



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Newsletter

Week 4 Term 2

Friday 17 May 2019



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Greening Grammar



Community events



Star Wars Day

Chief Financial Officer and Secretary to the Board of Trustees

Mark Corgat

This year I have been attending meetings of the Greening Grammar committee, a student initiative overseen by Teacher of German, Ms Beate Poida. The Greening Grammar boys are passionate about minimising the School's impact on the environment through awareness campaigns, elimination of harmful waste and recycling. Recently the boys grasped the opportunity presented by the Queensland Government's Container Refund Scheme, to further reduce landfill waste disposal and raise funds to advance the Greening Grammar agenda.

At today's Senior Assembly, the Greening Grammar boys officially launched their container recycling campaign. After weeks of strategising, graphic designing, discussion with the School's facilities management team, and collaboration with the Student Representative Body, Greening Grammar proudly took to the assembly stage.

The boys explained their recycling initiative, featuring distinctive yellow recycling bins to capture the hundreds of glass, aluminium and cardboard drink containers discarded each week by BGS. The boys designed a fresh Greening Grammar logo and new wraps for these eye-catching bins that instruct the boys to dispose of straws and lids in the rubbish before depositing their recyclable drink containers. Following a soft launch of the program in Term 1, the boys believe the new yellow bins will encourage a substantial uplift in participation in the program. It is estimated the rebates earned from the Greening Grammar recycling initiative at Spring Hill and Northgate will raise approximately \$10,000 per year which can be used to fund other student projects, and support Greening Grammar's concern for protecting the Great Barrier Reef.

At this year's Open Day, on **Saturday 20 July**, Greening Grammar has driven the initiative of providing environmentally friendly drink bottles to visitors. Our ban on balloons will also continue. The movement has also been instrumental in banning single-use plastic water bottles in School meeting rooms.



Year 12 student, Matt King-Koi, spoke at assembly today to a video featuring renowned British naturalist, Sir David Attenborough, entitled **Our Planet: A Reason for Hope**. In a message to Greening Grammar Coordinator, Ms Beate Poida, Year 10 student Sebi Powell wrote:

This video got me wanting to act, now...I thought maybe if we could show this video at assembly, we could make the emotional point to the students and tell them that every little act counts to improving the situation. And then tell them what we are doing and talk about how we plan to do this, and stress that small actions go a very long way, not only by recycling but essentially helping a worthy cause. The money collected could go to a new bubbler with a cooling system.

The initiatives BGS students have taken in respecting the environment are inspiring, and the boys have certainly put Sir David Attenborough's words into action.

Click [here](#) to watch **A Reason for Hope**.



Deputy Headmaster – Students

David Carroll

Teenagers and technology

I have spent time over recent weeks watching *LEGO Masters* on TV with my youngest son. While I don't remember playing with LEGO as a child, I have enjoyed watching my son engage actively with his collection as a result of watching the show. This has been a refreshing change from his endless requests to play *FIFA* or *Wordscapes* on my phone. Although I am very good at saying no, I get disappointed that he is so focused on games rather than using his brain to construct new LEGO creations, or even just playing outside.

I chose this topic for this week's newsletter after listening to an episode of ABC's *Conversations* podcast with lawyer and social researcher David Gillespie on the complex business of the teenage brain. He says the historical teenage compulsions like smoking, drinking and drug-taking are in steep decline, and teenagers are now more likely to seek a pleasure hit from their screens. You can access the episode via this link: [How the iPhone rewrote the teenage brain](#).

Regardless of your son's age, time spent in creation mode is vitally important for his development. Of equal importance are the big three:

- quality diet
- regular exercise
- good sleep.

My son thinks that I am the worst father in the world when I say no to technology. This used to bother me, but these moments of conflict are outweighed by the benefits of directing him towards more worthwhile pursuits.

From the School Marshal

Students who catch public transport are reminded about general etiquette expectations. These include:

- Giving up seats when adults are standing
- Storing bags in the luggage compartment or on the floor, not on seats
- Talking at an appropriate volume
- Limiting mobile phone use.

We also remind students to exercise caution and to be extra vigilant around personal safety when travelling to and from school. Boys should be armed with various strategies should they find themselves in a precarious situation. We strongly encourage students to travel in small groups or pairs, and for all students catching public transport to carry mobile phones. Boys are also reminded to report any suspicious behaviour to their parents or to us immediately.

Joe Rodrigues
Acting School Marshal

Director of Boarding

Berian Williams-Jones

This week is National Boarding Week. Over the course of the past few days we have celebrated boarding, along with 180 other boarding schools across Australia. Harlin House is home to 82 boys and accommodates full, occasional and termly boarders.

Addressing the School at assembly today, I gave my thanks to all the boarding staff for their outstanding contributions to the community. I acknowledged the work done by Messrs Di-Losa, O'Kane, Hallis, Hales, Warwick, Shears and Ms Miller, our resident Boarding and Activity Tutors, and in particular by Mr Christie, our Senior Boarding Tutor, and Mr Byron, the Head of Residence.

My message was simple: that boarding is a tough proposition. I know from personal experience that there are times when boys would prefer to be in their own living room; that however good the food, the meals aren't always a match for Mum's signature dish; that boys naturally miss their siblings and their grandparents, despite a good Skype or Facetime connection. Boarding is demanding, complex, time consuming and, on occasions, draining.

