



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

Newsletter

Week 7 Term 2

Friday 7 June 2019



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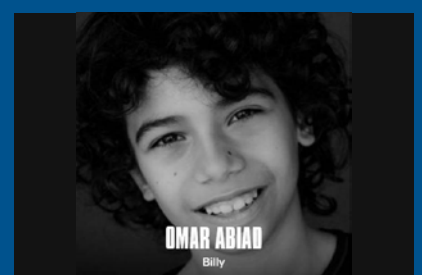
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Our Executive Director – Educational Innovation, Ms Jacqui Zervos, spoke to the boys at assembly earlier this year about self-regulated learning. Her valuable point was that learning is challenging. To memorise without developing understanding does not build meaning and is seldom long lasting. Learning is a challenge and there is a problem with making learning too easy. Ms Zervos quoted EM Foster: ‘Spoon feeding, in the long run, teaches us nothing but the shape of the spoon’. Real learning involves stretching beyond our comfort zone so that we can grow cognitively, socially and emotionally.

Her message was that learning is and should be a challenge, but with the support of peers, teachers and families, and by developing our capacities to persist, organise ourselves and show endeavour, we are developing the skills of self-regulation. Self-regulating our learning involves monitoring ourselves, our thinking and our motivation as we learn. This helps us accommodate and respond to the discomfort of the challenge of learning, leading to academic achievement despite what has been termed ‘situational distractions’.

As the end of semester approaches and the number of assignments and other assessment tasks increases, learning and self-regulation are important. The stress of completing more assessments in a short period presents a situational distraction.

Parents and teachers can support students while they are experiencing pressure to meet due dates, complete revision and prepare for in-class assessments. Helping them to manage their current situation and controlling their environmental distractions will help them focus on learning and completing their academic tasks. Some simple things that we can do to help students manage the next few weeks include:

- Remind them about the importance of planning and organisation, and how to use their planning calendars well
- Stick to regular routines of sleeping, studying and eating a healthy diet
- In many cases, the most effective learning is a social enterprise. Encourage your sons to access the opportunity to work and learn with you, their teachers and their peers.

Please keep in touch with your son’s teachers, Form Tutors and Head of Year should you need their support. This is a time when the partnership between the School and families, which is both authentic and treasured at BGS, can assist our boys to achieve their best.

Announcement

From the Board of Trustees

The Brisbane Grammar School Board of Trustees is pleased to announce that Professor John Humphrey has been appointed as the new Deputy Chairperson of the Board and will succeed Mr Howard Stack as Chairperson of the Board of Trustees when he retires later this year.

Professor Humphrey has served on the Board since May 2018 and presently serves on the Finance and Education Committees of the Board.

He brings 30 years’ experience as one of Brisbane’s most prominent corporate lawyers, including as a director of, and advisor to, many significant public companies. As Executive Dean of the Faculty of Law of Queensland University of Technology, Professor Humphrey has been responsible for the development and leadership of the School of Law, School of Justice and Legal Practice Unit since January 2013, a position he will relinquish this month.

Professor Humphrey was a boarder during his time at Brisbane Grammar School. He and his son are both Old Boys.

After many years of dedicated service, Dr John Fenwick AM has stepped down from his role as Deputy Chairperson. He will remain on the Board of Trustees for the remainder of his current term until June 2020.

The Board sincerely thanks Dr Fenwick for his years of devoted service to the Brisbane Grammar School community and warmly welcomes the new Deputy Chairperson, Professor John Humphrey, to the role.

Deputy Headmaster – Students

David Carroll

Child Protection outside the School gates

To maintain an understanding of issues associated with adolescent children, I am fortunate to attend regular professional development experiences.

At a recent conference, a session covered the use of drugs by adolescents and youth. Of greatest concern to me was a rise in the use of prescription drugs. Although the use of illicit drugs appears to have stabilised, and in some cases declined, the rapid increase in the use of drugs being taken from homes is a concern.

Over the past few years, BGS has used breathalysers to assist students to make better decisions at the Year 11 Charity Social as well as the Senior Formal. Neither event has ever presented an issue, but it is important for the boys to know that we are not facilitating functions that allow them to engage in activities that are not up to the BGS standard.

Given the rise in the use of prescription drugs, the School will also employ facilities to test for drug-related offences at both of these functions from 2019. Although we believe our students can make the correct decisions in this area, we want them to understand what the School believes is the correct behaviour.

We will also consider over time the option of testing lockers and rooms in the School for evidence of drug-related materials.

