

BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

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Each week at Senior School assembly, students are addressed by a member of the Senior Leadership Team on the intellectual dispositions and character traits we seek to nurture in BGS students. These messages are thoughtfully planned to reinforce the School's values and talk about the educational program we deliver.

This week, I focused on humour; a topic that is often implied rather than explicitly addressed. At this busy time of term, boys try to stay focused and persist with competing endeavours. It is important to keep a healthy perspective and remember that humour is critical to our health as individuals and as a community.

I spoke to the boys about increasing research that links a strong and healthy sense of humour with high levels of intelligence. I proposed that intelligent people recognise that humour is an intellectual process. By paying attention to how humour 'works', we benefit cognitively, and in our general sense of wellbeing.

In recent decades, the field of psychology has recognised humour to be a fundamental human behaviour. Multiple studies have shown that people who most understand and enjoy humour are not only the most intelligent but also the least troubled and the least aggressive.

To process and produce humour, the brain engages both mental reasoning and emotional ability; the head and the heart work together. I shared with the boys a *Far Side* cartoon to unpack the thinking processes required, or as we say, *get a joke*. It is a complex process of recognising context using past experiences. It also involves detecting incongruity or absurdity to reject obvious non-funny interpretations and resolve the joke, allowing us to appreciate the intended humour.

We engage in the enjoyable process of interpreting a joke, as it often produces a pleasurable outcome. We do not consider this process a chore, but it usually requires us to think deeply using traditional intellectual exercises. It is the *a-ha* moment we feel when we *get it* that is both enhanced by intelligence and enhances our intelligence.

Humour is recognised as an essential 21st century skill, with the world's most renowned universities offering business courses on humour in the workplace. Specifically, a Stanford University course teaches the power and importance of humour "to create positive change in the world". The course advertises humour as an intellectual endeavour that can build more effective and innovative organisations and cultivate stronger relationships.

An intellectual humour workout is also a stress buster; shifting our perspective and creating an emotional and physical response – we relax when we laugh. People who look for humour when faced with a problem or conflict also tend to shift from convergent thinking where solutions are limited, to divergent thinking, where several solutions may appear.

In closing, I emphasised to the boys that while highly pleasurable and desirable in our lives, humour is an intelligent behaviour we should practise. In stressful times, humour helps us keep a healthy perspective.

Remember: ha + ha = A-ha!

BGS Traffic Managment Survey 2019

Last Chance to Have Your Say | Closing Tuesday 27 August

Thank you to the parents and guardians who have completed the BGS Traffic Management Survey 2019. We encourage those who haven't yet completed the survey to do so **here** by 11.59pm on Tuesday 27 August.

The survey, accessible on desktop or mobile devices, takes approximately four minutes to complete and will provide vital data to inform the School's traffic management plans.

BGS is working closely with BGGS and the Brisbane City Council to ensure the safety of our students and provide smoother transit for our families. Both schools have already made changes this term to address traffic congestion at drop-off and pick-up times. We hope that you have noticed some improvement.

This survey allows you to comment on these changes and provide information on your family's travel arrangements to and from BGS.

Deputy Headmaster – Students David Carroll

RBWH Patients in Need Program - Tracksuit Pants and Thongs Drive

Brisbane Grammar School has recently established a service relationship with the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital as part of our Student Wellbeing program.

As a result, the student-led Public Purpose committee is collecting tracksuit pants and thongs as part of the **RBWH Patients in Need Program**.

Last week at assembly, I encouraged boys to donate and support the Patients in Need Program. While I trust many boys intend to donate, the ability to turn this intent into action reflects one's ability to organise. I encourage boys to practise their organisation skills by donating tracksuit pants and thongs to this worthy cause.

Why tracksuit pants and thongs?

The hospital has requested these items, for those:

- who can't afford them;
- who unexpectedly find themselves in hospital;
- who are far from home; or
- who are in hospital for a long stay.

Access to a clean pair of comfortable pants and easy to slip on shoes can make the day of a patient in need a little easier.

What colour and size?

Although these boys are showcasing colourful gear, we recommend plain coloured tracksuit pants and thongs for the hospital. Items for men and women of all sizes are needed.

Collection points are set up outside the Director of Student Wellbeing and Head of Year offices where donations of new tracksuit pants and thongs will be gratefully received.



Term 3 Progress

The exam period is fast approaching, and students' organisation skills are crucial to creating successful revision routines. Study plans are a useful tool to balance homework and assessment to decrease stress levels and improve learning outcomes.

