is the last day of term, Friday 5 April 2019. If there are any questions regarding Senior uniforms and embroidery, please contact the Grammar Shop on (07) 3834 5347.

Nancy West
BGS Grammar Shop Convenor

Senior hat repair service

The Grammar Shop is pleased to offer a Senior hat clean, re-block and repair service through Hat Revival. Repairs include rips and cuts (not actual holes) and replacement of the inside leather band.

Price List

- Clean and re-block only \$25.00
- Individual repairs \$8.00 each
- New leather band \$20.00

Please Note that Hat Revival will not do individual repairs only without also doing a clean and re-block. For example, a repair for two rips will also include a clean and re-block for a total of \$41.00.

Process

- Contact the Grammar Shop to request a Senior hat repair and drop the hat off by Wednesday morning. The student will be given an orange hat slip to show that his hat is in for repair.
- The Hat Revival representative will collect hats needing repair on Wednesday. Repaired hats are returned to the Grammar Shop the following Wednesday.
- Payment for repaired hats will be taken at the time of collection by the student.

If you have any questions about this service, please contact the Grammar Shop at 3834 5347.

Tablet PC maintenance

Parents of students in Years 8 to 10 are advised that maintenance will be carried out on student Tablet PCs during their son's scheduled Outdoor Education experience.

This includes a physical inspection and a reimage to ensure software is up to date. If students have specific issues they would like looked at by the technicians, they are asked to attach a note to the device when it is handed in. Note that if problems outside of the warranty arrangements are found, they will be dealt with under the Somerville Repair Agreement. Students will drop the tablet (in its bag) to E102 prior to their departure for Moogerah. Students can pick up their Tablet PC on Friday afternoon when they return from Moogerah. Failing that, it can be picked up the following Monday.

Each student will receive notification and further details as their time is scheduled.

Greg Dabelstein
Dean of Curriculum

Deputy Head – Co-Curriculum

Greg Thorne

Music

At assembly this week, four percussionists formed a marimba quartet, performing a short piece which highlighted the unique sound capabilities of marimbas of various sizes playing together. It is wonderful to be able to share music in the life of the School in this way and I look forward to future performances in this setting.

This school week concludes with the Music Soiree showcasing the great talent nurtured within our Music program. Through Friday afternoon into the evening, all manner of ensembles will fill the campus with the gift of music. I offer our best wishes for a superb evening to the Head of Music, Music teachers and tutors, the Music Support Group and, of course, the boys.

Rowing

The GPS Head of the River was a memorable conclusion to the season for many boys, coaches and parents. Crews were able to compete at their best and our seniors were immensely proud to lead the Boatshed on the day. I congratulate all involved this season and take the opportunity to thank the Rowing support group, Tipperoo, for their ongoing efforts

Rugby

As the Headmaster has already written this year, our planning and preparation for the 2019 GPS Rugby season are being guided by the recommendations in the [Bell Review](#). To begin preparations in Term 2, we are seeking expressions of interest for those wishing to play BGS Rugby. Details follow in this newsletter and are also available on MyGrammar.

Parent information sessions about the 2019 season will be held soon.

GPS Sailing

This week at assembly, our competitors in the GPS Sailing Championships will be presented, ahead of their events on Sunday. I wish to thank Mr Paul Kobez for his leadership as MiC of the Sailing program and I also wish to acknowledge the Spinnakers and their support of Mr Kobez and our boys.

I look forward to a wonderful day of sailing on Sunday.

Community

This week I attended the AGM of the BGS Parents & Friends' (P&F) Association.

This group and the sub-groups within apply themselves and their time for the benefit of our boys; past, present and future. From speaking to the parents gathered at this meeting and those I meet as I visit activities each week, there is a common element of both selflessness and community.

Many of the support groups apply their support within the co-curricular areas. All groups are active almost all year round and there is a wonderful spirit among the groups.

To all involved in our support groups in some way, thank you. If you would like to be involved in any co-curricular support groups, please contact louise.evans@brisbanegrammar.com for more information.

