



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Anthony Micallef

Today at Senior Assembly, BGS recognised National Sorry Day. The significant occasion acknowledges and recognises members of the Stolen Generation and provides our Indigenous students with an opportunity to share their stories with the BGS community.

Year 10 boarder Michael Dingo, whose homeland is 1000km north of Perth, began the assembly by sharing his story. Read more about the important event in the story immediately following by Director of Student Wellbeing, Philippa Douglas.

May has been home to our cultural season for many years now. The School has a proud tradition of both participation and excellence in the arts. The boys participate enthusiastically in the Music, Drama and Art programs, learning important life skills like self-discipline, teamwork, confidence, resilience, imagination and creativity.

On Sunday, we had the pleasure of being entertained by our most talented musicians and marvelled at the expertise and engagement of our Music staff. Grammar in Concert showcased our finest musical ensembles in an event titled *Rhythm and Soul*. As is the case each year, I was in awe of the boys' craftsmanship, the professionalism of Music staff and the selfless contribution of the Music Support Group. The combined efforts of these three groups provided those in attendance with a beautiful demonstration of the importance of the arts in any boy's educational journey.

I want to thank Head of Music, Mr Peter Ingram for his stewardship of the event; Ms Miranda Ward for her administration; the Music Support Group for their commitment; St Laurence's College for allowing use of their Performing Arts Centre; and, most importantly, the boys of BGS and girls from BGGS for providing us with a wonderful afternoon of entertainment.

This week sees the culmination of many months of preparation by the members of the cast, crew and creative team of this year's Senior Dramatic Production. *Richard III* by William Shakespeare concludes the 'War of the Roses' cycle with one of literature's most villainous characters. Award-winning playwright Daniel Evans has penned a modern interpretation of Shakespeare's story. The theatre season for *Richard III* was sold out in record time, provoking an additional preview performance due the support and interest of the BGS community. Audiences were completely enthralled by the contemporary retelling that is grim and darkly humorous but ultimately stays true to Shakespeare's intent.

Director Tanya Neilsen, Producer Jeffrey Lewis and Technical Director Michael Moloney have done an exceptional job bringing this vision to life and mentoring a very talented team of middle years and senior actors. The cast and crew include a talented collective of students from Brisbane Grammar School and the Queensland Academy of Creative Industries. Special mention goes to Year 12 students Oliver English (Richard of Gloucester) and Luca Gerbino (Tyrell) who masterfully encapsulated the zeitgeist of the classic tragedy.

This week also signifies National Volunteer Week, an annual celebration to acknowledge the generous contribution of our nation's volunteers.

This year's theme for the week is 'making a world of difference', and it is with that theme in mind that I wish to acknowledge and laud the Trustees, parents and friends of BGS who altruistically donate their time, treasure and talent to support our school and the boys.

We all lead extremely busy lives, but I am always overwhelmed by the preparedness of the BGS community to lend a hand. The benefits of volunteering are enormous to you, your family, and our community. Volunteering allows us to connect and to make BGS a better place. To all who support Brisbane Grammar School, I offer a heartfelt thank you.

In closing, I wish to thank several staff members who occupied positions of added responsibility while I was on study leave. I extend my appreciation to Mr Steve Uscinski who managed school matters during the Easter vacation; Mr David Carroll for being Acting Headmaster; Mr Simon Conway for being the Acting Deputy Headmaster – Students; and Mr Brad Scholes who ably led the Year 9 cohort as Acting Head of Year.

I know that I am surrounded by extraordinarily capable people who can lead the School when required.

Director of Student Wellbeing Programs

Philippa Douglas

"To me, Sorry Day is more than just a time to remember the Stolen Generation. It is a time to reflect on what has happened in the past and acknowledge the trauma that has been caused by colonisation to our way of life. It has broken up families, destroying culture and changing our connection to mother earth."

—Michael Dingo, a proud Yamatji man and Year 10 student at BGS

Today at Senior Assembly, we recognised National Sorry Day ahead of National Reconciliation Week next week. This is a significant day in the School's calendar when we not only acknowledge and recognise members of the Stolen Generation, but also provide an opportunity for our Indigenous students to share their stories with the BGS community.

Michael Dingo began our assembly by sharing his story, speaking to the strong connection Indigenous people have with the land as its custodians. Michael's homeland is located over 1000km north of Perth in Western Australia, and his ancestors have called this area home since the Dreamtime.

