

Newington College

WYVERN SPORT

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NEWINGTON INVITATION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Newington's annual invitation athletics carnival kicked off the start of our inter-school athletics season in fine style. The event has become very popular among the visiting schools and an ideal preparation for the IPSHA selection carnival. As has often been the case in recent years Newington athletes performed strongly in the field events. Atticus Bertrams, Oliver Haig, Curtis Palmer and Billy Robertson were among those who finished in the top three. Adding to our strength in the field events is the emergence of a powerful team of runners in the track events. In particular our 9's age group look to be exciting prospects with runners like Billy Roberston, James McGregor, Jake Goodhand, Stefano Ottavio and Flynn Gannon. Marcel Chew looks a chance to progress through at IPSHA level in the 12's age group and along with Patrick Fitzgerald, Mark Elwaw and Haydon Ashley, they make up a strong relay team. All in all the day ran smoothly thanks to the organisation of Mr Caulfield and Mr Wilson. Thanks also to the Newington staff who gave up their Saturday morning to assist in the running of the carnival.

SOUTH HARBOUR INVITATION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL; NARRABEEN

Another Saturday morning and another Athletics Carnival, this time at the timeless classic track at Narrabeen Academy of Sport. It started as last week did with the field events, and it was great to see all the boys in attendance out at the field events supporting their mates.

And it was Toby Phillips, Chris Iannuzzi, Anthony Papadimitriou, Ned Stephens, Atticus Bertrams, Oliver Haig, Oscar Moody, James McGregor, Haydon Ashley, Louis Pidcock and Mark Elwaw doing their best again in their chosen events. The stand out competitor (this time in the field events) was young Bili Robertson. After jumping an impressive 1.19m in the high jump he backed this up with an amazing 4.24m in the long jump to finish 3rd overall.

The track events then came and went in a whirl of Sth Harbour and then Shore Invitational. It was difficult to keep track. In the midst there were some great performances from the Newington chargers. In the 9's 200m it was Bili Robertson and Jake Goodhand scorching the track once again. The 10's saw Vincent De Souza and Hamish Danks flying the flag admirably and the 11's Rhett Schlaphoff and Daniel Nicholas were outstanding in their heats. The 12's saw the trio of Marcel Chew, Patrick Fitzgerald and Haydon Ashley picking up where they left off last week with strong performances once more.

The 800m then saw Bili Robertson in a real tussle with a St Patricks runner, eventually conceding victory but running extremely strongly again. Harry Bell, Marc Mardini and Grayson Richardson were strong in the 11 years event and Haydon Ashley finished just ahead of Josh Macdessi in the 12 years event in another strong performance.

The 100m saw the first start for the very helpful and enthusiastic Nicholas Venetoulis who ran strongly in his event along with Mitchell Cope, George Evans and Ryoma Suzuki. The 9's were outstanding with great runs from James McGregor and Jake Goodhand backed up with a brilliant (albeit a little tired!!) effort from Bili Robertson once more. After a strong run from Vincent De Souza in the 10's, Rhett Schlaphoff was at it again along with Oliver Dwyer, Anthony Papadmitriou and Sebastian Vardavas in the 11 years. And the trio of Ashley, Chew and Fitzgerald ran beautifully again in the 12 years event.

The relay events saw a last minute reshuffle with Jake Goodhand being joined by Mitchell Cope, Nicholas Venetoulis and George Evans in the junior B event. After a very quick relay rundown it was straight into the event and they did Newington proud. Cope passed to Venetoulis who passed to Evans before a brilliant change (that would have made Mr Brunton proud) to star of the day Goodhand who finished very strongly indeed.

The Junior and Open relays saw very impressive performances also from all boys involved with a special mention going to Marcel Chew who backed up for the B and A relay, helping the B relay to a third placing in the process. A great effort by Chew and others in the final warm up before the big IPSHA meet at SOPAC.

IPSHA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL AT SOPAC

Another Athletics Carnival, another glorious 20+ degree day at the hallowed track of Homebush. The track that saw so many dreams begin at the start of August, was about to deliver at the end of August. At the IPSHA Carnival it is all about dessert before main course! In Athletics terms this means relays first! First on the track for the Newington crowd was the junior team of Vincent De Souza, Joe Reilly Makovec, James MacGregor and of course young Bili Robertson. After a great start by Joe Reilly and an amazing back straight run by James the third change occurred outside the boundary area and the boys were disqualified! A tough initiation to the big time, but they will be all the better for the experience when the same event comes around next year.