Cricket

After a tough round of fixtures against Gregory Terrace last weekend, our boys were ready to bounce back against another strong cricketing school in Nudgee College. With stormy skies above and all fixtures cancelled at Nudgee, it was pleasing to see all matches yet again commence on time at Northgate. Special thanks must go to our ground staff who do a wonderful job each week preparing such wonderful facilities for our boys. A severe storm put a dampener on most fixtures scheduled for the afternoon; however, we managed to complete 13 GPS matches and three supplementary matches in Toowoomba. BGS were successful in three of the 13 matches with wins recorded in the First XI, Second XI and the 9As. Our Second XI continued their good form to remain undefeated with two rounds to go. Congratulations and good luck boys!

Round 4 highlights

- Oscar Smith – 52* (63)
- Jayden Muller (11B) – 70 (67) **(pictured right)**
- Parth Mehta (First XI) – 3/14
- Griff Adams (First XI) – 4/22
- Charles Harris (8D Navy) – 46 runs

Team of the Week

Due to renovations at Ross Oval at Nudgee, the First XI fixture was played at Allan Border Field. Our boys chose to bowl first and were immediately rewarded, decimating their top order to have them 5/13. Parth Mehta had figures of 2/0 off 6 overs from his opening spell and Griff Adams finished with 4/22 off 8 overs. A middle order revival saw NC claw their way to 124. Our boys remained composed throughout the run chase to pass their total in the 30th over for the loss of 6 wickets. Bailey Curran finished with 27* and Hugh Weibgen 14*. Well done boys.

Player of the Round

As mentioned above, Griff Adams bowled superbly for the First XI to finish with figures of 4/22 off 8 overs. Griff has bowled economically all season and opposition teams are struggling to score more than three runs an over off his bowling.

This weekend we face Brisbane State High School in 17 GPS fixtures and the Years 5 and 6 boys play Gregory Terrace for the Spring Hill Cup. We wish all our boys the very best of luck.

Just a reminder to register for the end of season presentation afternoon at the Queensland Cricketers Club on Sunday 31 March.

Trevor Irvine
Director of Cricket



Cross Country

Years 5 to 12 GPS competition

With only two and half weeks until our first meet, it is important that boys ensure they are well prepared by undertaking training. We will be testing next week to measure improvement from the start of the term. We will then group students into Platinum, Gold, Silver or Bronze.

Students in Year 7 to Year 12 who have signed on for the Cross Country camp will receive information via email next week. A reminder that squad members should enhance their aerobic capacity by completing a long run on Saturday or Sunday. A guide is listed below.

Week 6	Bronze	Silver	Gold	Platinum
Saturday or Sunday	25 min steady state run	35 min steady state run	45 min steady state run	55 min steady state run

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 3 April	BSHS/BBC Cross Country Minnippi
Monday 8, Wednesday 10, Friday 12 April	Holiday training BGS 7.00am – 8.00am
Monday 15 – Wednesday 17 April	Years 7 to 12 BGS Cross Country Camp Tallebudgera

Information on BGS Cross Country can be found on MyGrammar. This includes information on leadership, BGS selection for the GPS Championship, Age Championship calculation and selection for Met North.

If you have any questions regarding the Cross Country program, please contact Mr John Clancy at john.clancy@brisbanegrammar.com.

John Clancy
MiC Cross Country

Fencing

Whites Hire | Monday 25 – Thursday 28 March

Fencers can hire jackets and breeches, and buy long socks and gloves from our parent support group, the Musketeers. Parents will help fencers organise their gear for the season **each day from 3.15pm to 4.45pm** in the ISC downstairs classroom.

- Monday 25 March | Years 5 and 6
- Tuesday 26 March | Year 7
- Wednesday 27 March | Years 8 and 9
- Thursday 28 March | Years 10, 11 and 12

Boys with whites from last year should still come in to pay for this year's hire.

Boys should wear their gym gear and bring a completed **Whites Hire Form**, which can also be found under the Resources tab on the Fencing page on MyGrammar. Whites hire can also be arranged during the Easter camp.

