



NATIONAL CROSS COUNTRY TITLES - BILI ROBERTSON

We are all extremely proud of Bili Robertson's athletic exploits this year. Not only is Bili an outstanding individual sportsman, he is also an outstanding team member displaying champion qualities and sportsmanship. Below is a short summary of his time spent in Western Australia last week.

Last Saturday in Albany, WA Bili ran 11th at the School Sports Australia National Cross Country titles. Bili was equal 10th on time but placed 11th. During the race Bili gave it his all, he was in 5th position at the 1k mark and got as high as 3rd until he started to fatigue. The NSW U10 boys team came in at 8th, 9th, Bili at 11th, 13th and 23rd. They received a bronze team medal and on Monday ran third in the relay and gained another bronze medal. VIC were the strongest state followed by QLD and then NSW in this age group. Overall, NSW won the National Competition to become the most successful Cross Country State in Australia. Bili would like to thank the P&F for helping him to sell raffle tickets and also his classmates in 4M (and Mrs Malkki) for their encouragement and support.



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NEWINGTON INVITATION ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: SOPAC - Homebush

With the fanfare and exhilaration of the Newington Inter House Carnival still in the forefront of our minds, it was time for Newington to take centre stage again at Homebush for the Newington Invitational Athletics Carnival. The threat of a drenching was imminent, but it did not dampen the spirits of the very strong Wyvern/Lindfield combo.

First up were the field events, and a chance to see just where those great Carnival results placed them in the grand scheme of the might of IPSHA. In the high jump Bili Robertson showed he had fully recovered from his carnival illness with a fantastic jump of 1.25m, putting him in 2nd overall. Will Creighton and Anthony Papadimitriou backed up with solid performances in the 11's and 12's jumping 1.20 and 1.30m respectfully.

In the shot put, Reuben Palmer showed he is a thrower on the rise with a 3rd placed throw of 7.52m, ahead of IPSHA representative James Davison who was 4th with 6.94m. Atticus Bertrams continued the throwing consistency with a 2nd placed throw of 9.51 in the 11 years event, with Flynn Leung-Nicholson 4th with 8.86m. The Open event saw multi-talented Anthony Papadimitriou edge out Sam Lydon with a throw of 6.90m.

The discus saw James Whiteing and Eddie Timpson throwing with great strength and precision, with Whiteing winning the Lindfield battle with a throw of 18.74m, which also earned him a 3rd placing. Atticus Bertrams was at it again the 11's, finishing 4th with a throw of 18.82m, and Zachary McGeechan edged out Simon Latham with a throw of 16.95m.

Long jump saw the new rivalry at Newington in full flight as Aiden Mostofi and Bili Robertson battled it out for supremacy. On this occasion it was Robertson who won out and finished 2nd, jumping 3.98m, ahead of Mostofi's 3.73m 3rd placed effort. The 11's saw Benjamin Walsh jump an impressive 3.41m, before George Goodman just missed a four metre jump as he leapt 3.96m.

Turbo Javelin saw another friendly rivalry between Gabe Poidevin and Will Flannigan develop with Poidevin getting the better of Flannigan again with the Turbo in hand. Gabe ended up 4th with 22.25m, with Will 5th with 19.35m.

The track events were quick to get into full swing with the 4 heats of each age group a far cry from the 14 heats in some age groups at the school carnival. In the 8 years, Richard Hunt, Cameron Davey-Webb, Will Nicholas and Vasili Filippatos were met with stiff resistance in the form of Mosman Prep, but acquitted themselves admirably, finishing just outside the placings in their respective 100m races. The 200m was a different story with Richard Hunt taking out his race in a time of 35.97 sec, over 2 seconds faster than the time he recorded at the school carnival. Cameron Davey-Webb finished 3rd in his 200m event.

In the 9 years Alec Peterson showed why he is a star on the rise with a powerful 1st place in his 100m event with a spectacular time of 14.94 sec. Mitchell Cope and

Samson Tuqiri were also victorious in their events with Harry Stuart finishing 3rd in his 100m event. The 200m saw George Houvardas and Ewen MacCulloch join Matthew Torrible and Mitchell Cope. Houvardas started with an impressive 3rd place in his event before Ewen MacCulloch powered home in the last 50m to finish 1st in his event.

