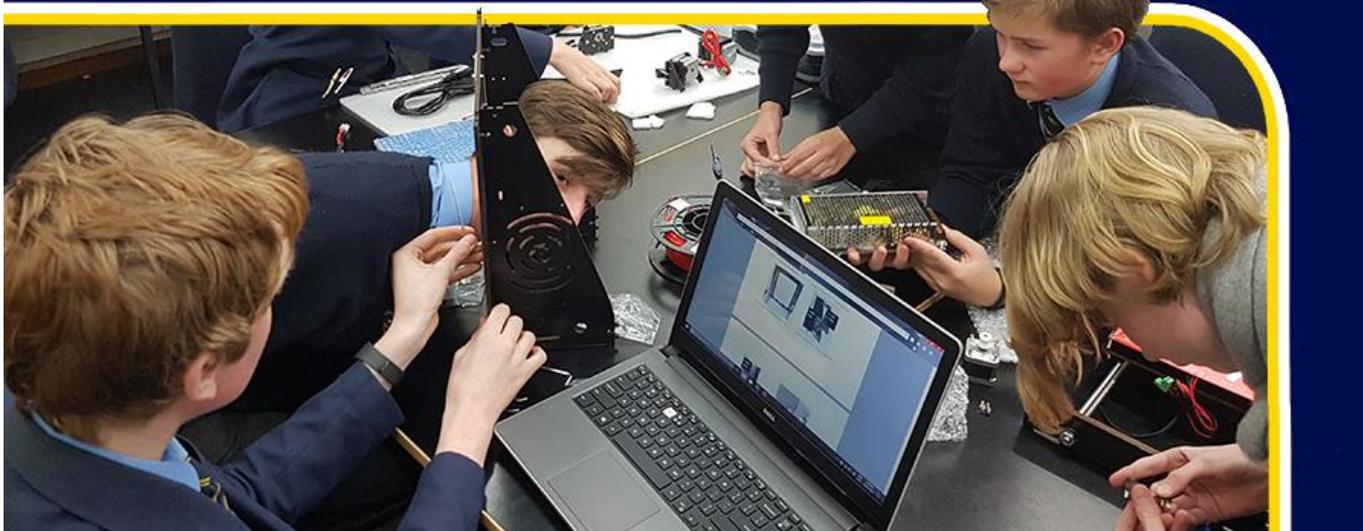


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Growing up with us... ... where innovation STEMs from discovery



FROM THE HEADMASTER

Giftedness

Madame Marie Curie, the first woman to win a Nobel Prize, said this about giftedness, *"Life is not easy for any of us, but what of that? We must have perseverance and above all confidence in ourselves. We must believe that we are gifted for something and that this thing must be attained"*.

Each student in our School is gifted in some way. Discovering and focusing on the skills in which we are gifted, will then enable us to do better in those areas in which we are not so gifted. It is all a matter of seeking out and persisting. This is a mantra of life. And in seeking out our giftedness and persisting, we develop confidence. I urge all students to keep the words of Marie Curie clearly in mind as we steel ourselves for a good finish to the term, especially those undertaking exams, and set our sights on the challenges ahead.

Student Successes – F1 in Schools

This week two Year 9 teams competed in the F1 in Schools Program State Finals at Western Sydney University.

The *Clutch Control* Team (pictured top right, William Hedges, Balint Boda, Finnian O'Connor, Peter Young and Rohan Grant Dawes) were the NSW Development 1 Champions and received awards for Fastest Lap, Fastest Grand Prix, Knockout Champions, Best Engineered, Best Engineered CAD, Best Manufactured Car and the Innovation Award. Clutch Control will now be representing NSW in the National Final in Tasmania in March, 2018.



Fellow competitors *Streamline Racing* (pictured right, Joshua Gale, Sebastian Mannes, Charlie Campbell, Lily Thomas and Hayley Morgan) also won Best Marketing and an Encouragement Award.



These wonderful results reflect the focus on STEM-based initiatives at BMGS.

All of our students have amazing potential. It is the creation of and the participation in opportunities such as these that allows students to develop their potential to the fullest – that is, to *create giftedness*.

