



WYVERN SPORT TERM 2 – Week 5, 2018

Winter Sport – Saturday 2 June, 2018

The winter sport fixtures for 2018 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.

Attention - Winter Sport Punctuality:

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 brings 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 Sportsmaster (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 playing equipment and safety equipment).

NSW FUTSAL Championships

Wyvern entered 2 strong teams in the NSW School FUTSAL Championships this year, with the boys travelling to Menai for the Sutherland Region gala day. Wyvern White team took to the court first meeting Laguna Street Green. From the outset our Wyvern team pressured the opponents goal making several worthwhile shots on goal to no avail. However, the pressure did not subside at all until the Laguna Street defence finally succumbed to a piece of brilliance from Jahn Knoph just before the break. Mr Pollard's expert halftime appraisal had an obvious impact with the team finally showing their finishing prowess to send 5 more goals into the back of the net from Seb Webber, Roman Lewis and more from Jahn Knoph. The White team ran out convincing 6-0 winners in a fine first up performance.

Buoyed by the excellent game from their counterparts, Wyvern Black team prepared for their first match against St Spyridon College. Immediately

the match started at a furious pace with the teams working overtime to gain the ascendancy. St Spyridon were undoubtedly an extremely tough opponent showing skill and pace to lead 2-0 at the half. With the game in St Spyridon's favour, Wyvern Black mounted a courageous comeback with 2 goals in quick succession. The momentum was definitely with Wyvern, but it was quickly taken back with 3 late goals to St Spyridon in an intense, super high-quality game. Judging by the standard, it was expected that Wyvern Black and St Spyridon may meet again later in the day during the finals stage of the event.

The White team continued on their winning way with comfortable games against Laguna Street Purple and Emanuel Blue. With 3 wins from as many games the White team progressed to the Quarter Final stage of the event full of confidence. James Rodgers was providing good opportunities to score; Roman Lewis was great in transition with tireless effort and Peter Koumoulas thwarted many an attacking raid with expert defending.

Wyvern Black also progressed to the Quarter Finals with relatively easy victories from their remaining pool games against Laguna Street Red, Mount Sinai Red and Laguna Street Orange. Luka Wong and Will Beattie offered poise and skill to pick apart defences, while Frankie Alafaci was stoic in goals when pressured. Arlo Merewether provided a solid wall at the back with an unflappable demeanour, and Oscar McLeod delivered with his thunderbolt left boot.

The Quarter Final draw was announced, and an uneasy feeling crept over the Wyvern players and supporters alike. Black would play White in a battle for the ages, with mate against mate in a winner take all pathway to the Semi Finals. Before the match began, Mr Pollard's Black team were favoured to win, mainly due to the form they had displayed during the pool matches earlier. Mr Wilson's White team were underdogs, but certainly embraced the opportunity to match up against their more fancied rivals, fighting tooth and nail. This game was a great display of Wyvern depth as neither team gave an inch, tackling, chasing and competing their way to a standstill before the break. A halftime score of nil all certainly described the battle well, with parents and coaches shifting restlessly in seats, cheering on their team whilst trying not to impede the efforts of fellow Wyvern players on the opposing side.



With a sharp shot the White team took a 1-0 lead and instantly more belief entered their psyche. Ramsey Safieh did not stop working hard, only outshone by Toby Torrible and his decisive efforts to repel countless attacking opportunities in goals. With the game drawing ever closer to an upset for the White team, a leveller was scored by the Black team after classy play from Taliesin Dorigo. At 1-1 and a minute to play the game was absolutely for the taking. The White team pressed hard late and nearly came up with the match winner only to be halted by tenacious defence from Black. In a lightning fast transition, the Black team were presented with one last chance which they took with precise finishing skill. The whistle blew, and half of our boys rejoiced whilst the other half were momentarily upset at coming so close. Mr Pollard addressed all of the boys explaining how proud we were of the way every boy played the match. It was definitely an exhibition of everything we strive for in Wyvern Sport. Wyvern Spirit attributes of fair play, respect, “never give in” attitude, enjoyment and courage were all absolutely evident in a tremendous match from both teams.



