

Newsletter

Week 9 Term 1

Friday 29 March 2019



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Kerridge Cup



Book Week

Deputy Head - Co-Curriculum

Greg Thorne

Busy is a word which understates the activity levels at Brisbane Grammar School over the course of the first term of the year. Before classes commence in January our boys are touring interstate, attending camps, rehearsing and playing trial matches. Our teaching and support staff are working to support these opportunities while also preparing to guide our students through their academic year. Everyone is busy for the benefit of our students.

Students, staff and parents who are new to BGS at the start of the year could potentially be challenged by the transition. I speak from personal experience when I say that those perceptions of BGS that a newcomer may hold invariably turn out to be merely that; perceptions. With 150 years of educational excellence, a breadth of curricular and co-curricular offerings and an extraordinary reputation of producing great leaders and thinkers, what I have found within BGS is built on history, guiding the present and directed towards our students' future. The BGS community extends the hand of friendship to greet newcomers with genuine warmth and interest, welcoming us all on our own BGS journey. With the new comes new ideas, perspectives and energy, adding to this great community. Which, again, is for the benefit of our students.

When students choose to truly engage at BGS, they answer the call to step outside of their comfort zone. By putting their hand up to try something new or extend themselves in a previous pursuit, students are invited to experience vulnerability, to persevere, collaborate, lead, demonstrate discipline, seek mastery and, along the way, enjoy the process with their peers; all within a supported, educational setting. At the end of the performance, season or show, students will gain intrinsic rewards and acknowledgment for their efforts. How we scaffold this entire process for students across our Co-Curriculum programs complements not only their academic outcomes now but also their outlook, thinking and approach to life beyond our gates — when that time eventually comes.

My team and I have committed ourselves to this endeavour, to challenge and inspire the young men of BGS through our Co-Curriculum offerings, with one common focus: our students.

This term, across the School, boys have had the opportunity to engage with our many co-curricular club activities, the Music program, Drama productions, Athletic Development, Debating, Swimming, Rowing, Cricket, Volleyball and Sailing. Boys have also had the opportunity to prepare for Cross Country, Tennis, Chess, Fencing, Football and Rugby.

As parents, you are engaged in those areas where your son develops his interests and many of you are going beyond a presence to support your son, giving of your time further to contribute to our support groups and the wonderful work of the Parents and Friends' Association. For this, we remain grateful as a community.

As we near the end of this busy and rewarding term, I wish to thank everyone for engaging in our Co-Curriculum program and our BGS community, providing so many individual and shared benefits for our students.

Last Friday evening, the Music Soiree and Welcome Function were held in the Great Hall and The Lilley Centre. It was a wonderful evening with a full range of musical talents on display for all to enjoy. Thank you to Mr Peter Ingram, Music staff, and the Music Support Group.

Last Saturday, the GPS Volleyball season concluded with fixtures against St Joseph's College, Gregory Terrace. The First VI again lifted themselves and their performance to another level, concluding the season with a 3-0 victory, claiming equal second place on the GPS Premiership ladder. Mr Rhys Cox deserves our gratitude for leading this high-performing and participative program in such a positive manner. He cannot do this alone and our gratitude extends to the academic staff, support staff and many Old Boy coaches who contribute to the ongoing success of BGS Volleyball.

This week we will conclude the GPS Debating season, facing teams from Brisbane Boys' College on Friday evening. I wish to thank Ms Ainslie Hunter and her talented team of academic and support staff who have contributed to the development of our debaters this GPS season. We wish them well in their final GPS round.

This Saturday will see the final GPS Cricket games of the 2019 season, with teams competing against Toowoomba Grammar School at Northgate and in Toowoomba. Mr Trevor Irvine has provided BGS cricketers with a program that develops both the player and the gentleman, in the true spirit of the game. For this and the many hours he and all our teaching and support staff have put into guiding our cricketers, thank you. We also wish you all every success in these final fixtures this weekend.

Finally, if your son is yet to engage in our Co-Curriculum offerings, please encourage him to take up one of the many opportunities in the coming term.

Deputy Headmaster - Students

David Carroll

Winter uniform

Students will be required to wear their winter uniform, including blazer, from Tuesday 7 May. This is the first day back following the Labour Day holiday. For boarding students, it will be important that they return from holidays with the correct gear for the change over between summer and winter uniform. If you have not purchased your son's blazer at this stage, please make contact with the Grammar Shop to organise this as soon as possible.

Senior hats

I would appreciate parents checking hats this weekend and contacting either the School Marshal's Office or the Grammar Shop if your son's hat needs repair. I have also asked Heads of Year to check hats. If a hat is in poor condition I will write to you and ask you to either get it mended or purchase a new hat. I am pleased with the boys' approach to hats, but I am also focused on ensuring that the standard is maintained.

AirPods

Students are permitted to bring earbuds to school to listen to music while travelling on public transport. They may also form part of what students require for some classes.

Students are not permitted to walk around the School wearing earbuds. I have informed the boys of this, and ask that AirPods are not brought to school as they are easily misplaced. Given the expense to replace them, I ask for your support. For use in class, it would be best for boys to bring an old pair of earbuds.

Hairstyles

A reminder that boys will need to return in Term 2 with an appropriate hairstyle. The guidelines are on MyGrammar. I suggest all parents take the time to read them so that your instructions to the hairdresser will avoid breaching School expectations.