Congratulations to our two teams and to Mr Michael Laws for drawing out the giftedness in each of these students.

Trevor Barman
Headmaster

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Next week will be the 500th Anniversary of Martin Luther posting his famous 95 theses, an event that ushered in the Reformation. The very Anglican denomination with which our school is associated, owes a great deal to this movement. Perhaps one of the most significant things that Luther did was to institutionalise the use of the Bible in the common language of the people and to have church services and songs in the common tongue, rather than Latin. Luther made faith accessible to the common person.

One of the songs that Luther wrote himself ‘*A Mighty Fortress is our God*’ (*Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott*), composed between 1527-1529, is a paraphrase of Ps 46 (which is also the basis of our school song). In this hymn, Luther expresses the believer’s confidence in the constant presence of God and the refuge He provides for His people. Given the opposition and personal danger that Luther endured after posting his theses, Luther had firsthand experience of the faithfulness of God. Luther knew that God’s presence was like an unbreachable fortress and this gave Luther confidence to continue the work of Reformation.

Ultimately, the work of Reformation is less an institutional one (although it is still important to ensure that our churches are living out the Truth of God as revealed in the Bible) and more a personal mission to constantly reform ourselves into the image of Christ. Just as Luther faced opposition to Reform, we are also likely to have others try to water down or alter God’s truth, but thanks to Luther (and some other significant historical figures) we can read the Bible for ourselves in our own language.

Furthermore, 500 years later, the Christian faith is the largest religion in the world and the fastest growing faith in China, Africa and South America with the Bible translated into 636 languages (the New Testament into 1442). Around the world and down through history, millions of people can confidently say from experience, “A Mighty Fortress is our God”. Perhaps this Reformation Day, is a worthwhile opportunity for each of us to read the household Bible to remind ourselves what all the fuss is about.

“You should not believe your conscience and your feelings more than the word which the Lord who receives sinners preaches to you” (Martin Luther).

A. Dane

FROM THE PARENTS’ AND FRIENDS’ ASSOCIATION

Our final General Meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, 14th November, in Coorah (Senior School) at 7:30pm. Parents from all campuses are warmly invited to attend the meeting, which will have a particular focus on the events planned for our Centenary next year.

Duncan Barrell
Chair, Parents’ and Friends’ Association
dba23266@bigpond.net.au

FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD – HEAD OF SENIOR SCHOOL

During Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of the past week I have had the privilege and honour of being a keynote speaker and chair of the national conference *'Boosting Mental Health and Wellbeing in Schools'* in Melbourne.

The conference was about the prevalence of mental health-related issues that have risen steeply among young Australians. Nearly one in four teens meet the criteria for probable mental illness and suicide rates in youths are at their highest level in ten years. Schools are confronted with an increase in the volume of students presenting with anxiety and depression and are observing the emergence of this in younger age groups. My role was to help schools develop and design whole school approaches to improve mental health and wellbeing through proactive initiatives and evidence-based programs.

Mr Andrew Beitsch, our Head of Student Wellbeing and Student Leadership, accompanied me. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr Beitsch for his commitment to best practice in Wellbeing approaches at BMGS and the way he is looking to use innovative and research based evidence to give our students the best 'toolkit' they need to thrive and flourish in life. Before I arrived at BMGS I had undertaken a nine year project within a school into the effects of holistic, research-based program design in the area of mental health, wellbeing and human flourishing. Along with Mrs Allison Watts, our School Psychologist, our Heads of House and our Tutors, BMGS is well-positioned to be a thought leader nationally in this field.

Some of the key points from the conference were:

- Establish the foundations to support a wellbeing framework through inclusive and proactive approaches.
- Upskill staff to respond to mental health concerns and be ready to assist staff in best practice.
- Deliver evidence-based programs to different year groups using research as a base of substantial capital.
- Strengthen whole school approaches to mental health and wellbeing by identifying key areas of 'under-care' and 'over-care'.
- Improve parental engagement and communication between staff and school.
- Access and utilise community mental health resources that are available to students physically and digitally.