I encourage parents to use the RBWH Patients in Need program as a vehicle for discussing the benefits of organisation to achieve the desired outcome; whether it be donating or creating a revision plan.

This week, students were reminded by their Form Tutor, Head of Year, Assistant Head of Year and myself of the need to maintain an appropriate hairstyle and organise a haircut if required. I appreciate parents' support in this matter.

Captain's Corner

During my address at assembly, I outlined the need for persistence and grit to achieve success in the upcoming assessment period. When looking for examples of persistence, you can look no further than the Australian cricketer Steve Smith.

After captaining Australia to the third-ranked Test side, second-ranked One Day International side and second-ranked T20 side, his world came crashing down following the sandpaper scandal in Cape Town. Smith admitted to allowing the ball-tampering to take place, was stripped of his captaincy and given a 12-month ban by Cricket Australia.

Steve Smith's reputation reputation took a significant hit. Many now saw him as a cheat. One can only imagine the toll this took on Smith; many believed his career was over. Despite undergoing elbow surgery during his cricket ban, he kept practising and persisting.

After serving his suspension, Smith returned to the Australian side in May for the ICC Cricket World Cup. Determined to prove sceptics of his ability and selection wrong, Smith walked out to the crease to a sea of boos and jeers to face Afghanistan and fell for only 18 runs. He was then dismissed for only 10 runs against Pakistan.

Smith had some good performances but they were few and far between. He admitted that it was a disappointing return after averaging 37 runs per game. The day after Australia dropped out of the semi-finals to England, Smith was back in the nets; practising, persisting.

After many had written him off, Smith came out to bat against England in the Ashes and hit back-to-back centuries against some of the world's best bowlers. Smith epitomises that, whatever you are dealing with, if you put your head down and work at it, put in the hours of preparation, be persistent and show grit, you will be rewarded.

James Kenny Captain of Harlin House

Did you know?

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





Director of Boarding Berian Williams-Jones

This week, Director of Enrolments Mr Jamie Smith and I spent the week in country New South Wales at the annual Ag Quip show in Gunnedah. An hour west of Tamworth, Ag Quip provides a wonderful platform to connect with former, current and prospective families in this region.

It is always rewarding to hear what past students are up to, and on Wednesday evening we caught up with former boarder Maxim Pacey, who works as a property valuer in Tamworth. His parents Neal and Marita live in Emerald, another important region for BGS boarding. We hope to see them at Emerald's Ag-Grow 2020.

Over the next few weeks, we will connect with our boarding community in New South Wales, Queensland and the Northern Territory.

Our next stops are Darwin and Cairns, where Headmaster Anthony Micallef will join me at information sessions for prospective families, and community functions to catch up with parents of current and past boarders. If you are in these regions, we invite you to meet us at Char restaurant on the Darwin Esplanade on Thursday 29 August, or Salt restaurant at the Cairns Marina on Friday 30 August.





Director of Outdoor Education Derek Jervis

The Outdoor Education staff had the pleasure of welcoming 30 volunteers to Moogerah over the weekend for the annual Moogerah Committee working bee. The group consisted of Old Boys, parents and BGS staff and was led by Moogerah Committee President Mr Will Siganto and Vice President Mr Mark Johnston. Volunteers were tasked with a hard day of labour and they made a significant difference to the work sites.

The 'Moogs' members worked closely with Outdoor Education staff to develop the Bitenbar property. A major focus of the weekend was to prepare a new campsite on Mt Alford for the Year 10 program. The group constructed a new fence line, cut-in eight campsite pads, set up the composting toilet and organised cooking and campfire seating. To make the work more challenging, the site is only accessible by foot and all the resources had to be carried in. The campsite transformation was so beautiful that the group felt it might be a little too luxurious for Outdoor Education.

Another group committed their day to the Rocky Creek area of Bitenbar. They were tasked with cutting a bushwalking track up a steep ridge and building erosion-resistant steps from the creek rocks. Once this was complete, they headed back down the creek to construct a vehicle turning area and remove old building supplies and an old tank from the creek. With Lake Moogerah down to around 50 per cent capacity, we are eagerly awaiting some rain to test the steps in wet conditions.

The third working group focused on maintaining the infrastructure at Pepperina Hill. They left the site looking immaculate after a day of pressure washing, sanding and sealing, painting and doing maintenance.

As a thank you for their efforts, volunteers enjoyed a delicious three-course meal, rugby on the big screen and an evening under the stars by a warm campfire. We also invited the group on a 6.00am Sunday run and paddle on the lake (thankfully followed by a strong espresso coffee) to provide a deeper understanding of the student experience.

