



another immense rally, Oliver Kleppich clinched his fist as well as the title. Congratulations to all competitors and to the ever competitive Coates House for winning the House Trophy.

Wyvern Sport Term 4 - Week 1, 2015

Round 8 Summer Sport – Saturday 17 October

Tennis - Newington Inter-House Tennis Singles Championship

Over 30 young tennis enthusiasts competed for the 2015 Newington Prep Tennis Championship on a cracking morning at Stanmore tennis courts. The favourable weather was conducive in providing for some outstanding rallies and shot making throughout the competition. In the early rounds, the boys were spread over the courts competing in a round robin format. Boys umpired, kept time and scored themselves to discover the standout player on each court.

Once the pool rounds were completed, the 6 finalists included Peter McKenzie, Oliver Townsend, Eric Carney, Oliver Kleppich, Fletcher Jakes and Harry Forsyth. The highest qualifiers Carney and Kleppich were given an automatic semi-final place. In the first quarter final we saw the impressive Oliver Townsend take on Fletcher 'the wall' Jakes. In the second quarter we saw the powerful Peter McKenzie attempt to blast past the future talent Harry Forsyth.

Both these matches were titanic struggles, but eventually Jakes outlasted Townsend and McKenzie had too many weapons for Forsyth. So the semi-finals were held with Jakes playing Carney and McKenzie playing Kleppich for a place in the final. The standard of play throughout the day was exceptional, but during the semi-finals it raised to a level unseen in recent years. Carney and Jakes match was highlighted by long rallies and nerves of steel. However, the 2014 runner up in Carney, was too consistent for the tenacious Jakes and progressed to the final. And in the other semi, Kleppich came back from a slow start to outlast the younger threat of McKenzie. Both losers in the semi-finals are Year 5 students, who will no doubt pose a serious threat in the tournament next year.

So it was Eric Carney to clash with Oliver Kleppich for the title of Newington Preparatory Schools' Singles Tennis Champion. After a warm day, physical and mental fitness became just as essential as solid ground strokes. It was a battle for the ages! Neither playing willing to give an inch in an outstanding exhibition of junior tennis. At 2 games all and deuce in the deciding game, it could not get any closer. The tension was evident on the faces of the crowd as well as the valiant finalists. At the conclusion of yet





Newington Inter-House Biathlon

On a superb spring morning, the 2015 Biathlon competitors descended upon the picturesque Stanmore campus. With anticipation high, the athletes from both Newington Prep campuses looked ready to give their all in a race against the clock. After an explanation of the course and a quick warm up, the oldest competitors took to the pool for a 400m swim.

Year 6 dived in, water churned and lungs burned in an effort to pass opponents. On exiting the water into transition, Tom Oates held a nice lead over Fallon Fotaras, with Fletcher Jakes and Charlie Torrible close behind. Aidan Príncipe and Denis Antipas determinedly entered transition, changed into some runners and set off on the 1600m run to the finish. Over the run leg, boys ran up the drive onto the far side of Old Boys, down onto Buchanan, behind the scoreboard twice, before making one last dash to the finish. Fletcher Jakes 3rd was the big mover, but he could not make enough headway to overtake Oates 1st or Fotaras 2nd.

The Year 5 boys were a highly competitive group with 3 top 10 overall finishes. Nicholas Venetoulis and Henry Isherwood started the run leg in front of the pack. Lachlan Hull was next to emerge from the pool with Harrison Loeffler, Daniel Maxwell, James McGregor, Rohan Graham and Charlie Guthrie giving chase. To the line it was Venetoulis 1st putting in the big strides to take out this division. With Isherwood 2nd and Hull 3rd following closely behind.

The Year 4 brigade was a tight contest, with Sebastian Parhash asserting his authority in the pool. Matthew Torrible continued his enormous year of sport by tenaciously attempting to run him down. Lucas Pollard, Tom Carlisle, Jamie de Botton and Alexander Antipas were all next to don the runners and head off for the run leg. Over the 1600m run Matthew Torrible pegged back Parhash with every step, but the gap was too wide, with Sebastian Parhash 1st holding on to win from Matthew Torrible

2nd and Lucas Pollard 3rd. Some outstanding sportsmanship was shown within this group, typified with Lucas Pollard running back to lend some encouragement to help some of the boys finish the course.

