

Blue Mountains Grammar School

Newsletter

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Growing up with us... ...means enjoying autumn in the Mountains



FROM THE CO-ACTING HEAD

Foresight into the Future

We currently have the largest school age generation that has ever lived in Australia. Australia's adolescent generation is also at record levels, comprising 20% of the current population. The opportunities that lie ahead for this generation are exceptional, igniting innovation, passion and enthusiasm. The World Economic Forum has dubbed this the 4th Industrial Revolution, a period of unprecedented possibilities as billions of people connect through devices with virtually unlimited access to knowledge. Many see this as a revolution which will evolve at an exponential rather than linear pace and in doing so disrupt virtually every industry. Futurists in the educational field are predicting chiasmic shifts to continue to enrich the role of schools, especially in the areas of wellbeing, health, assessment and information technology.

While the focus on strengthening trade and economic links with Asia will continue, through the advancement globally in technology, the whole world is predicted to be able to seamlessly communicate, conduct business, share ideas and learn at a faster, more rapid pace and more often than not in real time. This shift signals the increasing complexities and opportunities for schools to be proactive and intuitive when developing students' skill sets and preparation for post school options.

Imperative to the cause of being 'out in front of the pack' is the ability of schools to become more agile and dynamic to ensure that they are proactive entities, communities of continual advancement, centred on human flourishing, best practice and innovation. The latest research from the McCrindle Institute on the future trends in education in Australia states:

'The importance of the design of the physical learning environments was noted by one expert. They affirmed that new approaches to learning and teaching can be incorporated successfully when building design supports new pedagogical practices and integrates the learning styles of today's students.'

'For many parents, schools are a key source of training opportunities through which parents learn how to assist their children with the use of technology for school work. Schools are increasingly

equipping parents to manage the impacts of technology in the home, however, there is ongoing opportunity for schools to continue to provide assistance in this area.'

BMGS is setting a course to continue to be a 'forerunner' in educational excellence, faith integration and holistic and inclusive wellbeing practices that inspire hope and build platforms for students to thrive. The key for our community is to have the courage and determination to set coordinates that are ambitious, advancing and proactive to take us into all that God has destined for us to be.

The McCrindle Institute has also just released the '*Christianity in Australia Research findings*' from their comprehensive work in 2016. It gives great insights and helps people understand the nature of Christianity in Australia.

I encourage all parents, families, community members and alumni to read the research and become an advocate for advancing us into the future. May those who feel led continue to pray for this incredible school.

Blessings and prayers,

http://www.mccrindle.com.au/blog/2016/11/Education_Future_Report_2016-McCrindle.pdf

https://mccrindle.worldsecuringsystems.com/blog/2017/05/Faith%20and%20Belief%20in%20Australia%20Infographic_McCrindle_2017.pdf

https://mccrindle.worldsecuringsystems.com/blog/2017/05/Faith%20and%20Belief%20in%20Australia%20Report_McCrindle_2017.pdf

<https://www.weforum.org/agenda/2016/01/the-fourth-industrial-revolution-what-it-means-and-how-to-respond/>

Adam Osborne
Co-Acting Head

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

In the TV series *Mythbusters*, conundrums were addressed and evidence was gathered through experimentation in order to determine whether the 'myth' was plausible, busted or confirmed. On some occasions, viewers would send in complaints about what they perceived to be shortcomings in the mythbuster's methodology and the show would then re-test. While there was entertainment value in the banter, what I found particularly worthwhile was the willingness to pursue the evidence to a logical conclusion, even when it conflicted with preconceived ideas regarding the outcome.

Perhaps this willingness to examine all the evidence and not allow preconceived ideas to hinder is a worthy life lesson, and yet... I wonder how many people who have decided against Christianity, have made no genuine effort to examine the evidence and challenge their preconceived ideas. Admittedly the sorts of conundrums addressed by *Mythbusters* had less personal repercussions regardless of the results, but if the claims of Christianity are true, our decisions have eternal significance. Can we afford to be less than diligent?

When C.S. Lewis made the decision to renounce his atheism and accept Christianity, he described himself as the most reluctant convert in all of Christendom; he didn't become a Christian because he couldn't cope with life, or because he was looking for comfort but rather because in all intellectual honesty, he couldn't deny the truth that he found in Christianity. Recently I listened to Francis Collins (project director for the Human Genome Project) echo the same sentiments in recounting his own conversion from being an atheistic scientist to being a scientist who accepted Jesus as Saviour and Lord.

The great privilege we have in this country is that we can access so much evidence for ourselves. Maybe we can be our own *Mythbusters*... if we are truly willing to follow the evidence where it leads.

“And the scripture says: ‘Whoever believes in Him will not be put to shame’. And that “whoever” means anyone, without distinction between Jew or Greek. For all have the same Lord, whose boundless resources are available to all who turn to Him in faith. For: ‘Whoever calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved’ (Romans 10:11-13).