Click to view the **photos** and **video** from the weekend.



Director of Student Wellbeing Programs Philippa Douglas

Emotional Awareness and Self-Regulation

Emotional skills such as being able to recognise, express, understand and manage a range of feelings are a focal point of discussion during Middle School Student Wellbeing lessons. These skills are important for developing students' abilities to interact successfully with others.

Students who can understand and manage their feelings are more likely to develop a positive sense of self and be confident learners. Through inquiry-based questions and scenario-based activities, students begin to recognise emotions in a variety of school settings. Students also devise measures to regulate their behaviour and predict outcomes to help them make better decisions.

To complement the current Year 5 Student Wellbeing unit, Managing Me, 5A and 5B boys engaged in a 'Managing Our Emotions' escape room challenge. Classes were divided into seven teams, working together to solve a variety of puzzles. Each puzzle unlocked clues that allowed teams to access to the next puzzle, and ultimately 'escape the room' with a winning phrase.

The puzzles raised students' awareness of their emotions and self-regulation through understanding, communication and kindness. The boys were engaged, enthusiastic and eager to be the first team to 'escape' the room.



School Photos

Orders for Tutor Group, Form Class and individual photos close next Wednesday 28 August. A late fee will be incurred after this date. Click here to order photos.

Independent Study Afternoon | Tuesday 27 August

On Tuesday 27 August, Years 7 to 12 students will finish after Period 4 (12.30pm) for an Independent Study Afternoon (ISA). Students are permitted to return home to study or may attend supervised study in one of the School's libraries. The drop-off zone will open at 12.45pm.

The ISA is timed to assist boys with managing their busy assessment schedule. Please note, subjects scheduled for Periods 1 and 2 will proceed as usual, but subjects scheduled for Periods 5 and 6 will be held instead of Periods 3 and 4 subjects.

Director of Student Services Dale Nicholas

Important Reminders

Year 10 online subject selection closes on Friday 30 August. Please use the link in the email provided by Mr Greg Dabelstein.

Queensland Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC) applications are open. Click here to apply.

International Study

The U.S. Consulate General Sydney invites students in Years 10, 11 and 12 to attend the following information evenings hosted by Brisbane Girls Grammar School and Brisbane Grammar School.

International Universities Evening | Thursday 29 August at 5.00pm

An opportunity to meet representatives from a range of international tertiary institutions from North America, UK, Asia and Europe. There will be talks about the American and UK application processes.

Date: Thursday 29 August 2019 Time: 5.00pm - 7.00pm Price: Free Venue: McCrae Grassie Sports Centre, Brisbane Girls Grammar School, Gregory Terrace, Brisbane Participants: Students and parents of Years 10, 11 and 12

Please **click here** to register.

University of Pennsylvania Information Session | Monday 9 September at 5.00pm

Learn about academic programs, admissions policies, costs, financial aid, and student life at an Ivy League university. The information session will be held in The Lilley Centre Forum from 5.00pm to 6.30pm.

Please **click here** for more information.

Economics

Congratulations to the outstanding students who won prizes in the recent University of Queensland / Queensland Economics Teachers' Association Economics competition.

Lewis Luck placed first in the Year 11 competition, while Hugo Brown and Jian Lin placed equal second in the Year 12 competition.

This competition has been running for 32 years and attracted entries from 2,000 students from throughout Queensland. Over 45 minutes, competitors responded to 40 multiple choice questions covering Year 11 and 12 course work and current economic issues and events.

The winning boys will receive their prizes in September at an awards ceremony at The University of Queensland.

Ms Kate Stevenson Head of Economics

Dean of Curriculum

Greg Dabelstein

Year 11 Resource List

In Term 4, Year 11 students will start their Unit 3 academic work in all subjects. As explained previously, all work in Units 3 and 4 will be summative assessment and contribute to students' QCE and ATAR. This course prepares our students to best meet the demands of their assessment.

Year 11 students require course resources for Units 3 and 4 in Term 4. Some resources were not available at the beginning of 2019 and were not included on the Year 11 booklist.

The additional resources required are listed below. The Grammar Shop can advise you on purchase options as some students may only need to buy an e-book code, while others may prefer to buy a hard copy of the text as well.