The 10 years saw the domination of Bili Robertson return as he took out both his 100m and 200m events. His 200m was very impressive as his easy, fluent style took over. Aiden Mostofi managed to overcome an injury to finish 3rd in his 200m, while James McGregor powered home to win in his 200m event, whilst also finishing 3rd in his 100m. Bili then backed up this good form with a comfortable win in the 800m, leading almost from start to finish, with James McGregor finishing 4th.

In the 11 years the Newington boys were up against some very stiff competition, with records tumbling in each of the A events of the 100m and 200m. In the midst of this there were strong showings from the team of Willem Rumi, Sam Sullivan, Vincent De Souza, Joe Reilly Makovec and Conor Corcoran. In fact, Corcoran managed to power into 3rd place in his respective event. In the 800m, Fletcher Jakes and Will Creighton fought it out in the middle of the pack, as the depth of endurance runners at IPSHA came to the fore, with both boys finishing strongly.

The 12 years was even more hotly contested, with the strength of the IPSHA schools really coming to the fore. Anthony Papadimitriou, Tom McCoubrie, Harry Bell, Alex Short and William Li ran strongly, showing that winning performances are only just around the corner for the multi-talented bunch. One such multi-talent was Harry Bell who also fought it out in the 800m along with Grayson Richardson. Both boys left nothing in the tank as they crossed the line in 6th and 7th respectively.

The premier events of the day saw some great performances from the boys in black and white. The junior relay teams in particular were outstanding, both finishing 2nd, with the A team only beaten by a record to the team at Scots. The boys too were under the old mark which is testament to the speed possessed in the team of Mostofi, Robertson, McGregor and Peterson.

In the seniors it was hard going again with Trinity Summer Hill and Mosman dominating proceedings with incredible relay change overs and express pace. The boys were valiant in defeat and will be all the better for the run.

So after 2.5 hours and no rain it was time to depart the Olympic track, with the knowledge that in just 7 short days we would be back here again to battle it out for supremacy. Until then.....

SOUTH HARBOUR ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: SOPAC –

Homebush

Grammar Edgecliff were the hosts of the South Harbour Athletics carnival for 2014. This was the last lead up event before the IPSHA carnival the following Tuesday. Boys were keen to fine tune their efforts and compete strongly to give themselves some confidence leading in to the big day at IPSHA.

Field events began early with immediate success for Newington. Reuben Palmer proved that he has a future in shot put, winning the junior event. It was clear to see Reuben's improvement, no doubt spurred on by his Lindfield counterpart James Davison. Atticus Bertrams continued his outstanding start to the athletics season by taking out the U/11's shot put event. Simon Latham took out 2nd place in the 12 years discus after sending the disc soaring. Atticus Bertrams took to the podium once more finishing 2nd in the 11's. Gabe Poidevin did not finish in the placings of the turbo-javelin, but his efforts were commendable considering he was throwing against older boys. The high jump event was tricky given the wet conditions, but it did not hamper Aiden Mostofi from finishing 3rd in the 10 year old event. Our 12 year old long jumpers capped off a tremendous field program with great efforts from George Goodman and Alexander Papadimitriou.

Our junior track athletes have been doing very well this season, and the South Harbour meet was no different. Vasili Filippatos got Newington off to a flying start winning his 8 year old heat in the 100m. Will Nicholas followed with a second place in the next heat. In the 9 years division Samson Tuqiri won his heat along with Harry Stuart in quick times. Mitchell Cope earned a 3rd place ribbon in his race in the same age group. The ever consistent and tenacious athlete James McGregor won his 100m heat, before finishing a wonderful 2nd in the 800m shortly after. The 200m events saw Newington's Richard Hunt win his 8 year old division. George Houvardas showed his class with a 2nd placing and Ewan McCulloch scorched to the line to win his race in the 9 year old heats. Jake Goodhand won his race in the 200m in fine style.