A. Dane

FROM THE PARENTS’ AND FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION

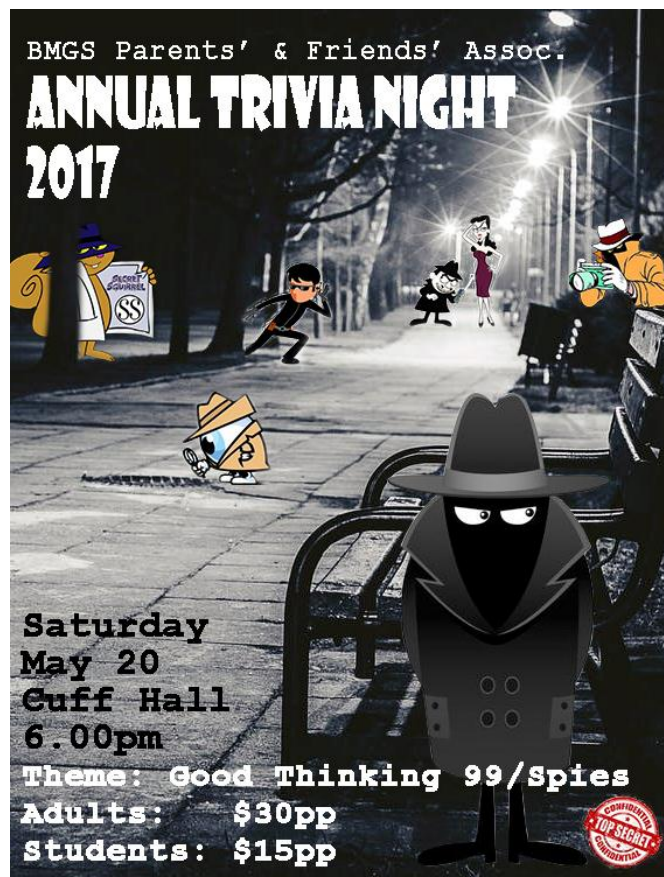
Annual Trivia Night

The Parents’ and Friends’ Annual Trivia Night will be held this **Saturday, 20th May** – it’s not too late to book your seat.

With a nod to BMGS’ 99th Year, the dress/table ‘theme’ of the evening will be **Espionage/Spies** (“*Good Thinking, 99!*”) – so dig out your trench coats and shoe phones and join us under the Cone of Silence as we ask our Agents 86 questions... Keep your table’s particular theme on the ‘QT’, as there will be great prizes for Best Dressed Table/Adult/Student... and these are in addition to the prizes for First Place and Runners’ Up (both Adult and Student categories).

Bookings can be made online via Try Booking:
<https://www.trybooking.com/275836>

Payments may also be made via Senior Reception or contacting Mrs. Sarah Dunstan (4757 9000). Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students/conc.



Put together a table of 8 players, or we can place small groups together on tables. We look forward to your company, for what promises to be a fun social night for the School community.

Mr. Duncan Barrell

Chair, BMGS Parents’ and Friends’ Association
pandf@bmgns.nsw.edu.au

FROM THE CO-ACTING HEAD

Important dates for the Term

Year 10 Examinations – Tuesday 16th May to Friday 19th May (including Allwell Academic Testing)

Year 11 Parent/Teacher interviews – Thursday 25th May

Year 8 Parent/Teacher interviews – Tuesday 30th May

Year 9 Parent/Teacher interviews – Tuesday 13th June

Note - There are no half-yearly examinations for Years 7-9 or Year 11

Elevate study skills sessions

Year 8 – Monday 29th May,

Year 9 – Monday 29th May,

Year 11 – Thursday 11th May, Year 12 – Thursday 11th May

Study skills – skills for life

As noted last week, over the next few weeks we will be having Elevate Education to speak to our Years 7 to 12 students about a range of skills and dispositions. Whilst they are presenting and focusing on school-based issues such as helping students manage time and prepare successfully for tasks and exams, many of these skills transfer over into other parts of our lives. After all, who doesn't need to learn how to manage their time effectively or cope with pressured situations?

Examinations, in particular, are a great source of stress for students, but it doesn't need to be this way! With the right advice, you can reduce stress levels, cut down on study time and markedly improve examination marks! As part of our desire to help our Senior students prepare more effectively during their final two years of study at school, we want to let you know about a helpful series of sessions run by tsfx.

At “Mastering the Exams” you will gain the knowledge and skills required to maximise examination performance, including:

- The fastest way to prepare for your exams.
- The biggest mistakes students make when preparing for their exams.
- Planning and executing effective exam study timetables.
- The smartest way to work through past examination questions and papers.
- Mastering the art of “exam chess” and other mark-boosting exam strategies.
- The most effective (and time-saving) learning and revision techniques.
- 33 easy ways to improve motivation, concentration and learning speed.
- Combating “panic attacks” and “mind blanks”.
- Preparing comprehensive exam study notes in the fastest possible time.

Note: These lectures are different from the “Succeeding in the HSC” lectures that were held in November and the “Exam Techniques and Strategies” lectures that were held in February.

Valued at over \$200 “Mastering the Exams” is **FREE*** when you make a minimum \$10 donation to The Fred Hollows Foundation on the day.

<http://www.tsfx.com.au/?hsc-program=mastering-the-exams-series-3>

Dates: Saturday 27 May and Sunday 4 June 2017

Venue: University of Sydney (Camperdown).

M. Hastie

Co-Acting Head

FROM THE HEAD OF MUSIC

Australian Youth Orchestra 2018

Applications for Australian Youth Orchestra's 2018 programs are available from the Music Office.

Concert Band and Stage Band

A reminder that Concert Band will rehearse at lunchtime on Tuesday and Stage Band on Friday after School until after the June long weekend.

AMEB Exams

A number of students are currently preparing for their AMEB Exams later this month and we wish them all the best in these endeavours. Please let us know the results so that we can publish them in the Newsletter.

Musical Opportunities

Penrith Eisteddfod applications are now open visit: www.penritheisteddfod.com.au.

Jesus Christ Superstar will be presented by the Blue Mountains Musical Society from 20th May to 4th June at the Hub in Springwood.