Subject	Resource
Chemistry	Pearson Chemistry Queensland 12 Student eBook
Physics	Pearson Physics Queensland 12 Student eBook & Skills and Assessment Book
Biology	Pearson Biology Queensland 12 Student eBook & Skills and Assessment Book
Economics	Economics for the Real World Units 3 & 4 Student Book with 1 Access Code for 26 Months
Ancient History	Antiquity 2 Year 12 Student obook assess MULTI
General Mathematics	General Mathematics Units 3&4 for Queensland (print and interactive textbook powered by Cambridge HOTmaths)
Mathematical Methods	Mathematical Methods Units 3&4 for Queensland (print and interactive textbook powered by Cambridge HOTmaths)
Specialist Mathematics	Specialist Mathematics Units 3&4 for Queensland (print and interactive textbook powered by Cambridge HOTmaths)
Geography	Jacaranda Senior Geography for Queensland 2 eBookPLUS
Japanese	Kanji Look and Learn
Japanese	Kanji Look and Learn - Workbook

Year 10 Subject Selection

Year 10 students are reminded that only one week remains to submit preferences for Senior subjects in 2020. Regular reminders have been distributed through the Daily Bulletin and email.

Students must have made their selections by 5.00pm Friday 30 August. This date cannot be extended. After that date, changes are not permitted until 2020. Students attending Moogerah next week have been reminded to submit their preferences before they depart.

Year 10 Tablet Maintenance

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

Maintenance includes a physical inspection and a reimage to ensure software is up to date. If students have specific issues they would like technicians to inspect, please attach a note to the device when handing it in. Problems outside of the warranty arrangements will be dealt with under the Somerville Repair Agreement. Students will drop the tablet (in its bag) to E102 before they leave 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 notification and further details as their time is scheduled.

Deputy Head - Co-Curriculum

Greg Thorne

Connection

I have had several conversations in recent weeks with parents and staff about how students benefit from connecting to our community through activities.

While the version of the story varies, the core theme is constant, familiar and energising, no matter how many times I hear it from parents:

He was finding it difficult to fit in and find his way, then he tried 'x' and I have never seen him so motivated. I have certainly never seen this side of him.

The transformation has been amazing.

Providing transformational opportunities for boys through co-curricular activities is core to the School's mission. As our students are a diverse group, we offer them as many different opportunities as possible to connect with the School and their peers. The result is a fulfilling experience for students.

My view is that boys should strive to achieve a balance between team involvement and individual development or the pursuit of mastery. Trying a range of activities helps boys to grow as gentlemen, having experienced the creative, physical, intellectual and social benefits of our programs.

The Middle School Dramatic Production proved the power of boys connecting within this school community. This group of boys worked together, to learn, stage-manage, perform and shine. I am pleased they had the opportunity to experience this success and share it with those present.

Track and Field

Tonight is the first event of the GPS Track and Field pre-season, providing an opportunity for our team to test themselves against the clock, the tape and their GPS opposition.

On assembly, the following students were acknowledged, for their appointment as Student Leaders this season:

- Alexander Stitt Captain of Track and Field
- Luke Graham Vice Captain of Track
- George Owens Vice Captain of Field

We wish these young men success in their leadership of our 2019 team and their performance at the GPS championships on Saturday 2 November.

Basketball

Year 10 Perspective

What does BGS Basketball mean to you?

BGS Basketball allows me to connect and bond with my teammates and coach. It is fulfilling to watch each other improve as individuals and to see the team become more efficient over the season.

What makes you keep playing basketball at BGS?

The BGS Basketball community; the support from coaches, parents and teammates, whether we are winning or losing, always ignites our passion and motivates us to play hard.



What do you hope to see in the BGS Basketball community moving forward?

I hope to see the senior players and BGS Old Boy coaches guiding our younger players through the sport; assisting them in becoming proud BGS Basketball players.

Lachlan MacNicol 10A Basketball Team

BGS First V Results

In Round 5, the First V played an away game against The Southport School. Special mentions to Abineash Mayooran and Nick Teng for their strong performances in the challenging round.

BGS started strongly against the tough component. The boys struggled to maintain this momentum as TSS demonstrated consistent fast-paced execution in their defence and attack, allowing TSS to secure a comfortable win.

Thank you to all parents and supporters who travelled to the Gold Coast in support of the boys.

This Saturday, BGS will play at home against Gregory Terrace.

Darrington Overstreet Director of Basketball

Track and Field

Track and Field Carnival | Friday 23 August

All squad members are expected to attend our first invitational Track and Field Carnival tonight, Friday 23 August. These meets help students improve individual bests and motivate them for the GPS championship. Please speak to the discipline-specific coach to determine which two or three events to compete in.