Thank you for your continued support with these issues. Our partnership forms the cornerstone of the success of Brisbane Grammar School.

Director of Boarding

Berian Williams-Jones

One of the greatest privileges of being part of a boarding community is to work with young men of such differing and diverse talents.

Each week, we seek to celebrate the achievements and contributions of the boarders in Harlin House through the House Hero award. Our presentations for this week served to remind me of the great diversity of talent in the House and of the importance of the 'little things'.

Our senior award went to Sam Wolrige for his wonderful contribution to our community over the course of the weekend and the term. On Friday evening, Sam was a member of the Grammar Vocal Ensemble that performed in the Great Hall. Two days later he took part in the GPS Sailing Championship where BGS achieved second place to TSS. Given that Football training is already underway, alongside his many other commitments, I suspect next term will be no less busy.

Our junior award went to Ben Treacy for displaying wonderful courtesy and respect. As one of the younger members of the community I was hugely impressed that he took the time to thank Dining Room staff at the end of a recent dinner and to do so with great sincerity and appreciation.

With two such fine young men in House there is much for us to be encouraged by.



Director of Outdoor Education

Derek Jervis

8C experienced some of the wild weather that passes through the Scenic Rim. During their expedition, the boys were hit by a storm but were able to take shelter in their tents and in the campsite hut. This meant their walk up to Mt Alford was humid, but the class are to be congratulated for the way they managed the conditions and stayed positive. Lots of singing and chatting helped them complete the bushwalk, with Connor Haley taking the lead with both song suggestions and singing ability.

Brad Mackintosh was consistently the first to step forward, showing initiative and a willingness to put others first. Ethan Harcourt showed great persistence during the rock climbing session. He was committed to completing the crack climb and demonstrated his ability to keep on trying. Ethan was engaged in the whole outdoor education experience and showed a genuine interest in the outdoors. Brad Mackintosh, Damien Chan and Joe Keddy also showed their skills and determination during rock climbing to complete some of the hardest climbs.

Anush Mondal was a valued member of the expedition group. He guided his group through a lot of the expedition camping and worked hard to support his class. Will Sciacca made great contributions throughout the week. He showed concern for others and was aware of the needs of the group during the expedition. Harrison Ting demonstrated his leadership ability during the group initiative tasks, being willing to take the lead and direct his group.

Mrs Jenny Tap spent the week with the boys and showed the class how to fully engage in the program by taking every opportunity to be involved.

Mr Haydn Murray joined the class for their bushwalking day and got to experience the rock-hopping walk to Mt Alford through Rocky Creek.

Click to view the 8C photos and 8C 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 Medicine entry at The University of Queensland and information on UCAT

On Wednesday evening, BGS hosted a presentation from The University of Queensland on changes to entry criteria for their Medicine program and the introduction of UCAT, which replaces UMAT. A summary of information shared is below.

Entry to the Doctor of Medicine (MD) (Provisional Entry for School Leavers) requires a Queensland Year 12 or equivalent and an OP 1 or tertiary entrance rank of 99. Note that adjustment factors will apply at UQ. Additionally, applicants must sit the University Clinical Aptitude Test (UCAT) in the year of application.

Students must maintain a GPA of 5 in their undergraduate program and complete university-level subject prerequisites that must be completed before entry to the MD program. This means that students must plan their undergraduate program carefully as these prerequisites have prerequisites of their own. Click here for detailed information on these prerequisites.

From 2021 onwards (Current Year 11 students) Multiple Mini Interviews (MMI) will be part of the selection process. This will enable the University to assess non-academic qualities such as empathy, integrity and communication skills.

The University has identified three pathways to assist students. No one option is correct or preferred and students should choose an undergraduate degree of interest to them. These are outlined in the image below from the full Health, Behavioral Sciences and Medicine Guide, which can be found via **this link**.

PATHWAY A

UQ programs* that cover the prerequisite courses and provide health professional registration before entry to the MD:

Bachelor of Dental Science (Honours)
Bachelor of Midwifery
Bachelor of Nursing / Bachelor of
Midwifery
Bachelor of Nursing
Bachelor of Pharmacy (Honours)
Bachelor of Physiotherapy (Honours)
Bachelor of Speech Pathology (Honours)

PATHWAY B

UQ programs* with study plans that cover the prerequisite courses, or have elective space, before entry to the MD:

Bachelor of Biomedical Science

Bachelor of Clinical Exercise Physiology
(Honours)

Bachelor of Exercise & Nutrition Sciences
Bachelor of Exercise and Sport Sciences
(Honours)

Bachelor of Advanced Science (Honours)

Bachelor of Health Sciences
Bachelor of Science (various majors)

PATHWAY C

UQ programs* with limited elective space that could cover the prerequisite courses with careful planning before entry to the MD:

Bachelor of Arts

Bachelor of Engineering (Honours)

Bachelor of Psychological Science
(Honours)

Bachelor of Social Science

* Program lists are not exhaustive. Prospective MD students should discuss alternative programs that are not listed with their respective undergraduate program academic advisers. They will work with you to develop an appropriate study plan.

The presentation also included information on UCAT, which is summarised well in the attached brochure on the following page. Australian students can register via **this link**. UCAT recommends their own free official practice materials, which have been developed by UCAT Consortium to support test preparation. Practice tests can be found **here**.

