



## **WYVERN SPORT TERM 2 - WEEK 5, 2014**

### **Saturday Winter Sport Round 5 – Saturday 31 May, 2014**

The winter sport fixtures for 2014 are available on Newington Spaces.

Please remember that on occasions these fixtures are subject to change, so always refer to the weekly sports draw to get the most up-to-date details regarding the weekends round of matches.

### **NSW Primary School FUTSAL Championships**

On Friday 23rd May, a Year 5 and Year 6 Futsal team entered an indoor football competition held at the Menai Indoor Sports Centre. 5 teams were entered into the Senior Primary boys' competition. Two from Newington, two from Oatley and Inaburra.

Year 6 faced Oatley Blue in a tough opening match that they eventually lost 5-3. They recovered to win their next two matches 3-1 and 6-1.

After a bye in the first round, Year 5 also faced Oatley Blue in their opening match. In a close contest the honours were shared with the teams drawing 1-1. The Year 5 team grew in confidence and won their next two pool matches 3-2 and 6-0. This set up an important clash, Year 5 against Year 6. Who was going to come out on top?

Year 6 raced into an early lead and two well taken goals gave them a healthy lead. The Year 5 team responded strongly and created chances that were soon taken to leave the scores level. The pressure was building and it was the Year 5 team who finished strongest. Two further goals gave them a 4-2 win over the year 6 team.

Both teams had made the semi-finals and it was an anxious wait to see who would be facing who. Despite the Year 5 team and Oatley Blue finishing with the same points, it was the Oatley team who had a slightly better goal difference. That meant the semi-finals would be, Newington against Newington and Oatley against Oatley.

It was a rematch. Under enormous pressure it was the Year 6 team who edged out the Year 5 this time, beating them 4-2 with two late goals to advance to the final and qualify for the State Championships. The Year 5 team had come very close and played such good competitive football that the referee recommended they also make it through to the State Championships with a wild card.

Unfortunately the Year 6 team were unable to overcome Oatley Blue and finished creditable runners-up. Both teams improved throughout the competition and should be very proud of their conduct and the football they played. With two teams through to the State Championships, it was a successful day for all.



### **Wyvern AFL Does School Proud in Paul Kelly Cup**

After receiving a wildcard to play in the Gala Day for the Greater Sydney Finals of the Paul Kelly Cup, wyvern could have been forgiven for simply feeling happy to be there. However, this group of Wyvern boys had a steely determination to make an impact after feeling a little disappointed at losing their semi-final in the previous regional gala day. In the end, the Wyvern boys took all challenges in their stride only to fall agonizingly short of a remarkable victory overall. It was a day of 5 tough, physical

matches. With each game the boys improved and kept setting higher standards of play. The boys quickly learned to play their role in the team and take advantage of their team-mates strengths. Prior to their first match against Moriah, the boys were nervous about what to expect but made a commitment to compete hard at every contest regardless of the score and to not be afraid to make a mistake. This positive attitude paid off with a convincing but hard earned win.

Despite the setback of losing Curtis Palmer to injury early in the second game against St Agatha's, the boys all lifted and once again managed a confidence boosting win. Flynn Leung-Nicholson was terrific carrying the ruckload in Curtis's absence.

Wyvern qualified for the quarter finals in second place on points for and against so had to play the top side Cherrybrook from the other pool. Wyvern were behind at half time but produced an inspirational second half led by Atticus Bertrams and Connor Corcoran to overrun their opponents. In the semi-final Wyvern were scheduled to play the top team from their pool in French's Forest and the match was almost a carbon copy of the quarter final. This time Angus Ole took countless pressure relieving marks and the mosquito fleet of Alex Solomou, Jackson Sumich and Tom McCoubrie dominated the midfield. The result was an exhausting win built on courage.