Following Michael, Mr Jon Hodges, one of our experienced Outdoor Education teachers, spoke passionately about the respect he has for Indigenous people and his desire to learn more about their connection with the country. To close the assembly, Prefect Sebastian Porras offered some practical ideas as to how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Relationships with Indigenous people and communities are the authentic underpinning for our vision of reconciliation. Such relationships improve understanding, enabling us to embrace diversity and ensure an inclusive school community.

In 2007, the School launched its first Reconciliation Action Plan, a business plan that documents what BGS commits to do to contribute to reconciliation in Australia. This week we released a draft of the next stage in our commitment to reconciliation.

The BGS Innovate Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) aims to support and encourage the entire BGS community to take part in the broader movement towards reconciliation between Indigenous Australians and non-Indigenous Australians. Our vision is to foster an environment that respects Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, cultures and knowledge and work towards addressing the legacies of the past by developing reciprocal relationships with Indigenous people and their communities.

In the spirit of reconciliation and the raising of our community's awareness and understanding of Indigenous culture, our desire to contribute has ranged from fundraising through to exchanges and service projects. Our relationship with Queensland Children's Hospital continues to strengthen, with boys from the Closing the Gap Committee invited to create Cultural Welcome Packs for Indigenous children who require medical care. Our annual service immersion to remote Indigenous communities in Cape York is now in its seventh year. Through such programs, we challenge students to consider what part they can play as aware, educated and active global citizens to bring reconciliation one step closer.

In the last few years, the BGS Outdoor Education program has been incorporating an Indigenous element into its yearly skills and knowledge development. The weaving of an Indigenous curriculum throughout the program builds on the connection to place that already exists and adds another dimension that many programs do not offer.

The program has built a strong connection with local Ugarapul Elders and has included Douglas James to teach songs, and boomerang and spear-throwing skills in the Year 7 program. Local language is also a big part of the sessions with Year 7.

Lore stories shared with us from Gunni Thakun Elder Uncle Paul Gordon have been taught to Year 8s and fit well with the objectives and outcomes of teamwork.

We anticipate that with the land acquisition of Bitenbar and with further consultation with numerous Indigenous groups that the BGS Outdoor Education program can build on the strong Indigenous links to the program.

There is no doubt that incorporating Indigenous knowledge of story, skills, language and lore helps enrich the program and build a deeper understanding of connection to place, culture and the environment.

The BGS community is committed to continue educating ourselves about Indigenous culture, and to consider all actions we can take to make reconciliation a reality.

Deputy Headmaster – Students

David Carroll

Mid-term check

We are now past the halfway point of the term and assignment deadlines and exams are approaching. If you feel that your son needs more assistance, please contact his Head of Year. An effective working relationship is an essential component of a successful education.

Grammar in Concert

Congratulations to the incredible performers last Sunday at the 2019 Grammar in Concert. It was a fantastic concert. I also wish to thank Peter Ingram and the Music staff for their management and coordination of the event.

Hairstyles

Week 6 is our usual reminder for students to check their hair and organise an appointment to get it cut. I would appreciate your support in this matter. The guidelines for hairstyles are located on each of the year level pages on MyGrammar.

Cross Country

The GPS Cross Country Championship is approaching, and boys will be asked to register to attend. This carnival occurs during school time. As has been the case in the past, students who wish to attend must be up to date with their school work. Heads of Year will check the list and students will be removed from attendance if they can't afford to miss a day of classes.

Saturday support

Thank you to parents for ensuring your son is dressed in his winter uniform to support our flagship teams. I understand it is an extra task for parents each week, but it is important that we present appropriately on Saturdays.

Term dates

Dates for the end of term are identified early and are used for setting assessment dates. It is important that boys are present for their assessments, which will occur up to the final day of term. Any requests for early departures must be made through my office.

Year 11 Parent–Son Kokoda trip

September 2019

An information session will be held for Year 11 parents interested in learning more about a BGS Parent–Son Kokoda trip in September 2019, coordinated by Aurora Adventures. Parents and sons from Year 10 have already registered but there is an opportunity for interested Year 11 boys, with a parent, to also take part.

Those who participated with their sons in similar treks have spoken of the remarkable experience — made more remarkable by being shared — and the lifelong friendships that develop between the parents and among the boys.

Further information is included in the brochure posted on MyGrammar in the Year 11 section.

Note that all boys who participate in this trek must be accompanied by a parent.