Please note that applications to sit UCAT close on **Friday 17 May 2019**. If you require access arrangements for the test, the closing date is **Friday 10 May 2019**.



UMAT

Test is changing in 2019 The UMAT Admissions

Medicine/Dentistry/Clinical Sciences applicants Important changes to the Admissions Test for

test is changing. For students intending in 2020, the current for entry to university to sit the UMAT in 2019

(University Clinical Aptitude Test) replaced by a new test, the UCAT to sit the UMAT. After 2018 it will be 2018 will be the final year for students

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR ME?

the UMAT website https://umat.acer.edu.au/ If you sat the UMAT in July 2018 nothing has changed You should continue to follow the steps outlined on

instead need to register for and sit the UCAT. If you are planning to sit the UMAT in 2019, you will

the courses and programmes listed overleaf for 2020 The UCAT will be a mandatory admissions test for

FOR THE UCAT? WHEN DO I NEED TO REGISTER

and close in mid-May. Details of the test, including Registration for the UCAT will open in March 2019 www.ucatofficial.com how to register, are available on the UCAT website



HAS THE TEST ITSELF CHANGED?

New Zealand and some overseas centres. 2-hour computer-based test. Candidates will sit the Yes, the UCAT (University Clinical Aptitude Test) is a test at Pearson VUE test centres located in Australia

the month of July, rather than on one single date. The UCAT will be offered on a choice of dates throughout

The test consists of five, separately timed, subtests:

- Verbal Reasoning
- Decision Making
- Abstract Reasoning Quantitative Reasoning
- Situational Judgement Test



FOR 2020 ENTRY? WILL REQUIRE THE UCAT IN 2019 WHICH COURSES OR PROGRAMMES

UCAT for 2020 entry include: The courses and programmes which will require the

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The University of Adelaide	Medicine, Dental Surgery, Oral Health
Curtin University	Medicine
Monash University	Medicine
The University of Newcastle/University of New England	Joint Medical Program
The University of New South Wales	Medicine
The University of Queensland	Medicine (provisional entry). Dental Science
University of Tasmania	Medicine
The University of Western Australia	Medicine (Direct Pathway). Dental Medicine (Direct Pathway)
Western Sydney University	Medicine
The University of Auckland	Medicine
University of Otago	Medicine, Dental Surgery

to which they intend to apply For details candidates should refer to the websites of the universities require the UCAT. For some applicants a different test may be required NOTE: Some pathways to medicine/dentistry/clinical sciences will no

an online guide, tutorials, question banks and practice tests will be available on the UCAT website www.ucatofficial.com in early 2019.

Free, comprehensive preparation materials, including

HOW DO I PREPARE FOR THE UCAT?

dates and a wider range of test centres. offering candidates the convenience of a choice of secure process. It has the additional advantages of As a computer-based test, the UCAT is an efficient and WHY HAVE WE MOVED TO THIS NEW TEST?

https://www.ukcat.ac.uk/ universities. For information about UKCAT go to medicine and dentistry courses at the majority of UK the name UKCAT) to select students for admission to respected test used widely in the UK since 2006 (under The UCAT is a well-established and internationally

success in their programmes or courses, and later as important by university medical and dental schools for The UCAT assesses a range of abilities identified as

Consortium in the UK. new collaboration between the UMAT Consortium of universities in Australia/New Zealand and the UKCAT The establishment of the UCAT represents an exciting





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Director of Student Wellbeing Programs

Philippa Douglas

SchoolTV | Exam Jitters

Setting a schedule is vitally important. Students need to schedule everything from sleeping and eating to studying and exercising. It is one of the best ways to manage inevitable exam stress. Students need to look after themselves when they have big demands in their life.

When it comes to productive study, sometimes less is often more. It is recommended that students hit the books in 50-minute stints, broken up by 15-minute breaks. This gives the brain, and body, a rest. Adolescents will often underestimate the amount of sleep they need. Getting enough sleep is key to successful study practices.

Research shows that physical activity also has a very positive impact on mental wellbeing. Eating well is another crucial factor to maintaining concentration and staying focused on the task ahead.

More information on how to best support your son during exam time can be found on SchoolTV.

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 offers 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 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.

Team photos Cricket, Swimming, Volleyball

Parents who wish to purchase team photos are advised they will be available for purchase online shortly. Once team photos are finalised, the link to Just Photography's website will be made available for direct ordering.

Just Photography will also make action shots taken at Cricket, Volleyball and Swimming available for download free of charge. Keep an eye on the newsletter for details.

Chess

GPS Chess team nominations

Boys who wish to nominate for the GPS Chess team in Term 3 should visit the Chess page on MyGrammar and complete a short survey. Trials will be conducted on Sunday 28 April from 8.30am to 3.30pm in The Lilley Centre. Boys are to bring their own morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea.

Chess coaching will begin once teams are finalised. Boys will be expected to attend two coaching sessions per week. Alternate arrangements should be made directly with the Master-in-Charge.