The Senior relay thankfully did not suffer the same fate, instead running a very well controlled relay to finish 16th overall with a very impressive time of 57.71 seconds. The team of Marcel Chew, Sebastian Vardavas, Patrick Fitzgerald and Mark Elwaw did

Newington proud and kicked off the carnival once and for all.

The 100m were a buzz of heat, after heat...., after heat....after heat. In amongst all those heats were some fantastic performances. The 8 year olds kicked it off with Nicholas Venetoulis, George Evans and Ryoma Suzuki all finishing with times of 18.25, 18.20 and 17.87 seconds respectively. It was young Mitchell Cope that would leave us breathless for the first time. After running an excellent time of 16.79 seconds and seemingly through to CIS in 6th place, it was quickly relayed that Mitchell had actually tied for 6th place overall with another boy from Claremont. As IPSHA only take 6 competitors, it was decided that a run off between the two would be the fairest way to decide who went through. After a very strong finish, we nearly had to have another run off but instead 1st place and therefore the spot at CIS given to the boy of Claremont. Mitchell was all smiles to the end showing great resilience and 'Copeing' strategies!!

The 9's showed again why they are the boys to watch in the future as Bili Robertson (crook for most of the week leading up to the carnival) finished 8th overall in the 100m with a time of 15.69, closely followed by James McGregor 16.07, Stefano Ottavio 16.23 and ever reliable Jake Goodhand 16.29. In the 10's it was Joe Reilly home first with 16.17 before George Papamanuel 16.45, Jack Newton 16.57 and Vincent De Souza 16.67 finished strongly for the black and whites.

The 11's saw a wonderful performance from Oliver Dwyer who finished 22nd in a time of 14.85 before an identical time between Sebastian Vardavas and Rhett Schlaphoff of 15.37 put them in 44th place. Anthony Papadimitriou then closed out the 11's with a strong run of 15.41. The 12's then saw Marcel Chew scorch the track once more and finish 15th overall with a wonderful time of 14.00 seconds. Patrick Fitzgerald 14.48, Haydon Ashley 14.74, and Mark Elwaw 14.79 all showed great determination and power in their heats.

The 800m saw the valiant Robertson push himself to the limit in finishing 8th in his event with a very strong time of 2:45.83. His shadow for the day and very talented athlete in his own right MacGregor finished with a time of 3:00.37. The 11's saw young Harry Bell take the advice of one brazen Sportsmaster and pushed himself to the limit in the first lap of his heat, only to hold on valiantly to fourth in his heat, and 15th overall with a time of 2:43.58. Marc Mardini found the going a little tougher in the strong headwind, valiantly putting in a sprint finish to complete the event in 2:57.94.

Joshua Macdessi then ran an explosive first lap to set up an excellent 2:35.82 finish which left him a very impressive 12th overall. Haydon Ashley also fought hard but found himself boxed in at times during the first lap of his heat and finished with a time of 2:44.01 and 23rd overall.

In between the track events, the field events saw Jake Peterson throw 7.26m in the 11 years shot put, Chris Iannuzzi (after waiting for 4+ hours) threw 6.06m in the 12 years shot put, Louis Pidcock jumped 1.20m in the 12 years high jump, Marcel Chew threw 20.31 in the Open Turbo Javelin, Mark Elwaw jumped 4.08m in the 12 years long jump, Anthony Papadimitriou jumped 3.54m in the 11 years long jump, Bili Robertson jumped 3.32m in the Junior long jump and Oliver Haig threw 17.82m in the 11 years Discus.....But the day in the field belonged to one young man.....a modest, softly spoken young man who is starting to develop a reputation as the left-arm slinger!!

Atticus Bertrams left his mark on the IPSHA Carnival well and truly by firstly finishing 6th in the Junior Discus and qualifying for CIS with a throw of 22.72m, and then winning the Junior Shot Put event with a throw of 8.82m. A fantastic effort for a well-deserved athlete of the future!!

The finale for what was a glorious almost spring day was the 200m and one more chance for young Robertson to make his mark....and he made the last one count as he ran a 31.22 into a strong head wind which left him in 5th place and through to CIS. Jake Goodhand then showed why he also is an athlete of the future with a 32.73 before young versatile athlete Flynn Gannon ran a 34.78 to round out the Juniors.