Diary Dates

Thursday, 1st June: Soiree No. 2, PAC, 7:00pm

Friday, 2nd June: Music and Machines, Year 10

Saturday, 10th June: Debutante Ball

Thursday, 27th July: Whole School Concert

Sunday, 13th August to Wednesday 16th August: HICES Music Festival

D. Smith

FROM THE HEAD OF HUMANITIES

Humanities Weekly Quiz

Thank you to all 88 people who entered the competition last week! That is a wonderful response. The country described in the clues was Norway. Congratulations to the randomly selected correct entry from Diana Babajanyan in Year 12. She will receive a \$5 canteen voucher. Please watch your emails for next week's Legal Studies question which will be sent out on Thursday.

J. Madgwick

FROM THE HEAD OF STUDENT WELLBEING

Parenting evening with Dr Justin Coulson – 19th June, 7:00pm

Help your family thrive

An evening for Blue Mountains parents with parenting expert and international keynote speaker, Dr Justin Coulson, Hosted by Blue Mountains Grammar School, Wentworth Falls

www.bmgs.nsw.edu.au
www.happyfamilies.com.au

On 19th June BMGS will welcome one of Australia's leading parenting experts to the Junior School Hall for an evening for parents. While Justin will be focused on providing parents with strategies to build strong relationships in their families, there will also be an opportunity for parents to ask questions.

For more information and to RSVP for the event, please follow this link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/helping-your-children-thrive-dr-justin-coulson-visits-bmgs-tickets-34188022295>

If you would like to put forward a question for Justin to answer (all responses are confidential), please follow this link <https://www.menti.com/3a79c8>.

What do your children find hardest about study?

Recently parents and carers had an opportunity to vote on the aspects of studying that they believe to be the hardest for students. The three biggest concerns parents identified were:

1. Dealing with distractions
2. Getting motivated to start studying
3. Knowing which content to focus on

What can parents do to support and encourage students to study?

Here are six tips from parenting expert Dr Justin Coulson:

1. Make age appropriate requests
2. Force creates resistance, so allow a degree of autonomy
3. Encourage routine
4. Minimise distractions – use devices as a reward after study
5. Avoid making criticisms – ask what your child thinks of their work
6. Model good time management – actions speak loudly

For more information see here: <http://www.kidspot.com.au/school/secondary/study-skills/teaching-children-to-manage-their-study>

Students are also encouraged to make use of the following website developed by Elevate Education who is currently visiting BMGS to equip students with techniques to improve the productivity of their study: <http://austudent.elevateeducation.com/study-tips>

If you need help to ensure you can access the School's Portal, please email Mrs. Charmian Whittingham cwhittingham@bmgs.nsw.edu.au

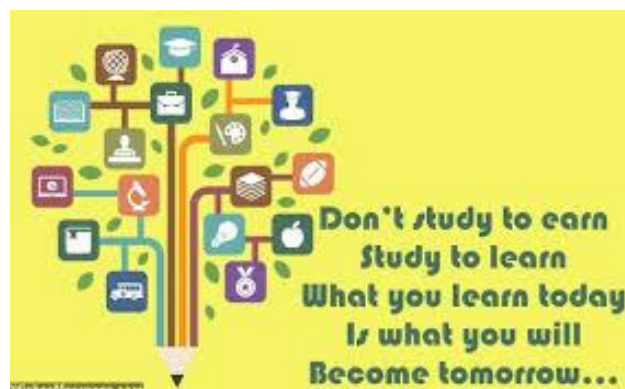
A. Beitsch

FROM THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT DEPARTMENT

This Term I am in the Library Resource Centre (LRC) after school on Tuesdays from 3:15pm to 4.45pm. This after school assistance can also include help in organising a study plan or just general assistance in organising your workload.

If you are interested in attending, it is a great idea to contact me on email almichielsen@bmgs.nsw.edu.au so that I can prepare best for the time spent together.

A. Michielsen



CAREERS NEWS

Website

Careers information for students is available on the BMGS Careers FROG Learning Management website. This website is accessible by all students and staff in the Senior School. Here you will find the link to the MHSCareers website, which provides an extensive careers information service.

Library Resource Centre

In the LRC there is a self-serve Careers corner for your use. Here you can find the Handbooks from the various universities. You are welcome to take these books home! On the notice board you will find a copy of the weekly MHSCareers newsletter.

In the Mail

All students in Year 10, 11 and 12 were emailed a document that explains what the ATAR is and how it is calculated, attached to their usual Careers update. For younger students (in Years 7 and 8) FROG has information regarding a United Nations Youth Leadership program to run on a weekend later this year. For students in Year 9 to 12 there is information regarding a UN Youth Summit to be held in Sydney. Universities Admissions Centre has sent us four copies of their "University Entry Requirements 2020 for Year 10 students". Please see me in the Humanities staffroom if you would like to borrow a copy to browse. If early entry is something Year 12 students wish to pursue we have information about programs at ACU and Macquarie (Global Leaders). Alternatively, there are cadetships and information workshops for students interested in Business and Law at the University of New South Wales as well as Engineering and Technology at the University of Sydney. Investigate the FROG Careers webpage under "Week 4 Materials" for more information on these and other current opportunities.

Discussing your Options

Careers discussions are available in the LRC every Tuesday afternoon between 3:15pm and 4:45pm during term time.

J. Madgwick

FROM THE HEAD OF ZIELE HOUSE

Red Shield Appeal

This year Blue Mountains Grammar students will again be collecting for the Red Shield Appeal and the Salvation Army. While this is the Ziele House Charity, we welcome all Senior School students from Years 7 to 12 to collect. Last year BMGS students collected almost \$6,000 on the day. Last Wednesday Mr Tom Colless and Major Colin Young spoke to students at Assembly about the Red Shield Appeal and what the Salvos do. Their entertaining presentation created a real buzz with many students showing an interest in volunteering as a door-knocker.