Peter Brunckhorst MiC Chess

Cricket

Last weekend Northgate was bathed in sunshine, which enabled all matches to be completed without the threat of rain. It was pleasing to see the confidence our boys demonstrated with both bat and ball, which enabled our program to achieve strong results across the board. Out of the 17 GPS matches contested against State High, BGS were successful in 12 matches. At A-level, BGS secured three wins out of six. Of the remaining 19 supplementary matches played, BGS won four. Congratulations to the Years 8, 10 and 11 age groups who won all their GPS fixtures. A special mention to the Third XI and 8B teams who remain undefeated. It is also pleasing to see that the 5A, 7C, 7D, 8A, 8C, 9C, 10B, 10C and Second XI teams are still in the hunt to finish the season as competition leaders or with a podium finish.

Highlights

- Connor Nolan (10A) 81 runs
- Oliver Spence (8A) 70 runs
- Hayden Spencer (11A) 75* (104)
- Jackson Long (11C) 3/2 (hat trick)
- Brad Mackintosh (8A) 50 runs
- Tom Siddle (11A) 5/34
- Brad Mackintosh (8A) 50 runs

- Ryley Anderson (Third XI) 55 runs
- Tom Crossley (Third XI) 51 runs
- Jack Fewster (10B) 54 runs
- Scott Evans (10B) 65 runs (59 balls)
- Pat Wilkinson (11B) 44 runs
- Lachie Steedman (11B) 4/1

Team of the Week

Sent in to bat, the 8A team got off to a shaky start, losing two early wickets. Oliver Spence (71 runs off 110 balls) and Brad Mackintosh (50 runs off 62 balls) steadied the ship with what turned out to be a match-defining partnership of nearly 100 runs. Their efforts saw BGS post a very respectable score of 4/160 off 37 overs. With some economical bowling by Jack Love 1/19 (6) and Callum Vidler 1/23 (6) and excellent ground fielding, our boys were able to defend the total and secure a much-deserved victory. This has helped the 8A team move to second on the ladder with one match remaining. Congratulations boys and good luck against Toowoomba.

Player of the Week

Choosing a player of the week for Round 8 was difficult due to the number of quality individual performances. Connor Nolan (10A) batted superbly to score 81 runs; Oliver Spence (8A) continued his outstanding form accumulating 71 runs to see his season aggregate grow to 311. However, carrying his bat from inning start to finish and steering the 11A team to victory was Hayden Spencer (pictured below) who finished not out with 75 runs. It is great to see Hayden playing again after his injury.

Spring Hill Cup

Each year during our State High round, BGS and Terrace compete for the Spring Hill Cup across the Years 5 and 6 fixtures. After the completion of all Year 5 matches, GT held a slender 3-2 lead, with BGS recording victories in the 5A and 5B fixtures. However, GT swept the board in all Year 6 matches, finishing the day with a comprehensive 8-2 victory. The final score was not a true reflection of the day, with many matches being decided in the last few overs or by a narrow wicket margin. We'll be ready next year!

Trevor Irvine Director of Cricket



Cross Country

Years 5 to 12 GPS competition

The first invitational meet will occur on Wednesday afternoon of next week. Information is on MyGrammar.

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	25 min steady	35 min steady	45 min steady	55 min steady
Sunday	state run	state run	state run	state run

Upcoming Events

Wednesday 3 April	BSHS/BBC Cross Country Minnippi		
Monday 8, Wednesday 10, Friday 12 April			
	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

Holiday fencing camp

The fencing camp is a great chance to hone the swordsman's skills that lie within. For fencers new to the sport, it is a good way to kick off the experience with excellent coaches and a relaxed holiday atmosphere.

If you would like to attend one, two or three days, please express interest in going to the camp by filling in **this** form.

Dates

Day 1: Monday 15 April 2019 Day 2: Tuesday 16 April 2019 Day 3: Wednesday 17 April 2019

Location

Indoor Sports Centre, Brisbane Grammar School

Times

Year 5 squad | 8.45am – 11.00am Year 7 (new to fencing) squad | 8.45am – 11.00am Junior Foil, Epee and Sabre squads | 8.45am – 12.45pm Senior Foil, Epee and Sabre squads | 12.45pm – 4.00pm

Morning tea, lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

Cost | \$25/day or \$62 for three days

Bring | Fencing whites, gym gear and a water bottle

Enquiries | fencing@brisbanegrammar.com

Training in Term 2

Training begins in Week 1 of Term 2 and fencing will continue until the end of term. However, the only after-school training in Week 1 is the Friday session for the Year 7 fencers who are new to fencing.

Fencing teams introduction event | Saturday 27 April | Indoor Sports Centre

This session will introduce match-play fencing for all new fencers. It will be the first chance for most teams to meet their managers. Fencers will be notified if they need to attend, but all Year 5 and Year 7 boys who have not fenced before will be asked to come.

Boys should arrive at 9.00am and will be finished by 12.00pm.

Parents of Year 5 fencers will be on barbeque tong duty from 11.00am to 12.00pm.

Welcome to Fencing function | Saturday 27 April | The Lilley Centre

This social function will kick off the new season in The Lilley Centre Learning Commons on the evening of Saturday 27 April. This is a friendly occasion where the whole family is welcome. Invitations will be sent out soon.

Shakespearean fencing quote:

'Good Signor, you shall more command with years than with your weapons.'