Information session

Date: Monday 17 June 2019

Time: 6.00pm

Location: The Lilley Centre Function Room

Guest Speaker: Evan Donaghue, Operations Manager, Aurora Adventures

Contact: Petrina Gilmore | petrina.gilmore@brisbanegrammar.com or 07 3834 5748

RSVP: rsvp@brisbanegrammar.com

Director of Boarding

Berian Williams-Jones

A myriad of talent resides within our Harlin House community. Quite often our focus is taken by those who excel in the sports, especially so given our tradition of supporting Saturday GPS fixtures. We are very much looking forward to the annual GPS Cross Country Championship at Limestone Park next week and home fixtures against The Southport School, at both the BGS Tennis Centre and Northgate this weekend.

However, last Sunday afternoon allowed us to showcase the talent of boys in the arts at Grammar in Concert. It was my privilege to represent our community in support of Kuri, Andy and Mitch. From the percussion to the orchestra, big band and the vocal ensemble I was hugely proud of the efforts of these Harlin House men, of the talent that they have and of the opportunity for each to entertain the assembled audience after countless hours of rehearsal. Long may we treasure and preserve the great diversity of the House and continue to celebrate the contributions made across a variety of disciplines.

It is my great pleasure to announce the appointment of Bobby Jovanovich as our new Boarding Tutor, replacing Mr Peter Hunter who has worked in Harlin House since the start of 2018. Mr Hunter has made a significant contribution to the House in his time with us and we wish him well with his young family.

Mr Jovanovich has been at BGS since 2013 and is an integral part of our Swimming program, being a highly regarded coach and having swum for Australia. His experience and passion to join the boarding community make certain that he will bring a great deal to Harlin House.



Director of Outdoor Education

Derek Jervis

8H have had a wonderful week at Moogerah. The Year 8 Outdoor Education experience is focused on teamwork and the class has shown their willingness and ability to develop these values and virtues. Several 8H boys have tried hard to develop and demonstrate the values and virtues of contributing, communicating, persisting, supporting and collaborating.

Will O'Sullivan seemed to be in his element during the expedition. Will was a positive group member, a good navigator and a valuable group member when camping out. Simson Thomas put his classmates first by carrying others' backpacks and offering support. Simson paddled well and maintained a good sense of humour during the challenging expedition.

Aadeesh Singhal and Mikey Yuen were mature and considerate students. These boys were reliable and willing to put effort into all aspects of the program. Jack Dunne was recognised by the Outdoor Education teachers for his enthusiasm while rock climbing, willingness to take a leadership role while navigating and his positive attitude throughout the week.

Henry Rodda was a valuable group member. He focused on the tasks that needed to be completed and showed leadership potential when organising his expedition group and during the group initiative tasks. Zarjis Zarjis was recognised by the teachers and his peers for his attitude, sense of humour and all-round contribution to the class' experience.

Year 11 leaders Mitch Labrom and Tom Cox volunteered their time to return to Moogerah to lead the Year 8 program. Mitch and Tom got to know the class quickly and showed the Year 8 boys how to effectively lead in the outdoors.

Form Teacher Mr Gustav Joshi joined his class for the week and was fully involved in the program. Mr Joshi completed all the challenges with the class and his enthusiasm for the experience had a wonderfully positive impact on the class.

Mr Haydn Murray also joined the class for the day, bushwalking on Mt Alford to complete another ascent of the mountain. 8H all chose to continue to the summit together as a class!

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



Director of Student Services

Dale Nicholas

ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) update – May 2019

The ATAR is a rank indicating a student's position relative to other students. It is expressed on a 2000 point scale from 99.95 down to 0 in decrements of 0.05. The ATAR will be used for tertiary admissions in the new system of assessment for students graduating from 2020.

To be eligible for an ATAR at Brisbane Grammar School students must have:

- Satisfactorily completed an English subject (At BGS this means a C in either English or Literature)
- Completed five general subjects (Students at BGS will study six general subjects).

Some ATAR facts:

- The ATAR is calculated by QTAC
- It is a measure of a student's overall position compared to other students
- It is relevant throughout Australia
- ATARs can be calculated based on results from five consecutive years
- It is not possible to include a general language subject and the external senior examination subject in the same language in the ATAR
- ATARs will be based on the best five scaled subject results achieved by students in Units 3 and 4
- Adjustment factors will continue to be applied after the ATAR is calculated
- Adjustment factors are institution specific
- Students will access and print their ATAR result notice via a secure online facility in mid to late December of their graduating year.

For more information on the ATAR and how it will be calculated, [click here](#). This site also includes a useful video on the scaling process.

