



WYVERN SPORT TERM 3 – WEEK 5

AFL Paul Kelly Cup – NSW State Finals Report

Having progressed through the Regional finals and the Greater Sydney finals undefeated, there was a great deal of excitement and optimism about our Newington boys' chances at the state finals.

Playing at the home of the Sydney Swans on a picture perfect day was a rare opportunity that these boys would be able to treasure forever and the way they played did justice to such an occasion. Eight teams travelled from all over the state to compete for the title of Champion School in NSW. Newington were positioned in a pool of 4 teams from the Sydney Swans Academy catchment area and the other 4 teams were in a pool consisting of schools located in the GWS Giants academy catchment area.

Newington commenced their campaign with strong wins in their pool matches against St Therese CPS, Yamba PS and Dudley PS. This meant they finished on top in their pool and claimed the title of NSW's best AFL school in the Swans catchment area across the state. Stirling Smith provided a strong target up forward while Harry Earwaker, James McGregor and Nick Tucker were clever around goals proving a headache for the opposition defence. In the midfield Reuben Palmer and Louis Bertram's tap work in the ruck gave our smaller midfielders first chance to drive the ball into our forward line. Biligh Robertson, James Andrews and Oliver Townsend worked tirelessly around the ground. Our unsung heroes in defence repelled opposition attacks time and again by playing in front and getting to the ball first. William King, Jack Earwaker and Will Douglas proved adept at reading the play to fill this role perfectly. Owen Douglas, Ali Saab and Liam Carriline played with great courage and regularly won the ball for Newington when it was in dispute.

Prior to this year's State Finals, teams from the Riverina and Wagga area had dominated the Paul Kelly Cup. Newington have been one of the few Sydney based schools to match and compete with these schools. In the semi-final Newington were matched up against Trinity Anglican from Albury. Experienced observers around the ground identified the winner of this match to be the likely State Champions. This proved to be the case. Newington started well scoring the first goal for the match. Trinity then replied with a brace of goals to set up a match winning lead before Newington stemmed the

flow and started chipping away at the lead. Late in the last quarter Newington had an opportunity to kick within 1 point of the lead. Unfortunately the kick didn't hit its target and the subsequent rebound resulted in a goal to Trinity. In this modified form of the game, quarters are shorter than normal and Newington ran out of time to regain the lead. As anticipated, Trinity progressed to win the Grand Final comfortably.

While disappointed not to progress to the Grand Final, our boys did themselves proud. For this group of young men from a variety of sporting backgrounds, it was a memorable occasion and a tremendous learning experience.

Good Luck Oliver Townsend!

All the best of luck for Oliver Townsend as he embarks on a NSWPSA rugby Championships as part of the CIS team. Oliver will travel to Mudgee for 3 days of fierce competition against some fine schoolboy rugby talent from all over NSW.

Invitational Athletics Season Commences

Last Saturday the Newington Athletics team competed at the Newington Invitational Athletics Carnival. All Wyvern boys were complemented for competing with great pride and discipline throughout the day. Surely due to the positive attitudes, some outstanding results were also recorded. This was highlighted by Peter McKenzie breaking a Newington Invitational shot put record in the 11 year event, with a throw well over 10 metres. The South Harbour Invitational Athletics Carnival is on this weekend, with over 30 Wyvern boys competing against 7 other schools. The Newington Athletics team will use this carnival, as the last warm up before IPSHA on the 29th August. We look forward to hearing how the boys fared in the next newsletter.

Tennis - Newington Inter-House Tennis Singles Championship

This year the Newington Preparatory Schools' Inter-House Tennis Singles Championship will be held on Saturday 10 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 found on Spaces.

<https://spaces.newington.nsw.edu.au/wyvern/sport/articles/8447-tennis-entry-form-newington-preparatory-schools-inter-house-tennis-championships>

This note must then be returned to Mr Martin 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 2016 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 10th September at the Newington Senior School pool (7:00am start). It involves a 400m swim followed by a 1600m run.

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Wyvern Winter Sport & Co-Curricular Photos

Photos for Winter Sport & Co-Curricular are taking place on Monday 22 August. All boys are reminded to bring their winter sport uniform for these photos.

Wyvern Summer Inter-House Competition Years 3 – 6

Over the next 2 weeks during sport time on a Monday and Wednesday afternoon, the boys in years 3 – 6 will be competing in a series of summer Inter-House sport matches. Sports that will be played include: cricket, basketball and tennis. Rules are modified for the safety and enjoyment of all the boys and at the conclusion we will be able to determine who our winning House teams are in each sport for 2016. The boys will not be required to bring in equipment apart from their PE uniform and House coloured polo shirt.

Winter Sport Awards Assembly

This year our winter sports awards assembly will be held on Friday 23 September in Wyvern Hall at 1.30pm. 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 are available on Newington Spaces and can also be collected from the display unit near the front office.

- Swim Squad T3
- AFL Auskick T3

Shining Stars

- Henry Isherwood has enjoyed another great cross country and fun run season during 2016. Last weekend, Henry ran for the school completing the City 2 Surf course in a super time of 62mins. Not only did he better his 2015 time by 4 minutes, but Henry also bettered his 2015 fund raising efforts, with a 2016 total of well over \$1800 for the Cerebral Palsy Alliance. Well done Henry!



- Owen Douglas recently enjoyed a fine finish to the club football season with a championship. Owen's soccer team, Hurlstone Park Wanderers, won their championship - Canterbury District Soccer Football Association (CDSFA) u12 Div 1. They played Marrickville, who were the leading team all season, and managed to hold them off for a 1/0 victory. Owen is seen below, proudly displaying the trophy.
- 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.

- Saturday 10 September – Newington Inter-House Biathlon & Tennis Championships
- Wednesday 14 September – Milo Cup Cricket (selected students)
- Friday 23 September – Winter Sport Awards Assembly

Neil Brunton
Newington College Wyvern Sportsmaster



Coming Up

- Friday 19 August – Southport School QLD – Rugby and Football matches (12A teams)
- Saturday 20 August – South Harbour Invitational Athletics carnival (selected students)
- Monday 22 August – Winter sport photos
- Monday 29 August – IPSHA Athletics carnival (selected students)
- Wednesday 7 September – Summer Sport Training recommences