I also spoke to the links fostered by boarding. Last weekend I found myself at Agrotrend in Bundaberg. One of the delights of the two days was to meet several Old Boys who had boarded at BGS. They told us that they had been back for reunions, they had reconnected with boys from their year group, but somehow it wasn't the same. It was their boarding mates who they were still in contact with decades after having left school.

Those same bonds exist today. Boarders are very much a part of the School and a part of each year group. However, they have an incredible bond of friendship that will sustain long after they leave BGS in a way that simply doesn't happen for day boys. Boarding is a special experience, one that enriches your school days and truly does provide you with lifelong friends.



Director of Outdoor Education

Derek Jervis

8G was an enthusiastic class at Moogerah. They embraced the challenges and had some great role models to help guide them through the program. Ms Dominique Fitzgerald joined her Form Class for the week and took part in all aspects of the program. She paddled, hiked, climbed and camped with her class and even took on the Seniors' challenge on the trapeze jump! Two Year 11 leaders volunteered to join 8G in the absence of their Form Seniors. Oscar Kier and Lawrence Cooke were wonderful role models and made a great effort to get to know the class early in the week.

The focus of the Year 8 program is teamwork, and part of the experience is a session of group initiative activities. This session gives a great insight into the class' ability to collaborate and communicate with their peers. Ed Thomas stood out in this session due to his ability to listen, share ideas and make decisions. Ed was also a hard worker and valuable group member throughout the week.

James Pendleton and Ruben Wolrige were motivated and capable climbers on the rock wall. They also took the time to assist their peers by belaying them and offering their support while climbing. Christopher Lui and Will Khoo were both conscientious and reliable students who tried hard all week. Will showed a clear understanding of the objectives of the program and the group processes involved in teamwork.

James Edmunds was nominated by the class for showing commitment and persistence during the expedition and his efforts to assist his group at the campsite.

Seth Fidler was a strong navigator. He was keen to take the lead and made navigation decisions with confidence by paying attention to the detail on the map and his surroundings. Micah Leaupepe Perkins maintained a positive attitude all week and stayed enthusiastic even during the challenging components of the program.

Well done 8G for a great week at Moogerah.

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



Director of Student Wellbeing Programs

Philippa Douglas

Parenting Styles - What type of parent are you?

There are so many different opinions offered on how best to parent. New parents will often have firm beliefs about how they wish to balance love and discipline, but this ideal often goes out the window when a toddler throws their first tantrum in the supermarket!

Raising children can bring parents and caregivers great joy despite many learning 'on the job' and growing into the role through experience and understanding. Children will always flourish in a warm and loving environment, supported by clear guidance.

In a SchoolTV special report, parents and caregivers can gain a greater understanding of the four defined parenting styles by taking part in the quiz. It can guide parents towards deciding which style they wish to adopt and the effects it may have on their children.

[Click here](#) to watch *Parenting Styles - What type of parent are you?*

Independent Study Afternoon

Term 2 Independent Study Afternoon | Thursday 23 May

Next Thursday 23 May is an Independent Study Afternoon (ISA) for Years 7 to 12. Classes will finish at 12.45pm. Students are then permitted to either return home to study or to work in one of the School libraries, where supervision will be provided. The ISA is timed to assist boys with managing their busy assessment schedule.

Frank McClatchy
Dean of Administration

Deputy Head – Co-Curriculum

Greg Thorne

From its inception, Brisbane Grammar School has sought to deliver a broad, liberal education. Students have been encouraged to strive for excellence in all that they do, while also being guided to expand their focus throughout their schooling. We are working to continue to this great legacy, with our students continuing to benefit and grow from broad involvement and the pursuit of excellence across Curriculum, Co-Curriculum and Wellbeing.

This week I wish to highlight the Arts program, particularly Music and Drama.

On Sunday, we look forward to Grammar in Concert, showcasing our finest musical ensembles in a program titled *Rhythm and Soul*.

Final rehearsals are also underway for our Senior Dramatic Production, *Richard III*, with the show sold out for the performances running next week from Wednesday 22 to Friday 24 May.

It is a privilege to work with our students; the leaders of the future. It is an altogether unique and compelling honour to shape their thinking, their understanding of themselves and their creative outlook through music, drama and art.

We will see on Sunday some wonderful ensembles, striking performances and exceptional talent. Only the boys involved, their parents and our Music staff will truly know the dedication and commitment required to reach such a high standard.

Next week in the BGS Theatre, audience members will hear, feel and see a contemporary adaptation of William Shakespeare's *Richard III*, in a series of shows which are sure to make us respond with wonder as to how, in a school setting, such creativity and excellence is achieved.

As we admire the work of these students and the staff who nurture their gifts, we must also appreciate the great value that creative pursuits bring to our community, our thinking and our culture here at the School. The legacy of a well-rounded BGS education continues.

Cricket – Willow Club

The Willow Club Cricket support group invites you to attend our Annual General Meeting to be held on Tuesday 28 May 2019 at 6.00pm in the Woolcock Room.

All voluntary positions will be declared vacant.

Nominations must be received by **Wednesday 22 May 2018**.

To make a nomination for a position please contact James Ireland (Willow Club secretary) by email at j.ireland@hopgoodganim.com.au.

For more information about the Willow Club or the AGM, please contact Willow Club President, Justin Beirne by email at jbeirne@qmtlaw.com.au or 0412 708 682.