Results from these invitational meets will be used to calculate the Age Champion at the end of the season. Students wanting to score points across disciplines should do so early in the season. This will allow them to focus on their best one or two events as we approach the GPS championship.

An updated schedule will be posted on MyGrammar each week. The program rotates in Term 3 to ensure the same events do not always occur at the start or end of the night. In Term 4, the program is the same as the Senior GPS program to allow the boys to practise in the correct order of events.

Boys will change at QSAC. The bus will leave BGS at 3.15pm, with a return bus arriving back to the School at 9.00pm. Boys may leave QSAC with parents but must sign out with Mr Webb or Mr Hallis.

Students should bring their student ID, Track and Field uniform, tracksuit, and food and drink suitable for athletes. A canteen is available, but the food is expensive. Students are expected to abide by the School's Code of Expectations and Behaviour.

Upcoming Events

Friday 23 August BGS Invitational Carnival | 4.30pm - 9.00pm at QSAC

Thursday 29 August – Friday 30 August Met North Track and Field Championships for boys aged 13 to 19 years (nominated athletes only) | UQ

John Clancy MiC Track and Field

Swimming

Over the weekend, 11 boys joined the Brisbane Grammar Swimming Club at Chandler for the 2019 McDonald's Queensland Short Course Championships.

The highlight of the competition was watching Year 11 student Gus Whittome become the State Champion in three Butterfly events.

State Champion	Podium Place Swimmers	Top 8 Place Swimmers
Gus Whittome	Alexander Fenton	Joshua Anderson
	William Jordan	Alexander Endycott
	Henry Sommerville	Edward Sommerville
		Kai Scott Thompson

It was great to see the BGS boys compete with great pride. Swimmers demonstrate their skills in the hopes of being selected for the 2019 Queensland State Team, who will compete in Canberra later this year. The team will be announced soon.

Bobby Jovanovich Director of Middle School Swimming National Age Head Coach

Acting Head of Middle School Rebecca Campbell

Congratulations to the Years 7 and 8 boys involved in the Middle School Dramatic Production *10 Ways to Survive the Zombie Apocalypse* last week. Audiences were entertained by a funny and light-hearted production that showcased our young thespians' talents.

Thank you to Mr Patrick Last, Ms Sarah McDonald and Ms Belinda Lindsay for directing and producing the show and to Mr Moloney for technical support. Special thanks to the members of our Middle School community who attended the play; it was heartening to see students from various year levels enjoying the production along with their parents and siblings.

Next Thursday and Friday, we will host our annual Year 7 Father's Day breakfast. The breakfast for students in 7A to 7D will take place on Thursday 29 August, with 7E to 7I enjoying a shared breakfast on Friday 30 August. Special guest Michael Knight will be addressing the audience in The Lilley Centre Forum from 6.45am before breakfast is served on the Boarders' Lawn. We look forward to welcoming our special guests next week. **Please click here to RSVP**.

A reminder that Tuesday 27 August is an Independent Study Afternoon for students in Years 7 to 12. Students may leave school at the end of Period 4 (12.30pm) to study at home. Please note that the drop-off zone will be open at 12.45pm. Students remaining at school will study under teacher supervision and can only be collected at the end of the school day at 3.00pm. Years 5 and 6 students will participate in a combined sport afternoon.

Finally, I look forward to welcoming parents to our Student Wellbeing Parent Workshop next Tuesday evening. Those attending will choose three workshops on raising adolescent boys. **Please click here to view the invitation**.

Middle School Sport

Tuesday 27 August is an Independent Study Afternoon (ISA), details of which have been sent home. A reminder to all Years 5 and 6 students that they will have training for their rugby or basketball teams at this time and should bring all the necessary equipment.

The third of our Interwing sporting events for the year will be held on the last day of school. Our Term 3 carnival has a new format this year, and all Middle School boys will have the opportunity to play in an Interwing Touch competition on the last afternoon of the term. Boys will be given further details in coming weeks.

Track and Field

The first of the GPS invitational meets will be held at the Queensland Sport and Athletics Centre (QSAC) tonight. For many young athletes, it will be their first opportunity to compete in the *light dark blue* at this outstanding venue. Results from the meet will be posted on MyGrammar each week.

Congratulations to Kobi Griffiths, who came second in the 1500m and third in 800m at the Queensland Track and Field Championships. Kobi has been selected in the Queensland State Team and will compete in Darwin at the National Titles in late September.

Basketball

The Southport School was unable to field teams from their Junior campus last Saturday, resulting in our Years 5 and 6 teams playing internal games for match practise last Saturday.