Information on the ATAR and other aspects of the new system of assessment will continue to be uploaded to the Student Services social media accounts regularly. These can be accessed at:

Beyond Grammar on Facebook

<https://www.facebook.com/bgsstudentservices>

Beyond Grammar on Twitter

<https://twitter.com/BeyondGrammar>

Beyond Grammar on Instagram

https://www.instagram.com/beyond_grammar

Director of Student Wellbeing Programs

Philippa Douglas

Public Purpose

Last weekend was an eventful time for boys participating in Public Purpose. On Saturday, members of the Gender Respect Committee, Noah Rosemann, Thomas Bizzell, Jack Ware, and Aly Sultan volunteered at the Friends with Dignity high tea to raise money for victims of family violence. During the afternoon, boys heard stories about the reality of living with family violence and what individuals, groups and organisations can do to initiate change by providing tangible ways in which we all can Step Up, Speak Out and Support.

The Gender Respect Committee first started in 2015 with the aim of equipping boys with an understanding of gender inequalities, so they can build respectful relationships with the women and girls in their lives. Boys learn how to be the best people they can be, and how they can be leaders among their peers and in their school by modelling healthy and respectful manhood that values women and girls. The committee also supports other organisations including Zephyr Education and Share the Dignity.

On Sunday, Year 5 boys and their pooches participated in the RSPCA Million Paws Walk. Our participation helped raise vital funds to fight animal cruelty. I would like to thank Mr Shears for organising this wonderful event for students each year.



Tablet PC maintenance

Parents of students in Years 9 and 10 are advised that maintenance will be carried out on student Tablet PCs during their son's scheduled Outdoor Education experience.

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

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

Greg Dabelstein
Dean of Curriculum

Deputy Head – Co-Curriculum

Greg Thorne

Character

This week a new group of coaches were inducted, ahead of the upcoming GPS Basketball and Rugby seasons. These young people, among them many BGS Old Boys, have made a significant commitment to our future. During the induction process they were trained in child protection, briefed on first aid and medical care in our setting, and trained in the use of our systems for capturing important student data around attendance at training.

A significant emphasis throughout the induction was placed on the importance of character.

The coach has a role in modelling good character and developing character in the young men they are responsible for, just as much as they seek to develop their skill, tactical awareness and performance. They are now part of our coaching team who, along with many at BGS over the years, have helped to proactively guide young men of character.

Each of our new coaches has a network of experienced coaches, MiCs and Head Coaches guiding them through their journey; shadowing, encouraging and correcting. I know these coaches are in good hands and I know that they understand the immense importance and possibilities of their roles in shaping the character of the next generation of gentlemen at Brisbane Grammar School.

Opportunity

Opportunity is one of my favourite words, and those around me tolerate me using it often.

Here at this great school, it is perhaps unsurprising that I use it regularly to convey what I'm privileged to be a part of each week.

Every BGS boy has an immense opportunity to become his best self, connect with his peer group and find a path forward to a life of continuing excellence. It only requires him to be open to growth.

At the risk of reinforcing the obvious I should list just a few extraordinary experiences for me at BGS this past week.

We saw a full program of GPS Football and Tennis fixtures; Grammar in Concert; new coaches induction; our gymnasts competing at the Australian Championships; a Senior Leadership Team meeting; working with my Year 11 Economics class as they learn Business Concentration; seeing our coaches work with our First XI Football and preseason First XV Rugby teams training at Northgate; a visit to Moogerah with the P&F Auxiliary; a Kagan Day 1 workshop for teachers on cooperative learning structures; presentation of the GPS Cross Country team; a Headmaster's lunch; *Richard III*; Fencing; and this weekend, the Tennis Centre naming ceremony; and GPS fixtures and BGS Football concluding with the First XI at Northgate.

Another inspiring week at BGS — and what new opportunity awaits your son?

Cross Country

A reminder that all End of Season Function forms should now be complete.

Upcoming Events

Term 2	Cross Country training Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday mornings
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
Monday 27 May	Cross Country training 6.15am start at Cricket Pavilion
Monday 27 May	Monday Lunch Run Club 12.40pm at Cricket Pavilion, finishes 1.10pm
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

Football

Last week saw the BGS Football community travel to Churchie for Round 4. Results were again very good with 40 official GPS games played, BGS winning 22, losing 13 and drawing five. 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, 7A, 8A, 10A and 11A teams who were comprehensive winners on the day.

This Saturday we host TSS for Round 5. Matches and times can be found on MyGrammar and the sports noticeboard. I ask all players to ensure they are aware of their time and field.

I would like to once again encourage all parents who have some free time either before or after their son's fixture to assist the Wembley Club in the operation of the canteen or barbecue pit on Saturday. I know the support group would greatly appreciate it, on what will be another big day.