Cross Country

Years 5 to 12 GPS competition

The final invitational carnival prior to the GPS Championship is today at Limestone Park, Ipswich. The team will be announced on Tuesday.

BGS team selection for GPS Championship

Any student may compete in the invitational cross country lead-up meets with unlimited numbers allowed. However, at the GPS Championships only 20 runners will be selected, with 30 in the Open age group. The BGS Cross Country squad to compete at the GPS Championships involves boys named as runners in the team and those named as reserves. Selection is based on the following process:

- Boys will be selected based upon their participation in competitions and training sessions
- Performances from the competitions will be used as a guide for selection
- Some boys may compete up an age group to maximize points for the team
- Adjustments to the list may occur based on the needs of the team and illness/injury
- 20 runners will be named in the team. Reserves are also team members and will be named if they have made a significant contribution throughout the season
- All boys on the list are part of the BGS team. They will be expected to continue to train and participate. These boys should attend the GPS Championship and are part of the end of season dinner after the championship

Upcoming Events

Term 2	Cross Country training Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings
Mondays	Monday Lunch Run Club 12.40pm at Cricket Pavilion, finishes 1.10pm
Friday 17 May	ACGS and TGS Cross Country Limestone Park Ipswich Depart 2.15pm, return to BGS approximatel 6.00pm
Friday 24 May	BGS Internal Cross Country Photographs 3.10pm to 4.45pm – Cross Country running uniform, Seniors with blazers All end of season responses due via MyGrammar
Tuesday 28 May	Pre-Championship meeting – 12.40, The Lilley Centre Forum
Wednesday 29 May	GPS Championship Limestone Park, Ipswich Depart BGS 7.00am, return to BGS approximately 3.15pm

Our motto of 'one more' will determine our overall team position.

Information on BGS Cross Country can be found on MyGrammar.

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

Drama

Senior Dramatic Production – *Richard III*

Richard III is an ambitious production for several reasons. Over the past couple of weeks, our articles have focused on the technical and lighting demands, as well as the daunting responsibility for the actors when working with Shakespearean text.

An additional challenge for this show is the backstage operation. Without wishing to spoil too much, our dedicated backstage crew of staff and students will be managing a complex set of manoeuvres to ensure the bloody, brutal world of Richard's murderous grab for power is realised in a visually arresting manner. There's no glory involved; if we do our job well, you shouldn't notice us at all as you'll be fully immersed in the action on stage.

We are thrilled to announce that our entire season is SOLD OUT. Our sincere thanks to members of the BGS community for your support. We look forward to welcoming audiences next Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings.

Jeffrey Lewis
Producer – *Richard III*



Football

Last week saw the BGS Football community hosting BBC in Round 3. Results were again outstanding with BGS winning 22, losing 11 and drawing five, from 38 official GPS games played. This was a tremendous result in what was a tough day of fixtures against a strong rival. Many teams were outstanding, in particular the 5A, 6A and 7A teams who were comprehensive winners. Special mention should go to the Year 7 cohort who had some excellent results against a school they have historically struggled against, with five wins and a draw.

I would like to say a big thank you to all parents who assisted throughout the day in either the canteen or barbecue pit at Northgate. The volunteer numbers have been exceptional throughout the day and your assistance was certainly appreciated by the Wembley Club and the boys in general. With another big weekend to come in a week's time against TSS, we will no doubt look for this to continue.

This Saturday we travel to ACGS for Round 4. The latest schedule can be found on MyGrammar and the sports noticeboard. I ask all players to ensure they are aware of their times and venues as some games are different this week. Reminder for our Years 5 and 6 teams that they are to play across the bridge on the Smith Fields. All fields are located within the School campus at Oakland Parade, East Brisbane.

Next weekend for Round 5 we will have all team photos at Northgate. A schedule has been advertised through the newsletter and I ask all players to ensure they are organised and prompt for their photo so that team warm up is in no way inhibited.

I wish all players the very best for the games and remind all teams to represent the School in a way befitting BGS.

Greg Di-Losa
Director of Football



GPS Football team photos | Saturday 25 May at Northgate

Please check the schedule on the following page for your team photo time. All players must wear full playing uniform and should arrive at least five minutes before the scheduled time.

GPS Football 2019 Team Photographs

Saturday 25 May | Northgate Playing Fields

Game Time	Photo Time	Photographer 1	Photographer 2
8.00am	7.10am	7A	7B
8.00am	7.15am	7C	7D
8.00am	7.20am	7E	6A
8.00am	7.25am	6B	5A
8.00am	7.30am	5B	
9.10am	8.10am	8A	8B
9.10am	8.15am	8C	8D
9.10am	8.20am	6C	6D
9.10am	8.25am	5C	5D
9.10am	8.30am		7F
10.20am	9.20am	9A	9B
10.20am	9.25am	9C	9D
10.20am	9.30am	9E	8E
10.20am	9.35am	8F	
11.30am	10.30am	10A	10B
11.30am	10.35am	10C	10D
11.30am	10.40am	10E	11E
11.30am	10.45am		11F
12.40pm	11.40am	2 nd XI	3 rd XI
12.40pm	11.45am	4 th XI	11A
12.40pm	11.50pm	11B	11C
12.40pm	11.55pm	11D	

Team photos will be taken at the designated time with no allowance for insert photos.
You are to be ready five minutes before your photo is scheduled in full player uniform, neat and tidy.