The final against Forestville was a great spectacle. Forestville boasted a team of highly talented and athletic players while Wyvern played with the same 'team first' ethos that had carried them so well through the early rounds. Once again there were only a few points in the game at half time with Wyvern trailing. The Wyvern boys were clearly exhausted at half time but refused to give in. The wind picked up in the second half and conspired against the Wyvern boys, however, they refused to let that stop them and kicked to the lead early in the second half. Youngsters, Ben Crawford, Gaalen Dorigo, Lachlan Harmer and Stefano Ottavio never stopped trying along with Alex Rumi, Lachlan Walsh and Henry Goodfellow. In the end it was a case of 'so near, so far' as our exhausted squad were overrun.

While clearly disappointed after the grand-final, the boys were quick to put in perspective just how much they had improved throughout the day. Walking off the field they held their heads high and were quick to cheer up when they heard the news that Yogurtland were going to give them all a free frozen yogurt. Indeed this was the perfect remedy and certainly a good reward for their efforts.





## Sydney South East Inner West Primary School Rugby Sevens Finals

Wyvern U/10's and U/12's rugby 7's teams both won the first stage of the NSW primary schools tournament, with impressive performances. Unfortunately for the U/10's there was no opportunity for them to play at the finals stage, so it was up to the U/12's to fly the flag for Newington. Coogee Prep was drawn to be our first opponents on an unseasonably warm day at Centennial Park. The match was never in doubt as the Wyvern boys displayed their superiority at the breakdown and in open play. Sam Eagleton, Alex Rumi and Simon Latham showed their strength in close giving Will Rumi, Max Langford and Atticus Bertrams space to penetrate out wide. Tries flowed early before Coogee staged a comeback in the second half. Our defensive line held firm and the first game was Wyvern's 5 -2.

Our next game was against Rozelle Public School. During this match the boys displayed some unbelievable attacking rugby. The ability to recycle possession and keep the ball moving post contact was a special element of the contest. Once again Wyvern proved triumphant, running in 6 tries to 1. Standout performers were Sebastian Vardavas, Henry Goodfellow, Gabe Poidevin and Alex Cameron.

With this win, Wyvern progressed to the championship rounds where we met Cranbrook and Scots. We were aware of the high standard these teams were playing, promising each other to do our best. Cranbrook was a formidable opponent, their class in every element of the game was clear to see, making it difficult for Wyvern to get into the contest. However, it was fantastic to witness the spirit form the boys even after the game was well and truly decided. We never stopped trying, but were comfortably beaten by the eventual winners. Reuben Palmer's persistence paid off when he got to experience some action. Flynn Gannon answered the call to play for the 12's and did not take a backward step. Cooper Davey showed great awareness for the game, positioning himself to get plenty of touches on the ball.

In the last match of the day we played Scots, who similar to Cranbrook were playing an attractive, skilful and clinical style of 7's rugby. It was another difficult contest for our boys with Scots scoring many early tries. With the injection of another of our younger players in Thomas Oates, Wyvern deservedly crossed for a late try to restore some pride. It was a great effort from our boys to finish 3<sup>rd</sup> overall. Many of the boys had played AFL the day prior. With fatigue evidently taking its toll toward the end of the day, Wyvern's attitude was unwavering. Special thanks to the parents who supported so well during the day and to the water boys Zack

McGeechan, Curtis Palmer, Oliver Morahan and Sebastian Natoli.





### **Athletics Trials**

In Week 5, Mr Martin and Mr Wilson will begin trials for athletics events. High Jump and 800m will be 2 of the events held to choose Wyvern's qualifiers for the 800m straight final held at the athletics carnival, as well as the high jump qualifiers for IPSHA. If boys would like to trial for these events, they do so by adding their name to the correct entry form on the sports notice board. Be sure to add your name under the correct house name. Trials for further events will take place later in an attempt to speed up the athletics carnivals field events, hopefully enabling us to run sprint finals and relay events. Boys who do not make a field event final will still participate in the event on the day in a separate competition. Boys who are away will not be excluded from trialing at another time.

### **Newington Team for 2014 Balmoral Burn – Sunday 1 June**

Humpty Dumpty's annual Balmoral Burn is a wonderful community event that Newington proudly supported in 2013.