This weekend we will have all team photos at Northgate. An updated schedule is on the following page of this newsletter and I ask all players to ensure they are organised and prompt for their photo so that team warmup is not 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		5th XI
12.40pm	11.40am	2nd XI	3rd XI
12.40pm	11.45am	4th 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).



Music

Congratulations to all concerned for another fabulous Grammar in Concert. It was encouraging to see so many attend, and all were thoroughly entertained by our young musicians. Some of the many highlights included:

- A spectacular opening from the Symphonic Band, especially the “factory” sounds of their Industrial Loops
- The Grammarphones with their phones on stage singing about being technology nuts
- The precision of the Chamber Strings
- The fun of GVE boys singing about girls while dressed in their Hawaiian gear
- The power and drive of the Big Band
- The mesmerizing sounds of the Vocal Group in Shadowland
- The choreography and pure entertainment of the Percussion Ensemble
- The shimmying dance moves of the Symphony Orchestra’s final Latin piece!

We hope you enjoyed the concert at the new venue, the Edmund Rice Performing Arts Centre at St Laurence’s College. We are keen to know your thoughts. Let us know by sending an email to music@brisbanegrammar.com.

A reminder also that if you are yet to order your video recording of the concert, it is still possible to order via TryBooking – [click here](#).

Peter Ingram
Head of Music



Rugby

A note to BGS Rugby parents

All players, officials, and coaches in the GPS Rugby competition must be registered via Rugby Australia's Rugby Explorer system.

This is a mandatory requirement by Rugby Australia.

Please follow the instructions, sent to parents on Monday 20 May, to register your sons into the system by **Friday 31 May 2019**.

Thank you in advance for your support of this important process.

Ron J Cochrane
Director of Sport

Phil Mooney
Director of Rugby

Snowsports

Interschool Snowsports 2019

BGS Snowsports is currently recruiting skiers and snowboarders to join the 2019 BGS team for the Queensland Interschools Snowsports Competition to be held in Perisher, NSW from Tuesday 9 to Saturday 13 July.

Last year the BGS Snowsports team won a total of 18 individual and team medals. All ages and abilities are welcome.

For more information, contact Team Manager Stephen Bizzell at sbizzell@bizzellcapital.com or 0417 618 698. Visit the BGS Snowsports Facebook page which has photos from previous years and further details.

Stephen Bizzell
BGS Snowsports Team Manager



Tennis

GPS Tennis

BGS Tennis had a very successful round of GPS competition, defeating ACGS in all 30 teams competing on the weekend. This is a great accomplishment for the whole BGS Tennis cohort against a traditionally strong tennis school. Special mention to the 7Ds who stayed composed in a 32-31 victory.

Firsts vs ACGS

The Firsts for Saturday comprised Will Jesser, Alex Patane, Elliot James and Kanika Jayathilake. BGS started out strongly with convincing wins in the first three singles matches. Kanika was in a battle at number four singles but was able to come away with a three-set victory. BGS went on to win all four doubles for a comfortable 8-0 result.

Michael Fancutt
Director of Tennis

Acting Head of Middle School

Rebecca Campbell

This week, 15 Year 8 Public Purpose boys, accompanied by Ms Michelle Ragen and Mr Haydn Murray, attended the World Vision Youth Conference at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre to prepare for this year's 40 Hour Famine Backpack Challenge. The boys heard powerful messages about leadership and gained valuable knowledge about the global refugee crisis during sessions led by Jimmy Kyle, an inspirational Indigenous mentor, and Khadiga Gbla, an award-winning human rights activist. During interactive workshops, the boys were also challenged to think critically about the social impacts of climate change and encouraged to find their voice and use their actions to stand up for people who are experiencing injustice and inequality. At the end of the day, the boys gathered eagerly in the Centenary Library to start planning their campaign for the Backpack Challenge. They are very excited to be leading this challenge across the Middle School next term.

On Wednesday, Year 5 hit the high seas of Moreton Bay, venturing across to the former prison and quarantine station of St Helena Island. The wonderful guides from Cat-o-Nine-Tails tours entertained and enlightened staff and students with tales from this dark yet colourful piece of Brisbane's history. Year 5 found out all about life as a prisoner, the conditions and hardships they endured, as well as the lonely lives of prison officers and their families. Year 5 had a great day out on the bay, and they returned with a much greater appreciation of what life must have been like all those years ago. Thank you to Mr Shears and the Year 5 team for organising this wonderful opportunity.