Players and coaches are to assemble near the canopy in the photo assembly area (behind the hill north of the grandstand) where the photographers can easily see you and speak with you
(do not assemble directly behind the grandstand or the hill south of the grandstand).

Photo Assembly Area



Music

THIS SUNDAY: all BGS community members are invited to Grammar in Concert, the premier Music event of the 2019 calendar. Details can be found below. For more information or to book [click here](#).

Grammar in Concert 2019 | Rhythm & Soul

This wonderful showcase of BGS Music will invigorate your mind with its lively rhythms and enrich your soul with music that will touch your emotions. Each group will present their unique twist on this theme. The choirs (Grammarphones, Grammar Vocal Ensemble, Grammar Singers and Vocal Group) will charm you with their gorgeous harmonies and powerful lyrics. The bands (Symphonic Band, Big Band and Percussion Ensemble) will make it inevitable that you will find your toes tapping. The strings and orchestra (Chamber Strings and Symphony Orchestra) will sometimes warm your heart with their beautiful sound but other times sweep you up with pure energy. It will be an afternoon to remember.

Grammar in Concert | Sunday 19 May

4.00pm in the Edmund Rice Performing Arts Complex, St Laurence's College

- Featured groups include Symphonic Band, Big Band, Percussion Ensemble, Symphony Orchestra, Chamber Strings, Grammarphones, Vocal Group, Grammar Singers, Grammar Vocal Ensemble
- **Tickets available now** – adult \$35, concession \$20, family 4-pack \$90 (4 tickets, including maximum 2 adults), BGS students - \$5
- Parking is easy with discount vouchers available when you book
- BGS students can obtain a cheap ticket for only \$5. These are just for BGS students and available from the Music Office or Co-Curricular Office – cash only.

Be sure to come early and enjoy refreshments from 3.15pm, accompanied by some pre-show musical entertainment. It won't be a long show so you can plan to enjoy some dinner afterwards at one of the many restaurants in South Bank. It promises to be a great afternoon of entertainment. We look forward to seeing you there!



**Grammar
in Concert**

Sunday 19 May 2019



Tennis

GPS Tennis

Congratulations to the whole BGS Tennis cohort on a hard-fought round of GPS Tennis. We had a thrilling day with some great matches across all age groups and came away with 21 team wins and 11 losses against very strong opponents in BBC. The BGS Tennis staff would like to thank all who came to support the Firsts at BGS, especially those who attended after completing their matches at other locations.

First IV v BBC

The Firsts team for the match against BBC comprised Angus Gentner, Jamie Kenny, Elliot James and Kanika Jayathilake. The boys in blue were ready for what has become a battle for the Firsts premiership. The day began with the four singles matches. Jamie Kenny led the way with a Captains Knock to win in straight sets and give BGS the momentum. Angus Gentner and Kanika Jayathilake followed with their own victories in three tough sets. Elliot James had three set points in the first set tiebreaker but was unable to clinch the match. Grammar had a 3-1 lead going into the doubles. But it was not to be, as a very experienced BBC team lifted and took out the closely contested doubles matches. All of the doubles were tight with two going to third set tiebreakers. The match was so close that even though BBC won 5-3, BGS actually won more games on the day. Congratulations to all boys from BBC and BGS for a great day of sportsmanship and GPS Tennis at its finest.

Michael Fancutt
Director of Tennis

Head of Middle School Curriculum

Ian Grice

Catering for academic diversity in the Middle School

One aspect of Brisbane Grammar School of which I am most proud is our appreciation of diversity. This can be particularly evident in the Middle School as students develop and mature physically, socially and academically at vastly different times and rates.

Just as diversity exists in sporting ability, so it is evident in the range of abilities and interests that students exhibit in the classroom. Catering for this diversity is each teacher's greatest challenge. In some subjects such as Mathematics, teachers have more challenging content to provide to students who are ready for that extension. Of course, even the most able students must still spend time acquiring essential numeracy and literacy skills.

A second level of differentiation is provided by support and extension groups that meet outside class time. A full and updated list of these 'academic clubs' is published each term in the Year Level sections of MyGrammar. A copy is also attached on the following page of this newsletter. Support groups are ideal for students who need additional help to embed key concepts in Mathematics and English. Extension groups are designed to provide additional challenge to very able students.

We consider that the term 'extension' is about providing opportunity, not a label, for students. As a result all students are welcome to attend any of these groups and determine for themselves whether they are helpful to their learning. There are a small number of exceptions to this in the case of competitions such as the Maths Team Challenge or the Da Vinci Decathlon where we are limited in the number of students we are able to enter.

A third way of meeting diverse intellectual needs lies in the rich assortment of co-curricular activities available to Middle School students. While these continue to evolve, an almost comprehensive list can be found under the Information tab on MyGrammar. They range from groups such as Grammar Engineers, Future Problem Solving, Book Club, HB Omega (drawing) Club, Robotics Club and Aristotle (philosophy) Club; to the GPS competitive activities of Debating and Chess. These activities have the added bonus of developing students' abilities to collaborate and communicate.

Classroom teachers and Form Tutors are the most important initial resource in helping your son to access any of these levels of support or extension. However, your son's Head of Year or myself are also always happy to discuss this topic with you.

Ultimately it is the development of self-regulation during these middle years that equips students to best use the resources and opportunities available to them to further develop and achieve their individual personal best.