-Othello

Mr James Hill Acting MiC Fencing

Music

Year 5 Immersion Music program

You know what it's like! You know something very special is going to happen but you have to wait a few weeks before you can experience it. Maybe it is a special purchase, a much-looked-forward-to holiday or an anticipated social event. There has been much preparation with a great deal of thought given to what is the best way of approaching the event. And then, it finally arrives! At last, you have the chance to get your hands on it. The possibilities seem endless and you just can't wipe the smile from your face.

This is what it was like for our Year 5s last week, when they were presented with their instruments as part of this year's Immersion Music program. Every student has been paired with a particular instrument and now their musical journey commences. They have been enjoying a variety of musical experiences so far this year, none more significant than their vocal activities, which will culminate in a Mother's Day performance early next term. But the time has arrived for them to start learning about music by doing music. Their music lessons will now focus on discovering how to hit, bow, scrape, blow and squawk their respective instruments. Once these initial forays into music-making become a little more refined, they will create a balanced string ensemble and concert band to learn to play together. The journey will culminate late in the year when they present a much-anticipated final concert that involves them forming the now-famous Year 5 Orchestra.

We wish the boys all the very best in this venture and hope that they savour and appreciate every moment they have this year with their instruments. If the beautiful smiles on their faces on the day they received their instruments is any indication, it would seem that they very much are already enjoying the experience.

Music Concerts

Congratulations to all for a magnificent start to the 2019 concert season with the Music Soiree last Friday evening. So popular were our music ensembles that it was standing room only in the Great Hall. The boys' beautiful singing and playing bodes well for the year to come. It was also encouraging to see how enthusiastic the audience was when Head of Music, Mr Peter Ingram invited them to join the choirs in what can best be described as a boisterous finale to the concert, with all on their feet singing and clapping along. It was a sight to behold!

A reminder that most other ensembles that did not perform last week will feature at one of the upcoming concerts early in Term 2. We are all looking forward to Grammar in Concert where our finest groups will thrill you with their music.

Intermediate Concert 1 | Wednesday 8 May 6.00pm in Centenary Hall

Intermediate Concert 2 | Thursday 9 May 6.00pm in the Great Hall

Grammar in Concert | Sunday 19 May 4.00pm in the Edmund Rice Performing Arts Complex, St Laurence's College



Music Support Group

Thanks to the Music Support Group for hosting the successful Welcome Function on Friday evening after the Music Soiree. This year's event was by far the biggest held, with almost 100 people enjoying the opportunity to catch up over refreshments while being entertained by our chamber ensembles. We hope that this level of engagement means a level of support for Music like never before.

Please let the group know if you can support in any way. If everyone sells a raffle ticket or cooks a sausage just once in 2019, we will have more than enough help! If you're keen, we'd love to see you at the next meeting on Wednesday 3 April at 7.00pm in the Strings Room. For more information, email support.music@brisbanegrammar.com.

One way you can help is by purchasing an Entertainment Book. Proceeds go to the Music program while you can enjoy the many discounts this book offers. We are encouraging people to buy the e-version of the book. See the flyer in the Community section of this newsletter for more details.

Peter Ingram Head of Music



Rowing

Australian Rowing Championships

This weekend, five BGS rowers will be representing the School at the 2019 Australian Rowing Championships in Sydney. The boys will be contesting the Schoolboys Single Sculls and Quad Sculls. We wish all the best to Jonathon Cooke, Hugh Weightman, Samuel Atherton, Thomas Clifton and Harrison Sirett for a successful regatta.

Queensland Pathway Team

Congratulations to Samuel Atherton, Hugh Weightman and PJ Bryan who have been selected in the 2019 Queensland Pathway squad. This squad will be selected into crew boats where they will compete at the Australian Selection Regatta in April. This is a wonderful opportunity for the boys, creating a pathway from schoolboy rowing to club, state and potentially national team rowing. We wish these boys all the best for their training and competition.

2020 Season Camp Dates

Please find below the camp dates for the 2019/2020 Rowing season.

- December Junior Rowing Camp (Year 9)
 Friday 29 November to Monday 2 December
 BGS Rowing Boatshed
- December Senior Rowing Camp (Years 10 12)
 Monday 2 December to Saturday 7 December Grafton
- High-Performance Camp (Boys selected First and Second Divisions – Years 10 to 12)
 Monday 13 January to Thursday 16 January Maclean
- January Senior Rowing Camp (Years 10 12)
 Saturday 18 January to Thursday 23 January
 Grafton
- January Junior Rowing Camp (Year 9)
 Saturday 25 January to Tuesday 28 January
 BGS Rowing Boatshed

Matt Marden
Director of Rowing



Tennis

School Championship

The 2019 BGS Tennis School Championship was a great success, having been played over the past three weekends at the impressive BGS Tennis Centre. This year we trialled some changes to the format. The preliminary rounds of the Open championship were played on the first Saturday evening and all year levels had a double elimination draw. These changes received positive reviews and will be continued next year.

We saw some excellent match play, including four three-set matches in the Open draw on the final Sunday. Some very hard-fought tennis saw Angus Gentner and Alex Patane advance to the Open Singles final with Angus joining his father, Old Boy Matthew Gentner '85, as a BGS Tennis School Champion (**pictured below**). The weather was hot and the enthusiasm was high. It is gratifying to see so many young competitors displaying sportsmanship and camaraderie while enjoying their tennis.