First IV and 10A team trials

Trials for team places in the First IV and 10As are taking place in the last week of term, from **Monday 1 to Thursday 4 April**. Good luck to all competing.

Easter camp

The annual Easter fencing camp will take place in the Indoor Sports Centre from **Monday 15 to Wednesday 17 April**, during the last week of the break. It is a great opportunity to get back in the groove after summer sport. Details will be forwarded to all fencers very soon.

Team events and training squads

BGS Fencing takes part in the Brisbane School Fencing Team fixtures every year, which this year will be held **each Saturday from 4 May to 8 June** at Yeronga Park Fitness Centre.

The event that each boy will be involved in and the training squad that he will need to attend will be published on MyGrammar.

Boys should check that they are down for the correct weapon and can be at Yeronga Park Fitness Centre (see Venues) on those times and dates.

Training begins on **Wednesday 24 April** and continues until **Thursday 27 June 2019**.

If you have any questions, please email jim.hill@brisbanegrammar.com.

Shakespeare's quote on fencing this week: 'One sudden foil shall never breed distrust.'
—Henry VI, Part I

Mr James Hill
Acting MiC Fencing

Rowing

The 2019 Rowing Season concluded last Saturday morning in front of large crowds at Wyaralong Dam. The team had some exciting performances with some very close margins, resulting in fifth place in the Old Boys' Cup and sixth place in a fast Open First VIII race, competing for the O'Connor Cup.

The water was still with a very gentle breeze following the crews down the course as a tailwind. A light drizzle and overcast conditions were above the course, keeping the temperature cool and perfect for racing.

Our Year 9 boys started the day well with many good performances across the age group. While some crews had mishaps, five out of nine crews placed in the top four, with three crews securing third place.

Congratulations to our Ninth, Eighth and Seventh division crews on their strong third place performances. I look forward to working with all the boys in the seasons to come.

Year 9 crew	Place
First	4th
Second	6th
Third	5th
Fourth	6th
Fifth	4th
Sixth	6th
Seventh	3rd
Eighth	3rd
Ninth	3rd

Next came the much-anticipated Years 10 to 12 GPS Championship racing. All season, there have been very closely fought contests among crews in a range of divisions. The Year 10 crews had a strong representation last Saturday, securing one second, three fourth, one fifth and one sixth place.

Some of these results do not illustrate the exciting contest in which these races were fought, with some tight margins making for some of the best races of the day. Congratulations to all our Year 10s on their seasons and Head of the River performances. The coaching staff are truly excited to work with you in the sweep boats next season.

Year 10 crew	Place
First	4th
Second	2nd
Third	5th
Fourth	4th
Fifth	4th
Sixth	6th

Our Year 11 and Open crews finished off the regatta. Like any senior division, these eights races are very strongly contested. The Year 11 boys enjoyed some of their best racing of the season, with the Year 11 Thirds in the race for the entire 2000m and the Year 11 Firsts beating Churchie across the line.

For our Opens, it was many of these boys' last races for BGS Rowing, with 13 of 18 boys in Year 12.

Pre-race, the coaches spoke about leaving their best performance on the water. The boys did exactly that, with our Open Second VIII fighting to the line with Gregory Terrace, only to be pipped in the final metres. Our Open First VIII contested one of the tightest O'Connor Cup races in recent memory, with only four seconds between first to

fourth and 0.3 seconds between fifth and sixth. The BGS boys raced a time of 6:11.78, and in dead conditions, was their fastest performance of the season.

Crew	Place
Open First	6th
Open Second	5th
Year 11 First	5th
Year 11 Second	6th
Year 11 Third	7th

I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all the boys and coaches on a fantastic Rowing season. It takes a large amount of effort from many people to make the season possible, so I thank every person for their commitment to our program. It is a challenge to take over a Rowing program mid-season, however with the support of the community it has been an easier transition.

Thank you to the supporters who came to support the team at Wyaralong. It was wonderful to see BGS colours flying proudly across the dam supporting the boys.

Finally, congratulations to our Captain of Boats, Lachlan Colledge and Vice Captain, Noah Rosemann. These boys have led the Rowing team wonderfully this year, showing incredible leadership to the entire squad. Well done gentlemen.