From the School Marshal

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Joe Rodrigues
Acting School Marshal

**BGS - MIDDLE SCHOOL
ACADEMIC SUPPORT GROUPS**
Term 2 2019

The following is a list of Academic Clubs available to all students in the Middle School.

Year 5 and 6 – Pythagoras Club

Year 5 Thursday morning 7:30 – 8:15am in MS304

Year 6 Wednesday afternoon 3:15 – 4:00pm in MS304

Contact: Mrs Lindy Mackintosh lindy.mackintosh@brisbanegrammar.com

For boys in Years 5 and 6 requiring additional revision of mathematical concepts studied.

Year 5 and 6 – Wordsmith Club (Spelling and Grammar)

For Year 5 only during Semester 1

Monday morning 7:30 – 8:10am in MS302

Contact: Mrs Gardner stella.gardner@brisbanegrammar.com

For boys in Year 5 requiring additional revision of spelling and grammar. The Club will be available for Year 6 boys in Semester 2.

Year 7 - Fibonacci Club

Tuesday afternoon 3:15-4pm in MS102

Wednesday morning 7:30am-8:10am in MS102

Contact: Mr Hamish Benson hamish.benson@brisbanegrammar.com or Mr Dean Littlefair

dean.littlefair@brisbanegrammar.com

For boys in Year 7 requiring additional revision of mathematical concepts studied.

Year 8 – Archimedes Club

Monday morning 7:30 – 8:15am in CB101

Thursday morning 7:15 – 8:00am in CB101

Contact: Mrs Reed jenn.reed@brisbanegrammar.com

For boys in Year 8 requiring additional revision of mathematical concepts studied.

Year 8 (even weeks) and Year 7 (odd weeks) – The Writers' League Club

Returning in Term 3

Year 7 and 8 Mathematics Extension (Weeks 4 – 9)

Thursday afternoon 3:10 – 4:00pm in MS201

Contact: Mr Ian Grice ian.grice@brisbanegrammar.com

For boys in Years 7 and 8 seeking extension in mathematics.

Years 5 to 8 Mathematics Extension (Weeks 3 – 7)

Friday Lunchtime 12.45 to 1.15 in CB104

Contact Mr Peter Fas peter.fas@brisbanegrammar.com

For boys in Years 5 to 8 seeking extension in mathematics.

Middle School Homework Club

Seniors Sessions: Tuesday and Thursday Afternoons 3:15 – 4:15pm

Year 8 Sessions: Monday to Thursday Afternoons 3:15 – 4:15pm

Location - Year 7&8 in Centenary Library
Year 5&6 in Middle School Library.

Contact: Mr Fardon in H302 ian.fardon@brisbanegrammar.com

Homework assistance provided to Middle School students by Year 8 and Year 12 students in the Library.

RSPCA donation drive 2019

The Year 5 Public Purpose Committee is again running a donation drive to support the RSPCA in their efforts to help the thousands of animals that enter their shelters each year.

We are asking for donations of clean towels and blankets, dog and cat food (tinned and packaged) as well as dog and cat toys.

Donations can be dropped into the collection bin outside the Middle School Office between 8.00am and 8.15am every morning this term.

Help us to help the animals!

Justin Shears

Year 5 Public Purpose Committee Coordinator

Middle School Drama

10 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

Junior Dramatic Production – 10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse

METHOD I: Commence dramatic training in preparation for apocalypse

Over the past four weeks, the cast of this year's Junior Dramatic Production have immersed themselves in roles of the unimpressed undead, apocalypse survivors and evil masterminds. From cheesy infomercials to gory attack scenes, the actors are working closely with directors to develop and stage this fast-paced, tongue-in-cheek comedy. With costume and set ideas brewing in the background, we are excited about where this gruesome adventure will lead us all!

Watch this space for more rehearsal updates and ticketing information which will be released early next term.

The Creative Team

Amy Irvine, Patrick Last, Belinda Lindsay and Sarah McDonald



Middle School Library

Star Wars mania

Last week, the BGS Libraries celebrated *Star Wars* with an assortment of activities, all marking the date of 'May the Fourth' (be with you). Middle School boys had a chance to decorate cupcakes in a Princess Leia design. Following instructions, boys proved themselves to be eager and successful cake decorators, and of course, cake eaters! A special Star Wars Kahoot was designed by Mrs Stella Gardner and both she and Ms Britta Johansson very kindly donned costumes to host the competition in the Middle School Library. Boys were challenged to be both fast and correct in order to be announced the winner. A highlight of the week was the Droid Race Challenge in the Middle School Amphitheatre, with Lachlan Baker being the eventual winner. Special mention goes to Mr Luke Venables who hosted the event in costume. Senior School boys were also given the opportunity to pit Yoda against Darth Vader with droid races in The Lilley Centre. Years 5 and 6 boys had the chance to enter a colouring competition which saw Andre Kwok and Max-ze Lee named the winners.



Accelerated Reader success

Congratulations to Eugene Erng in Year 5 who has accumulated a massive 500 points in Accelerated Reader since the beginning of the year. All boys in Years 5 and 6 are required to read Accelerated Reader books and complete online quizzes as part of their English program and Eugene has been a keen participant. Eugene has taken 78 quizzes and read 3,508,831 words. Congratulations on such a fine effort; Eugene is now a member of our AR Hall of Fame.