Students who would like to volunteer as a door-knocker need to see Ms Evans in the Drama Staffroom or Ziele Office for a permission note and online registration card; both of these need to be completed for students to volunteer on the day.

We are also seeking the assistance of parents who would be able to drive their own child and a small group of their friends to their collection point on the day and back to School when they are finished. If you would be happy to do this please contact Ms Evans via email on devans@bmgns.nsw.edu.au

This year the Red Shield Appeal is the weekend of the 27th and 28th May. BMGS is collecting in the Wentworth Falls area on Sunday 28th May between 8:30am and 12:30pm.

For more information about the great work the Salvos do thanks to the Red Shield Appeal, please go to <https://salvos.org.au/get-involved/red-shield-appeal/>

D. Evans

FROM THE FOUNDATION

Centenary Quilt

The Centenary Committee is planning a Centenary Quilt and looking for quilters from current parents, grandparents, students, staff and alumni. If you are interested, please email Mrs. Marlene Plummer (Archivist) on mplummer@bmgns.nsw.edu.au

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Important Notice: Changes to Uniform Shop Trading Hours 15th May to 16th June (Weeks 4 to 8, Term 2)

Mrs. Kymberley Arrell will be covering Mrs. Carol Lowe's position in the Junior School, full time from 15th May to 16th June, 2017, whilst Mrs. Lowe is away on Long Service Leave.

The Uniform Shop will therefore not be operating on its usual days.

Parents and students who require uniform items during this period and who know the sizes they require, are asked to email Mrs. Arrell – uniformshop@bmgns.nsw.edu.au - who will be providing a 'Pick and Pack' service.

Items may be ordered via email and collected from and paid for at Coorah Reception through Mrs. Sarah Dunstan, 4757 9000.

The ordering system currently used by parents at our Valley Heights campus will continue unchanged.

For parents who are unsure of sizing, Mrs. Arrell will be arranging appointments, via email, for Monday and Tuesday after school. Alternatively, Mrs. Arrell may be contacted at Junior School Reception via 4757 9026.

The Uniform Shop will return to normal operating hours on Monday, 19th June. **Please hold any items for our Pre-loved clothing pool until Term 3.**

All-Weather Jackets

The All-Weather jackets have now arrived, and can be collected from the Uniform Shop.

K. Arrell

FROM THE HEAD OF SPORT

This week we have all sports away except the Girls' Football, who will be returning to play on the School Football field for the first time this season. Hopefully this will give them a boost to play for a win.

Thank you to all those parents who helped out in the canteen and on the BBQ. Half hour time slots are what we need to fill each week so if you are available could you please let your MIC know when they contact you to fill the roster.

Congratulations

Laura Smith (Year 12) and Fleur Young (Year 12) were last week chosen in the ISA Girls Hockey team to compete at the NSW CIS Championships on the 24th May.

Henry Weaver (Year 7) last week competed as a member of the CIS Relay team at the NSW All Schools Championships. Henry and his team picked up a silver medal on the day.

ISA Sporting Trials

Whilst not all sports are played at an ISA level, there is still a pathway for many sports either through ISA or through CIS. If you compete in a sport at a representative level outside school and wish to see if you have a school based pathway check the CIS link below which lists the sports that are played at this level.

<https://www.aisnsw.edu.au/Services/CIS/Pages/Sports.aspx>

Please remember when nominating for any of these sports that neither ISA nor CIS will accept late nominations under any circumstances so getting in early to complete all forms and have them signed off is very important.

Senior Athletics Carnival

The Senior School Athletics Carnival will be held on Tuesday 23rd May (from 12:15pm) and Wednesday 24th May 2017 (full day) at Pitt Park.

On Tuesday, students will be released from class at 11:50am so that they can have lunch before going to Pitt Park for the commencement of the Carnival at 12:15 pm.

On Wednesday, Rotary will be catering with a sausage sizzle, snacks and drinks. This year we will also have a coffee cart on site.

ISA Cross Country

Those students who have qualified to compete for the School at the ISA Cross Country Carnival will be receiving information this week. This year the Carnival will be held at the International Equestrian Centre on 31st May.

Team App

My thanks to all those who have been using Team App. I have received a lot of positive feedback. For those who have joined Team App but have not yet accessed the BMGS site, this needs to be done to be able to see the information that is entered each week. If you have not received a confirmation text to say that you are now a member then you may not have completed the process.



Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any sporting questions.

M. Harris

Saturday Sport Fixtures 20th May 2017 - Round 4

Boys' Football	Team	Opponent	Venue	Time	Field	Bus INFO
	1st XI	St Paul's	St Paul's	10:15am	Field East	1st XI, 2nd XI, 14s Blackheath: 6:15 am BMGS: 6:30 am Lawson: 6:40 am
	2nd XI	St Paul's	St Paul's	9:00am	Field East	Buttenshaw: 6:50 am Glenbrook: 7:05 am Bus will return by 1:00pm

	15s	Redlands	Macquarie Uni	8:00am	Campbell Field	13s, 15s Blackheath: 5:45 am BMGS: 6:00 am Lawson: 6:10 am Buttenshaw: 6:20 am Glenbrook: 6:35 am Bus will return approx. 11:30am
	14s	St Paul's	St Paul's	10:15am	Field West	
	13s	Redlands	Macquarie Uni	9:00am	Campbell Field	

