



From the Principal

6th April 2023

End of Term 1 Letter

Welcome to our final communication for the term.

As we move into the holiday break, I want to acknowledge the tremendous effort and success of our students and staff during Term 1. With a considerable focus on beginning the year well, we have seen some fantastic outcomes and experiences.

And our new students have slipped seamlessly into life at BMGS, particularly our Kindergarten and Year 7 students, who have arrived enthusiastically and positively. The new energy and hopefulness bring life to our campuses, and I am very proud of how well they have integrated into our school and look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in the coming years.

I would also like to recognise our staff, who have worked professionally to ensure our students engage in meaningful learning. Their hard work and commitment to our students has been outstanding, and we are grateful for their continued efforts.

As we move forward into Term 2, we are excited to build upon the successes of Term 1 and continue to provide our students with the highest quality education and opportunities.

New Communications Tool

I have some exciting news to share with our BMGS community. As many of you have expressed concerns about the number of school emails and difficulty in finding relevant information, we have been working hard to find a solution to meet this challenge.

As a result, we will launch MyBMGS in Term 2. MyBMGS is a new communications site that aims to maximise our communication effectiveness by reducing how often we flood your inbox.

With MyBMGS, we expect you will experience a better way to receive information and find what you need. It is about fewer emails and more connections, and we hope this new platform will make accessing relevant and timely information easier for parents and students.

We will share more about MyBMGS over the break, so watch for further updates. We hope that MyBMGS will be a valuable tool for our community, and we look forward to your feedback and suggestions.

John Cunningham Student Centre

We have some more exciting news to share with our BMGS community.

Last Friday, I had the pleasure of signing the contracts with the builders to commence work on the John Cunningham Student Centre in our Senior School. This major project for our school will provide our students with a modern and dynamic learning space.

There will, of course, be some temporary disruption during the construction period, but as with all good initiatives, the short-term pain is worth the long-term gain. We have already commenced work on the internals of the building, and over the holidays, the area will be secured with fencing. Most of the necessary demolition work will be done while students are away.

The projected build time for the John Cunningham Student Centre is 20 weeks. However, as we cannot control the weather and other factors, we cannot give a final completion date at this stage. We will keep you informed of any developments in this regard.

I want to take this opportunity to acknowledge the significant amount of work that has gone into this project behind the scenes. We extend our gratitude to our property staff and Business Manager, Malcolm Michielsen, who has worked tirelessly in the background to get the project to this point. Only with their dedication and hard work is this project possible.



Once again, we would like to thank Malcolm and his team for their efforts, and we look forward to seeing the John Cunningham Student Centre come to fruition.

Happy Easter

As I close out this newsletter, I wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday break. It has been a busy and enjoyable start to the year, and I hope this time away provides an opportunity for some well-deserved rest and rejuvenation.

As Easter approaches, I also encourage you to take a moment to reflect on the true meaning of this holiday. Easter is a time of renewal and new beginnings, and I would like to encourage our community to take some time to reflect on this theme during the holiday break. Maybe you might head to Church - they would be most welcoming.

In the spirit of renewal, I leave you with a hopeful bible verse from Isaiah 43:19: "See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not see it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."

I hope this verse serves as a reminder of the hope and renewal that Easter brings.

Once again, I wish everyone a happy and safe holiday break and look forward to seeing you all back at BMGS in Term 2.

Junior School

I am pleased to say that there are no changes to staffing in the Junior School this term. You can read the Head of Junior School, Mrs Rachael Newton's, letter [here](#).

Senior School

I am pleased to say that there are no changes to staffing in the Senior School this term. You can read the Head of Senior School, Mr Owen Laffin's, letter [here](#).

Upcoming Events in Term 2

Please access your [parent portal](#), which has up-to-date school calendar events.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'School-' followed by a stylized signature.

Steven Coote
Principal