Vicki Palmer
Teacher Librarian



Middle School Sport

General

Next week there will be some change in routine for our Years 5 and 6 students regarding Sport Afternoons. Year 5 will not have sport on Tuesday afternoon but will have a combined Sport Afternoon with the Year 6 cohort next Thursday afternoon.

Middle School Cross Country

It was Nudgee College's turn to host the Invitational Cross Country meet last Friday afternoon. The meet was well attended by GPS schools and the battle with the mosquitoes was overshadowed by some great racing on the new course.

This week we travel to Limestone Park in Ipswich for a dress rehearsal on the championship course. The Limestone Park course is a challenging one with some long hilly sections that test the best of runners. Race strategy and planning will be a contributing factor to the successful team on Wednesday 29 May.

The race for the Champion Runner in each age group is also very close, particularly for the 12 and 13 years competitors. After four possible meets we have Alex Sampson leading the 10 years, Archie Boorer the 11 years, Kobi Griffiths the 12 years and Archie Austin the 13 years. Well done boys.

Age	Runner of the Week	Age	Runner of the Week
10 years	Alex Sampson	12 years	Henry Slatter
11 years	Thomas McCredie	13 years	Hugo Elix

Middle School Football

Middle School Football teams had a very good day against BBC last Saturday winning 12, drawing three and losing only five out of the 20 matches played at Northgate.

This Saturday we play against another of the bigger football programs in Anglican Church Grammar School. Once again, all teams match up with the host school and all matches are at Churchie's Oaklands Parade campus. Please check MyGrammar carefully for team selections and match details.

Team	Player of the Week	Age	Player of the Week
5A	Yuvraj Dahiya	6A	Tom Coudre
5B	William Quinlan	6B	Harry Beirne
5C	Nicholas Shan	6C	Luke Telford
5D	Henry Kerrigan	6D	Michael Dore
Team	Player of the Week	Age	Player of the Week
7A	Oliver Larsen	8A	Zac Pherous
7B	Matthew Kim	8B	Guy Hilditch
7C	Oliver Kennedy	8C	Nicholas Fasone
7D	Kyan McClatchy	8D	Charlie Munday
7E	Hugh McAndrew	8E	Jack Dunne
7F	Andrew Gracen		

Team	Score	Team	Score	Team	Score	Team	Score
5A	D 0-0	6A	W 5-1	7A	W 3-1	8A	L 1-2
5B	W 4-1	6B	W 5-2	7B	W 7-1	8B	D 1-1
5C	W 11-1	6C	W 7-1	7C	W 11-0	8C	L 1-4
5D	W 4-0	6D	L 1-2	7D	W 8-3	8D	L 1-5
				7E	W 5-0	8E	L 1-4
				7F	D 1-1	8F	W 4-1

Middle School Tennis

The Tennis Social at Victoria Park Golf Club last Friday night was a great way to catch up with our Tennis community and to welcome parents who are new to the School this year. Thanks to all who organised and attended.

As expected, Brisbane Boys College provided some strong opposition for our Middle School Tennis teams and it was pleasing to see some of the younger boys who did not get to play IGS in the previous round finally get the opportunity to represent the School. Special mention goes to the 7C team this week. These boys achieved a decisive victory while all other teams in their age group were beaten by some quality BBC teams.

We have decided to go with two Players of the Week from each year level this year, rather than one per team. This is simply to do with the numbers of players to choose from, with Tennis teams only a third of the size of most of our Football teams.

Please check MyGrammar for match details for the round against Anglican Church Grammar School this Saturday.

Year	Player of the Week	Year	Player of the Week
5	Cashy Luo Sahil Mohan	6	Angus Cook Vishnu Kangatharan
7	Adam James Isaac McNally	8	Mitty Lodge William Hill

Team	Score	Team	Score	Team	Score	Team	Score
5A	W 48-21	6A	W 47-21	7A	L 23-43	8A	W 48-8
5B	W 42-23	6B	W 44-25	7B	L 18-48	8B	W 42-23
5C	W 40-25	6C	W 42-34	7C	W 42-31	8C	W 49-11
5D	W 47-10	6D	W 42-23	7D	L 25-44	8D	W 41-18

Fencing

I was fortunate enough to see several of our younger fencers in action out at Yeronga last Saturday morning. Fencing is a sport that continues to thrive in our community and I was impressed with the spirit and attitude of our boys.

Rugby

Training started this week for our younger rugby teams with our 11 and 12 years players participating in some non-contact sessions. Boys born in 2007, 2008 and 2009 should contact me if they have not yet completed the sign-on survey and intend to play this year.

Congratulations to

Xander Bourke, Harvey Brand and Hudson Wraight on their selection in the City District Rugby team. The boys will compete in a two-day competition in June for a place in the Met North team. Well done boys.