In my opinion, anything that assists students in making good decisions in this area is worth doing. The alternative may allow students to feel they have the freedom to put themselves and others at risk.

As always if you wish to discuss this matter with me, please contact my office on 07 3834 5260.

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

Last Friday, we had the great privilege of hosting the annual Harlin House Dinner in the Great Hall. This is the third year that we have held the event in the middle of the year. As we work through this second semester, we will apply ourselves to the task of providing the Year 12 boys and their parents with a significant and meaningful farewell at the conclusion of their studies.

I once again want to express my gratitude to all the parents who were able to join us last Friday. I understand and appreciate the effort it takes to travel to Brisbane and it was wonderful to spend the evening together. I also wish to formally record my thanks to three members of staff who assisted considerably in making it a memorable evening for us all.

Firstly, Ms Kim Groenewald oversaw the organisation of the event, and the management of invitations and responses. Ms Carla Hardy and Mrs Karen Scott were also instrumental in coordinating the event and I am very much in their debt for giving so freely of their time and responding with positivity to late changes or special requests. In addition, I must also thank Mr Nick Byron for his advice and assistance with the task of table allocations and layout.

While I valued the opportunity to share with the gathering my insights on boarding and suggestions of what the future might bring, I was once again rightly overshadowed by both Jamie Kenny, our Harlin House Captain, and Mrs Miranda Holt, who represented the Boarders' Support Group.

Jamie spoke well about the connectedness of his boarding experience, growing up in a group and spending so much of his life in Harlin House. Miranda complemented Jamie's message perfectly as she outlined the work of the Boarders' Support Group and how it offers an all-important opportunity for parents to walk alongside their sons while they are boarders. A great example is the Coffee Shop at Open Day, and I encourage as many boarding parents as possible to get involved.



Director of Outdoor Education

Derek Jervis

The Year 9 Outdoor Education program is now underway. The boys depart on their three-day expedition on Monday and get to experience the new Outdoor Education property 'Bitenbar'. Classes undertake a student-led expedition walking on the ridges of the Teviot Range and develop their campsite skills cooking on camp stoves and fires. They are responsible for their own group camp fires and are challenged to use a flint and steel to start them. These skills certainly come in handy as the winter temperatures start to hit Moogerah.

The focus of the program is 'leading self'. This is a significant step up from their Year 8 program and they are now faced with many more independent decisions and opportunities to take the lead.

Toby Logan, Patrick Holmes and Zachariah Smith were very valuable group members. The boys worked hard for their groups during the expedition and provided support to their friends. James Pearson seemed in his element during the expedition. Very comfortable in the outdoors, he was an asset to his group and put his skills to good use at the campsite.

Ian Wong, Brian Wang and Daniel Kim were all recognised for the effort they put in; never taking an easy option and committing to completing the challenges. Oscar Akhavan showed some great leadership potential. He was willing to step up when the class needed a spokesman and was most recognised by his peers for demonstrating the values and virtues of leading self.

Year 11 Outdoor Education leaders Dan Horsley, Jude Johnston and Jackson Mathias were excellent role models for the Year 9 boys. These leaders were committed to supporting the class to get the most out of their experience and engage in every aspect of the program. Their guidance was instrumental in the class' success at the campsite and during domestic duties at the centre.

Mr Simon Conway, Ms Ainslie Hunter and Mr Daniel Celm visited the class on Thursday to offer their support to the boys during the high ropes course.

Click to view the [9A photos](#) and [9A video](#) of the boys' experiences.



Director of Student Services

Dale Nicholas

Year 12 students

The Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) guidebook for entry in 2020 will be available early next term and a copy will be issued to every Year 12 student. The book contains information on all tertiary courses in Queensland along with information on the previous year OP cutoffs.

The various Admission Centre websites are as follows:

Queensland	(QTAC)	https://www.qtac.edu.au/applying
News South Wales	(UAC)	https://www.uac.edu.au/
Victoria	(VTAC)	https://www.vtac.edu.au/
South Australia	(SATAC)	https://www.satac.edu.au/
Western Australia	(TISC)	https://www.tisc.edu.au/static/home.tisc

Please note the following events which will allow you to explore your options:

Saturday 20 – Sunday 21 July

Tertiary Studies Expo (TSXPO) at the Brisbane Showgrounds

Saturday 27 July

Australian Catholic University Open Day

Saturday 27 July

Bond University Open Day

Sunday 28 July

QUT Open Day 2019 at Gardens Point campus

Sunday 4 August

The University of Queensland Open Day at St Lucia campus

Sunday 11 August

Griffith University Open Day

The University of Southern Queensland has various open days depending on the campus:

Saturday 27 July – Springfield

Sunday 18 August – Toowoomba

Saturday 24 August – Ipswich

[Click here for details.](#)

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Director of Student Wellbeing Programs

Philippa Douglas

Leadership

Through various activities and programs, we aim to increase meaningful leadership opportunities for all students. At the core of our Public Purpose program is servant leadership: a form of leadership where the main goal of the leader is to serve others. If leadership is to be authentic it is not just about speeches and badges, but rather about being role models and active, spirited members of the community who serve others with humility, grace, kindness and selflessness.

