



WYVERN SPORT TERM 2 – WEEK 6

Due to the Queen’s Birthday Long weekend, there are no fixtures scheduled for the weekend of June 11.

With the winter sport season under way, a reminder to parents that there is an IPSHA code of conduct guide on Spaces for spectators. It is important that adults set the appropriate and supportive tone for our sports programmes. Adults must lead by example, and as with all other areas of the school, we must set a tone where boys can perform without undue pressure. We should fully support all volunteer officials and regard sportsmanship as a high virtue.

If ever there are any concerns about any issues that arise from a match, they should first be addressed to Wyvern’s coach or team manager. From there they can be directed to the correct person to deal with the matter.

The Coaching Directors of each sport are happy to respond to any questions about their development programs in the Prep School.

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NSW Primary School Rugby 7’s Championships

12 Wyvern boys were given a fantastic opportunity to play in the State finals of the NSW Primary School rugby 7’s on the big stage. The team from Wyvern joined 15 other schools from around the state to discover the champion school for 2016. Teams came from the far reaches of NSW including Dubbo, Lismore, Taree and Kelso. The day commenced with pool matches and semi-finals, before climaxing with final matches on Allianz Stadium as a precursor to the Waratahs v Chiefs Super Rugby match.

St Phillips from Cessnock were Wyvern’s first opponent of the day. The boys were quick to display their skill and ability to use the ball running away with a comfortable win. Figtree Heights Public School and Holy Family Kelso were the remaining opponents during the pool stage and Wyvern kept up the strong performance with victories to finish top of their pool.

From the outset Wyvern were playing an attractive style of rugby with great awareness and intuition helping to dismantle the defence of their adversaries. We were now at the semi-final stage and things were about to get a lot tougher with a match against the 2015 champions from St Therese Mascot. With the support of the coach, parents and fellow teammates, the players stepped up their intensity, pace and standard of play to come within a whisker of stealing the match and progressing to the grand-final. All sideline eyes agreed this match was an awesome spectacle of primary school rugby something both sides should be proud of.

The disappointment, was short lived as the boys realised we were now heading to the main Allianz Stadium to play off for 3rd and 4th place in the state. Excitement was in abundance as the tiring players closed in on the mammoth amphitheatre. The team rallied inside the stadium and despite the cold blasts of wind and after high fiving the arriving Chiefs players, ran out against old foes Knox College.

This final match was another display of the tenacity our boys have within. Down 3 – 0 early in the match, Wyvern returned with a counterattacking surge to score 2 tries of their own. Alas, at the final whistle the score-line was not in our favour, but the boys had won the admiration of the crowd with the attitude and sportsmanship displayed. Well done to all the boys involved in this very memorable experience, only improved with a resounding victory from the Waratahs, enjoyed by all.

Wyvern Team – Oliver Morahan, Lipina Ata, Reuban Palmer, Oliver Townsend, Will Douglas, Owen Douglas, Edson Whattam, James McGregor, Louis Bertrams, Nicholas Venetoulis, Will King, Bili Robertson.





quarter to set up a lead that was built on throughout the match. Belief in the CIS camp was high after this confidence boosting win and word of the result raised the possibility of the new boys on the block being a genuine contender.

Game 2: CIS V Riverina - Brimming with confidence after an outstanding win against MacKillop, expectations were high leading into the match against the traditional powerhouse of AFL in NSW, Riverina. Early indications were promising with the first goal to CIS. However, it became clear early on that Riverina would be a much more physical and strong marking opposition than MacKillop. The first 3 quarters were neck and neck but in the end the Riverina talls took strong marks in their forward line and kicked truly to eventually pull away to 31 point victory.

Game 3: CIS v Poulding - This was another opportunity for the CIS boys to gain experience playing in a number of different positions in the top ranked Pool A. Providing each boy with as many opportunities as possible to demonstrate their talents in front of the state selectors was always the aim of the CIS coaches. The boys accepted playing in numerous positions on the field and once again did themselves proud against Poulding. The nights rest certainly helped our boys regain their zip and by playing with a level of intensity more akin with finals football in September, the boys not only justified their position in the Top Ranked Pool A, but suggested that they were a genuine threat to win the competition.

Having finished in the top 2 of the top ranked Pool A, this afforded the CIS boys with an opportunity to play against the much improved Sydney South West. Victory in this match would secure a top 4 ranking and a position in the top ranked Pool A again in 2017. With this as motivation and selectors eyes watching closely, the boys played an exciting brand of unselfish football to dominate the game from the opening ball up.

Semi Final - This game was an absolute nail biter. CIS were matched up against MacKillop who were hungry for revenge after CIS caused the upset of the carnival against them in the earlier pool match. The rain came down for the first time in the carnival and the boys needed to adapt quickly to the conditions. The match turned out to be a real see-saw affair with numerous lead changes throughout the match. MacKillop appeared to open up a match winning lead early in the last quarter. However CIS, showing great resilience and desperation, managed to secure a late goal which put the team up by 1 point when the full time siren blew. It was an inspirational effort from the team and the boys and parents celebrated history being created for the second time in this tournament. By making the grand-final, this was the first time since the CIS entered the PSSA AFL competition in 2006 that they had made the Grand Final.