Head of the River overall results

School	Points
ACGS	105
GT	98
TSS	90
NC	89
BGS	49
BBC	40
BSHS	5

Open First VIII

School	Place
NC	1st
GT	2nd
TSS/ACGS (dead heat)	3rd
BBC	5th
BGS	6th
BSHS	7th

Matt Marden
Director of Rowing



Swimming

Please note that the table of race winners published in last week's newsletter was incomplete. Congratulations to the following swimmers for winning their races at the GPS Swimming Championship:

Junior Championship

Name	Event	Time
Cashy Luo	11&U 100m Freestyle (Div. 1)	47.41
	11&U 50m Backstroke (Div. 1)	35.34 - GPS Record
	11&U 50m Freestyle (Div. 1)	31.27
	11&U 50m Butterfly (Div. 1)	33.33 - GPS Record
	11&U 50m Breaststroke (Div. 2)	43.16
Max Gao	11&U 50m Breaststroke (Div. 1)	43.29
Cashy Luo, Max Gao, Charles Nelson, Archer Boorer	11&U 4x50m Medley Relay (Div. 1)	2.29.82 - GPS Record
Aaron Alphonso	10&U 50m Breaststroke (Div. 4)	53.10
Archer Boorer	11&U 50m Breaststroke (Div. 3)	42.85
Lachlan Baker	10&U 50m Backstroke (Div. 2)	44.54
Henry Slatter	12&U 50m Freestyle (Div. 5)	32.35

Senior Championship

Name	Event	Time
Hunter Pyne	16&U 100m Freestyle	52.84 - GPS record
Tom Rimmington	Open 100m Breaststroke	1.05.46
Tom Crossley, Josh Hardess, Gus Whittome, Tom Rimmington	Open 4x50m Medley Relay	1.48.43

Matt Logan
MiC Swimming

Tennis

School Championship

Sunday 24 March will be the final day of the School Championship. Due to the Volleyball End of Season event at 1.00pm on Sunday, we will aim to allow players involved with Volleyball to play first. Other matches will be on a first-come, first-play basis.

Due to the tight schedule, the format will be a first-to-four game set with a tiebreak at three-all. Semi finals and finals matches will be a normal first-to-six game set.

Times for Sunday 24 March

Age Group	Time
Years 10 and 11	8.00am
Year 9	11.00am
Open	TBA
Finals (5, 6, 7, 8)	12.00pm

GPS teams and training squads

GPS Tennis teams will be announced at the start of Term 2. Training squads will be announced by Friday 29 March.

Easter camps

Following the popularity of the Christmas holiday camps, we will once again hold two camps at Easter. These will offer the choice of all-day or half-day sessions and will be a combination of coaching and match play. These camps will be available to players of all levels. They are another great way to improve your rallying, service and match-play in preparing for the upcoming GPS season.

- **Camp 1 | Tuesday 2 April – Friday 5 April**
- **Camp 2 | Monday 8 April – Thursday 11 April**

Please register for camps via tennis@brisbanegrammar.com. For more information, contact Harry Lee on 0400 983 336. Sign-on is confirmed via payment, with payment information available on MyGrammar.

Michael Fancutt
Director of Tennis

Volleyball

Last Saturday, Brisbane Grammar School took on Churchie at home. I am pleased to report BGS came away with 12 wins from 21 played, in what were highly competitive matches against the benchmark school in the GPS competition. As a key performance metric for the BGS Volleyball program, I have been tracking total program wins throughout the season. Below is the current leaderboard based on aggregate points. This adds greater context to all matches coming up on Saturday 23 March.

Team	Points
BGS	116
ACGS	102
BBC	110
GT	96
NC	44
IGS	34
BSHS	46
TGS	28

In what has been an incredibly successful season so far, we have finally arrived at our final GPS match of the year. Gregory Terrace are a traditionally strong volleyball program, driven by a desire to be 'King of Spring Hill'. I encourage all BGS players to trust in team systems, coaches and most importantly teammates, as we look to reach the pinnacle of our performance this season.