I thought I'd share with you a couple of projects where students are making a difference in the BGS and wider community.

As part of the Learn2Lead Program, Year 7 boys were invited to participate in the Sustainable Soap Making Project. This project involves students making soap along with designing and creating sustainable packaging sourced from recycled material within the School. The soap will be included in our annual Christmas hampers to support refugee families through our longstanding partnership with St Vincent de Paul. Students are currently in the soap making stage which occurs each Thursday lunchtime in collaboration with the Lunchbox Club.



The Closing the Gap Committee continues to strengthen their partnership with the Queensland Children's Hospital Indigenous Support Unit. From funds raised by the Closing the Gap committee, staff at the Children's Hospital have been making packs to assist Indigenous families who are temporarily displaced from their remote homes, while in Brisbane seeking treatment for their chronically ill children. On Tuesday afternoon, Year 12 seniors James Seymour, Yazgi Sato and Geoffrey Kong visited the hospital to lend a hand. Other members of the committee will continue the good work over the following weeks.



Deputy Head – Co-Curriculum

Greg Thorne

This weekend our teams will compete in the GPS Gymnastics Championship, hosted at the BGS Indoor Sports Centre. Gymnastics is a foundation sport in many ways.

When the GPS Association of Queensland commenced, gymnastics was one of only a few sports that were contested. We have added many since, but gymnastics was there in the beginning.

As a sport, the foundations gymnastics builds in individuals provides an enduring model for physical, skill and character development.

It takes a special individual, supported by equally special parents and coaches, to achieve success and mastery in this sport. A gymnast must be disciplined, train to a rigorous year-round schedule, demonstrate progression through strict levels and perform these complex skills under the pressure of competition while being judged by a panel.

There is also an inherent bias against specialisation, in that a gymnast must be strong across numerous apparatus – each of which brings its own unique set of challenges.

Gymnastics was the foundation for structured physical education in most GPS schools throughout last century. Unfortunately, over the last 20 years the GPS competition numbers have declined to the point that we no longer have a full complement of schools represented.

As a sport, gymnastics still thrives at BGS. It remains a priority for us and our students, and represents a deep connection between our rich history and what we value for the future.

While some schools have chosen to discontinue this sport in their Co-Curriculum programs, we continue to see great value. Through gymnastics and outstanding coaching, boys can achieve success in both the short and long term. Each step is scaffolded and there are no easy steps to take.

Consistent hard work, over years, with some necessary disappointments along the way, lays the foundation for success in this sport.

I commend the work of our gymnasts and their outstanding coaches, especially Head Coach and MiC, Mr Jack Coates, as they prepare to compete proudly for BGS at the GPS Championships.



Cross Country

Congratulations to all boys who competed in the championship last week.

Well done to the Junior GPS team who achieved the highest performance by a squad, finishing equal third. Well done to Archie Boorer for his success in winning the 11 Years race. The overall result can see the junior squad eagerly looking forward to next year, particularly the 12 Years boys who will have the chance to compete in the Senior Championship.

Well done to the Senior GPS team who achieved a highly credible third. Congratulations to Harry Chapman on a great run, winning the 16 Years race. Also, congratulations to the Open team who won their division. The scoring Open team comprised Captain Alexander Stitt, Ben Chambers, Vice Captain Adam Taib, Lachlan Gorringer, Will Chapman and Sam Paino.

A well-deserved mention of Kobi Griffiths, George Collins, Andrew McLeod and Ethan Love, who all ran up a division for the sake of the team. Not only did they sacrifice individual glory, but they assisted by being in the scoring six runners in the age above.

Congratulations to the BGS Age Champions for Cross Country for 2019:

10 Years Alex Sampson and Buddy Matthews

11 Years Archie Boorer

12 Years Kobi Griffiths

13 Years Archie Austin

14 Years Doug Chapman

15 Years Finnian Raymond

16 Years Harry Chapman

Open Alexander Stitt

Results will be updated when official results have been sent by the association. With so little separating first to third, the challenge for 2020 will be to improve by one more runner in our aim to win the championship.