Rugby						
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Rugby	Team	Opponent	Venue	Time	Field	Bus INFO
	13s	Oakhill	Oakhill	9:00 am	Lawrence Oval	Blackheath: 6:30 am BMGS: 6:45 am Lawson: 6:55 am Springwood Station: 7:05 am Glenbrook: 7:20 am Bus will return approx. 12:30pm
	14s	Oakhill	Oakhill	10:00 am	Lawrence Oval	
	16s	Scots	Scots	10:00 am	Main Oval	Glenbrook: 7:00 am Springwood Station: 7:15 am Lawson: 7:25 am BMGS: 7:35 am Blackheath: 7:45 am Bus will return approx. 4:00 pm
	1st XV	Scots	Scots	12:00 pm	Main Oval	

Girls' Football						
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Girls' Football	Team	Opponent	Venue	Time	Field	Bus INFO
	1st XI	SACS	BMGS	9:00am	Football	N/A
	Junior A	Oxley	BMGS	10:15am	Football	
	Junior B	Oxley	BMGS	11:15am	Football	

Hockey						
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Hockey	Team	Opponent	Venue	Time	Field	Bus INFO
	Open A	Barker	Barker	9:45am	1	BMGS: 6:25am Lawson: 6:35am Buttenshaw: 6:45am Glenbrook: 7:00am Bus will return by 12:30pm
	Open C	Oakhill	Barker	8:30am	1	

Netball						
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Netball	Team	Opponent	Venue	Time	Court	Bus INFO
	1st VII	St Paul's	St Paul's	8:30am	1	1st VII, Junior B
	Open	Redlands	NBISC	11:45 am	1	Blackheath: 6:15am

	B					BMGS: 6:30am Lawson: 6:40am Buttenshaw: 6:50am Glenbrook: 7:05am
	Inter A	Redlands	NBISC	9:15am	1	Bus will return by 1:00pm
	Inter B	Redlands	NBISC	10:30am	1	Open B, Inter A, Inter B, Junior A
	Junior A	Redlands	NBISC	9:15am	2	
	Junior B	St Paul's	St Paul's	9:45am	2	BMGS: 6:25am Lawson: 6:35am Buttenshaw: 6:45am Glenbrook: 7:00am Bus will return by 3:00pm

Match Reports: Saturday, 13th May, 2017

Girls' Football

BMGS First XI were defeated by Oakhill College, 5-0

It was a Saturday at home in the mountains and not only did we have spectacular weather for the girls and it was our first game without travel which was lovely for the parents and players. We came up against one of the top two teams of the competition – Oakhill College - who have a very experienced team and a high composition of representative players. Oakhill dominated the first half leading 5-nil, but we warmed into the game in the second half to have a few shots on goal and start to build our passing game. This season has been a revelation for the BMGS girls. To play against such skilled and fit players we need to adjust and be able to play more sideways and backwards like the opposition does to build up possession. Our girls are working on their game awareness and to be much more vocal to support better decision making in the field. We recently learned that almost all of the boys and girls First XI teams train twice each week and this shows on the field. So we have asked the girls to train on Thursday as well as their usual training day, just for the next five weeks, so this will cover half the rounds and build confidence and fitness. I have been so proud of the girls these past three weeks. It has truly been a serious challenge to take on teams with so many rep players. Rep players are training and playing five times per week in total. This repetition builds great game awareness for the player and flexibility to adjust to different styles of play. Our girls have fought back, each second half, and have never given up. This season for the girls is a balance between two major areas: firstly, learning how to play possession football against seriously good opposition and, secondly, how to put yourself in a mental state that exudes courage under fire. Girls, and parents, my commitment as a coach is to find that balance between fun and challenging you to go to that next level individually and as a team. I look forward to helping you achieve both outcomes! I am also looking forward to our game at home this weekend and finally meeting all the parents after the game. Parents if you can make the game this Saturday that would be wonderful support for the girls.

Steve Walpole, Coach

BMGS Junior A defeated St. Spyridon College, 3-2

After two away games, the girls had their first home game of the season against St Spyridon. For all games this week, the first half was about adjusting to the smaller field. St Spyridon were strong in attack but Ruby worked really hard to minimise goals with the backline working hard. In attack, we were outmuscled but never gave up. The girls fought back in the second half, remaining calm under pressure. Mia, who bravely used her body in defence, was supported through the middle with Milla, Matilda and Lexie. Indigo scored her first header goal of the season and executed a late penalty shot to take the lead for the first time in the game. Well done to the backline of Ella-Rose, Niyah, Ruby and Michayla and goalie, Eloise who kept them scoreless in the second half. It proved this week that remaining calm and playing in the spirit of the game will always bring you out on top. Well done girls! You made your school proud.

Lauren Wade, MIC Girls' Football

BMGS Junior B were defeated By St. Andrew's Cathedral School, 5-2

This was our first home game and, after two long journeys to Bowral in Round 1 and the Central Coast in Round 2, the girls were happy to be able to be playing on a familiar ground. This time we were playing St Andrew's Cathedral School. The referees both commented on the great spirit in which the game was played from both sides. SACS scored two goals quite early on in the first half but the team rallied together to be down by only 2-1 at half time, courtesy of much perseverance and a goal by Amy Ling. After half time energy boosts, the girls were very competitive in the second half. Scarlet Frosh became the goal keeper and showed no fear in this position. We scored another goal, this time by Estelle Dee, and were starting to feel a bit more optimistic. Whilst we lost the game by 5-2, the team seems to be really coming together and are always full of praise for each other. It was great to also have many parents and friends around for support and encouragement.

Catherine van Gelderen, Coach

Boys' Football

First XI defeated Oxley College, 5-2

Second XI were defeated by Oxley College, 4-2

15s were defeated by Oxley College, 5-1

14s defeated Oxley College, 5-0

13s defeated Oxley College, 2-0

P. Singh (MIC Boys' Football)

Netball

BMGS First VII were defeated by Oxley College, 45-29

The girls had a mix of spectacular team play and ball work errors. An increase in spectacular play and a decrease in ball work errors should see the Firsts continue to improve. Strong and determined games from Selai Rokotuiwai and Eliza Arantz were the foundation of a pleasing, hard fought game.