The great partnership of education between students and teachers and teachers and parents is not always a smooth road, but when we recognise our humanness and have compassion, empathy, mercy towards each other within our community, we realise the strength that is within us. As we continue to grow character and generate opportunities for students to flourish it has been inspiring to know we are setting a course for future success.

Have a blessed weekend.

A. Osborne

FROM THE HEAD OF MATHEMATICS

In July this year 102 students sat the Australian Mathematics Competition. Of these students, two received High Distinctions, eight received Distinctions and 32 received Credits, which is a terrific accomplishment on this challenging paper.

A special mention must go to Oliver Drew and Tien Attwater (Year 6) who received High Distinctions on the Junior paper, aimed at students in Years 7 and 8.

Joel Yin, Vaughan Dugdale and Ethan Ng-Saad in Year 7, Mia Brischetto and Evie Johnston in Year 8, and Nathan Murray, Tilda Wilkinson and Aidan Dugdale in Year 10, received certificates of Distinction, placing them in at least the top 20% of participants.

Certificates will be presented at assembly and at House assemblies in the coming weeks.

Congratulations to all students who participated in the Australian Mathematics Competition.



S. Coultas

FROM THE HEAD OF MUSIC

Musical Opportunities

Mountains Youth Band is holding an open rehearsal on Tuesday 21st November at the Uniting Church Hall, cnr Green and Lucasville Streets Glenbrook, from 5:15pm-7:00pm. If you play any of the following instruments (trumpet, trombone, French horn, tuba, drums, flute, oboe, clarinet, saxophone, euphonium or percussion) you are most welcome to attend. More information: myb@bmcb.net.au

Jazz Camp

John Morrison (brother of the legendary James Morrison) and Saul Richardson are directing a Jazz Summer camp for all instrumentalists from 2nd – 6th January. The program includes Big Band, Combo electives, student concerts and jams, professional nightly concerts, improvisation and a workshop for jazz vocalist. For a flyer, see the music department or info@JazzWorkshopAustralia.com.au

The Childhood Musician

Professor Gary McPherson, The Ormond Chair of Music and Director of the Melbourne Conservatorium of Music, is presenting a community forum in the Leslie Hall at Barker College on Thursday 9th November at 7:30pm. Gary's talk will showcase some of the many benefits of learning music during childhood and adolescence. Flyers are available from the music office.

Student Achievements

Vaughan Dugdale (Year 7) has been accepted in to the French horn section of the inaugural Penrith Youth Orchestra for 2018. We congratulate Vaughan on this wonderful achievement.

Diary Dates:

Soiree #3: Tuesday, 14th November 2017, 7:00pm

Presentation Evening: (including afternoon rehearsal) Wednesday, 6th December, 2017

D. Smith

FROM THE HEAD OF HUMANITIES

Humanities Weekly Quiz

Thank you to all the people who entered the competition last week! It is clear that we know quite a great deal about the history of our school. The answer was Mr E.K. (Ken) Deane – and yes – we have a House named in his honour!

Congratulations to the randomly selected correct entry from Noah Jones in Year 7. He will receive a \$5 canteen voucher. Please watch your emails for next week's BMGS History question.

J. Madgwick

FROM THE VISUAL ARTS AND DESIGN DEPARTMENTS

The Annual Dr. Marshall Art & Design Award



The Annual Art and Design Award and Prizegiving night, sponsored by Dr Ken Marshall, will be held on 10th November in the Art and Design Foyer from 7:00pm - 9:00pm.

This exhibition showcases the amazing work completed by Art and Design students, from junior classes to the Major Works and Design Projects submitted for the HSC. Exhibits include paintings, drawings, sculpture, photography, timber projects, jewellery, graphic design, food technology, multimedia and architectural projects.

The event offers an ideal opportunity for parents from the Junior and Preparatory Schools to see the creative work that their children will undertake in the Senior School, as well as some highly sophisticated and varied HSC works. Above all, the exhibition is a celebration of the profound creativity and talent evident in students of all ages at BMGS.

To assist with preparation, students are welcome to volunteer their time, which will be recorded as service hours over the coming weeks. On the night, we kindly request that families of Senior School students provide a plate of food. Details for this will be provided shortly.