Best wishes for the future for our Year 12 runners and may you continue to enjoy running after finishing school.

John Clancy

MiC Cross Country

Fencing

Good Luck Patchy!

This weekend, Year 11 fencer Jonathan Patchen competes in the Senior National Fencing Tournament in Adelaide for all important points. Hopefully he will do well enough to cement his place in the Australian Cadet (Under 17) Fencing Team.

Saturday School Team Fixtures

This Saturday marks the final day of competition. All teams will be involved, either fencing off for a final position or having a regular match. Please come to your usual session. At the end of the third session (around 2.00pm) the overall winning school will be announced, and BGS will hopefully have much to celebrate. We recommend you to stick around if possible.

This Sunday, the End-of-Season Celebration will take place in the Indoor Sports Centre at BGS from 5.00pm to 7.00pm. It will consist of a barbecue dinner, speeches and presentations.

Although the annual Grand Prix competition has been mooted for this Sunday afternoon, this year it is not possible to hold the event due to lack of availability of referees. However, there are three events occurring this month that boys can look forward to:

- Queensland School Fencer Championship – Senior and Intermediate (Years 7 – 9) in all three weapons. Held at Yeronga on Saturday 15 June. Go to the [QFA website](#) to enter.
- In the afternoon of the Saturday 15 June, the Queensland Under 13 Foil Championship will be held at Yeronga. If you wish to enter, go to the [QFA website](#). BGS Fencing will be there with the gear and plastrons if you decide to have a go.
- Finally, the Queensland School Teams Championships will be held on Saturday 22 June (first weekend of the holidays) and we will be fielding our First IV teams and Year 10A teams.

Proficiency Awards

Bronze fencing awards, Silver foil, epee and sabre awards will be assessed in these last weeks of term. Make sure, if you have fenced for the first time this year, or last year, that you do the test. The awards will be presented at the End of Season Dinner and at form assemblies.

Shakespearean Fencing Quote: "Get weapons, ho!" —*Othello*

Jim Hill

Acting MiC Fencing

Football

Last weekend saw a tough round of fixtures against Gregory Terrace. In all, the School won 17 games, drew six and lost 14. The number of losses recorded is a good reminder to our teams how strong each weekend's competition is. Congratulations to the 5A, 6A, 7A, 9B, 10B, 11D and Open teams on their performances last Saturday. With three rounds left, many teams remain in contention to finish the season as competition leaders. I encourage all teams and coaches to continue to work hard at training.

This weekend the School travels to Nudgee College for Round 7. All players are to check the schedule for game times and field locations. All games are at Nudgee and parking can be limited so I encourage all families to allow sufficient travel time.

Invitations to the respective Football celebrations are available on MyGrammar and in the Community section of this newsletter. For more information please contact the Co-Curricular Office. The Junior Presentation Afternoon (Years 5 to 7) will be held next Saturday 15 June at Northgate during the BSHS round. The Football Dinner for Years 8 to 12 will be hosted on Friday 21 June at Tattersall's with all A to C teams expected to be in attendance.

A reminder that Round 9 v TGS will occur on Friday 21 June during school hours. I wish to thank the Headmasters of both schools for allowing this to take place. Only A and B teams will be involved, and a modified draw will be posted shortly.

Best of luck to all teams this weekend. On behalf of the Football community we wish the gymnasts well for their GPS Championship this Saturday.

Greg Di-Losa
Director of Football



Music

Treble Voices Festival

On Sunday 2 June, the boys of the Vocal Group, with conductor Ms Bec Thomas and accompanist Ms Claire Brennan, joined 300 other young singers at the ANCA Treble Voices Festival. ANCA, the Australian National Choral Association, organises events for singers and choral conductors to provide unique choral experiences. This special event brought together singers from eight schools at Cannon Hill Anglican College. A series of rolling rehearsals in the morning and early afternoon allowed singers to prepare a range of fun but challenging music. The festival culminated in a spectacular concert in the afternoon, with over 900 audience members thoroughly enjoying a fabulous program of choral singing.

The boys sang as part of different groups, including joining with boys from other schools in a huge boys-only choir. They also enjoyed singing as part of the Senior Choir (Year 6 and above) where they were able to immerse themselves in some musical challenges. All of the singers did a superb job, not only enjoying themselves but learning along the way. We were also very proud of our very own Bec Thomas, who was one of the guest conductors. We already know how wonderful she is, but on Sunday people from other schools soon discovered this. Well done Ms Thomas!