Viki Stanton, Coach

BMGS Open B defeated Oxley College, 38-34

This was a fabulous team effort. The girls were able to turn around a 7-goal deficit to lead by 2 at the end of the third quarter. Everyone listened and put into effect the strategies we worked on at training. Congratulations, girls!

Jacqueline Haines, Coach

BMGS Intermediate B were defeated by Oxley College, 23-21

This was a tight, hard fought game that could have gone either way. A standout mid court performance from Brodie Wylde, Holly Camilleri and April Foster-Powell made for a flowing and fast game. Emma Simon and Isabella Wellstead held strong in a very physical shooting circle, and Marni Brown and Maia were the rebound queens. A great game.

Viki Stanton, Coach

BMGS Intermediate C defeated Central Coast Grammar, 40-17

Fantastic teamwork was a feature of this game. The interplay between the defensive and attacking units was almost perfect. The enthusiasm and energy continued into the second half despite having just the one reserve. Congratulations girls, great effort and result.

Jacqueline Haines, for Michelle Airth

BMGS Junior B defeated Oxley College, 57-12

Following an intense training session - the girls came away with the win they were hoping for. With amazing and confident shooting from Phoebe Mason, Ellie Gale and Evie Johnston their practise sessions have certainly paid dividends. Beautiful defence from our goalkeeper, Albie Danta, goal defence Scarlett Weston-Cole and wing defences Bethany Field and Susan O'Hara. These girls trained and played extremely hard this week and should be very proud of their awesome outcome!

Isabel Stortenbeker and Brodie Wylde, Coaches

BMGS Junior C were defeated by Central Coast Grammar School, 39-5

The girls played a great game this week, putting into practice many things we had worked on at training. Despite facing a tough opposition, the girls never gave up and continued to fight, right up to the last quarter. They are to be commended for their perseverance and commitment in what was a very challenging game against a much bigger and stronger Central Coast Grammar School.

Claire Bourguignon and Miranda Pecovnik, Coaches

Hockey

BMGS 2nd XI were defeated by St. Andrew's Cathedral School, 3-0

This week's game showed great improvement for all the girls, and playing on astroturf tested everyone's skills and was new to some. There was great defence from the backs, Jessica Chongbang and Alex Vergotis, that cleared the ball from our goal area many times. With the help of Ruby, playing half, the

ball was moving up the field more quickly, resulting in a few neat shots. The second half was a lot better as the girls were thinking more strategically about positions. Sadly the girls lost 3-0 against St Andrew's Cathedral School. Considering the team had no subs it was a tough game, but all players tried their hardest.

Maya Mishra, Captain

BMGS 1st XI were defeated by Redlands, 2-1

The girls played a very close game this Saturday. We took on Redlands, one of our better matched competitors. The girls started off strong as an attacking force. Eleni Vergotis, Emma Jackson and Georgia Clarke played some tremendous hits across the field which set up our attackers for some early shots at goals. Brenna Pate and Rose Clifford took these early chances, unfortunately just missing out. Late in the in the half, Redlands scored from a short corner and then once again just before the whistle leaving the halftime score at 2-0. In the second half, we had strong forward plays, especially on the wing from Charlotte Lomas, which gave us the opportunity for short corners. From one of these short corners came the first goal of the season from Charlotte Lomas. BMGS later had an attempt at a penalty stroke; unfortunately, the shot missed, leaving the final score at 2-1. The girls played a great game and I am confident that next time we play Redlands, we can come away with a win.

Fleur Young, Captain

Rugby

BMGS U13s were defeated by St. Gregory's, 24-22

The Under 13 team can take great pride in their efforts this weekend. Despite being significantly outsized, the BMGS side demonstrated great tenacity, commitment and skill to dominate in most facets of the game. After taking the lead early in the game, our team worked efficiently as a team to demonstrate that technique can outweigh sheer size. The boys went into the second half in the lead and looked like they would secure a well-deserved win, however, a late comeback from St Gregory's, culminating in a last minute try, meant the game finished with a BMGS 22, St Gregory's 24 score line. Defensive pressure and communication will be an area to focus on at training this week. The coaching staff would like to thank the parents for supporting their boys on the sideline and for helping to develop a positive feel on the day.

Nic Webb

BMGS U14s defeated St Pius X, 48-5

What a difference a week makes! This week at training the boys spent a lot of time focusing on securing the ball at the ruck. And what a payoff! The Under 14s dominated the breakdown, which lead to the boys gaining strong possession. Aiden was menacing from the back of the scrum, scoring two tries from the classic 'featherstone' move. Jack showed his speed, finding space down the touch line to race over 60 metres to score his first try in rugby. Ethan showed just what he can do with a bit of room and speed, crossing twice. Mani continued to prove invaluable close to the ruck in Number 9, capitalising on some loose ball to score a fine try and adding some extras through conversions. Finally, Lincoln was rewarded for his tireless work and enthusiasm with a try which resulted from running hard and straight. Congratulations to all the boys for a spirited game of rugby and an outstanding win.

