



## **WYVERN SPORT TERM 3 – Week 9**

### **Newington Inter-House Biathlon Report**

The 2016 Newington Inter-House Biathlon began with dampness under foot and a threatening sky overhead. Despite the unsettled weather, around 30 boys from Wyvern and Lindfield made their way to Newington Senior School for the annual test of endurance, over an 800m swim and 1600m run. With anticipation high, the athletes from both Newington Prep campuses looked ready to give their all in a race against the clock.

Year 6 competitors were first to dive in. The once clear water turned white with energetic legs kicking and arms spinning. On exiting the water into transition, Nicholas Venetoulis held a nice lead over Henry Isherwood, with Lachlan Hull and Harrison Loeffler close behind. Charlie Guthrie and Rohan Graham did their best to make up ground through transition and into the 1600m run to the finish. Over the run leg, boys ran up the bank onto Johnson Oval and up towards the chapel, down behind the scoreboard and the driveway to complete a full lap of Buchanan, before doing it all again before making one last dash to the finish. The Year 6 group chasing, tried hard to reel in the leaders, but they could not make enough headway to overtake the impressive Venetoulis 1<sup>st</sup> in 13m 41s, or Isherwood 2<sup>nd</sup> 13m 49s.

The Year 5 boys were a highly competitive group with the largest contingent of participants. Sebastian Parhash was first to emerge from the pool and set off on his run. Jaydan Stanton-Keir did his best to eat into the Parhash margin with a determined effort. Lucas Pollard never stopped trying through the run to finish towards the front. Charlie Burt, Oscar Burshtein, James Knight, Tom Carlisle, Jamie de Botton, Christian Biasotto, Max Yeoland, Ari Kritikos, Nathan Sharp and Alexander Antipas were all next into the run leg and finish the race with their best effort. Matthew Torrible was charging through the field with an excellent run, after beginning the Year 5 race last. But despite the immense efforts from all Year 5 boys, the Year 5 title went the way of Sebastian Parhash with a solid time of 15 minutes.

The Year 4 brigade was an outstanding spectacle for the effort provided as well as the sportsmanship and strong camaraderie displayed. Lewis Saupin dominated the swim leg to take an early and decisive lead in to the run. Harry Forsyth, Joel

Zipeure, Callan Rixom, Ryan Ng, Oscar Roche, Toby Torrible, Brentson Lew and Charlie Roberts made up the chasing pack all testing their limits in an attempt to overhaul Saupin's lead. But Lewis was not to be denied winning the race in a time of 15m 35s. Some outstanding sportsmanship was shown within this group, typified by groups of boy's running back to lend some encouragement to help some of the boys finish the course.

All age groups times are compared to find the overall winner of the Newington Preparatory Schools Inter-House Biathlon. 2016 saw Nicholas Venetoulis take out the title with an outstanding time of 13 min 41 secs. Henry Isherwood was named runner up just 8 seconds behind. This year the House title was another easy decision with Williams House winning every age division and entering the most competitors to be crowned House Champions for the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row. Congratulations to all boys for their participation and all parents for their support during the event.







Both these matches were epic struggles, but eventually Timpson outlasted Townsend and Forsyth had too many answers for Litsas. So the semi-finals were held with McKenzie playing Timpson and Carney playing Forsyth for a place in the final. The standard of play throughout the day was high, but during the semi-finals it was appropriately raised once more. Carney and Forsyth's match was tough and dour, punctuated with classy touches. However, the 2014 and 2015 runner up in Carney, was too consistent for the classy Forsyth, progressing through to yet another final. And in the other semi, McKenzie showed his ability to win a point from any position on the court to end the run of the talented Timpson.

So it was Eric Carney to clash with Peter McKenzie for the title of Newington Preparatory Schools Singles Tennis Champion. Would the experience of Carney be too much for the power game of McKenzie? All was in place for a fitting finale to a spectacular day of play. Carney started as expected winning early points with solid ground strokes and a calm demeanour. McKenzie found himself behind on the scoreboard, but always threatened with blinding acceleration of the racquet to take points away from Carney. With Carney holding a lead, late into the decider, McKenzie sensed the opportunity to take late points and snatch the trophy away from Carney's grasp. It could not get any closer, the players and spectators appreciated the performance of both finalists, but at the conclusion Peter McKenzie clinched his first title. Congratulations to all competitors and to the well represented Rydal House for winning the House Trophy.