In recent weeks, the talented boys in Vocal Group have prepared an enormous amount of music for some significant events such as Grammar in Concert and the Treble Voices Festival. They have worked incredibly hard and must be congratulated for their devotion and energy. We are proud of you boys!

Peter Ingram
Head of Music



Rowing

Brisbane Grammar School will be reopening the Rowing Boatshed from Monday 22 July for all boys Years 9 to 11 (coxes Years 7 to 11) wishing to enjoy some out-of-season rowing training, to improve their fitness and technique under the guidance of the BGS Rowing coaches.

We highly encourage involvement, but it is important to stress that Term 3 Rowing does not take precedence over any in-season activities. This opportunity is in preparation for the rowing season in Term 4 2019 and Term 1 2020. Not participating in Term 3 Rowing due to other commitments will not impact on crew selection in 2020. Names will be cross-checked with Rugby, Basketball and Athletics teams to ensure no clash.

While this training period includes a team selection to represent BGS at the Queensland School State Championships (QSSC) held at Wyaralong Dam in September, this is not the main purpose of Term 3 training. We welcome all boys who would like to train who may not be available for the competition during the holidays – no boys will be excluded.

Term 3 training will encompass general pre-season training, including fitness and technical sessions. Alongside the on-water training, boys will be given the opportunity to speak with the coaching staff about their training in preparation for the 2020 Rowing season. Goal setting and preparation are key to an enjoyable and successful GPS season, so we'd encourage all the boys to have these discussions.

For more information and a link to sign on, please see Term 3 Rowing – 2019 under the Rowing section in MyGrammar.

Any questions regarding Term 3 Rowing can be emailed to matt.marden@brisbanegrammar.com.

Matt Marden
Director of Rowing

Tennis

GPS Tennis

Round 6 of the GPS Tennis competition marked a tough round against a strong Gregory Terrace opponent. A history of good depth throughout the teams in both schools meant there were plenty of great matches with most boys in each age group getting a game. BGS Tennis won 26, lost two and drew one.

The 7Bs had a great comeback to draw against a formidable and consistent Terrace team. Down 12 games going into the last three singles matches, our boys stepped up their standard and met the opposition's consistent play. Alastair Jackson was able to win his singles 6-0 and Isaac Chua won 6-1, meaning BGS was down one game with the last match of the day going the distance. Bowei Chen started slowly and was down 5-3, but with great support from some Year 7 boys who stuck around to cheer him on, Bowei managed to come back for a 7-6 victory.

Cashy Luo also showed great fight to win his match against the Gregory Terrace number one player in Year 5. The 5As went on to win by one game. Well done to each boy who continues to fight hard through matches for their teammates. It is great to see this level of effort and commitment.

First IV report

The Firsts on Saturday were Will Jesser, Jamie Kenny, Alex Patane and Kanika Jayathilake. To start the day the singles were split two all. Because of the singles-first format, the doubles matches are always the decider in GPS Premiership matches. With a 2-2 singles result, the match against Terrace was to be no exception. The boys in blue have worked hard on their doubles all year, and it was to pay dividends with a strong team performance. BGS dominated the doubles, winning all four matches for an overall 6-2 victory. Special mention to the youngest members of our team, Alex Patane (Year 10) and Kanika Jayathilake (Year 9) for winning all their singles and doubles in a challenging away match.

End-of-Season Function

The Tennis End-of-Season Function will be held Friday 21 June. It will be a wonderful way to celebrate our season and enjoy the company of the whole BGS Tennis cohort.

Michael Fancutt
Director of Tennis

Acting Head of Middle School

Rebecca Campbell

The accomplishments of our Middle School boys never cease to amaze me. This term, our boys have participated in a wide range of activities, both within academic and co-curricular activities.

Last week, several gymnasts participated in the Australian Championships. We commend Middle School students Oliver Waterhouse and Nicholas Hoole for their outstanding results. Our Gymnastics team will be competing in the GPS Gymnastics Championship tomorrow and we wish them all the best.

Our Cross Country runners also demonstrated great tenacity and grit, proudly representing BGS at the GPS meet last Wednesday and our Sailing team is currently in Tasmania preparing to compete in the Sailing Nationals – it has been a busy term!

I also take this opportunity to congratulate three young thespians within our Middle School community. Jack Sinclair (Year 7) and Matthew Amato (Year 5) were involved in the Senior Dramatic Production *Richard III*. This was a sensational production and a wonderful opportunity for Jack and Matthew to develop their craft and work amongst some of our most talented seniors. I am also delighted to share with our community that Omar Abiad (Year 7) has been chosen as one of the leads in the Australian tour of *Billy Elliott the Musical*. Queensland shows will be held at QPAC in November 2020 and we very much look forward to seeing Omar on stage.