The arduous biathlon course is an even more daunting prospect for the youngsters from Year 3. This did not stop some of the boys posting some outstanding performances. Lewis Saupin, Harry Forsyth and Joel Zipeure all pushed the pain aside to break the 16 minute barrier. Toby Torrible took inspiration from his older brothers to finish strongly, followed by Brentson Lew and Philip Antipas. But it was an excellent effort from Lewis Saupin 1st taking out the group from Harry Forsyth 2nd and Joel Zipeure 3rd.

All age groups are compared to find the overall winner of the Newington Preparatory Schools Inter-House Biathlon. 2015 saw Thomas Oates take out the title with an incredibly fast 12 min 28 secs. Nicholas Venetoulis was named runner up with an outstanding 12 min 48 secs. Henry Isherwood finished in 3rd place overall with a time of 13 min 24 secs. This year the House title was an easy decision to make with the mighty Williams House winning every age division and entering the most competitors. Congratulations to all boys for their participation and all parents for their support during the event.





NSWPSSA Athletics Championships

Congratulations to Bili Robertson and James McGregor. These boys competed at the NSWPSSA athletics carnival at Homebush this week. James competed in the 11 years boys 200m where he finished a superb 3rd in his heat making it through to the semi-final stage. Bili competed in the 11 years 800m where he finished 1st and was crowned NSW 11 Years 800m Champion and in doing so he ran a PB of 2:21:11. Bili will now go on to represent at Nationals, to be held in Melbourne in December. A huge achievement! Congratulations to both boys for representing Newington Preparatory School with excellence against the best athletes in NSW.



Milo Cup Cricket

Wyvern had a team of boys from Year 5 and Year 6 compete at the Regional Final for Milo Cup cricket at Hoxton Park on Monday. Although important results did not go the way of the Wyvern team, the boys managed to win 3 out of 4 matches, by playing some inspiring cricket. Wyvern we only beaten by the eventual winners from Camden South 119 – 109. Well done to Stefan Ottavio, Lachlan Harmer, Gaelen Dorigo, Hugo Stanleick, Addison Eastway, Ben Crawford, Rhys Miller, Bili Robertson and Edson Whattam.





NZ Tour

During the holidays, 48 Year 6 students from both Newington Prep campuses, travelled to the South Island of New Zealand for a 9 day football and rugby tour. Mr Caulfield, Mr Brunton, Mr Hazelton and Mr Wilson were staffing the tour which involved games in Christchurch, Dunedin and Invercargill, before some fun activities in Queenstown. The tour was a great success on and off the field, with some amazing victories and experiences enjoyed by all. Below is a link to the tour blog with an extensive number of photos and articles to enjoy.

<https://blogs.newington.nsw.edu.au/wyvernsporttours/>





Aquatics

The Wyvern House Aquatics Program will take place on Thursdays and Fridays over the next 5 weeks. The Wyvern House Aquatics Program is a compulsory component of the PDHPE Syllabus and all boys are required to attend and participate as part of their regular PE lessons. Recent trends across schools indicate an increasing number of boys lack basic water skills, which limits their enjoyment of aquatic activities. Swimming is one part of five key skills covered in the program, however it is essential skill used in all 5 areas. For Year 5 and Year 6 students, the program culminates in a surf day excursion. Permission notes will be sent home shortly.

Flyers

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

- Term 4 Swim Squad
- Wednesday Morning Basketball Skills 3 –6
- Morning Cricket Skills Years 3-6
- Got Game basketball skills Year 2

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

- Saturday 17 October Round 8 Summer Sport (1st round Term 4)
- Friday 30 October - Trinity Swimming Invitation (selected students)
- Friday 13 November - St Patrick’s Swimming Invitation (selected students)
- Saturday 14 November – Last round of summer sport (round 12)
- Friday 27 November – Summer Sports Awards Assembly

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