All Visual Arts and Design students are expected to attend this event. The dress code is full School uniform with blazer.

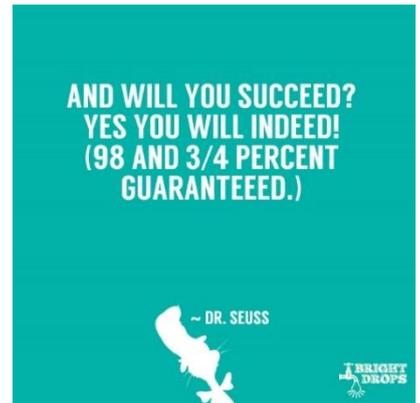
We hope to see you at what is always a wonderful event.

S. Herron, P. Singh

FROM THE LEARNING ENRICHMENT DEPARTMENT

A Message from Learning Enrichment

With exam season upon us I thought it would be a good idea to go through a few tips to help to control stress levels leading up to the exams. Exam period is a stressful time - both mentally and physically. Sometimes it can be easy to forget to look after our bodies when we're absorbed in our study. Here are some quick tips to help you get through the next few weeks.



1. Sleep

When we're over anxious about studying for exams, sleep is often the first thing to be affected. Sleeping well will give you the concentration and brain power you need to take in all the study you do tomorrow. Being relaxed and clear headed is more effective than being exhausted and bleary eyed.

2. Exercise

Sitting at a desk in front of an endless supply of textbooks for hours on end isn't the best way to use our bodies. Break it up by getting up and moving around every hour or so during your study sessions.

3. Diet

When time is tight, the brain automatically jumps to all foods, fast and frozen. Even though these foods are easy to prepare and often delicious, they aren't doing our bodies any favours. Our diet should be nutritious - a good starting point is to drink lots of water, eat lots of fruit and veggies and go easy on the super processed foods.

4. Relax

Exams are exhausting for us mentally, but they can also take their toll physically. Take a short break once an hour, and also allow for a longer chunk of relaxation time every day so that your body can rest and recuperate. Try some of the great phone apps around that help with relaxation breathing.

5. Asking for help

If you are still feeling nervous and stressed about the upcoming exams, make sure that you come and speak to the teachers around who are more than happy to help you.

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@bmgns.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. Can't access FROG? Please see Mr Huxley for technical help.

Library Resource Centre (LRC)

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.

This week in the mail

An exciting week of opportunities. If you are planning on going to university next year and need to consider accommodation, then you need to start applying. There is an accommodation guide on FROG. Also on FROG you will find information about working with the Federal Police (hurry – applications close soon), Penrith City Council traineeships, post-school options booklet produced by the Education Department, being an Architect, Biomedical Science and various scholarship and entry schemes.

Discussing your options

Drop an email to jmadgwick@bmgs.nsw.edu.au to arrange a time to meet and discuss your career options.

Looking forward to

The BMGS Careers Expo on the morning of 15th November, 2017 in Cuff Hall. All are welcome – Years 10 and 11 have class time set aside to attend and the visitors from universities, TAFE and UAC will also be available during recess to other years. Year 12 students are more than welcome to come back to school and attend the Expo, too! More details will be available closer to the date.

J. Madgwick

FROM THE UNIFORM SHOP

Athletics Singlets

If you have not already done so, please remember to return your child's Athletics singlet, recently hired for ISA Athletics.

If they have not been returned by Week 6 (13th November) the full cost of (\$45) of the singlets will be added to the student's next fee account.

Early Learning Orientation Fitting Appointments

There are still plenty of appointment times available at the Uniform Shop if you are attending Early Learning Orientation mornings at either the Junior School or Valley Heights Campus next Wednesday and Thursday.

Bookings can be made by calling the Uniform Shop on 4657 9004.

K. Arrell

FROM THE HEAD OF SPORT

NSW All Schools Carnival

Since our previous Newsletter, we have heard news of Max Lucas (Year 7) who also participated at this representative carnival.