Last week, the da Vinci Decathlon, an academic competition in which teams compete across ten disciplines, was held at St Joseph's Nudgee College. In the Year 6 competition, Harry Beirne, Samuel Chan, Nicholas Howarth, Christian Ma, Anson Qiu-Tang, Luke Saywell, Luke Shepherd and James Yantsch achieved first place. The team collaborated successfully throughout the day, scoring in the top three places in five of the ten categories to produce this excellent result. In the Year 8 competition, Regan Chou, Dalton Lee, Ronan Mellick, Dylan Park, Isaac Robinson, Jaden Teow, Riley Walsh and Henry Wang achieved seventh place overall.

Next Friday, the boys begin their first Signature Program for 2019. As such, our usual timetable will be suspended as the boys participate in collaborative, transdisciplinary programs built upon the design thinking model. The Signature Programs draw on several learning virtues, including persistence and initiative, as well as 21st-century skills such as collaboration and creative thinking to solve real-life problems.

We look forward to seeing our Signature Programs featured at **Celebration of the Arts on Wednesday 19 June**.



Middle School Celebration of the Arts



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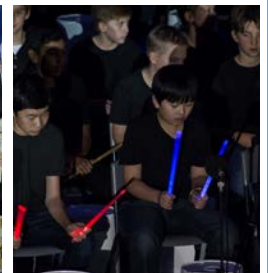
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Middle School Celebration of the Arts Wednesday 19 June 2019

Performances and Displays from 5.30pm



Tickets and further information will be sent to parents and guardians in the coming weeks



Middle School Dramatic Production

10 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE

The cast of the Middle School Dramatic Production, *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse*, have been hard at work during their rehearsals over the past couple of weeks. Bolstered by the Seniors' outstanding recontextualisation of *Richard III*, the younger actors have been challenging themselves to take greater artistic risks in their portrayal of zombies and survivors.

Want a sneak peek? Mark Wednesday 19 June in your diary and come along to the Middle School's annual Celebration of the Arts. At 6.00pm in the BGS Theatre, we will seek to entertain audiences with delightfully dark and humorous methods advising you on how best to survive when the apocalypse arrives!



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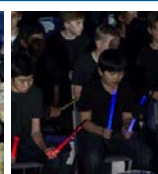
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Middle School Sport

Gymnastics

The 2019 Australian Gymnastics Championships were recently held at Melbourne Arena. Two of our Year 7 boys, Oliver Waterhouse and Nicholas Hoole, received gold medals as part of the winning Queensland team. Individually, Oliver placed 17th for all apparatus and Nicholas 19th.

The BGS School Gymnastics Championship was held at the ISC last Saturday afternoon with Middle School boys once again prominent. In Division 3, Seth McBride from Year 5 finished third, while in Division 2, Year 6 boys Oscar Weatherstone and Lachlan Russell finished first and second respectively.

This Saturday we have the GPS Gymnastics Championships which will once again be held in the ISC. There will be additional interest for our Middle School community with some of our boys featuring prominently in some of the higher teams throughout the day. Good luck to all competitors as we look to secure the Jim Young Trophy for a ninth consecutive year.

Middle School Football

Last Saturday's round of Football fixtures against Gregory Terrace at Tennyson was challenging as expected. It was a very evenly matched day with eight wins, eight losses and three draws out of the nineteen Middle School games played. All teams competed well, but there were two standout results on the day. Congratulations to the entire Year 6 cohort for winning all of their games and special mention to all four Middle School A teams on being victorious against some strong opposition.

This Saturday's draw against Nudgee College is unusual regarding timings of games. Please check the draw details and team allocations on MyGrammar.

End of season break-ups and presentations are now being advertised on MyGrammar and in the Community section of this newsletter. It would be fitting to see as many of our players and parents attending these events as possible.

Please check MyGrammar carefully for team selections and match details.