Thank you to all parent coordinators, coaches, Old Boys, canteen helpers and especially the Wimbledon Club for feeding the hungry boys.

Division	Winner	Runner Up
Open Singles	Angus Gentner	Alex Patane
Open Doubles	Will Jesser and James Kenny	Angus Gentner and Elliott James
Year 11 Singles	Elliott James	George Levonis
Year 10 Singles	Zach Paulik	Charlie Hume
Year 9 Singles	Kanika Jayathilake	Oscar Tan
Year 8 Singles	Sam Fancutt	Isaac Smyth
Year 7 Singles	Archie Austin	Adam James
Year 6 Singles	Ryan Bashirzadeh	Angus Bale
Year 5 Singles	Cashy Luo	Aaron Alphonso



Easter camps

These camps are for all levels and a great way to prepare for the upcoming GPS season. There will be the option of full day or half day camps with coaching, drills and friendly match play. Please see MyGrammar for costs and more information.

- Camp 1 | Monday 8 April Thursday 11 April
- Camp 2 | Monday 15 April Thursday 18 April

GPS teams and training squads

Training commences on Wednesday 24 April. Training times are below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
6.30am - 7.45am	Year 8	Year 7	Year 8	Year 7	Years 5 and 6
1.30pm - 2.45pm		Year 5		Year 6	
3.30pm - 4.45pm	Year 9	Year 12	Year 11	Year 10	Year 9

Michael Fancutt
Director of Tennis

Track and Field

Due to Primary Schools Track and Field holding the national championships much earlier this year in Darwin, all district and regional carnivals have been moved forward. The BGS nomination process is as follows:

Nomination for City District | 10 to 12 years

Students who wish to participate in the City District Track and Field Championship must nominate via the form on MyGrammar > Sports/GPS > Track and Field. Click here to access the form directly.

This must be completed by Wednesday 3 April.

Students will be selected based on meeting qualifying standards. A mini carnival will be held which may only involve 100m and 200m runners. Further information will be posted on MyGrammar closer to the event.

All other information relating to Track and Field can be found on MyGrammar.

John Clancy MiC Track and Field

Volleyball

Last weekend, the BGS Volleyball program took on traditional rivals Gregory Terrace in what was the final round of the GPS Volleyball season. I challenged all teams to finish the season with their best performance, and that is exactly what they did. BGS emerged victorious in 17 of 21 fixtures played on Saturday, capping off a brilliant year of volleyball both on and off the court. Final placings for all teams can be seen below. There are a few gaps on the GPS Volleyball website for which I am still waiting on confirmation.

Team	Final position
7A	1st (tied BBC)
7B	1st undefeated
7C	1st undefeated
7D	Awaiting additional results
7E	Awaiting additional results
8A	5th
8B	2nd
8C	1st (tied ACGS)
8D	Awaiting additional results
9A	1st undefeated
9B	1st
9C	1st undefeated
10A	1st (tied BBC)
10B	1st undefeated
10C	1st (tied BSHS)
11A	3rd (tied BBC)
11B	4th
11C	1st
Third VI	Awaiting additional results
Second VI	3rd
First VI	2nd (tied GT)

I am also happy to report BGS finished in first place overall on aggregate, an incredible achievement for the entire program. It was special to watch as all community members supported and contributed to delivering the vision.

On Sunday, the community came together again to celebrate the end of the 2019 GPS season. The afternoon kicked off with the annual Kerridge Cup match between the First VI and the Old Boys VI. The Old Boys VI narrowly defeated the First VI 2-0 in what was an entertaining fixture. The victory sees the Old Boys go back to back. Following the match, official proceedings commenced. It was wonderful to see the support of parents, caregivers, players, staff and Old Boys in the grandstand as we acknowledged all award winners and celebrated a wonderful season.

I wanted to thank student leaders Hugh Neville and Thomas Olsen for their leadership this season, in addition to all Year 12 players who have perhaps played their last volleyball game ever. I also wanted to thank all parents and caregivers — from early morning drop-offs to late pick-ups — your commitment has been unwavering. Thank you!

Moving forward, I encourage all volleyball players to continue to be active and engage with as many Co-Curriculum programs as possible in Terms 2 and 3. All volleyball skills, but in particular the team skills (leadership, teamwork, effort, resilience, ownership, accountability etc.), are transferable. I look forward to seeing all 201 volleyball players becoming active members of other communities, with an aim to return to volleyball for the preseason in Term 4 stronger and even more well-equipped than ever before.

Coxy's three talking points from Round 7:

- Highlight GPS Volleyball is over for another year
- Lowlight GPS Volleyball is over for another year
- Team of the Week Old Boys VI

Finally, I wanted to also express my gratitude to all members of the Senior Leadership Team, as well as Mr Ron Cochrane and Mr Glenn McFarlane who continue to support the BGS Volleyball community.

I look forward to seeing you all again in 2020.

Rhys Cox Director of Volleyball



Acting Head of Middle School

Rebecca Campbell

We were delighted to welcome parents to our final assembly for Term 1 where we presented our Players' Player trophies as well as our Grammar Man awards. These awards recognise students who contribute positively to our community and demonstrate leadership through their words and actions. I chose the value of Community for my final address, as much of Term 1 is spent fostering new friendships, establishing communal routines and building a culture that is inclusive and supportive. At BGS, community is more than just a group of people sharing a common place. Our community is characterised by our shared values, a respect for our history and traditions and a sense of belonging.

