



## **Wyvern Sport Term 2 - Week 1 2015**

### **No Saturday Winter Sport – Saturday 25 May 2015**

The winter sport fixtures for 2015 are available on Newington Spaces.

Please remember that on occasions these fixtures are subject to change, so always refer to this document before the upcoming round of matches. Wyvern's weekly sports draw is another way to get up-to-date details regarding the weekends round of matches.

### **Winter Sport**

Unfortunately, due to the unsatisfactory weather this week, teams have not been finalised for winter sport. We are hoping that our rugby and football teams will be sorted by Wednesday next week and communicated to boys and parents before our first round on 2nd May. Please be aware that the team your son has been selected in may be subject to change at any time during the course of the season.

Depending on the size of the squad, it may be necessary to roster some students off each week. This ensures that all boys in attendance at the game receive adequate on field time and do not spend a large amount of the match sitting as a reserve. We will do our best to ensure that all boys that have been selected for a particular game will be rotated throughout the game and play equal time. This may even itself out over a number of games so please do not become worried if it does not happen over the course of one game.

If your son suddenly becomes unavailable for a match due to unforeseen circumstances on a Friday night/Saturday morning, it is expected that you contact your son's coach as early as possible.

Absence from sport is the same as absence from any school activity and it is expected that your son bring in a letter explaining his absence when he first returns to school. This letter should be addressed to the coach and a copy sent to the Wyvern Sport Administrative Assistant (Mr Joel Wilson).

Finally, we ask that all boys be:

- Punctual for games – arriving at least 30 minutes prior to the start of the scheduled game
- Ensure that correct Newington sports uniform is worn (this includes safety equipment)

### **Winter Sport – “Codes of Conduct”**

Included with this week's Wyvern is a copy of our “Spectator Code of Conduct” and “Student Code of Conduct”. Please note in particular that parents are not allowed on to the field at any time during matches. Please also be aware that the level of experience of the referees used to officiate matches varies significantly from week to week and that Preparatory school matches are often used as a nursery for

referees to gain experience. Therefore, it is vital that we provide our referees as much support and encouragement as possible to help their development.

### **CIS Football**

On Friday Gaelen Dorigo and Joe Reilly Makovec will attend the CIS football trials along with many other talented boys from NSW Independent Schools. Gaelen and Joe Reilly impressed selectors with their skill and ability at the recent IPSHA football trials to earn their chance. We wish the boys the best of luck and hope the boys gain valuable lessons from the trials.

### **Rugby and Football (Soccer) Rules and Regulations**

For those parents in Years 3-6 out there who are interested and would like to become more familiar with the rules and regulations relating to your son's sport they can be viewed in the Wyvern House Sport Handbook which can also be found on Newington Spaces.

### **Risk Warning Letter**

The IPSHA has advised all schools within its association to issue the following ‘Risk Warning’ letter to its school community.

### **Risk Warning Under Section 5M of the Civil Liability Act 2002 on behalf of Newington College, AHIG and IPSHA**

#### **Sporting Activities:**

Newington College organises many individual and team sporting activities during the course of a year. Some of these are organised in conjunction with the Association of Heads of Independent Girls' Schools NSW (AHIGS) and some with the Independent Primary School Heads Association of Australia (IPSHA). Students participating in these sporting activities take part in practice and in competitions.

Newington College, AHIGS and IPSHA expect students to take responsibility for their own safety by wearing compulsory safety equipment, by thinking carefully about the use of safety equipment that is highly recommended and by behaving in a safe and responsible manner towards team members, opponents, spectators, officials, property and grounds.

While Newington College, AHIGS and IPSHA take measures to make the sporting activities as safe as possible for participants, there is a risk that students can be injured and suffer loss (including financial loss) and damage as a result of their participation in these sporting activities, whether at training or in actual events.

Injury can occur while the student is engaging in or watching a sporting activity, or travelling to and from the event. The injury may result from a student's actions, the actions of others or equipment failure.

On some occasions, an injury can be serious (such as torn ligaments, dislocations, back injuries, concussion or broken bones). In very rare cases an injury can be life threatening or result in permanent disability. If a student has a pre-existing injury, participating in a sporting activity

could result in an exacerbation of that injury. Students could also suffer loss as a result of their personal property being lost, stolen, damaged or destroyed.

### **F.A.S.T Football Program for Years 1 and 2**

Fast Football registration is now closed for Year 1 and Year 2 students during Term 2 and Term 3. These sessions begin on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. Fast Football will be made available for Kindergarten students during Term 3, with information circulated later this term.

### **Football Skill Development Sessions**

To help further develop the skills and technique of 2015 Wyvern football players, skills sessions will be run alternate Friday mornings from 7:15am – 8:00am, during Term 2 and Term 3. This program will be overseen by Newington College Head of Football, Brian McCarthy. These sessions will begin Friday 1<sup>st</sup> May and will continue for the duration of the football season finishing in Term 3 on the 7<sup>th</sup> August. Numbers are limited and enrolments are accepted on a first in best dressed basis. Parents who have enrolled their child will only be contacted if their application is too late. Permission notes are available on Spaces or from the bookcase by reception.

### **Rugby Skill Development Sessions**

To help further develop the skills and technique of 2015 Wyvern rugby players, skills sessions will be run alternate Wednesday mornings from 7:15am – 8:00am, during Term 2. This program will be overseen by Wyvern Sport Coordinator Joel Wilson. These sessions will begin Wednesday the 6<sup>th</sup> May and will continue for the duration of Term 2 finishing on the 24<sup>th</sup> June. Numbers are limited and enrolments are accepted on a first in best dressed basis. Parents who have enrolled their child will only be contacted if their application is too late. Permission notes are available on Spaces or from the bookcase by reception.

### **Swim Squad – Term 2**

Swim squad sessions for Term 2 recommences next week.

Swim squad is run throughout the term on Tuesday and Thursday mornings at the senior school swimming pool between 7:00am – 8:00am.

All boys who join the swim squad are encouraged to attend both sessions but swimming one session per week is an option.

Any parents wishing for their son to join this squad need to refer to Newington Spaces for a swim squad permission note. This form needs to be filled out and returned to the front office prior to joining the squad.

### **Term 2 Dates**

**Commence:** Tuesday 28 April

**Final session:** Thursday 18 June

### **Newington College Rugby Association Season Launch**

All parents, friends and supporters of Newington College Rugby are invited to attend the 2015 Season Launch on 22 May. Details on Spaces/Wyvern Sport

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

All parents, friends and supporters of Newington College Football are invited to attend the 2015 Season Launch on 29 May. Details on Spaces/Wyvern Sport

### **Flyers**

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

- Swim Squad
- Football Skills Years 3 – 6
- Rugby Skills Years 3 – 6
- Newington College Rugby Association Season launch
- 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**

- Friday 1 May – NSW FUTSAL Championships – Menai Indoor Sports (Selected students)
- Saturday 2 May – Round 1 Winter Sport
- Tuesday 5 May – Rugby 7’s Regional Finals – Woollahra Oval (Selected students)
- Thursday 28 May – AFL Paul Kelly Cup Greater Sydney Finals

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**Newington College – Wyvern Sportsmaster**