Team	Player of the Week	Age	Player of the Week
5A	Martin Grant	6A	Samuel Chan
5B	Mitchell Ackermann	6B	Chase Pao
5C	Jonathan Sapsford	6C	Colby Smith
5D	Jasper Chen	6D	Michael Bryan
Team	Player of the Week	Age	Player of the Week
7A	Mike Zeng	8A	Will Gatehouse
7B	Rupert Thynne	8B	Alistair Macintosh
7C	Liam Huntley	8C	Orlando Bell Bray
7D	Jay Peterson	8D	Will Sciacca
7E	Alan Zhao	8E	Jack Dunne
7F	Samuel Chappell		

Team	Score	Team	Score	Team	Score	Team	Score
5A	W 3-0	6A	W 5-0	7A	W 6-0	8A	W 2-0
5B	L 1-2	6B	W 4-2	7B	D 2-2	8B	L 1-2
5C	W 2-0	6C	W 9-0	7C	D 1-1	8C	L 2-4
5D	L 0-7	6D	W 1-0	7D	L 1-5	8D	L 2-9
				7E	D 3-3	8E	L 1-5
				7F	L 1-5		

Middle School Tennis

The long run of unbeaten matches ended for some of our Middle School Tennis teams last Saturday. We expected Gregory Terrace to be strong opponents after a dominant past few rounds and we were not disappointed. The 5A team showed great resilience and tenacity after a slow start to come back and win the day.

This week our boys play Nudgee College with the Years 5 and 6 teams once again at UQ and the Years 7 and 8 boys at the BGS Tennis Centre. Please check MyGrammar carefully for match and venue details.

Congratulations to Angus Cook (Year 6) on progressing through to represent City District at the Met North Tennis Championships.

Year	Player of the Week	Year	Player of the Week
5	Chayse Sheather Jeric Gao	6	James Yantsch Joseph Huang
7	Bowei Chen Max Liberatore	8	Toby Choi Dalton Lee

Team	Score	Team	Score	Team	Score	Team	Score
5A	W 36-35	6A	W 38-29	7A	W 43-19	8A	W 46-26
5B	W 43-30	6B	L 26-43	7B	D 39-39	8B	W 48-10
5C	L 32-38	6C	W 48-23	7C	W 45-28	8C	W 50-28
5D	L 31-39	6D	W 46-24	7D	W 48-13	8D	W 49-15

Rugby

There are several Rugby opportunities for our Middle School boys as we near the end of the Football and Tennis seasons, and all boys intending to play next term should be involved in some capacity.

As we are trying to minimise clashes and disruption to other programs, we are using a combination of lunchtime and out-of-hours sessions in this preparation phase for the season ahead.

For 13 and 14 Years boys, there are currently sessions out at Northgate on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Attendance at these sessions for boys who are not currently involved in a sport or activity is crucial. However, the expectation is that boys should not miss their in-season sport training to attend these sessions. Times and more details are available on MyGrammar.

For 11 and 12 Years boys, there are skill sessions at lunchtime every Friday. Players need only to bring their joggers and should meet on the oval at the start of lunch.

There are also specialist sessions available to all Middle School Rugby players.

Scrum Club is operating at 6.30 am on Tuesdays for 11 and 12 Years boys and Wednesdays for 13 and 14 Years. If players have a clash on either of these days, they should attend the other session.

Specialist passing sessions with Mr Christie are at lunchtime on Tuesday and kicking sessions are at lunchtime Thursday. Attending players should just come as they are on Tuesday and should bring their boots for kicking on Thursday.

Rugby camp will run on the third week of the holiday period from Tuesday 9 – Thursday 11 July. The camp will be at Northgate, and the younger boys will be on during the morning session each day. This camp period will be crucial in preparation for the season ahead. I would strongly recommend that all players attend if possible. Please check MyGrammar for details.

Finally, there are some trial matches scheduled against ACGS this Saturday. Please note that this is for 13 Years and older boys only. There are no games for 11 and 12 Years teams this weekend. Furthermore, 13 and 14 Years players should only play if they have been attending training sessions at Northgate.

Glenn McFarlane
Director of Middle School Sport

Volunteer Roster

Week commencing Monday 10 June 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 10 June	Jenny Humphris	Renai Ridley (Team Captain)	Linda Miric
Tuesday 11 June	Lee Perkins	Lee Perkins (Team Captain)	Wendy Ricato
Wednesday 12 June	Humera Rahim Jill Johnston	Jill Johnston (Team Captain)	Danielle Jesser
Thursday 13 June		Meghan Mitchell (Team Captain)	Millie Yee
Friday 14 June	Catherine Ellemor Jenny Humphris Sirie Pamos	Wendy Smith (Team Captain)	Simone Muller

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

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

Speech Day

Wednesday 13 November

Willow Club Test Breakfast

Friday 22 November

The Jam – Band Battle '19

LAST CHANCE FOR TICKETS

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.

General admission tickets: \$30

Platinum tickets including three-hour food and drink package: \$100

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'

Volunteer opportunities for the 2019 BGS Art Show are now open. [Click here](#) for the signup sheet and follow the instructions on the page. Many thanks to all volunteers for your support.