Next Friday, we will conclude the term with our Interwing Track and Field Carnival. This is an opportunity for us to demonstrate the value of Community through teamwork, participation and friendly competition. The Track and Field Carnival is a highlight of the Middle School calendar. A reminder that all students are expected to attend, and Wing shirts must be worn throughout the event. Wing shirts are available from the Grammar Shop. Mr Glenn McFarlane will communicate Track and Field arrangements via email.

Parents in Years 5 to 7 were also invited to attend three-way conferences this week as an opportunity to connect with Core Teachers and receive feedback on how their son has settled in to the new school year. These, coupled with Interim Reports, provide useful feedback around the dispositions that underpin academic success and help students to set goals for the term ahead. Boys are encouraged to reflect on the report and feedback from their teachers to identify their strengths and areas for improvement in Term 2.

Middle School Library

Book Week Celebrations

Last week, the Middle School community celebrated Book Week. Each year we adopt a theme to showcase the importance of books and reading. This year's theme was 'Book Feast'.

Two community events were held, giving parents an opportunity to join in the celebrations. Both events featured guest author Mick Elliott. Many Years 7 and 8 boys and parents took part in the Trivia and Author Evening in The Lilley Centre. Teams were very competitive and enjoyed both written questions and a game of Kahoot! Years 5 and 6 boys and parents attended the Book Week Breakfast held in Centenary Hall on Thursday. This was a sold-out event which included a beautiful performance by the Chamber Choir.

During the week, lunchtime activities included a games day, trivia competitions, and an Iron Chef competition in which boys were required to decorate pancakes according to various literary themes. All events were linked to the theme and proved very enjoyable.

A small group of Year 6 boys travelled to the Somerset Storyfest to conclude the week's festivities. Boys attended sessions with authors Belinda Murrell, Karen Foxlee and Oliver Phommavanh as well as a performance by three young slam poets. The day was a truly enriching experience and the boys all enjoyed their trip.



Middle School Sport

Next Friday all Middle School boys will be participating in the Interwing Track and Field Carnival at UQ. A letter outlining all details of this event will be sent home Friday afternoon. All boys will require their coloured wing shirt to wear at the carnival, as well as at any lead-up events during the week. For those who have not purchased this shirt yet, they are very reasonably priced, available from the Grammar Shop and will be worn at all interwing events throughout the year.

Middle School Cricket

The Year 8 cohort have been outstanding this season with the 8B team still undefeated after the round of fixtures against BSHS. The 8A and 8C teams also deserve special mention with both teams having only lost one GPS match this season. Congratulations also to the 5A and 5B teams on some very pleasing wins against Gregory Terrace in the Spring Hill Cup last Saturday. Despite these results, GT will retain the cup for the next year.

Good luck to all teams when they take on TGS this weekend, particularly those making the trip up to Toowoomba. I look forward to seeing many of our Middle School families at the End of Season celebrations at the Queensland Cricketers' Club on Sunday.

Team	Won by	Team	Won by	Team	Won by	Team	Won by
5A	BGS	6A	GT	7A	BSHS	8A	BGS
5B	BGS	6B	GT	7B	BSHS	8B	BGS
5C	GT	6C	GT	7C	BGS	8C	BGS
5D	GT	6D	GT	7D	BGS	8D	BGS
5D Sky	GT	6D Sky	GT	7D Sky	GT	8D Sky	GT
				7D Navy	GT	8D Navy	GT

Team	Player of the Week	Team	Player of the Week
5A	Oliver Dauber	6A	Angus Cook
5B	Charles Nelson	6B	Michael Dore
5C	Thomas McCredie	6C	William Neilson
5D	Eamman Conomos	6D	Jai Selvas
5D Sky	Nicholas Bade	6D Sky	Luke Sharry
Team	Player of the Week	Team	Player of the Week
7A	Thomas Stannard	8A	Bradley Mackintosh
7B	Harsha Cikaluru	8B	A M Mustahsin Zarjis
7C	Thomas Middleton	8C	Thomas Lyons
7D	Henry Hyde	8D	Benjamin Reinke
7D Sky	Jackson O'Brien	8D Sky	Charles Harris
7D Navy	Julian Burcham	8D Navy	William Khoo

Middle School Volleyball

At the End of Season Volleyball presentation last Sunday, Director of Volleyball Mr Rhys Cox spoke of his vision for the sport at BGS. For those who were not in attendance, it is his desire to see BGS recognised as the leading volleyball school in the GPS association in the next decade. From a Middle School perspective, this vision is on track to becoming a reality with strong seasons from both the Year 7 and 8 cohorts. Both year levels finished the season well against GT last Saturday and we look forward to watching them progress towards the senior ranks in 2020.

Team	Player of the Week	Team	Player of the Week
7A	Max Balthes	8A	Dion Coroneo
7B	Oliver Larsen	8B	Dylan Conway
7C	Andrew Zhuang	8C	William Hill
7D	Jasper Gottliebsen	8D	Henry Rodda
7E	Zavn Seedat		

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

Middle School Debating

Last Friday night's debates against Nudgee College marked the final round of the season for our Years 5 and 6 debating teams. I'm sure all boys involved in this short but intense season found the experience enjoyable and worthwhile, and will be keen to be involved in the future. Thanks to Ms Dominique Fitzgerald and all coaches involved with the challenging task of preparing our youngest teams.