In the 11's it was the Lindfield connection with Daniel Nicholas winning his heat in a time of 31.11 before Harry Bell chimed in with 31.86 and the ever smiling Wyvernite Rhett Schlaphoff running a 31.71. The 12 years saw Marcel again finish in the top 20 with a run of 29.27, just ahead of the impressive Patrick Fitzgerald 29.80, and the tiring Haydon Ashley 31.73 who seemed to have put his all into his 800m event earlier.

So after another successful Carnival we bid farewell to the Athletics season for another year (apart from CIS) and look forward to the summer months and some time to prepare for the black and white assault on the IPSHA Carnival next year.....you have been warned!

NEWINGTON PREPARATORY SCHOOLS' K - 2 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

A reminder that the Newington Preparatory Schools' Infants Inter-House Athletics Carnival, is scheduled for Wednesday 11 September at the Senior School. Notes will be sent home providing information about this event which is always a great deal of fun. Parents are most welcome to attend and cheer on their children.

Once again, thank you to Mr Martin for organising and running this carnival.

NSWCIS RUGBY

Lucas Dorrell and Finn Walsh were both selected in the run on CIS team that competed in the NSWPSA Rugby carnival over 3 days in Oatley last week. The CIS team had 3 easy wins in their pool, beating Western, Sydney West and Riverina. They then had a very tough quarter-final vs Polding that they eventually won 19-5.

Following that the boys played prominent roles in the CIS team progressing through the semi-final where they played a very big and aggressive Sydney South West team, eventually winning 35-5. They played Sydney North in the Grand Final, dominating the play and scoring 4 tries to win 26 - 0.

Given their performances throughout the carnival the boys were both unlucky not to achieve selection in the NSW team at the conclusion of the carnival. Regardless, it was a tremendous achievement for the boys to earn selection in the CIS team and the experience they gained from the campaign was invaluable.

NSW STATE FINALS FOR SNOWSPORTS

Last week we had boys from all three Newington Campuses competing in the NSW State finals for Snowsports. Of the 13 boys competing in this year's Championships, 4 boys qualified to compete in the Australian National Championships at Mt Buller from Sep 4-8 this year.

Those boys are Flynn Gannon (Wyvern Yr 4), Sam Martin (Wyvern Yr 5), Josh Billingham (Wyvern Yr5) and Alexander Woolley (Lindfield Yr 6).

We wish all these boys the very best for their upcoming events in the Nationals.

MILO CUP CRICKET- REGIONAL FINALS SUCCESS

On Tuesday, 10 Wyvern students competed at the MILO Cup Cricket regional finals held at Gannons Park in Peakhurst. On a fantastically warm late August day, the boys were keen to do well and progress to the State finals. The first match against St Joseph's Riverwood saw a convincing 92 – 63 victory with Ben Leung and Tim Pritchard the main scorers. Pritchard also took wickets with Patrick Fitzgerald making the run scoring difficult with wickets of his own.

The second game was against a strong CBHS Lewisham team. Wyvern once again prevailed winning 75 – 60 in a tight contest. Tom Marches and Ned Barnett-Hepples were the run scorers with Sam Churchin and Lewis Barnes limiting the Lewisham batsmen with precise bowling. The 3rd pool match saw Wyvern meet Clovelly PS needing a win to progress undefeated to the finals. This match saw a great batting display from Aaron Hawkes, Ben Leung and Tim Pritchard amassing a total of 90 from 8 overs. Henry Cain bowled exceptionally well helping restrict Clovelly to the small total of 39.

After the 3 wins from 3 pool games Wyvern impressively qualified for a final against South Coogee, with the winner progressing to the State Finals to be at Blacktown International Sportspark, next Term. Wyvern took to the field with Leung, Barnett-Hepples, Churchin and Marchese amongst the wicket takers. The Wyvern bowlers destroyed the South Coogee top order, eventually bowling them out within 8 overs for a total of 44. The Wyvern team took to the batting crease with positive vibes after such a great bowling performance. These were quickly shaken with captain Ben Leung dismissed along with Pritchard in the 1st over. Wickets continued to tumble with Wyvern in a dire position still requiring 30 runs with only 2 wickets in hand. Another wicket and it looked like the dream of the State finals was all over for Wyvern. Marc Mardini was the last batsmen standing in the way of a South Coogee triumph. With a further 9 runs required off the last over Mardini showed immense skill and poise to surpass South Coogee's total with a few balls to spare. Marc's teammates ran to congratulate him on the "great escape" and to shake hands with the valiant opponents. I would like to congratulate the boys on their victory and for the humility and sportsmanship they displayed during the tightly contested final.