Glenn McFarlane
Coordinator of Middle School Sport

Volunteer Roster

Week commencing Monday 20 May 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 Four	Tuckshop Breakfast 7.00am – 8.00am	Tuckshop Morning Tea 8.00am – 2.00pm	Grammar Shop
Monday 20 May	Sharne Tierney	Louise Rosemann (Team Captain)	Anna Maria Sciacca
Tuesday 21 May	Helana Barrientos	Judith Edmunds (Team Captain)	Sam Harris
Wednesday 22 May	Vanessa Simpson Leta Dempsey	Catriona Labrom (Team Captain)	Fiona Brockhurst
Thursday 23 May	Julia Long	Christine Matheson (Team Captain)	Alison McConaghy
Friday 24 May	Alice Chiang Yeni Cook Helen Dobson Sirie Palmos	Andrea Hurwood (Team Captain)	Janelle Munns

2019 Calendar

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

Melbourne Community Event

Tuesday 28 May

Sydney Community Event

Thursday 30 May

The Jam – Band Battle '19

Saturday 8 June

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 5 Parent Cocktail Evening



**You are invited to join fellow Year 5 parents
for a cocktail evening at Duke's Bar,
The Lord Alfred Hotel on Saturday 25 May.**

Date

Saturday 25 May 2019

Time

7.00pm to 10.00pm

Tickets

\$45.00 includes
welcome drink and canapes

Venue

Duke's Bar, The Lord Alfred Hotel, 68 Petrie Terrace, Brisbane

RSVP [here](#)

by Friday 17 May 2019

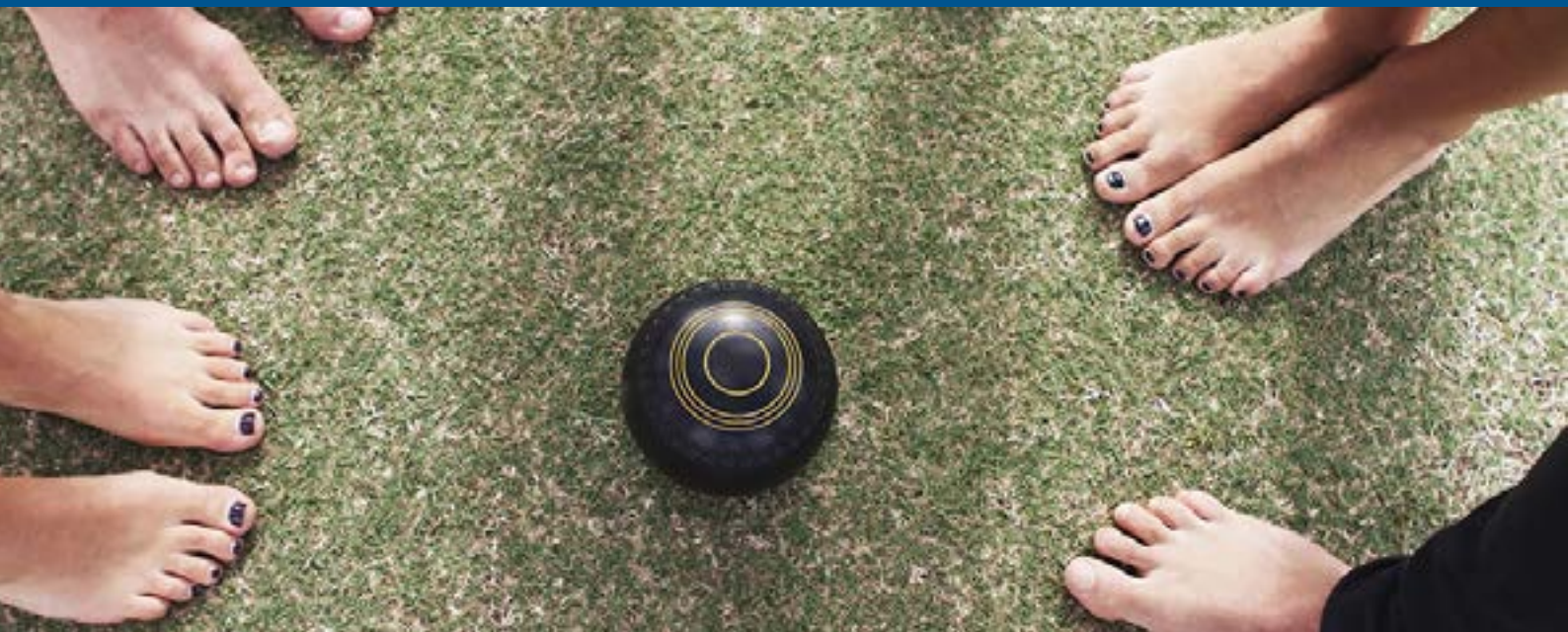
**For more information please contact
Year 5 Parent Representative, Rachael Dauber**

E rachaeldauber@hotmail.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 9 Family Gathering



You are invited to join Year 9 families for Barefoot Bowls at Red Hill Community Sports Club on Sunday 26 May. All family members welcome. Please bring a plate of food to share. Drinks can be purchased at the bar.

Date

Sunday 26 May 2019

Time

3.00pm to 5.00pm

Tickets

\$7.00 per person

Venue

Red Hill Community Sports Club, 22 Fulcher Road, Red Hill

RSVP [here](#)

by Tuesday 21 May 2019

**For more information please contact
Year 9 Parent Representative, Wendy Ricato**

E wendy.ricato4@outlook.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 7 Parent Cocktail Evening



**You are invited to join fellow Year 7 parents
for a cocktail evening at The Verandah Bar,
The Lord Alfred Hotel on Saturday 1 June.**