This week our Years 7 and 8 teams conclude their season with another short preparation debate against BBC.

Team	Won by						
8.1	NC	7.1	NC	6.1	BGS	5.1	BGS
8.2	NC			6.2	NC	5.2	BGS
8.3	NC						

Debaters of the Week						
Year 8 Year 7 Year 6 Year 5						
Kiran Selva	Neil Sarikwal	Nirmidan Sasikaran	Sahil Mohan			

Middle School Tennis

Congratulations to all players who contested the BGS Tennis Championship over the past few weekends. Last Sunday the finals were played in hot and oppressive conditions and I would like to acknowledge all our championship winners and runners up for the way they braved the conditions and played some brilliant tennis.

Year	BGS Tennis Champion 2019	Runner Up
Year 5	Cashy Luo	Aaron Alphonso
Year 6	Ryan Bashirzadeh	Angus Bale
Year 7	Archie Austin	Adam James
Year 8	Sam Fancutt	Isaac Smyth

Middle School Rugby

There is currently a sign-on active on MyGrammar for the BGS Rugby Preseason Club. Please note that this is for 13 years (boys born in 2006) through to Opens. The 11 and 12 years players will commence their preseason in Week 7 of Term 2 and the sign-on for this will be active on Monday 29 April.

Glenn McFarlane Director of Middle School Sport

Volunteer Roster

Week commencing Monday 1 April 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 Two	Tuckshop Breakfast 7.00am - 8.00am	Tuckshop Morning Tea 8.00am - 2.00pm	Grammar Shop
Monday 1 April	Cecilia Chan	Bronwyn Stilwell (Team Captain)	Tomomi Tanowaki
Tuesday 2 April	Florence Tiong	Jenny Talbot (Team Captain)	Rachel Moss
Wednesday 3 April	Helen Webster Virginia Bowdidge	Fiona Brockhurst (Team Captain)	Cathy Carew
Thursday 4 April	Wei Shi Palingu Aponso	Gabby Elliott (Team Captain)	Allison Kay
Friday 5 April	Natasha Kalinina Nicola Rahman Sirie Palmos	Jo Wong (Team Captain)	Jodie Curtis

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



P&F AuxiliaryMoogerah 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

Time

Tickets

Wednesday 22 May

8.30am to 4.00pm

\$75.00 *

Morning Tea

Lunch

Pepperina Hill 1156 Lake Moogerah Road, Moogerah 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

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50th annual BGS Art Show 'Aurum'

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

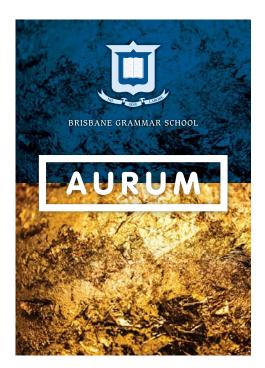
The event commences with a ticketed Gala Opening on Friday 19 July at 7.00pm, followed by free admission on Saturday 20 July from 10.00am to 3.00pm, coinciding with Open Day. Tickets include canapés, supper, beer and wine. Parking is available during the event.

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.

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Open Day Exhibit

Saturday 20 July, 10am - 3pm

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Men's Artistic Gymnastics Supporters

Parents of BGS Gymnasts are warmly invited to attend the next meeting for the Men's Artistic Gymnastics Supporters (MAGS) Group. The meeting will be held in the Seminar Room (opposite the Weights Room) in the Indoor Sports Centre on **Wednesday 3 April at 5.30pm**.

For further information about the group and this meeting please contact

Niki Wylde (Secretary)

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<u>Direct Deposit Information:</u>

Name of A/c: Michael Fancutt BSB: 034 086 A/c No: 291085



2019 Wimbledon Club Tennis Parent Social Evening



Please join us in celebrating the 2019 GPS Tennis Season

Date

Friday 10 May 2019

Time

6.00pm - 10.00pm

Tickets

\$60 per person

Complimentary drink on arrival and canapes

Venue

Quartz Room, Victoria Park Golf Club

Payment Details

Brisbane Grammar School Wimbledon Club

BSB 014002

A/C 492548768

Surname & son's year level

RSVP by 30 April 2019

For more information please contact
Sandra Tam - Wimbledon Club Events Coordinator
E tstam68@gmail.com



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

\$25 per person

Tickets

Venue

Function Room
The Lilley Centre
Brisbane Grammar School

RSVP here

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

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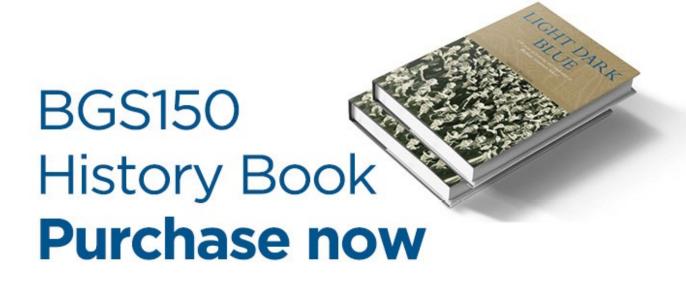


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