The Years 7 and 8 cohorts won eight of the 10 games played against TSS. Unfortunately, we lost the 7A and 8A games in very closely contested encounters.

This week, BGS will verse Gregory Terrace, with all Middle School matches played away from home.

Please check the draw very carefully as some matches will be played on Friday afternoon. Note that GT uses two different venues on their campus for basketball, as well as playing some of their matches at Kedron SHS.

Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team
5A	BGS 5A	6A	BGS 6A	7A	TSS	8A	TSS
5B	BGS 5A	6B	BGS 6A	7B	BGS	8B	BGS
5C	NC 5B	6C	BGS 6B	7C	BGS	8C	BGS
		6D	BGS 6E	7D	BGS	8D	BGS
		6E	BGS 6E	7E	BGS	8E	BGS

Player of the Week							
5A	Lachlan Lee	6A	Jacob Fox	7A	Rushil Motamarri	8A	Lachie Curtin
5B	Rohan Relan	6B	Harry Beirne	7B	Hudson Ridoutt	8B	Dionn Coroneo
5C	Matthew Amato	6C	Michael Beetham	7C	Mitchell Khoo	8C	Jack Matthews
		6D	Johnny James	7D	Bowei Chen	8D	Dylan Conway
		6E	Henry Gao	7E	Jasper Gottliebsen	8E	Orlando Bell-Bray

Rugby

Last Saturday, the shortage of junior TSS players also impacted team numbers in the 12 Years. Our 12A team had a dominant win against their depleted opposition.

The 11 Years boys played supplementary matches against Nudgee College. It provided insight into how the previously undefeated BGS team ranked against the top teams in their competition. Despite a strong first half and a level half time score, NC showed their class in the second half to win by three tries at full time.

This Saturday, all teams play Gregory Terrace at Northgate. We look forward to testing ourselves against one of the stronger GPS Rugby schools.

Please check MyGrammar for team selections and match details.

Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team	Team	Winning Team
11A	NC	12A	BGS	13A	TSS
11B	NC	12B (BYE)	-	13B	BGS
11C	NC				

Player of the Week					
11A	Archer Boorer	12A	Alec Fitzgerald	13A	Corbin Jenvey
11B	Jai Selva	12B	BYE	13B	Nicholas Fasone
11C	Hugo Bennett				

Gymnastics

Congratulations to Seth McBride, Oliver Mellick, Jacob Nucifora, Lachlan Russell and Oscar Weatherstone on their outstanding performances at the Junior Regional Gymnastics Championships held in Brisbane last weekend.

Glenn McFarlane Director of Middle School Sport

Middle School Library

Science Week

Last week, the Middle School Libraries joined with the Science Department to celebrate Science Week with the theme of *Destination Moon*. Boys in Years 5 to 8 joined forces to code a lunar landing, create paper moon and lunar module models, compete in a *Kahoot!*, and explore virtual reality apps that brought book pages to life.

Boys were amazed to discover the hidden space worlds on *ZSpace* – a computer that combines elements of virtual and augmented reality. A highlight was the use of *Google Cardboard* to virtually explore the moon landing and several earth-based NASA installations. Boys took up the exciting challenge to construct and fly straw rockets. Prize winners received a NASA badge.

Vicki Palmer Teacher Librarian



Volunteer Roster

Week commencing Monday 26 August 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
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Tuckshop hours Weekdays

7.00am – 2.00pm

Week Three	Tuckshop Breakfast 7.00am - 8.00am	Tuckshop Morning Tea 8.00am - 2.00pm	Grammar Shop
Monday 26 August	Jo Beach	Carol Taylor	Jude Mertiny
Tuesday 27 August	Helana Barrientos	Karen Randall (Team Captain)	Elizabeth Giles
Wednesday 28 August	Maria Carter	Janine Atherton (Team Captain)	Merissa Seymour
Thursday 29 August	Ceri Jury Tabitha Goodreid Donna Schultz	Simone Muller (Team Captain)	Wendy Ricato
Friday 30 August	Helen Armstrong Helen Dobson Sirie Palmos Angela Buddee	Cindy Dean (Team Captain)	Susan Deuchars

2019 Calendar

Term 3 Tuesday 16 July – Friday 20 September

Term 4 Tuesday 8 October – Friday 29 November

Upcoming Events

BGSOBA Annual Reunion Dinner Saturday 31 August

Celebrating Our Community Wednesday 16 October

P&F Auxiliary Spring Luncheon Friday 25 October

Speech Day Wednesday 13 November

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.