Bidding is open on the BGS cufflinks (below) designed by Old Boy Ben Hodges '90. To read more about the BGS cufflinks and to bid online, [click here](#).

The Art Show 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 Art 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



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.](#)





BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

BGS Rugby

Upcoming Events



<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>
Saturday 8 June 2019	Trial Game BGS v ACGS U13 - Open
Saturday 15 June 2019	Trial Game BGS v Downlands U13 - Open
Tuesday 9 July - Thursday 11 July 2019	BGS Rugby Camp All Ages
Friday 12 July 2019	Season Launch Celebration
Saturday 13 July 2019	Trial Games All Ages

For more information please contact
Phil Mooney - Director of Rugby

T 07 3834 5256 E philip.mooney@brisbanegrammar.com

BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL PRESENTS

100 WAYS TO SURVIVE THE ZOMBIE APOCALYPSE



Thursday 15 August – 7pm

Friday 16 August – 7pm

Sunday 18 August – 2pm

Pre-show drinks available from 6pm
(evening shows only)

Adult – \$25 Student/Concession – \$15

Tickets available via MyGrammar in Term 3.

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

A warm welcome to our new volunteer Ying at the Grammar Shop!

A special thank you to this week's Tuesday Tuckshop volunteers (Karen Randall's group) for their amazing resilience on such a bitterly cold day to be out at the tills. Students and staff so appreciate the lines moving quickly (though the boys didn't mind stepping inside to put their hands in the warmers!).

Thank you also to the volunteers who have attended Child Protection talks by David Carroll which have been both informative and enjoyable. These talks will continue to run through the remainder of the term and our aim is that every volunteer is able to attend.

Grammar Shop book sale

See the attached flyer on the following page listing surplus books offered for sale at cost price. Supplies are limited so take advantage of these great prices before they're gone.

Tuckshop update

The Tuckshop is especially busy at this time of term. The boys are eating us bare each day, probably not dissimilar to your own homes now that it is cold!

Grammar Shop opening hours – Monday 15 July

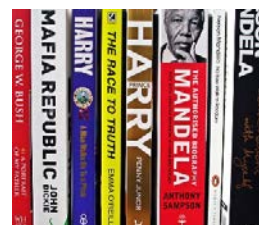
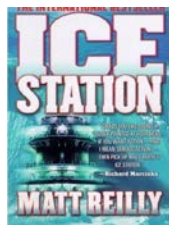
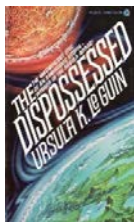
For your convenience, the Grammar Shop will have special opening hours the day before school starts in Term 3 as follows:

Monday 15 July	8.00am – 10.00am
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During the term, normal trading hours will resume:

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

Joanne Villiers
P&F Auxiliary



GRAMMAR SHOP BOOK SALE

BOOKS AVAILABLE AT COST PRICING

NOVELS

Someone Like Me	Elaine Forrestal	\$14
Ice Station	Matthew Reilly	\$15
The Kite Runner	Khaled Hosseini	\$18
Deadly Unna?	Phillip Gwynne	\$16
The Silver Linings Playbook	Matthew Quick	\$16
Million Dollar Baby	F.X. Toole	\$16
The Dispossessed	Ursula Le Guin	\$19
The Children of Men	P. D. James	\$16
Life of Pi	Yann Martel	\$16

TEXT / STUDY

Oxford Atlas O Book	\$35
Chinese Made Easy Workbook 1 (2 nd Ed)	\$31
Chinese Made Easy Textbook 1	\$35
Obento Supreme Workbook (3 rd Ed)	\$31
Obento Supreme	\$39



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

Year 11 Parent Cocktail Function



You are invited to join fellow Year 11 parents for a gathering while our boys enjoy themselves at their 'Charity Social'.

Date

Saturday 27 July

Time

7.30pm to 11.00pm

Tickets

\$60.00 per person - includes canapes, fork dishes and a drink on arrival

Venue

City Winery, 11 Wandoo Street, Fortitude Valley

RSVP **here**

by Wednesday 19 June **unless sold out prior!**

**For more information please contact
Year 11 Parent Representative**

Wendy Keir T 0418 797 145 E dwkeir@bigpond.com



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
Louise Evans – PA to Deputy Head Co-Curriculum

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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

For more information please contact
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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 Friday 14 June 2019

For more information please contact
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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



Did you know?

**In 2018, 44 boys attended BGS
thanks to a bursary.**



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