Andrew Beitsch

Under 16s were defeated by Redlands, 26-7

Matching up against last year's second place Division 2 competitors was always going to be a tough assignment, however, the BMGS squad let it be known that Redlands would have to play at their best to take our challenge. Just four minutes into the game Rama grabbed a large piece of the Redlands 22 metre area and put Patrick into space out wide. His try near the uprights allowed Ethan to take the extra 2 points. In a match which was played with 13 on each team - no flankers, rugby league style, the field allowed for space down the middle and out wide. Surprisingly the defence was so strong, scrambling and committed that at half-time the Redlands team, fresh with nine subs, went to the break 10 - 7 up, a low scoring affair. This match was an extremely tough game. The breakdown was fierce where both teams won and lost ball through either driving over or ripping the ball. It takes a tough match like this one to see the boys play at their best. The handling skills of the backs were excellent. Ethan served up good ball and Chester and Christian were consistently able to make it over the advantage line against larger more experienced opponents. Ethan's kicking game took pressure off the forwards and set us up for raids into their territory. Lasse was courageous and secure at fullback and Rama did his best to straighten up and speed up the game. The forwards, with little substitutions, were a delight to watch. These boys played their hearts out. Newcomer Lloyd, in the second row, looked like a seasoned pro and is destined to be a very strong forward. Ben took relief on the sideline with a shoulder niggle after his usual outstanding tackling efforts. Lakith lead the boys admirably. Harrison, Joel, Alek, Oscar and Quinn created a wall in defence and made continual gains in territory. The second half saw us tire from such a sustained effort and even though we had numerous scoring opportunities we were not able to breach their line. Redlands went on to win the match 26-7. It is worth noting that, having played a number of

trials and a competition game, the Redlands coach, stated that this match was by far their hardest. Hayden sustained an injury whilst defending and will be out for two games. Lakith and Ben will be rested this weekend against Scots to give them time to recover from shoulder niggles. Joel will take on Lakith's job up front and Austin will fill in for Ben at second row. My thanks to all the parents on the sideline for the support.

Anthony Foot

BMGS Opens were defeated by Redlands, 37-22

They say a week can make a massive difference and this was certainly the case for the Opens Rugby boys. Knowing that we were going into a tough game against the recently relegated Redlands, they were coming here with something to prove, thinking that it would be an easy victory. The BMGS side though, begged to differ! Our contact over the ball has greatly improved since last week and our forwards are now starting to act as a pack and hunt together, looking for the ball which they did magnificently. Some issues with our line out still need to be ironed out though. If we can focus on the small things this week at training, in the words of the Redlands coach at our after match function he "feels sorry for the team we play next week" as we certainly have something to prove.

Tristan Forsyth

FROM THE HEAD OF THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

The annual WAS Cross Country Carnival was held last Friday, hosted by BMGS, and those of us involved in the team, along with those spectating, enjoyed a great carnival atmosphere as the runners challenged themselves in representative competition for the first time. The home ground advantage proved a bonus for all of our runners as they strove to do their best for the School and their team. Some achievements of note were:

10 Years Boys: 1st Flynn Nicholls (3/4P) (*Pictured right*) and 3rd Max Klein (5B)

11 Years Boys: 1st Will Zakis (6G) (*pictured far right*)

12 Years Boys: 2nd Oliver Drew (6G), 3rd Max Anicic (6G), 4th William Groenewegen (6G) and the remainder of the team Flynn Nicholls (6G), Ras Darwin (5/6F) and Trinity Camilleri (6G) all finishing in the top 12.

What a great team effort!



We are certainly looking forward to testing our mettle against even more competitors when we travel to Bowral to compete in the HICES Cross Country Carnival next Tuesday.

Sincere thanks to our Parents and Friends Association for running a Canteen and BBQ at the WAS Carnival, in particular Mrs. Bonnie Mamo, Mr. Ron Mamo, Mrs. Raelene Lord, Mrs. Erica Gander, Ms Melissa Armstrong, Mrs. Justine Hampartzoumian, Mrs. Kate Lowrie, Ms Jade Tinkler, Mrs. Keltie Archer, Mr. Vic Kustra, Mrs. Linda Emmerson, with a special thank you to Mrs Sara Pattison and Mrs Dallas Sneddon for their cake donations.

Thanks also to all the supporters who came along to cheer on the children. Thanks to the many Senior School students who assisted by officiating at the Carnival and well done to Mrs Harris on convening a very successful WAS Carnival.

Our Junior School Parents' and Friends' Association were very busy last week, also running a Mothers' Day stall on Thursday raising \$970. Assisting Mrs. Bonnie Mamo were Mrs. Raelene Lord, Mrs. Catharine Tierney, Mrs. Louise Westwood, Mrs. Jodie Mackie, Mrs. Karissa Rana and Mrs. Hayley Clifton. Thank you to all those members of the P and F for all that you do to keep these events running successfully.

N. Cockington

Student Awards

Citizens of the Week: Abby Hillman (3F) for being friendly and sociable at the bus shelter and Francesca McNair (4G) for helping a classmate who tripped over.

SPORTS NEWS

Junior Football

Under 12s were defeated by Pitt Town 4-6

Under 11s were defeated by Wentworth Falls 0-10

Under 9s - A hard game against a tough Blaxland team meant that the U9s defended for the entire match. A brilliant effort by the goalies denied the opposition many more goals.

S. Bell

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Important Notice: Changes to Uniform Shop Trading Hours 15th May to 16th June (Weeks 4 to 8, Term 2)

Mrs. Kimberley Arrell will be covering Mrs. Carol Lowe's position in the Junior School, full time from 15th May to 16th June, 2017, whilst Mrs. Lowe is away on Long Service Leave.

The Uniform Shop will therefore not be operating on its usual days.

Parents and students who require uniform items during this period and who know the sizes they require, are asked to email Mrs. Arrell - uniformshop@bmgns.nsw.edu.au - who will be providing a 'Pick and Pack' service.