Max qualified for the All Schools' carnival through his success at the CIS Carnival, where he finished First in the 12 Years Boys' 400m sprint and 3rd in both the 200m and 800m. At the All Schools Carnival, Max finished 3rd in the 400m Final, 5th in the 800m Final and 6th in the 200m Final. These were fine achievements – congratulations, Max! (Max is pictured on far right)

The first round of the summer season last



weekend saw some great games in both Cricket and Basketball with many students speaking with me this week about the success of their team or recounting their general enjoyment of the day.

There were a number of close games and it was great to see the overall enthusiasm of the BMGS players, including their inclusive nature when playing. The old saying “there is no ‘i’ in team” was certainly evident in the games that I had the opportunity to watch.

Thank you to all the parents who both used the Trybooking website to offer their support in the canteen and to all those worked in the canteen or helped to score. Both the players and staff greatly appreciate the time that parents give to the School.

This week there will be Girls’ Basketball at home with a number of double headers so if you have not already done so could you please book a time slot for the canteen. The link to this for Term 4 is: <https://www.trybooking.com/326233>

This term we have included the Years 7-9 Production on Team App as we aim to expand the use of this app across the whole School community. If your child is part of this production could you please download the app.

Some parents have mentioned that their mobile device is not compatible. You also have the option of joining Team app online, which then registers your email address. This enables you to receive notifications via email.

SATURDAY SPORT FIXTURES 28TH OCTOBER 2017- ROUND 2

	Team	Opponent	Venue	Time	Court	Bus Information
Girls’ Basketball	Open A	CCGS	BMGS	12:00pm	1	N/A
	Open B	SPGS	BMGS	8:00am	1	
	Open D	Oakhill	BMGS	8:00am	2	
	Inter B	CCGS 1	BMGS	10:00am	1	
	Inter B	CCGS 2	BMGS	12:00pm	2	
	Junior A	CCGS 1	BMGS	9:00am	1	
	Junior A	CCGS 2	BMGS	11:00am	1	
	Junior B	CCGS	BMGS	10:00am	2	
	Junior C	CCGS 1	BMGS	9:00am	2	
	Junior C	CCGS 2	BMGS	11:00am	2	
Boys’ Basketball	17s	St Pat’s B	Auburn Basketball Centre Wyatt Park, Church St, Lidcombe	10:00am	2	Blackheath 7:30am BMGS 7:45am Lawson 7:55am Springwood Station 8:10am Glenbrook 8:20am Bus return approx. 2:30pm
	15s	St Pat’s B		10:00am	1	
	14As	St Pat’s B		11:00am	2	
	13s	St Patrick’s B	11:00am	1		
	14Bs	Oakhill Yellow	Oakhill College 423 – 513 Old Northern Road, Castle Hill	2:00pm	2	
Cricket	1st XI	SPC	St Patrick’s College	10:00am	SPC	BMGS 7:30am Lawson 7:45am Buttenshaw 8:00am Glenbrook 8:15am Bus return approx. 6:00 pm
	14s	Wentworth Falls	Katoomba Top Reserve	8:30am	N/A	N/A

Summer Sports

A reminder that if you have any issues with attendance at training or games you must contact either your team manager or MIC. MICs for summer are:

Girls’ Basketball – Mr Chris Ingold cingold@bmgs.nsw.edu.au

Boys' Basketball – Mrs Victoria Morgan-Hort vmorganhort@bmgns.nsw.edu.au
Cricket – Mr Stuart Collins scollins@bmgns.nsw.edu.au

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding sport at BMGS.

M. Harris

Match Reports – Saturday 21st October

Boys' Basketball

BMGS 13s were defeated by St. Andrew's Cathedral School, 24-18

Despite not being able to win their first game together, the 13s showed a lot of promise and potential for success. After a haphazard first ten minutes, the defensive effort improved greatly and the ball movement offensively was fantastic. Considering that this was their first game playing together as a team, the passing on display in transition was impressive. Improved coordination under the ring as a team and individually should lead to a better scoring effort and increased levels of fitness will undoubtedly lead to victories in the upcoming games. The future is bright for the 13s.