In staffing news, we welcome Mrs Karly Dwyer as our new part-time Middle School Receptionist. Mrs Dwyer is looking forward to getting to know the boys and to joining our BGS community. Further to Mr Micallef's staffing announcement at the end of Term 1, Ms Deanne Elliott will commence on Monday 27 May as the Form Tutor of 8D, replacing Mrs Wass who departs on parental leave on Friday 31 May. We wish Mr and Mrs Wass all the best as they enter this next stage of their journey.



Middle School Sport

Middle School Cross Country

For many of our younger Cross Country runners, last Friday afternoon's invitational meet was their first experience of the challenging Limestone Park course. It is a course with more hills than most of the other invitational meets used this season, but the training our boys have done around Victoria Park and Spring Hill appeared to hold them in good stead.

With a week to go until the GPS Cross Country Championship, attendance at training sessions is critical and all families should check MyGrammar for upcoming associated event details such as the final week arrangements and the End of Season Function.

Age	Runner of the Week	Age	Runner of the Week
10 years	Buddy Matthews	12 years	Joshua Smith
11 years	Charles Nelson	13 years	Hudson Ridoutt

Middle School Gymnastics

The next few weeks are very busy for our Gymnastics squad, with the BGS School Championship and the GPS Championship on Saturday 1 June and Saturday 8 June respectively. Gymnastics provides additional interest for our Middle School community as it is one of the rare GPS activities where our younger boys are able to represent flagship teams. Good luck to all gymnasts in their preparations for the weeks ahead.

Middle School Football

The benefit of having a junior school for team cohesion was evident in the performance of some of the Churchie football teams last Saturday. Their younger teams in particular played with great shape and structure, and our Years 5 and 6 teams found them formidable opponents. Congratulations to the 5A boys on a great comeback victory and special mention also the 8A and 8B teams on decisive wins.

This week our teams return to Northgate to play The Southport School. Team photos will also be taken this Saturday. Please note that boys who are not at their designated photo time will miss inclusion in the School Magazine. Please check MyGrammar carefully for team selections, photo schedule and match details.

Team	Player of the Week	Age	Player of the Week
5A	Hamish Maybury	6A	Harvey Gatehouse
5B	Dami Lu	6B	Jai Selva
5C	Archer Webb	6C	Lachlan Russell
5D	Nick Kelso	6D	Casey Hughes
Team	Player of the Week	Age	Player of the Week
7A	Sam Wallwork	8A	Doug Chapman
7B	Lewis Williams	8B	Monte Tilse
7C	Euan Mortimer	8C	Orlando Bell Bray
7D	Jay Peterson	8D	Matthew Wong
7E	Oliver Akhavan	8E	Ozair Rahman
7F	Andy Swindells		

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

Middle School Tennis

It was another outstanding round of GPS Tennis fixtures for our Middle School teams last Saturday. No teams had a losing day and the 7D team managed a very respectable 31-all draw.

This week all Middle School teams are away at the Gold Coast playing The Southport School. There are three different venues in operation, so please check MyGrammar carefully for match and venue details.

Year	Player of the Week	Year	Player of the Week
5	Lachlan Baker Hardik Butada	6	Jack Van der Westhuizen Ryan Lee
7	Archie Austin Angus Ellerman	8	Toby Choi Ishan Bose

Team	Score	Team	Score	Team	Score	Team	Score
5A	W 48-17	6A	W 45-21	7A	W 43-17	8A	W 48-6
5B	W 48-15	6B	W 43-30	7B	W 40-28	8B	W 48-3
5C	W 41-22	6C	W 44-23	7C	W 48-19	8C	W 48-12
5D	W 46-11	6D	W 48-4	7D	D 31-31	8D	W 46-13

Rugby

A reminder that preseason training has now commenced for all Rugby squads. I mentioned at assembly this week that this year boys must do some sort of presesason before they take to the field in any trial matches or fixtures. At this point, boys who cannot train as they are involved in Term 2 activities should at least register their expression of interest if they intend on playing next term.

Glenn McFarlane
Coordinator of Middle School Sport

Volunteer Roster

Week commencing Monday 27 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 Two	Tuckshop Breakfast 7.00am – 8.00am	Tuckshop Morning Tea 8.00am – 2.00pm	Grammar Shop
Monday 27 May	Cecilia Chan	Bronwyn Stilwell (Team Captain)	Tomomi Tanowaki
Tuesday 28 May	Florence Tiong	Fara Tavakol (Team Captain)	Rachel Moss
Wednesday 29 May	Helen Webster Virginia Bowdidge	Fiona Brockhurst (Team Captain)	Cathy Carew
Thursday 30 May	Wei Shi Palingu Aponso	Gabby Elliott (Team Captain)	Allison Kay
Friday 31 May	Natasha Kalinina Sirie Palmos	Jo Wong (Team Captain)	Jodie Curtis

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

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

P&F Auxiliary Spring Luncheon

Friday 25 October

Willow Club Test Breakfast

Friday 22 November

P&F Auxiliary

Connect – Care – Contribute

The P&F Auxiliary is a subcommittee of the P&F Association that facilitates fundraising and fosters parent fellowship and the sense of strong community that abounds at Brisbane Grammar School. All profits are returned to the School to enhance the experience for students and families.