Wyvern House Principal, Mr Ian Holden has conquered the Balmoral Burn, racing up a 410m incline for charity. The race helps the Humpty Dumpty Foundation raise money to purchase vital children's medical equipment for over 200 children's hospitals and health service centres across Australia and in 2 in East Timor. Created by Wallaby great Phil Kearns, the Balmoral Burn is a fun family day out with races for all levels of fitness, runners or walkers, school children, corporate teams, disabled athletes, parents with prams. You can even take your dog or goldfish up the hill in the pet and owner race – there is something for everyone! It's not just about conquering Awaba Street – there's entertainment, music, food stalls and activities for the kids which makes the Burn an ideal family day out. It would be great if the black and white of Wyvern House could have a presence at this community event.

The event takes place this Sunday the 1<sup>st</sup> of June at Balmoral. The start line for the Balmoral Burn is at the bottom of Awaba Street, Balmoral. Boys & Girls Years 3 – 6 (Including Primary School Challenge) starts at 9.25am. To register in either of these races, the parents or guardians of the students must register individually online at - <https://eventdesq.imgstg.com/index.cfm?fuseaction=RegisterAdd1&EventDesqID=6712&OrgID=1641>

Please email me when you have registered to participate. [jwilson@newington.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jwilson@newington.nsw.edu.au)

The four fastest runners from the one primary school make up the winning team for the Primary School Challenge. Please check the results board in

the Humpty Dumpty Marquee to see which runners made up the winning team.

The entire event begins at around 8.30am. Boys are asked to meet Mr Holden who will be at the bottom of the course from this time. If boys have a Newington athletics singlet they are asked to wear this during the race, otherwise PE uniform should be worn. [www.humpty.com.au](http://www.humpty.com.au)

### **Newington Enter Team in City to Surf – Sunday 10 August**

#### **Message from Troy Stanley**

Dear Wyvern Community, a Newington College team for this year's City2Surf has been started up and we would love you to join. Our goal is to have as many Newington runners as possible joining the race whilst supporting and raising funds for the **Humpty Dumpty Foundation**, a children's charity. Our team will consist of Staff, Students and families as well as Old Boys. **Please note** - Due to the distance and large number of entrants in the race, supervision of boys by staff is simply too difficult. Therefore supervision of boys during the race remains the responsibility of parents.

If you are interested in taking part please register online ASAP to receive your Early Bird discount on your race entry. Step by step instructions on how you register and also how you can be involved in supporting Humpty and the great work it is doing for sick children in hospital can be found on Spaces

A morning tea with a Humpty Ambassador presenting to students (eg Phil Kearns ex-student or Jane Fleming) is in the process of being finalised. Runners who have fundraised \$200 or more will receive a free invitation to attend - so register now and start fundraising! More details to come on this presentation.

Looking forward to the challenge!

### **Newington College Football Association (NCFA)**

**Date: Friday 30 May**

**Venue: [Dedes On the Wharf](#), Pier 2, 13 Hickson Road, Walsh Bay.**

**Time: 12 noon – 4pm**

**MC: Simon Hill** - the voice of Football on Fox Sports  
Please join our luncheon to celebrate Newington's First and Second football squads.

#### **GUESTS:**

**Graham Arnold** - Premiership winning coach and ex-Socceroos coach

**Robbie Slater** - Ex-Socceroo and Fox Sports commentator

**Nicky Carle** - Ex-Socceroo and Sydney FC player

**Ian Crook** - Former Sydney FC Head Coach, Norwich City & Tottenham Hotspur professional and of course now Director of Football at Newington College.

Our special guests will present the boys with playing kits and discuss the Socceroos at the 2014 World Cup.

#### **Flyers:**

The following flyers are available on Newington Spaces and can also be collected from the display unit near the front office.

- Swim Squad
- FAST Football
- Football Skills Year 3 – 6
- Rugby Skills Year 3 – 6
- Newington College Football Association Season launch

#### **Shining Stars:**

- 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:**

- Balmoral Burn 1 June
- 2014 Bayrun 3 August
- Newington Preparatory School Inter-house Athletics carnival 5 August – SOPAC
- Monday 4 August – Paul Kelly Cup State Finals at SCG
- Sunday 10 August – City2Surf

Neil Brunton

**Newington College – Wyvern Sportsmaster**