With the win the Black team progressed to the Semi Final stage where they continued on with a close, but sound 2-1 victory over Emanuel Red. Arlo Merewether peppered the framework of the goals during the Semi, before we were reunited with St Spyridon in the Grand Final of the day. In another tremendously skilful match, both teams provided a classy spectacle for all to enjoy. Wyvern Black fought hard for a win, but St Spyridon prevailed once more for a tight 4-1 victory. As runners-up the Wyvern Black team learned a lot about the nature of sport and improved their teamwork and feel for the fast-paced format of the game. As runners up, the boys' efforts were rewarded with a spot in the State Championships to be held in Term 3 at the Penrith Sports Stadium. I am sure the boys cannot wait for another opportunity to compete.

Wyvern White – Peter Koumoulas, James Rodgers, Toby Torrible, Roman Lewis, Jahn Knoph, Seb Webber, Ramsey Safieh

Wyvern Black – Taliesin Dorigo, Arlo Merewether, Oscar McLeod, Joshua Lakkis, Frankie Alafaci, Will Beattie, Luka Wong



2018 Athletics Trials

The Newington Preparatory Schools' Inter-House Athletics Carnival is to be held in Term 3 on the 25th 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's age groups. Trial times are below. The High Jump is the other event not decided prior to the carnival during school time. In the coming weeks, boys interested in competing in either the 800m or the high jump will be asked to write their name on the sports notice board in the age group that that turn this calendar year.



Term 2 - High Jump Prelims (rooftop recess)

Boys are asked to check the sports notice board for details on dates to trial.

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

Boys are asked to check the sports notice board for details on dates to trial.

NSWPSSA AFL Championships

Congratulations to Charlie Roberts for his efforts as part of the winning CIS AFL team at the NSWPSSA AFL Championships last week. From all reports Charlie played extremely well to help the side take the trophy. Well done Charlie!



CIS Rugby League Representatives

Congratulations to Connor Costanzo and Thomas Kosmas for making the CIS rugby league team. The boys will be representing CIS in the NSWPSSA titles in Mudgee later in the Term.



Waratahs Rugby Free Ticket Offer for Newington College – Parents/Students/Staff

<https://spaces.newington.nsw.edu.au/wyvern/sport/articles/18584-waratahs-rugby-free-entry-for-newington-college/edit>

Please follow link above to SPACES article for free Waratahs Rugby tickets during the July school holidays. The Digital Tickets are for 4 Free entrants for the last 2 Waratah home games for 2018.

The offer is for the following games - July 7 vs The Sunwolves and the July 14 vs The Brumbies.

All Newington College parents/kids/staff have to do is show it on their phone or print it out and they will let 4 people through either Gates C, E or D for seating in Bays 26-29.

Shining Stars

- Alexander Tsakonas 5P recently competed in a Taekwondo Tournament and came first place in his division. Congratulations Alexander!



- Aleksandar (3S) and Adam (KK) Petrovski's efforts at the Balmoral Burn over the weekend were worthy of recognition. Both boys took part in the annual Balmoral Burn running up "the hill of hurt" representing Newington College and helping to raise funds for the Humpty Dumpty Foundation. Aleksandar has been running the Balmoral Burn for the past 4 years. He ran a respectable 3:08 in the 3-6 group. This was Adam's first year and he ran a 3:25, placing 8th in his group of K-2 boys. Well done boys!



- 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 2 June – Round 5 Winter Sport
- Saturday 9 June – No Sport (Long Weekend)
- Thursday 14 June – CIS Cross Country
- Wednesday 25 July – Newington Preparatory Schools' Inter-House Athletics Carnival (SOPAC)
- Tuesday 31 July – NSW Schools FUTSAL State Championships

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