Volunteers

Thank you to all our new and continuing volunteers who provide wonderful assistance in the Tuckshop and Grammar Shop.

Now that the boys have settled into school routines, we are hopeful that additional parents would be able to offer their time to help at the Grammar Shop in particular. Our roster cycles every 4 weeks and at present we are seeking volunteers on Mondays Week 2, Tuesdays Week 3 and Mondays Week 4.

Week 2 Mondays 7.30am – 11.00am	Week 3 Tuesdays 7.30 – 9.00am	Week 4 Mondays 7.30am – 11.00am
Term 2 27 May	Term 2 4 June	Term 2 10 June
Term 3 22 July, 19 August, 16 September	Term 3 30 July, 27 August	Term 3 5 August, 2 September
Term 4 14 October, 11 November	Term 4 22 October, 19 November	Term 4 28 October, 25 November

Even if you can't assist on one of these days, or for the full timeslot, we would still be appreciative of your support as your availability allows.

Our staff and volunteers are very welcoming and we would love to see you there. Please contact Wendy Smith at wsmith@visis.com.au if you think you may be able to offer some time to assist.

Senior hats for 2020

This week, Year 8 families have been sent a letter from the Grammar Shop inviting them to purchase senior hats in time for next year. The boys will have a hat fitting on Wednesday 17 July, the first week of Term 3, so that the hats can be ordered and arrive in time for the end of Term 4. Parents will need to make payment prior by Tuesday 16 July so that the orders can be completed. Please click on the link provided in the letter and begin your student's transition to the Senior School.

Joanne Villiers
P&F Auxiliary

The Jam – Band Battle '19

This year the BGS Old Boys' Association is proud to invite the community to celebrate and be entertained by those Old Boys who followed their dreams and forged careers in the music industry.

BGS has long had a fantastic music program and no doubt many dreamed of one day playing to rooms full of cheering fans.

Competing in the inaugural Band Battle '19 are:

- Deafadders – Bryan McLennan '61
- Pryde Creek – Fletcher Cole, Harry Powell, Will Mather, Ryan Clayden-Zabik and Isaac Povey (all peer year '15)
- Kolchak – Bruce Carrick '78
- With Blue – Jarryd Pollock, Will Fenwick, Tom Fitzgerald, and Corbin Redburn (all peer year '15)
- The Chordites – Bryce Lawrence '80 and Paul Prendergast '95
- The John Statham Band – John Statham '78

Bands will be playing for:

- A day in Airlock Recording Studios with Ian Haug '87 from Powderfinger and The Church
- The opportunity to have your recorded song streamed via GYROstream thanks to Andy Wilson '79
- Cheers and beers!

For music fans, this is a night not to be missed as you get to catch up with old school friends, support and cheer on some amazing bands and mingle with our Old Boy rock stars.

Tickets are available now via www.oztix.com.au.

All members of the BGS community, family and friends are welcome to attend this event.

Note - this is a strictly 18+ event.



THE JAM
BAND BATTLE '19

PARTY 'OLD SCHOOL'
AT THE TRIFFID WITH OUR EX-BGS ROCKSTARS
COMPETING FOR CHEERS AND BEERS.
6 BANDS. 1 WINNER!!!

SATURDAY 8 JUNE

PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:

SHAG ROCK + DEAFADDERS
+ PRYDE CREEK + KOLCHAK
+ WITH BLUE + THE CHORDITES
+ THE JOHN STATHAM BAND


DOORS OPEN 6PM

OUR SPONSORS



50th annual BGS Art Show 'Aurum'

As part of the 2019 BGS Art Show, the School community has the opportunity to bid on a pair of BGS cufflinks specially designed by Old Boy Ben Hodges '90.

Hodges, a prominent jeweller who once helped create a ring for Ringo Starr of The Beatles, handcrafted the intricate BGS cufflinks in diamond, titanium and solid 18 carat white gold. Valued at \$10,000, the design bears the School crest and is available to bid on via an online auction.