BMGS 14Bs defeated St. Andrew's Cathedral School, 24-12

For the first time that most of these boys have played together, this was a great start to the season! While it is true that we were ahead throughout the game, and comfortably outscored the opposition, what's more important is that we played a positive game and made good use of players' developing skills. Admittedly, the game highlighted areas that need further work, however, if the boys continue to commit themselves to learning from their mistakes and doing their best each game (and in training), this promises to be an exciting season. Ultimately, the aim is to finish the season having improved throughout and last weekend set a worthwhile starting point.

BMGS 14As were defeated by St. Andrew's Cathedral School, 34-28

Round 1 was a hard fought battle between two well-matched teams. The first half was a back and forth battle with neither team able to push away. The U14s started the second half with strong defence, which allowed the team to push ahead. The team were able to hold onto the lead until the final few minutes when fitness levels started to impact on the game. In the end, the team fell just short. Everyone is keen to push ahead and train hard to get a win in Round 2.

BMGS 15s were defeated by St. Andrew's Cathedral School, 71-10

It was a really good effort from the U15s this week as they came up against the best team in the competition. Three boys had moved up an age group to play, three boys hadn't played before and only three members of the team had played before in this age group. Considering all this, it was a really good game. Their defence was very impressive and we need to work on the offence but the potential could be seen by all. There is a lot of work to do but it will be a fun season.

BMGS 17s defeated St. Andrew's Cathedral School, 47-36

The 17 Boys had a good start to the season, with a win against St Andrew's. The boys found their feet midway in the first half getting on a bit of a run giving them a nice 10-point lead. The boys continued to maintain that lead with man to man defence. This was a great start to the season and highlighted some key areas of focus for the weeks ahead.

BMGS 1st V defeated St. Andrew's Cathedral School, 63-47

The Boys' Firsts' team had a slow start to the beginning of their first game against St Andrew's, however, by the second quarter the boys started to settle and play more as a team, managing to gain the lead. The boys showed some excellent teamwork throughout the game. The boys finished with a great win against St Andrew's.

V. Morgan-Hort, Boys' Basketball

Girls' Basketball

BMGS First V were defeated by Chevalier College, 64-40

With the first game of the season for the 1st V girls, we knew coming in how much of a challenge this season would be, and our first game was no exception, coming up against Chevalier. The girls had a great start to the game, however, a high foul count kept a few of the girls on the bench for a good amount of the game. The girls rose to the challenge and we kept within ten points by half time. Due to a fast-paced game, fatigue and girls in foul trouble definitely became a factor in the second half, which allowed Chevalier to pull out with a decent lead. All the girls put in a great deal of effort and the score was no indication to how we played. A special mention should be made of both Victoria and Georgia for the consistent competitiveness throughout the game. Considering this was our first game you can already notice a vast improvement in all the girls and we now have a good indication of where we need to be to remain competitive.

BMGS Open B were defeated by Oxley College, 37-15

The Open Bs played their first game of the season on Saturday against Oxley College. They started off really well, proving that their skill and determination could match that of their opponents. With a great three-pointer by Marni and some fantastic drives by Maya during the first half, the girls trailed by only five points leading in to the second half. However, their fitness and confidence began to waver, allowing the Oxley girls to gain a lead with a string of fast breaks that lead to a point gap that could not be closed. Despite a loss, the girls should be extremely proud of their efforts for their first game. The final score does not accurately reflect the potential that this team has to win future games. Fitness and confidence are two of the skills that we will be closely looking at during training this week.

BMGS Open C defeated Oxley College, 20-18

The Senior Cs had a phenomenal start to the season. After being down on the scoreboard at the end of the first half, the girls pulled together to win 20-18. Ashley Vern-Barnett smashed out six baskets, backed up with great shots by Jess Prowse and Aisling Tufrey. Our two new girls (who had never played basketball before), Abbie Lucas and Grace Rickard, showed themselves to be strong defenders. Claire Gillman, Marley Fendall and Jessy Jones worked hard getting the ball back down the court. All the girls should be very proud of themselves.