Coxy's three talking points from Round 6:

- **Highlight** – The competitive spirit in all matches from 7E to First VI
- **Lowlight** – Very late finish to the day (5.00pm)
- **Team of the Week** – 8D (epic three-set match with a full highlight reel)

Good luck to all BGS teams tomorrow. Remember to check the team list and draw carefully. As this is a home fixture, there are duty commitments this week. There are also matches being played at Gregory Terrace and these teams will also have duty. If you have not been to a First VI match yet, this is the one! The BGS First VI will challenge Gregory Terrace for second place in what will no doubt be a highly entertaining match.

The End of Season Presentation is on this Sunday 24 March. All students are reminded to wear full academic uniform for this event. This event starts at 1.00pm in the Indoor Sports Centre. Please check MyGrammar for all details.

I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday to celebrate an incredible season.

Rhys Cox
Director of Volleyball

Middle School Sport

As we head towards the end of the term, many of our boys find themselves in the predicament where their current sport or activity is clashing with the preseason preparation for next term. Despite our assurances that this is not the case, boys feel they must attend training and trials for the next season for fear of missing out on selection. While it is our expectation that the in-season activity should take priority, I would also strongly recommend ensuring that your has son has contacted the staff member in charge of next term's activity to let them know he intends on participating but currently has a clash that prevents him from attending.

Middle School Cricket

With the wet conditions experienced last Friday afternoon into Saturday morning, we were very fortunate to get most of our home Cricket fixtures completed. Unfortunately, all matches scheduled to be played at Nudgee College were cancelled due to concerns about the fitness of their grounds for play.

As a result of the byes associated with the Brisbane State High School round, this Saturday we are contesting the Spring Hill Cup with our neighbours from Gregory Terrace. Last year GT were decisive winners of the Cup and our boys will have to perform at their best if they are to wrest it back this year.

Team	Won by	Team	Won by	Team	Won by	Team	Won by
5A	NC	6A	DNP	7A	NC	8A	DNP
5B	NC	6B	DNP	7B	DNP	8B	DNP
5C	NC	6C	DNP	7C	NC	8C	DNP
5D	NC	6D	DNP	7D	DNP	8D	DNP
5D Sky	NC	6D Sky	DNP	7D Sky	NC	8D Sky	TGS
				7D Navy	DNP	8D Navy	TGS

Team	Player of the Week	Team	Player of the Week
5A	Matt Petersen	6A	No game
5B	Harvey Munday	6B	No game
5C	Rohan Morris	6C	No game
5D	Sahil Mohan	6D	No game
5D Sky	Shub Garg	6D Sky	No game
Team	Player of the Week	Team	Player of the Week
7A	Archie Austin	8A	No game
7B	No game	8B	No game
7C	Sam Klaassen	8C	No game
7D	No game	8D	No game
7D Sky	Max Hammer	8D Sky	Flynn Molloy
7D Navy	No game	8D Navy	Charles Harris

Middle School Volleyball

Last Saturday's performance against ACGS was outstanding for our Middle School teams. Churchie have a reputation as a strong volleyball community and the clean sweep by our Year 7 teams was a wonderful achievement. I would like to also acknowledge the performance of the 8A team with their great win over a strong Churchie team.

This week we play Gregory Terrace in the final round of the competition and much of the focus will be on seeing if the 7B and 7C teams can remain undefeated for the entire season.

I look forward to seeing many of you at the End of Season Volleyball function this Sunday afternoon. This is a very enjoyable event with some great volleyball played as well as the usual end of season formalities and festivities.

Team	Player of the Week	Team	Player of the Week
7A	Isaac McNally	8A	Zac Pherous
7B	Oscar Bollard	8B	Ronan Mellick
7C	Andrew Bade	8C	Tom Clarke
7D	Mitchell Khoo	8D	Nicholas Meade
7E	James Mak		

Team	Won by	Team	Won by
7A	BGS	8A	BGS
7B	BGS	8B	ACGS
7C	BGS	8C	ACGS
7D	BGS	8D	ACGS
7E	BGS		

Middle School Debating

All Middle School teams are back in action this Friday evening at Nudgee College. It is a short preparation for all Years 7 and 8 teams and a prepared debate for all Years 5 and 6 teams.