Coach- Joel Wilson.

MILO Cup Team - Ben Leung, Tim Pritchard, Sam Churchin, Tom Marchese, Ned Barnett-Hepples, Lewis Barnes, Patrick Fitzgerald, Henry Cain, Aaron Hawkes, Marc Mardini

TENNIS - NEWINGTON INTER-HOUSE TENNIS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

This year the Newington Preparatory Schools' Inter-House Tennis Singles Championship will be held on Saturday 14 September at the Newington Senior School tennis courts (9:00am – 1:00pm). This tennis championship is open to all boys in Years 3-6 from both the Wyvern and Lindfield campuses. However, numbers participating in this competition will be restricted.

Entry: Any boys who wish to compete in this 'Open' competition must first check with their parents and then they need to fill out a permission note which can be collected from Mr Martin. This note must then be returned to Mr Martin. It must be returned by Friday 6th September to indicate your son's availability for the event. Please remember that the Championship is a Saturday morning. A final confirmation of entry will be sent home prior to the event to notify the boys who are required to play. Unfortunately not all entries can be successful and preference will be given to boys in the higher grades.

Uniform and Equipment: Boys will be required to wear House Polo shirt, shorts & runners as well as provide their own tennis racquet.

Format: There will be a round robin competition to begin with. Boys will play 5 x 10 minute matches with the number of games won recorded. The winner of the most games in each pool will progress to the knockout draw to determine an overall singles champion and runner up.

The standard of competition will be challenging and it should be an absorbing battle to see which House will be the Champion House for 2013 and who will be this year's individual tennis champion.

Newington Inter-House Biathlon

The Newington Preparatory Schools' Inter-House Biathlon will be held on Saturday 14th September at the Newington Senior School pool (7:00am start). It involves a 400m swim followed by a 1600m run.

Entry: Any boys who wish to compete in this 'Open' competition must first check with their parents and then they need to fill out a permission note which can be collected from Mr Martin or the Sports Notice Board near the canteen. This note must then be returned to Mr Martin. It must be returned by Friday 6th September to indicate your son's availability for the event. Please remember that the Championship is on a Saturday morning. A final confirmation of entry will be sent home prior to the event to notify the boys who are required.

WYVERN SUMMER AND WINTER INTER-HOUSE COMPETITION YEARS 3 – 6

Wyvern's summer and winter inter-house competition continues next week during sport time on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon. The boys in years 3 – 6 are competing in a series of summer and winter Inter-House sport matches. Sports that will be played include: football, touch rugby, cricket, basketball, tennis and softball. The games are being played in great spirit with all boys actively involved in the matches.

WINTER SPORT AWARDS ASSEMBLY

This year our winter sports awards assembly will be held on Friday 13 September in Wyvern Hall at 1.30pm. Letters will be sent home prior to the assembly informing parents if their child will be receiving an award. Parents are welcome to attend.

FLYERS

The following flyers can be collected from the display unit near the front office.

- Newington AFL AUSKICK program after school Friday during Term 3
- Swim Squad
- Basketball Skills

SHINING STARS

- **Wyvern Boys Conquer Heart Break Hill in City to Surf**

Grayson Richardson, Elliott O'Connor and Rhett Schlaphoff were 3 Wyvern students among the thousands of athletes who recently ran and conquered the City to Surf fun run. 'Heart Break Hill' was no obstacle for these boys as they managed the admirable achievement of finishing the grueling 14 km race. For Grayson, this was his 4th city to surf. He has been running it since year 2. He finished 30th overall in the U12 age group (72 mins) and there were 1170 entrants in the 0-12 division. Congratulations to Grayson, Elliot, Rhett and all the Wyvern boys who participated including those of which we are not yet aware.

- If your son has had some successful sporting achievements outside of school, I would love to hear from you. They can be shared with the Wyvern community through this "Shining Stars" section of the Wyvern.

COMING UP

- Monday 9 September – Summer Sport training begins
- Wednesday 11 September – Newington Prep K-2 Athletics Carnival (Senior School)
- Friday 13 September – Winter Sports Awards Assembly
- Saturday 14 September – NCP Biathlon 7:00 – 8:30am
- Saturday 14 September – NCP inter-House Tennis Championship 9:00am – 1:00pm
- Saturday 21 September – Newington Prep New Zealand Rugby and Football tour depart.

Neil Brunton

Newington College – Wyvern Sportsmaster