Grand Final - Well, what an exciting day it was for all involved with the CIS team. Playing against perennial powerhouse Riverina, who had earlier beaten CIS during

NSWPSSA AFL

James Andrews, James McGregor and Bili Robertson represented CIS at the NSWPSSA AFL Championships, held in Nelson Bay during May. The CIS team played in the A division amongst the other top teams. The A pool was very competitive, fast paced and physical.

Game 1: CIS V MacKillop - For the first time in CIS history as part of the PSSA AFL carnivals, CIS were able to record a strong victory against the competition favourites MacKillop. CIS stormed out of the blocks in the first



the pool match, the question was whether or not CIS could continue their rapid improvement shown throughout the tournament or had they played their grand-final against MacKillop in the semi-final. Throughout the carnival the CIS team had all become a close knit group of friends that matured as footballers and as young men. This was a key goal for the squad going into the carnival and this would prove to be the key to helping the boys achieve their ultimate goal of winning the state championships.

The team were jumping out of their skin with the opportunity they had created for themselves and they got off to a great start by kicking the first goal of the match. As expected, the pressure and intensity of this match was incredibly high and the bigger Riverina boys used their size advantage to continually challenge the resilience of the CIS team. However, on this occasion the CIS boys would not be out muscled. Each and every player stepped up to the challenge and made vital contributions to the team cause. They supported each other at every contest, laid shepherds, smothered kicks and held tackles. When the team won the ball, they ran, linked up through handballs and kicked to their teammate's advantage. They encouraged each other to give their best effort right to the final siren and in the end, it was a memorable victory to the boys from CIS. For the first time, the Bob Bevan trophy for the champion primary school team in the NSW PSSA would go to the CIS. The old adage, "A champion team will always beat a team of champions" was never more apt than with this team. The Championships were extremely tough, fast and fit competition, with no weak links in any of the teams in the top 4. All of the Wyvern boys were courageous and positively influenced the game at various times. Newington can be very proud of how the boys represented the school and the wonderful sportsmanship they all displayed.



CIS Rugby

Edson Whattam, Reuben Palmer, James McGregor and Oliver Townsend attended the CIS rugby trials this week, with many other boys from around NSW. The boys were hoping to put their best foot forward during the trials for a position on the team. The trials were held at Gillespie Fields over 2 days with only some boys from day 1 given the opportunity to return on day 2. After performing well on day 1, both Oliver and Edson were invited back on day 2 along with 44 other boys.

On the final day, our Wyvern boys worked hard, giving their best in an extremely tough competition. Both Oliver and Edson executed their roles within their team very well, with Oliver rewarded with his selection in the CIS rugby team.

It was extremely satisfying to see the humility and pleasure all 4 boys showed when their ultimate selection was announced. It was an extremely difficult selection process, with all 4 boys sure to enjoy a strong future in the game. We will wish Oliver all the best for the NSW PSSA Championships to be held at Mudgee in August.

CIS Cross Country- Thursday 16 June Eastern Creek

Wyvern had 2 boys progress to the CIS Cross-Country Championships. Henry Isherwood (U/11) and Bili Robertson (U/12), will be running for glory at Eastern Creek in tests of their endurance and pace. We hope the boys do their best and enjoy the race. We will look forward to hearing how the 3 fared in coming weeks.

Athletics Trials

The Newington Preparatory Schools Inter-House Athletics Carnival is to be held Term 3 on the 27th of July. Heats and Finals of all but 2 events are contested on the day. In order to complete every event on the day, we need to trial for the 800m before the carnival. This event is run as a straight final on the day for the 8/9, 10, 11 and 12 year age groups. Trial times are below. The High Jump is the other event not included during the athletics carnival. This event is decided prior to the carnival during school time. In the coming weeks, boys interested in competing in the 800m will be asked to write their name on the sports notice board in the age group that they turn this calendar year.

Term 2 – High Jump Finals (rooftop recess)

- 6 June – 8/9 years
- 7 June – 10 years
- 8 June – 11 years
- 9 June – 12/13 years

Term 2 – 800m Prelims (senior school before sport)

- 15 June – All age groups



Newington Team in 2016 Balmoral Burn

Wyvern had boys, parents, pets and staff take part in the 2016 Balmoral Burn last week. Once again the event was a great success raising thousands of dollars for children's health providing medical services and facilities.

Congratulations to Mitchell Cope Year 6 and Aleksandar Petrovski 1P. These Wyvern boys all toughed it out to the top of Awaba Street for the charity. During the event, the boys raced to the summit with Mitchell (49th) in the Years 3-6 race. Aleksandar finished the K-2 race in 19th position, both improving their 2015 result. Well done boys!

Wyvern School Holiday Sport Camps

Information on upcoming holiday sport camps can be found in the bookcase at Wyvern front reception or on Spaces. They can all be found and viewed in the Wyvern Sport Page, in the "More" tab under "Holiday Sport Flyers"

Flyers

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

- School Holiday Sport camps

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 11 June – No Sport (Public Holiday Long Weekend)
- Thursday 16 June – NSWCIS Cross Country at Eastern Creek
- Thursday 16 June – Paul Kelly Cup AFL Regional Finals (ELS Hall)
- Saturday 18 June – Last round of winter sport for Term 2
- Wednesday 27 July - Newington Preparatory School Inter-house Athletics carnival– SOPAC
- Tuesday 2 August – FUTSAL State Championships
- Monday 8 August – House sport matches commence

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