Team	Won by	Team	Won by	Team	Won by	Team	Won by
8.1	BGS	7.1	BGS	6.1	IGS	5.1	BGS
8.2	BGS	7.2	BGS	6.2	IGS	5.2	

Debaters of the Week			
Year 8	Year 7	Year 6	Year 5
Chris Lui	Robert Cochrane	Anson Qiu-Tang	Nick Kelso

Middle School Tennis

Congratulations to all players who contested the BGS Tennis Championship over the past few Sundays. This week we wish all our finalists well in their bid to become the champion of their year level. Regardless of the outcome it is an achievement to have progressed through to this level in such a high-quality field of competition. Well done.

Year	BGS Tennis Championship Finalists Sunday 24 March	
Year 5	Cashy Luo	Aaron Alphonso
Year 6	Angus Bale	Ryan Bashirzadeh
Year 7	Adam James	Archie Austin
Year 8	Sam Fancutt	Isaac Smyth

Congratulations

Congratulations to Henry Slatter on selection in the City District AFL team.

Glenn McFarlane
Director of Middle School Sport

Volunteer Roster

Week commencing Monday 25 March 2019

Tuckshop (07) 3834 5229 | Grammar Shop (07) 3834 5347
Roster Secretary Wendy Smith — email wsmith@visis.com.au

Grammar Shop hours

Monday, Wednesday and Friday 7.30am – 11.00am
Tuesday, Thursday 7.30am – 9.00am

Tuckshop hours

Weekdays 7.00am – 2.00pm

Week One	Tuckshop Breakfast 7.00am – 8.00am	Tuckshop Morning Tea 8.00am – 2.00pm	Grammar Shop
Monday 25 March	Sharne Tierney	Louise Rosemann (Team Captain)	Anna Maria Sciacca
Tuesday 26 March	Helana Barrientos	Judith Edmunds (Team Captain)	Sam Harris
Wednesday 27 March	Vanessa Simpson Leta Dempsey	Catriona Labrom (Team Captain)	Fiona Brockhurst
Thursday 28 March	Julia Long	Christine Matheson (Team Captain)	Alison McConaghy
Friday 29 March	Alice Chiang Yeni Cook Helen Dobson Sirie Pamos	Andrea Hurwood (Team Captain)	Janelle Munns

2019 Calendar

Term 1

Tuesday 29 January – Friday 5 April

Term 2

Wednesday 24 April – Friday 21 June

Term 3

Tuesday 16 July – Friday 20 September

Term 4

Tuesday 8 October – Friday 29 November

Upcoming Events

Grammar in Concert

Sunday 19 May

P&F Auxiliary Moogerah Excursion

Thursday 23 May

Melbourne Community Event

Tuesday 28 May

Sydney Community Event

Thursday 30 May

Art Show

Friday 19 July

BGS Open Day

Saturday 20 July

BGS Golf Day

Friday 23 August

BGSOBA Annual Reunion Dinner

Saturday 31 August



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 12 Parents Casual Morning Tea



**You are invited to join fellow Year 12 parents
and friends for a casual morning tea
at Buzz Gasworks on Friday 29 March.**

Date

Friday 29 March 2019

Time

8.30am onwards

RSVP

None required –
just show up!

Venue

Buzz Gasworks @ Gasworks Plaza, Skyring Terrace, Newstead

**For more information please contact
Year 12 Parent Representative, Jo Mower**

T 0419 233 787 E jomower@mac.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

P&F Auxiliary Moogerah Day Out



**You are invited to join fellow parents for a day out visiting the
BGS Outdoor Education Centre followed by lunch at a local vineyard.**

Date

Wednesday 22 May

Time

8.30am to 4.00pm

Tickets

\$75.00 *

Morning Tea

Pepperina Hill
1156 Lake Moogerah Road, Moogerah

Lunch

Kooroomba Vineyard & Lavender Farm
168 Bells Road, Mount Alford

Purchase Tickets

Closing Date - Tuesday 14 May 2019

Limited tickets available.