Date

Saturday 1 June 2019

Time

7.00pm to 10.00pm

Tickets

\$46.00 includes welcome
drink, canapes & fork dish

Venue

The Verandah Bar, The Lord Alfred Hotel, 68 Petrie Terrace, Brisbane

RSVP **here**

by Monday 27 May 2019

**For more information please contact
Year 7 Parent Representative, Rachel Emery**

T 0409 470 973 **E** rachelemery@optusnet.com.au



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 8 Parent Cocktail Evening



**You are invited to join fellow Year 8 parents
for a cocktail evening at The Verandah Bar,
The Lord Alfred Hotel on Friday 7 June.**

Date

Friday 7 June 2019

Time

7.00pm to 10.30pm

Tickets

\$50.00 includes
welcome drink and canapes

Venue

The Verandah Bar, The Lord Alfred Hotel, 68 Petrie Terrace, Brisbane

RSVP [here](#)

by Thursday 30 May 2019

**For more information please contact
Year 8 Parent Representative, Berthine Ommensen**

T 0449 880 220 **E** berthine@bigpond.net.au



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 6 Parent Cocktail Evening



**You are invited to join fellow Year 6 parents
for a cocktail evening at The Verandah Bar,
The Lord Alfred Hotel on Friday 14 June.**

Date

Friday 14 June 2019

Time

7.00pm to 10.00pm

Tickets

\$55.00 includes welcome
drink and canapes

Venue

The Verandah Bar, The Lord Alfred Hotel, 68 Petrie Terrace, Brisbane

RSVP **here**

by Friday 7 June 2019

**For more information please contact
Year 6 Parent Representative, Palingu Aponso**

T 0423 566 725 **E** palingu@gmail.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BGS Cross Country End of Season Function



Please join the BGS Cross Country community in celebrating the 2019 GPS Cross Country season.

Date

Wednesday 29 May 2019

Time

Immediately following the Championships

Tickets

\$20 per student

Venue

Limestone Park Ipswich

[RSVP here](#)

by Wednesday 22 May 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 Gymnastics Presentation Evening



Please join the BGS Gymnastics community in celebrating
the 2019 GPS Gymnastics season.

Date

Saturday 8 June 2019

Time

6.30pm - 8.30pm

Tickets

\$30pp
(including students)

Venue

Function Room, The Lilley Centre, Brisbane Grammar School

[RSVP here](#)

by Monday 3 June 2019

For more information please contact
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philip.mooney@brisbanegrammar.com
 - Course Details: Sunday 19th May
 - The Lilley Centre - Forum
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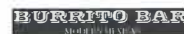
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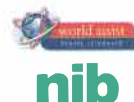


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BGS Golf Day

Sponsors, prize donors and players are invited to participate in the **2019 BGS Golf Day**.

Brisbane Grammar School is raising funds to provide financial support for bursaries for boys who have the scholastic ability, but not the financial means to attend the School.

Our target in 2019 is to raise \$50,000 through sponsorship and in-kind donations for our annual Golf Day.

Sponsorship opportunities are now available. If you are able to support this cause through sponsorship, auction items or prizes, please contact Carla Hardy on +61 7 3834 5206 or email carla.hardy@brisbanegrammar.com.

[Click here for bookings.](#)



50th annual BGS Art Show 'Aurum'

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

This year, the group welcomes Judith Bell, former member of the Board of Trustees and longtime supporter and collector of art (especially ceramics) to open the Art Show. Judith has had a distinguished career in education, including 10 years as a member of the Senate of The University of Queensland.

To encourage and support former students to enter works into the Art Show, the Art Support Group offers scholarships, which this year are available to Old Boys from 2013 to 2018. Applications are now open. For further information, please contact Head of Art, Ms Angela McCormack at angela.mccormack@brisbanegrammar.com or the Art Support Group at art.committee@brisbanegrammar.com.

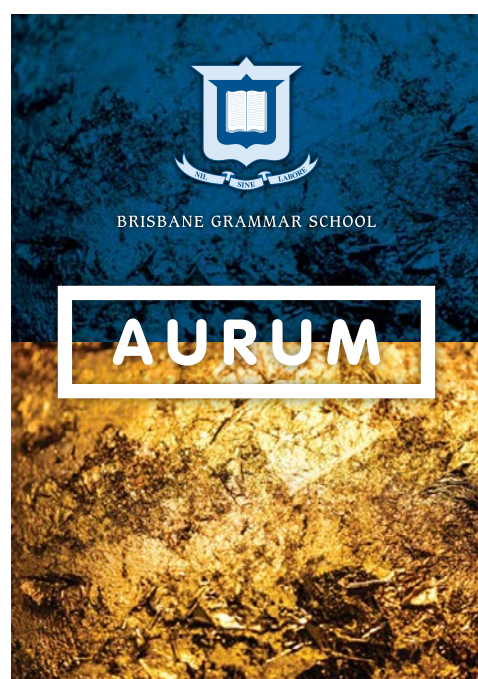
The event commences with a ticketed Gala Opening on Friday 19 July at 7.00pm, followed by free admission on Saturday 20 July from 10.00am to 3.00pm, coinciding with Open Day. Tickets include canapés, supper, beer and wine. Parking is available during the event.

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](https://www.instagram.com/bgsartshow) or Facebook page [BGS Annual Art Show](https://www.facebook.com/BGSAnnualArtShow).

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

Colley Whisson
Anne-Marie Zanetti
Ben Hodges
Lincoln Austin

Gala Opening Night (ticketed)

Friday 19 July from 7pm

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Open Day Exhibit

Saturday 20 July, 10am - 3pm

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