It was then on to the relays which saw success from the junior B boys. The team of Samson Tuqiri, James McGregor, Harry Stuart and Mitchell Cope came home to win the first relay to the delight of the supporters. The senior relay was somewhat hampered by injury and sickness, but the Newington boys rose to the challenge. Jake Goodhand competed up a division to help field teams that competed admirably.

Highlight of the day was an unselfishly sportsmanlike performance from Grayson Richardson. Competing in his more favoured longer distance range of 800m, Grayson showed class beyond description. Unfortunately Grayson's Lindfield team member Harry Bell tripped and fell coming into the home straight. Without hesitation, Grayson gave his own race away and went back to check on his teammate, helped Harry to his feet before they both completed the event. This was a wonderful spectacle that should make the Newington faithful proud.



Thomas McCoubrie (2nd from left)



Anthony Papadimitriou (2nd from left)



Jake Goodhand (3rd from left)



James Davison (Lindfield) and Reuben Palmer



Atticus Bertrams (far right)

IPSHA ATHLETICS CARNIVAL: SOPAC – Homebush

Report to come

2014 Newington Prep Athletics Team Invitationals and IPSHA	
8 Years Richard Hunt Will Nicholas Vasili Filippatos Cameron Davey-Webb	9 Years Alec Peterson Mitchell Cope Samson Tuqiri Harry Stuart
10 Years Jake Goodhand Bili Robertson James McGregor James Whiteing James Davison Aiden Mostofi	
11 Years Will Rumi Sam Sullivan Vincent De Souza Joe Reilly Makovec Fletcher Jakes Oliver Kleppich Gabe Poidevin Atticus Bertrams Conor Corcoran Hamish Danks	12 Years Sebastian Vardavas Anthony Papadimitriou Thomas McCoubrie William Li George Goodman Zack McGeechan Will Creighton Oscar Moody Harry Bell Alex Short

Invitationals Only	
Reuben Palmer Liam Spiropoulos Sam Lydon Jack Newton Tom Chanter Matthew Torrible	Grayson Richardson George Houvardas Simon Latham Flynn Leung Nicholson Ben Walsh

TENNIS - NEWINGTON INTER-HOUSE TENNIS SINGLES CHAMPIONSHIP

This year the Newington Preparatory Schools' Inter-House Tennis Singles Championship will be held on Saturday 6 September at the Newington Senior School tennis courts (8:00am – 12:00pm). 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 29th August 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 2014 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 6th 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 from the Wyvern Sport page on Spaces. This note must then be returned to Mr Martin. It must be returned by Friday 29th August 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

The house sport competition has been interrupted over the past 2 weeks by Sydney's unusually wet weather. Only tennis and basketball have been contested with the sports grounds unsuitable for play. If we don't get the chance to complete in the next few weeks, we are hopeful that football, cricket, rugby and tee-ball will be contested at a later date, perhaps in Term 4. So far the competition we have witnessed has been fierce but sportsmanlike. House spirit is alive and well at Wyvern!

WINTER SPORT AWARDS ASSEMBLY

This year our winter sports awards assembly will be held on Friday 12 September in Wyvern Hall at 2.00pm. 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.

- Swim Squad
- Spring Holiday Camps

SHINING STARS

- There were quite a few Wyvern boys who competed in the City 2 Surf for the Newington team. Grayson Richardson finished with a fantastic time of 69:34, well under his goal of 70 minutes, and finished 27th overall for the 12 and under age group. Other Wyvern boys to compete were Tom and Joshua Billingham, Jake and Alec Peterson. All the boys put in great efforts and every one of them should be commended for completing the 14km run.
- Congratulations Rohan Graham on successfully competing in the Sardinia Cup, an international U10 football tournament held each July in Sardinia. Rohan's strong defending and team leadership helped his team from the AC Milan Academy in Sydney make it to the final, which they were unfortunate to lose despite playing extremely well.



- 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

- Tuesday 26 August – IPSHA Athletics- SOPAC (selected students)
- Saturday 6 September – Newington Preparatory School Inter-house Biathlon and Tennis Championships
- Monday 8 September – Summer sport training begins
- Wednesday 10 September – CIS Athletics (selected students)
- Friday 12 September – Winter Sport Assembly

Neil Brunton
Newington College – Wyvern Sportsmaster