BMGS Intermediate B defeated Chevalier College, 25-22 (Game 1)

BMGS Intermediate B were defeated Chevalier College, 29-4 (Game 2)

The Intermediate Bs played exceptionally well for their start to the season considering the loss of two of their players. The first game against Oxley College was close during the entirety of the game. The girls played hard at both ends of the court, delivering some timely defensive stops. While the game was close the whole way, the girls were able to come away with the win, with the final score being 25-22. The second game against Chevalier, however, unfortunately didn't bring the same result. While the girls played hard, they were certainly fatigued from the first game. Nonetheless, the Intermediates still played to the best of their ability, strongly displaying their skills and ability to work as a team.

BMGS Junior A defeated Chevalier College, 28-10 (Game 1)

BMGS Junior A drew with Oxley College, 29-29 (Game 1)

The Junior A girls' team kicked off the 2017/2018 with nothing to lose. After a tough first season for many of the girls last year, the team was determined to play their best and start off with a win. The girls' first game was against Chevalier College and after the first few minutes we were already ahead by a few goals. The team continued to impress making the most of fast breaks and adding more points to the board, finishing the game with a very convincing lead. The second game of the day brought us up against Oxley College, challenging the girls to play some tough basketball very early in the season. After a close first half the girls began to move the ball as a team and push ahead showing their confidence and potential to be a very competitive team in the Junior A competition.

BMGS Junior B defeated Oxley College, 42-14

The Junior Bs played a great game away on the weekend. From the outset, the girls took control of the game at both the offensive and defensive ends. On offence, the girls passed the ball around, taking their time to get the best shot possible. They moved off the ball and created space for each other. They also took smart shots and crashed the offensive boards to get second chance shots. Their defence was equally as strong. Starting off in a press, they stopped the opposition from crossing half court a number of times due to on the ball pressure. It was great to see the girls play with such cohesion on their first game of the season and they thoroughly deserved the win.

BMGS Junior C defeated Oxley College, 24-16

The Junior Cs played a great game against Oxley College at their home courts, after a long bus ride to Bowral the girls had to run onto the court and straight into the game. It started off as a very tight game with not many points registering on the scoreboard. Both teams put in their greatest efforts to score and lots of enthusiasm in defence. As the game progressed we gained a small lead on the scoreboard and the girls then forged ahead from there resulting in a great win for their first game on a BMGS Senior School team.

C. Ingold – MIC Girls' Basketball

FROM THE ACTING HEAD OF THE JUNIOR SCHOOL

Mathematics Competition Awards

Congratulations to Tien Attwater and Oliver Drew from Year 6 who competed in the Year 7 level of the Australian Mathematics Competition. Their results were excellent, both receiving certificates of high distinction, with Oliver also achieving the School's highest score.

Gymnastics

Our gymnastics program for Term 4 has begun. The students have enjoyed the opportunity to take their shoes and socks off. These lessons provide an extension from last year's program.

Diary Dates

Tuesday, 31st October - Ziele Pitt Cake Stall raising money for Anglicare. Remember to bring some money.

Wednesday, 1st November - Bush concert excursion for Years 3-6 at the Seymour Centre

Wednesday, 1st November - Early Learning Orientation Morning for new students (8:30am-12:30pm)

Thursday, 2nd November - Raising awareness of Polio eradication. This is an awareness activity only, no donation is expected.

Friday, 3rd November - Parents' and Friends' Association Fun Run on the oval
Pre-K to Year 2 11:00am to 12:00pm
Years 3 to 6 1:30pm to 3:00pm

Student Awards

Congratulations to the following students:

Bronze award - Connor Snedden

Silver award - Frankie McNair

S. Goodlet

JUNIOR SCHOOL CHESS

NSW Junior Chess League One Day Tournament

On Tuesday, 24th October Blue Mountains Grammar School hosted the One Day Chess Tournament for the Blue Mountains region. 17 teams attended from other schools to play a series of competition matches. Students played in teams of three and were able to play against a variety of other passionate chess players.

BMGS entered five teams this year, all of whom are talented chess players. The teams were as listed below:

Team A	Team B	Team C	Team D	Team E
Oliver Drew	Angus Herron	Tom Archer	Claudia Ivery	Raphael Hampartzoumian
Max Anicic	Will Zakis	Bill Klein	Ryan Ivery	Lorence Hampartzoumian
Tien Attwater	Zach Ivery	Ras Darwin	Kalan Cusick	Samuel Gander

Our students played chess well and enjoyed sharing new strategies and manoeuvres with children from other schools. Just as important was the way in which they were courteous ambassadors for the school in looking after our visitors.

