Spring Edition 2020

With the holidays beckoning just over the horizon you may be planning a trip away, so don’t forget to take advantage of a vast range of free audiobooks and ebooks available for you through your Brisbane City Council Library (Borrow Box) and for your children through our BGS apps (OverDrive and ePlatform). Alternatively, if the holidays are a chance for you to catch your breath and plan for next term, make time to browse some of the latest resources promoted in our newsletter.

Enjoy a well-deserved break!

This edition will feature:

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**Discover STEM Learning Resources**

Australia’s Science Channel – Education is a free platform for Australian educators providing a regularly updated feed of videos, articles and resources to support STEM teaching in class, mapped to the National Curriculum.

To create your free account click here.
Assignment Help
Guides Usage Statistics this Term

Our Assignment Help research guides are becoming more popular each year with the boys as they recognise the wealth of information and access to databases and credible sites linked on these guides. We create guides for each research task, so be sure to point these out to your classes.

Number of visits to our research guides this term:

- Year 8 Science – 286
- Year 9 Science – 892
- Year 9 Geography – 380
- Year 10 History – 858
- Year 11 Geography – 60
- Year 11 Economics – 271
- eResources – 3697

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CiteMaker Upgrade - APA 7th Edition

Recently the BGS Libraries CiteMaker site was upgraded to APA 7th Edition. Find the latest version on our Library website.

CiteMaker is a reference generator, and is designed to assist students to quickly prepare an entire reference list and associated in-text references in three easy steps. Try it out here.

1. Click a "referencing style" button at the top of this page.
2. Select a source in the left-hand menu and enter text into forms.
3. Save or export your reference list to your paper. It’s that easy!

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ClickView Secondary Science Resources

Explore engaging video content for Biology, Physics, Chemistry, Earth and Environmental Science, and STEM with ClickView’s latest content additions. Go underwater at The Great Barrier Reef, check out dramatic collisions, or find out how we hear music from a speaker.

Don’t forget each video also comes with bonus resources, including lesson plans and downloadable classroom activities, designed by subject experts and aligned to the curriculum.

Access this year’s highlighted Science videos and teaching resources by clicking the link below.

ClickView Science Videos >>
Who else writes like?...

Have your students or your children been asking “Who can I read next” or “Who writes like my favourite author?” If so, the answers are here in Who Next…?

Writers of children’s fiction are listed with suggestions of other authors who write in a similar way, together with key book and series titles.

Please note: They will need a Brisbane City Council Library card number to log in.

Welcome to our New Library Staff Member

Sarah is married to BGS Old Boy, Gordon Lusink, and she works in the Middle School Library on Thursdays and Fridays. In the past she has had experience teaching both nationally and internationally, and she is a welcome addition to our team.

Books are my passion. I love talking about them, linking them throughout the curriculum and using them in everyday life whenever the opportunity arises. I believe that reading is so important for escapism as well as our individual life-long learning journey.

I look forward to engaging in some exciting conversations with the students about current reads and what ‘adventure’ they are taking next. My favourite quote would have to be from Dr Seuss “You have brains in your head, you have feet in your shoes, you can steer yourself in any direction you choose”.

New Holiday Reads

The Senior Library has an extensive collection of staff reads available for borrowing. Each month we are fortunate to have a selection of new releases delivered to our door just for you Click here to view the latest holiday reads or drop into the Library today!

Book eXchange Bookshelf

Have you visited the Book eXchange Bookshelf in the Roe Building staff room or the Book Swap in the Middle School staff room?

These are both places for staff where you can drop off books from home that you’ve read or pick up some new ones for the holidays. You never know what you might find - adult books, YA books, kids’ books, or coffee table books - so drop by one of the staff rooms to browse.
Australia’s Top 100 Books Revealed

Each year, Better Reading asks Australian readers to vote for their favourite books. They have just released the 2019 Better Reading Top 100 books list.

During these extraordinary times, people are turning to books for entertainment, escape and comfort. With this list of 100 great books, there’s something for everyone.

Better Reading’s Top 10 reads:

1. Boy Swallows Universe by Trent Dalton
2. The Book Thief by Markus Zusak
3. To Kill A Mockingbird by Harper Lee
4. The Tattooist of Auschwitz by Heather Morris
5. The Lost Man by Jane Harper
6. Outlander by Diana Gabaldon
7. Eleanor Oliphant Is Completely Fine by Gail Honeyman
8. Just One Wish by Rachael Johns
9. Pride & Prejudice by Jane Austen
10. Tidelands by Philippa Gregory

Click here for the Top 100 books >>

Australia’s top 12 kids books for Christmas 2020

Twelve predictions of Christmas-time bestsellers for preschoolers, juniors and teens.

Penguin Australia has so many wonderful books coming out for young readers this Christmas, and these are their predictions for the top 12 best sellers. Pre-order now from your local bookstore, such as Riverbend Books or Where the Wild Things Are to ensure you don’t miss out.

See the full list >>