* Price includes bus transport, morning tea and two course lunch.

Transport by bus only. Buses will depart the School at 8.30am and return by approximately 4.00pm

For more information please contact

P&F Auxiliary Vice President Leisa Chapman

T 0412 038 119 E leisachapman@bigpond.com

50th annual BGS Art Show 'Aurum'

The Brisbane Grammar School Art Support Group is delighted to present the 50th Annual Art Show, *Aurum*.

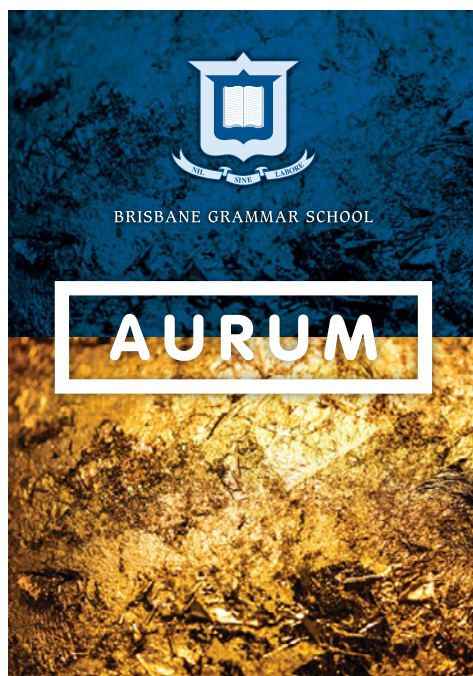
The event commences with a ticketed Gala Opening on Friday 19 July at 7.00pm, followed by free admission on Saturday 20 July from 10.00am to 3.00pm, coinciding with Open Day. Tickets include canapés, supper, beer and wine. Parking is available during the event.

The Annual Art Show originally coincided with Foundation Day and the date was later moved to accompany the celebrations of Open Day. The Art Support Group has operated for over 50 years, raising funds for the development and maintenance of the School's Art Collection, which is displayed throughout the campus. The Art Show itself aims to enrich the cultural life of the students and wider School community.

For more information and previews of available works, please visit the Instagram account [@bgsartshow](#) or Facebook page [BGS Annual Art Show](#).

For information about the Art Support Group, please email art.committee@brisbanegrammar.com.

Tickets are now on sale.



The Brisbane Grammar School Art Support Group is proud to present the opening of the 50th Annual Art Show 2019.

Join us in Centenary Hall for an evening of fine art, jewellery, wine, food and BGS musicians.

Special Guest Artists

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Lincoln Austin

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BGS Cricket

End of Season Function



Please join us in celebrating the 2019 GPS Cricket Season Year 5 - 12

Date

Sunday 31 March 2019

Time

12.30pm to 3.30pm

Tickets

\$45 adults
\$15 students

Venue

Queensland Cricketers' Club, 411 Vulture St, East Brisbane QLD 4169

Dress

Smart Casual *students to wear summer uniform

[RSVP here](#)

by Monday 25 March 2019

For more information please contact
Louise Evans – PA to Deputy Head Co-Curriculum

T 07 3834 5256 E louise.evans@brisbanegrammar.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BGS Football Welcome Function 2019



Please join us in celebrating
the 2019 GPS Football Season

Date

Thursday 4 April 2019

Time

6.30pm - 9.00pm

Tickets

\$25 per person

Venue

Function Room
The Lilley Centre
Brisbane Grammar School

RSVP here

by Monday 1 April 2019

For more information please contact
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Return the form below to the music office OR by email to tamal@bigpond.com

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- When:** Throughout Term 1. Drawn in Week 10 of Term 1.
- Where:** Year 10 Public Purpose members will be visiting all year level social spaces and outside of The Lilley Centre at lunchtimes.
- How:** Bring cash or coins to school and purchase a raffle ticket from the Public Purpose members.
- Cost:** \$1/ticket; \$2 for 3

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