Special mention goes to Emerson Drew who stepped in at the last minute and played for Wentworth Falls Public School due to illness of one of their players. Emerson, a Year 1 student, played with maturity and relished the opportunity to play with so many like-minded students. Well done!

Thank you also to Angus Herron, a valued member of our School's A Team, who gallantly led our B Team through the day. Normally, the chess competitions have teams of four playing, however this competition only has teams of three, leading to one player needing to lead another team.



The talent of our students was evident with our A and B teams awarded first and second place respectively. Congratulations to both Oliver Drew and Tien Attwater who won all games played on the day. Our C, D and E teams also played very well, placing in the top 10 teams. (Pictured left, Team A and right, Team B with Mrs. Gillman)



Our A team now moves through to the NSW Finals to be held on Sunday, 26th November in North Sydney. This will complete an excellent year of chess for the team. We will be sad to see them move on to the Senior School but wish them all the very best!

Thank you very much to Dr Drew for helping on the day, whose help was invaluable. Thank you to all chess parents for your support of chess this year. I look forward to seeing the children grow and develop their games further next year.

J. Gillman

JUNIOR SPORTS NEWS

Basketball Results - Round 2

I watched some very exciting games from our teams this week. Four of our seven teams played each other, which always leaves me on the edge of my seat as I anticipate a close game. Both games certainly did not disappoint. With each game the scores were low, due to the excellent defence put up by the two teams. As each goal was scored, huge cheers roared out from the parents in the crowd. The players gave their all to try and score a win for their teams in the dying minutes of each game. It is wonderful to see such great competitiveness on the court and watch all that fall to the wayside at the end of the game as the children congratulate each other. I am also looking forward to watching the two 5/6 boys' teams play against each other next Friday and hope their game is equally as exciting.

5/6 Boys' Blue played Titans - the boys lost 4 to 41

5/6 Boys' Gold played Ballerz - the boys won 26 to 14

3/4 Red played 3/4 Blue - the Red team won 16 to 12

3/4 Mixed Gold played The Gliders - the team lost 4 to 10

5/6 Girls' Red played BMGS White - the Red girls won 11 to 9

L. Gerrard

FROM THE PARENTS' AND FRIENDS' ASSOCIATION

Our final General Meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, 14th November, in Coorah (Senior School) at 7:30pm. Parents from all campuses are warmly invited to attend the meeting, which will have a particular focus on the events planned for our Centenary next year.

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FROM THE HEAD OF THE PREPARATORY SCHOOL

Year 4 students will participate in the annual three day Anglican Youthworks Camp at Port Hacking from Wednesday 8th November to Friday 10th November. This camp provides the opportunity for Year 4 students from both the Preparatory and Junior Campuses to participate in an exciting array of

outdoor pursuits and teambuilding activities, forming an important part of our Term 4 Orientation to Year 5 2018.

E. Flett

Student Awards:

Pre-Kindergarten - Levi Richardson

Kindergarten - Edie Jensen

Stage 1 - Hunter Stacpoole and Elise Lowe

Stage 2 - Isabel Dolbel and Chiara Reeves

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY – OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2017

Friday, 27th October – Deane House CanTEEN Bandana Day

Monday, 30th October to Tuesday, 7th November – HSC Examinations continue

Monday, 30th October to Friday, 3rd November – Year 10 Examinations

Monday, 30th October to Friday, 3rd November – Year 9 Camp

Monday, 30th October – Preparatory School Stage 2 Elizabeth Farm Excursion

Tuesday, 31st October – Preparatory School Stage 1 Elizabeth Farm Excursion

Wednesday, 1st November – Junior School Early Learning Orientation

Wednesday, 1st November – Years 3 to 6 to The Bush Concert, Seymour Centre, Chippendale

Thursday, 2nd November – Preparatory School Early Learning Orientation