Hat Repair

The Grammar Shop offers a Senior hat clean, re-block and repair service through Hat Revival. Repairs include rips and cuts (not holes) and replacement of the inside leather band. Each repair will be individually charged on top of the clean and re-block price.

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Clean and Re-block only	\$25.00
Individual repairs	\$8.00 per repair
New leather band	\$20.00

Senior hats need to be dropped off at the Grammar Shop by Wednesday morning to ensure collection by Hat Revival. Students are given an orange hat slip to show their hat is in for repair for the week. Students pay for repairs at pick up on the following Wednesday.

Embroidery

We currently have embroidered PE caps, Senior hats, Middle School hats, towels and blazers awaiting collection.

Please check the list on MyGrammar to see whether your item is ready for collection. The list can be accessed via MyGrammar > P&F Auxiliary > Uniforms > Embroidered item pick up list.

Lost Property

Students are asked to check the lost property in the Middle School and at the School Marshalls office for missing items. These areas are to be kept as a collection point instead of permanent storage facilities.

Tuckshop

Welcome to our new volunteers - it is lovely to have you on board.

The Tuckshop photo board will be updated with new volunteers' photos.

Thank you to Wendy and Kate for introducing a lovely group of new volunteers on Tuesday's tour. We hope you all enjoyed the morning and we look forward to having you join our team.

The annual Volunteers evening will be held at the School on Wednesday 16 October. We hope you can come along and celebrate our volunteers.

Please be reminded that Tuckshop volunteers cannot fill students' bottles and noodle cups brought from home with boiling water. This is a health and safety issue.

The breakfast sausage and egg muffins are a big hit; we will be adding more, along with the bacon and egg roll and wrap. We will also be making more pork bao buns on Mondays and butter chicken on Wednesdays to meet increased demand.

Joanne Villiers P&F Auxiliary

Betty Howell Awards

2019 Nominations Open

Since Brisbane Grammar School's foundation in 1868, volunteers have contributed to the welfare and future of the School through their support and participation.

Each year at the Celebrating our Community event, BGS acknowledges the significant time and effort volunteers give to the School. An important element of this function is the presentation of the Betty Howell Awards.

Established in 2011, the Betty Howell Awards honour Mrs Joan Elizabeth (Betty) Howell, who had a 25-year association with the School as the wife of Maxwell A. Howell, Headmaster from 1965 to 1989. Betty was a passionate volunteer with the Art Support Group and the P&F Auxiliary Committee.

The award acknowledges community members who have given outstanding service through:

- voluntary assistance to the School;
- active participation in School life;
- initiation of new programs/activities to benefit the School; and
- support for the School's vision through encouragement and personal endeavour.

BGS is seeking nominations from the community to recognise volunteers for their exceptional service. Nominations are now open and close 1 September 2019. For information about the nomination process **click here**.

The Celebrating our Community (volunteer recognition function) event and presentation of the Betty Howell Awards will occur on Wednesday 16 October 2019.

For further information, contact Advancement and Community Relations on 07 3834 5206 or **communityrelations@brisbanegrammar.com**.



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 are 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?

Bursaries have a transformational impact!







Invitation Student Wellbeing Years 5 - 10 Parent Workshop

BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL



You are warmly invited to attend a series of workshops aimed at supporting your son's wellbeing.

Special guest Michael Knight from *Peer Power* will be presenting, along with members of our Student Wellbeing Team.

Date

Tuesday 27 August 2019

Time

6.00pm – 7.30pm

Location

The Lilley Centre Forum

Welcome and Introduction:

An overview of the Student Wellbeing Curriculum

Workshops

- · Growing emotionally resilient boys
- · Finding the balance with screen time
- Your son's journey through Years 7, 9 and 11
- Bullying and conflict resolution
- Key ingredients for success at school and beyond

Parents will be invited to attend three workshops on the evening. If there are specific questions you would like addressed, or if you have topic suggestions for our future Wellbeing Series, please email the PA to the Head of Middle School at the address below. Parking will be available in the staff car park accessed via College Road.

RSVP here

For more information please contact PA to Head of Middle School, Dionn Bichel

by Friday 16 August

T 07 3834 5375 E dionn.bichel@brisbanegrammar.com



Year 5 Parent Casual Morning Tea

BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL



You are invited to join fellow Year 5 parents for a casual morning tea.