Items may be ordered via email and collected from and paid for at Coorah Reception through Mrs. Sarah Dunstan, 4757 9000.

The ordering system currently used by parents at our Valley Heights campus will continue unchanged.

For parents who are unsure of sizing, Mrs. Arrell will be arranging appointments, via email, for Monday and Tuesday after school. Alternatively, Mrs. Arrell may be contacted at Junior School Reception via 4757 9026.

The Uniform Shop will return to normal operating hours on Monday, 19th June. **Please hold any items for our Pre-loved clothing pool until Term 3.**

All-Weather Jackets

The All-Weather jackets have now arrived, and can be collected from the Uniform Shop.

K. Arrell

FROM THE PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

Annual Trivia Night

The Parents' and Friends' Annual Trivia Night will be held this **Saturday, 20th May**.

With a nod to BMGS' 99th Year, the dress/table 'theme' of the evening will be **Espionage/Spies** ("Good Thinking, 99!") – so dig out your trench coats and shoe phones and join us under the Cone of Silence as we ask our Agents 86 questions... Keep your table's particular theme on the 'QT', as there will be great prizes for Best Dressed Table/Adult/Student... and these are in addition to the prizes for First Place and Runners' Up (both Adult and Student categories).

Payments may also be made via Senior Reception or contacting Mrs. Sarah Dunstan (4757 9000). Tickets are \$30 for adults and \$15 for students/Conc.

Put together a table of 8 players, or we can place small groups together on tables.

Bookings can be made online via Try Booking:

<https://www.trybooking.com/275836>

We look forward to your company, for what promises to be a fun social night for the School community.

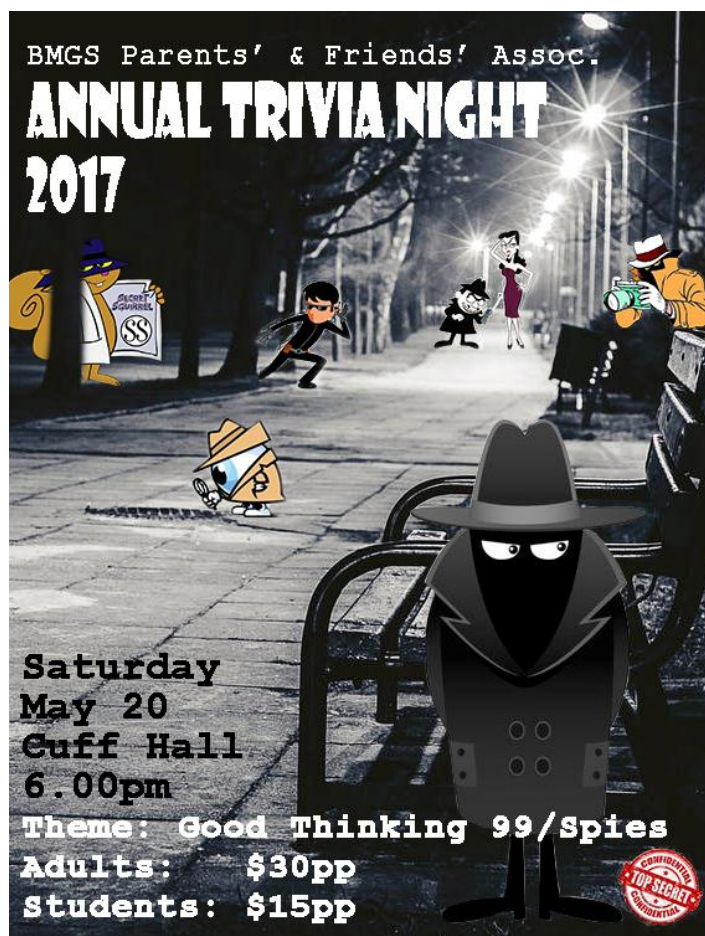
Mr. Duncan Barrell

Chair, BMGS Parents' and Friends' Association
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FROM THE FOUNDATION

Centenary Quilt

The Centenary Committee is planning a Centenary Quilt and looking for quilters from current parents, grandparents, students, staff and alumni. If you are interested, please email Mrs. Marlene Plummer (Archivist) on mplummer@bmgns.nsw.edu.au



FROM THE HEAD OF THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

'Morning Tea Munch' is a Preparatory Parents' and Friends' initiative, providing students with the chance to shop once per fortnight for a morning tea treat. There has been a terrific response from 'bakers, apple suppliers and helpers' in the School community. The first 'Morning Tea Munch' will be held on Monday, 22nd May, and items will be priced between \$1 and \$2. Thank you to the P&F for their time in organising this event.

E. Flett

Student Awards:

Pre-Kindergarten - Eden Batcock

Kindergarten - Mikhaela Sommerville

Stage 1 - James Klein and Angus Magill

Stage 2 - Luke Johnson-Leibbrand, Charlotte James and Neil Geikie

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – MAY 2017

Friday, 19th May – Year 10 Allwell Academic Services Testing

Friday, 19th May – Futsal Gala Day, Years 7 and 8, Katoomba Aquatic Centre

Friday, 19th May – Preparatory School Walk Safely to School excursion

Saturday, 20th May – Parents' & Friends' Association Trivia Night

Tuesday, 23rd May – HICES Cross Country Carnival

Tuesday, 23rd May – Senior School Athletics Carnival (Day 1)

Wednesday, 24th May – Senior School Athletics Carnival (Day 2)

Wednesday, 24th May - Theatresports Competition (Intermediates), Tara Anglican

Thursday, 25th May – Year 11 Parent/Student/Teacher Evening

Friday, 26th May – Year 7 Taronga Zoo Excursion