### **Newington Inter-House Tennis Championship Report**

Over 30 young tennis enthusiasts competed for the 2016 Newington Prep Tennis Championship on a beautiful spring morning at Stanmore tennis courts. Overnight rain stalled the start slightly, as courts were mopped and squeegeed providing an optimum surface. Long rallies, shot making and competitive but fair play was highlighted 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, Sebastian Grehan, Eric Carney, Eddie Timpson, Antony Litsas and Harry Forsyth. The highest qualifiers Carney and McKenzie were given an automatic Semi Final place. In the first quarter final we saw the impressive Eddie Timpson take on Sebastian Grehan in a Lindfield battle of supremacy. In the second quarter we saw the clever Antony Litsas attempt to outwit another Lindfield hopeful in Harry Forsyth.





### **CIS Athletics Carnival Success**

Six boys from Wyvern competed at the CIS athletics carnival this week in a bid to progress to the NSWPSSA State titles. Our senior relay team of Mitchell Cope, Bililigh Robertson, Owen Douglas and James McGregor ran a super heat to progress through to the final. Unfortunately the boys were unable to execute clean changes in the final, but were still very proud of their achievement. Eric Carney performed admirably in the 11 years discus as did Peter Mckenzie in the 11 years shot put. James McGregor competed in many events



throughout the day making the final in the 100m finishing an excellent 7<sup>th</sup>. James was extremely happy to run a personal best time in the 200m finishing an awesome 3<sup>rd</sup> in the final to make the CIS team to compete at State. Bililign Robertson also represented in many events on the day. Bililign has improved his PB's again this year which helped him to win the 12 year high jump and finish 2<sup>nd</sup> in the 12 years 800m in a tight photo finish. Bililign has qualified for State in both events showing his athletic diversity. Well done boys!



### **2017 Summer Sport Survey**

2017 summer sport surveys have been sent home last week. Please fill in this note and return following the instructions listed. I recommend you could consider your son's sport choice carefully as changes cannot be made to your initial preferences. This is because, based on this survey, the school makes a commitment to enter a certain number of teams for each sport in the IPSHA competition. It also assists us to plan for fields, coaches, equipment etc. Once allocated to a sport the commitment is for the entire season, e.g. Terms 1 and 4 and as such, mid-season changes to other sports cannot be accommodated.

### **Winter Sport Awards Assembly**

This year our winter sports awards assembly will be held on Friday 23 September in Wyvern Hall at 1.45pm. 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.

- T4 Swim Squad
- Y3/4 Cricket Skills
- Y5/6 Cricket Skills
- Y3-6 Basketball Skills
- Y2 basketball Skills (Got Game)
- Holiday Flyers - Water Polo, Rugby, Basketball, Tennis, Cricket, Multi Sport

Extra Sport Activities Link -

<https://spaces.newington.nsw.edu.au/wyvern/sport/pages/589-extra-sport-activities>

Holiday Sport Flyers Link -

<https://spaces.newington.nsw.edu.au/wyvern/sport/pages/686-holiday-sport-flyers>

### **Shining Stars**

- James Andrews (Yr 6) – Won U12 Div 2 AFL Grand final playing for Canada Bay Cannons. Close game. Won by 1 point against Pennant Hills.
- James Linardos' team Peshurst Panthers won the GF against Bangor 60-26 in the U12s Division 3 GSJ Competition. Great effort in his first year of AFL.
- 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 19<sup>th</sup> September – CIS Cricket Trials (selected students)
- Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> September – Winter Sport Awards Assembly
- Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> October – Round 7 Summer Sport (1<sup>st</sup> round for Term 4)
- Milo Cup Cricket TBC (Week 1 or 2 of Term 4)

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