To read more about the BGS cufflinks and to bid online, [click here](#).

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. [Click here](#) to purchase tickets.

The BGS Art Support Group this year welcomes Judith Bell, former member of the Board of Trustees and longtime supporter and collector of art, 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.

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.

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.brown@brisbanegrammar.com or the vArt Support Group at art.committee@brisbanegrammar.com.

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

[> Purchase tickets](#)

Open Day Exhibit

Saturday 20 July, 10am - 3pm

The Brisbane Grammar School Art Support Group gratefully acknowledges our sponsors

PLATINUM



GOLD



SILVER



BRONZE





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

Year 10 Parent Casual Morning Tea



**You are invited to join fellow Year 10 parents
for a casual morning tea at Buzz Bistro,
Gasworks Plaza, Newstead.**

Date

Wednesday 12 June 2019

Time

8.30am to 10.30am

Morning tea at guest's own expense

RSVP [here](#)

by Monday 10 June 2019

**For more information please contact
Year 10 Parent Representatives:**

Gemma Ruddell and Melina Vrettos

E gemmaruddell@hotmail.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Year 12 Parent Morning Tea



You are invited to join fellow Year 12 parents, carers, adult siblings and grandparents for morning tea at The Green House, Howard Smith Wharves on Thursday 20 June.

Date

Thursday 20 June

Time

9.30am to 11.30am

Tickets

\$50.00 each - includes sweet and savoury items and a glass of French bubbles

Venue

The Green House, Howard Smith Wharves, 5 Boundary Street, Brisbane City

RSVP **here**

by Friday 14 June 2019

**For more information please contact
Year 12 Parent Representative**

Jo Mower E jomower@mac.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BGS Fencing End of Season Function



Please join us in celebrating
the 2019 GPS Fencing Season

Date

Sunday 9 June 2019

Time

5.00pm - 9.00pm

Tickets

Gourmet BBQ, Beer, Wine, Soft Drinks
\$30.00 per person
including students

Venue

Indoor Sports Centre, Brisbane Grammar School

[RSVP here](#)

by Monday 3 June 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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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BGS Football

End of Season Presentation

Year 5, 6 & 7



Please join us in celebrating
the 2019 GPS Football Season

Date

Saturday 15 June 2019

Time

12.00pm - 1.30pm
2.00pm First XI Match

Tickets

Complimentary
Sausage Sizzle and Drink

Venue

Brisbane Grammar School
Northgate Playing Fields
Nudgee Road, Northgate

RSVP here

by Monday 10 June 2019

For more information please contact
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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BGS Football

End of Season Presentation

2019



Please join us in celebrating
the 2019 GPS Football Season
Year 8 -12

Date

Friday 21 June 2019

Time

7.00pm - 10.00pm

Tickets

\$75.00 per person
2 Course Meal
Cash Bar Available

Venue

Tattersalls Club
215 Queen Street
Brisbane QLD 4000

RSVP here

by Friday 14 June 2019

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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BGS Tennis

End of Season Function



Please join us in celebrating
the 2019 GPS Tennis Season

Date

Friday 21 June 2019

Time

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Tickets

\$35.00 per person
including students

Venue

Brisbane Grammar School
Tennis Centre

[RSVP here](#)

by Monday 14 June 2019

For more information please contact
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SENSE OF PLACE

WED 29 MAY

LYMBURNER GALLERY

5:30-6:30pm



JACK
ELLIOT
MAX
JACOB
LOUIS
CONNOR

BALL
BROCK
BROCKHURST
CAMPBELL
CARDELL-REE
DAWSON

ANDREW
JACOB
LUKE
RAFFERTY
DEEP
ALEX

EKELEDO-SMITH
FALLOWS
FURNELL
McCONAGHY
PAIS
PRIDDLE

ALEX
KASEN
LOUIS
WILLIAM
JIMIN

SHEAHAN
TRAN
UMASHEV
YANG
YUN

BGS Golf Day

Sponsors, prize donors and players are invited to participate in the **2019 BGS Golf Day**, to be held on **Friday 23 August 2019**.

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.](#)



BGS150 memorabilia

Light Dark Blue: 150 Years of Learning and Leadership at Brisbane Grammar School is available for purchase now. The beautiful 500-page hardcover book updates the BGS story with previously untold anecdotes, rare photographs and illustrations. With a limited print run, it is sure to become a sought after collector's item. Standard edition and limited editions available.

[Click here](#) to order *Light Dark Blue*.

[Click here](#) to view all BGS150 memorabilia – limited stocks remain.

BGS150 History Book Purchase now





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