The summer season of Sailing Term 1, 2018, has started off well for sailors at GGS. With the start of a new year we have seen some new faces, some with excellent prior sailing experience and others trying sailing for the first time.

It has been wonderful to meet new enthusiastic parents at the racing venue at Albert Park, and to talk to many Middle School parents at Family Day that were keen for their children to sail as a sport. It was great to once again have a marquee and one of the dingys up at the SPACE to keep the interest going.

Our Brazier Dinner and GGS Presentation Night is getting closer - Friday 16th March - to be held in Williamstown at the Royal Yacht Club of Victoria. All Sailing students are to attend, and it would be lovely to see as many family members and Brazier members that could come to support the Club and to see some wonderful trophies presented to the prize winners. Please do your online acceptance by Friday 9th March. BOOK ONLINE TODAY.

This term is a busy one with lots of sailing and racing. Girls Sail was on Friday 2nd March - with GGS winning a Gold Medal in the Silver Division, and then States Champs at the end of March. Good Luck!

I look forward to being at sailing events and catching up with more parents. See you at the Dinner.

Kind regards,

Amanda Lithgow - Brazier President
Our 1st and 2nd Team Racing crews with Bruce, their coach, at Albert Park

Brazier/GGS Presentation Dinner 16th March

The Brazier Club Committee would love you to come to the Annual Dinner - Presentation Night to celebrate the successes of our sailing students. This year we will be presenting 8 trophies and we have two fabulous guest speakers, Tess Lloyd and Harry. Tess has an incredible story of recovering from a coma to becoming a world class sailor. It is an incredible story. Please book tickets through the GGS website. Adults $75, students $65.

The John Brazier Club warmly invites Geelong Grammar School Sailing students, parents, guardians and Club members to the

2018 SAILING PRESENTATION DINNER

Date: Friday 16 March 2018
Venue: Royal Yacht Club of Victoria, 120 Nelson Place, Williamstown VIC
Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm  Dress: Smart casual
Guest Speaker: Tess Lloyd – an amazing story of courage, from near death to the Australian Sailing Team
Cost: $75 per adult; $65 per GGS student
(3-course dinner with a welcome drink on arrival. Drinks at the bar.)
RSVP: Book online www.geggs.vic.edu.au/events by Friday 9 March
Enquiries: Amanda Lithgow T (0426 759 141)
Presentation Dinner
– Raffle Prizes

We have already had sailing families donate towards our great raffle for our Presentation Night. We would gratefully still accept items towards this, and they do not have to be sailing items. We have been given sailing gloves, a sailing book, wine, dry bag, boom box, Musto Cap, cinema voucher etc. Please notify Brazier Club President, Amanda, on 0425 739 941 and bring on the night.

Facebook
John Brazier Club

Keep up to date with the Brazier Club on Facebook. It is a closed group, so please ask to be accepted.

Photos of sailing at events and at school will be shared. High resolution copies can be purchased for $5 each, with proceeds being donated to the Brazier Club.
Sailing at Albert Park
Six GGS girls sailed at Girls Sail on Friday 2nd March 2018. Heats saw the girls get into the silver division, with Melanie McCullen and Jess Craig winning Gold in that division. Fantastic effort and some wonderful sailing by all three crews. Schools from all over Victoria competed, girls sailing going from strength to strength.
New Coach! Myles Gavin

GGS has a new sailing coach - welcome Myles Gavin. Myles joins our other coaches, Bruce King, the race team & head coach, and Tom Alexander.

Myles has a wealth of knowledge having started sailing Cadet Dinghies at the age of 13, attending 1 world title and 2 Australian titles, followed by 3 years in the Dragon class, 3 years in Flying fifteen class, attaining a 3rd in the Victorian titles and a 4th in the Australian titles.

Myles built and rebuilt 3 Fireball dinghies that he sailed over a period of 20 years, attending Australian titles with 8th position, but no podium results.

In the Timpeny Class, Myles was 1st in the Australian titles. He was a crew in the Flying Dutchman World Titles in 2016. In the last 10 years Myles has been doing Main sheet and tactics on sports boats, winning 3 Victorian titles, as well as Geelong race week and Airley Beach Regattas.

Along with all this Myles has competed in 7 Melbourne to Hobart, and 1 Sydney to Hobart Yacht races.

What an amazing wealth of knowledge, and how lucky the students are to have Myles as a new coach at Geelong Grammar School. We hope they can benefit and learn to love sailing as a competitive sport and as a recreational past time, just as he has.
Sailing Hoodie

We are in the process of having a sailing Hoodie made for students and even the coaches have jumped on board. They will be navy with a large white logo of a sailing boat, GGS Sailing 2018 and the student’s names on the back. Arriving soon!

Committee needed for next season

As Term 1 is drawing closer to finishing for the 17/18 Sailing Season, a new committee will be elected in October, at the start of the 18/19 season.

Please consider being on the Committee to enjoy GGS sailing and the Brazier Club representation.

Any Year 10 or 11 Parents are urged to be on the Committee to help the sailing students and make sure this wonderful support group continues.
GGS Yacht Club Rebuilding Project

Plans of a new yacht club are slowly proceeding. There have been many donations towards this project, but the school is still after more.

It would be an incredible benefit to students with this new building enabling the boats to remain rigged throughout the season so that there is a lot of time saved, and more time on the water. There would be an upstairs viewing area which adds towards safety, making all the boats visible on the water.

If you can make a gift towards this fund, please contact the Geelong Grammar Foundation on 61 3 5273 9349 or email foundation@ggs.vic.edu.au
We have had a great response from parents and family members for our Dinner on the 16th March. Thank you to those that have booked.

Please help support our sailing students for this great night at RYCV, Williamstown.

Bookings close on Friday 9th March.

Book online at GGS/events/Brazier Club.