Date

Time

Friday 30 August 2019

8.30am - 10.30am

Venue

Buzz Bistro, Gasworks Plaza, 76 Skyring Terrace, Newstead

Morning tea at guest's own expense

RSVP here

by Wednesday 28 August

For more information please contact Year 5 Parent Representative:

Rachael Dauber

E rachaeldauber@hotmail.com



Invitation Prospective Volunteers Morning Tea

BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Prospective Volunteers Morning Tea

In case you missed our previous volunteers' tour earlier this year, we will have another tour for all prospective volunteers on Tuesday 20 August. If you have been thinking of volunteering, please join us for a casual tour of the Tuckshop and Grammar Shop, followed by morning tea.

Date

Tuesday 20 August 2019

Time

9.00am - 10.30am

Location

Meet at the stairs at the front of the School near the Foundation Stone

RSVP here

By Thursday 15 August



BGS Debating End of Season Presentation 2019

BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Please join us in celebrating the 2019 Debating season.

Date

Friday 30 August 2019

Time

7.00pm - 10.00pm

Venue

Tattersalls Club 215 Queen Street Brisbane QLD 4000

Tickets

\$75.00 per person 2 Course Meal Cash Bar Available

RSVP here

by Friday 23 August 2019

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

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



Year 6 Parent Casual Morning Tea

BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL



You are invited to join fellow Year 6 parents for a casual morning tea.

Date

Friday 6 September 2019

Time

8.30am - 10.30am

Venue

Victoria Park Bistro, 309 Herston Road, Herston.

Morning tea at guest's own expense

RSVP here

by Wednesday 4 September

For more information please contact Year 6 Parent Representative:

Palingu Aponso

E palingu@gmail.com



Year 9 Parent Evening



You are invited to join fellow Year 9 parents at Gambaro Seafood Restaurant on Saturday 7 September

Date

Time

Tickets

Saturday 7 September

7.00pm to 10.00pm

\$50.00 per person Includes welcome drink, canapes and fork dish

Venue

VIP Deck, Gambaro Seafood Restaurant, 33 Caxton Street, Brisbane

RSVP here

by Friday 30 August 2019

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

E wendy.ricato4@outlook.com



BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL

2019 BGS Rugby End of Season Function



Please help us in celebrating the 2019 GPS Rugby Season

Date

Saturday 14 September 2019

Venue

The Great Hall Brisbane Grammar School 24 Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill. Time

6.30pm - 9.30pm

Tickets

\$36 per person (includes cocktail hors d'oeuvres and beverages)

RSVP here

RSVP Friday 6 September 2019

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

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2019 BGS Basketball End of Season Function

BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL



Please join us in celebrating the 2019 GPS Basketball Season

Date

Time

5.00pm - 7.00pm

Venue

Saturday 14 September 2019

The Lilley Centre, Brisbane Grammar School 24 Gregory Terrace, Spring Hill

Tickets

\$36 per person (includes gourmet BBQ and beverages)

RSVP here

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Public Purpose



Patients In Need Program

This is a student-led project supporting the Patients in Need Program at the Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital. Students in Years 9, 11 and 12 are collecting donations of tracksuit pants and thongs to support patients needing hospital care. We are requesting donations for both males and females.

Collection bags will be located outside HOY and Director of Student Wellbeing Offices.

About the hospital

- Largest cancer care facility
- Largest neonatal care unit with NeoRESQ service
- Specially equipped burns unit with the highest burns survival rate in the world
- Specialised Intensive Care Unit
- Queensland's only multi-disciplinary Pain Clinic
- Queensland's busiest emergency department
- Internationally recognised research centres
 - Australian-first Burns, Trauma and Critical Care Research Centre
 - CRE REDUCE Superbugs
 - Perinatal Research Centre
 - Queensland Motion Analysis Centre

About RBWH Foundation

- The charity arm of Royal Brisbane and Women's Hospital
- Funds raised fill government funding gaps, allowing the RBWH to further medical research, develop leading technology and treatment methods, and provide optimal health care and services to its patients
- The Foundation relies heavily on the support of the community to raise funds

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BRISBANE GRAMMAR SCHOOL School Photos 2019



Photo day:

Tuesday 13th August 2019

Class, Individual & Sibling photos

Sibling Photos must be ordered by 12pm on Monday 12th August

Questions? Please contact us directly: P: 0412 732 797 A: PO Box 139, Grange QLD 4051 E: <u>info@justphotography.com.au</u> W: justphotography.com.au



Ordering Options:

Pay online with credit card or paypal



Delivery:

Photos will be delivered to the school in week 2 of term 4

<u>click here</u>

PAY WITH CASH Photo envelopes have been handed out to students and are to be handed to photographer on photo day Online orders placed after August 28th, will incur a \$10 late fee



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