



WYVERN SPORT TERM 3 – Week 7, 2018

Winter Sport Awards Assembly

This year our winter sports awards assembly will be held on Monday 17 September. It will commence at 2.00pm and conclude around 3.00pm in the Wyvern Hall. Letters have been sent home informing parents if their child will be receiving an award. Parents are welcome to attend.

2019 Summer Sport Survey (for current Y2-Y5 students)

2019 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.

Harry Halleen at Cross Country Nationals

Congratulations to Harry Halleen for his enormous effort at the National Cross Country Championships last week on the Sunshine Coast. Harry ran over a difficult sloping course to finish with an outstanding 16th overall. Harry was also selected to be part of a NSW team that competed in the relay event. Well done Harry!



Quinn Mersal at NSWPSA Rugby Championships

Well done to Quinn Mersal who spent last week in Coffs Harbour at the NSWPSA rugby Championships as part of the CIS team. Quinn played well, learning a lot and enjoying the opportunity as part of the State Champion CIS team.



Invitational Athletics Carnivals Report

In preparation for the IPSHA Athletics Carnival, the Wyvern Athletics team has been enjoying some competition with two recent lead up events. The South Harbour Invitational (SHI) and the Newington Invitational (NI) involved many boys from other Independent schools, all keen to gain some form before the IPSHA carnival the following week.



The field events of shot put, discus, high jump and long jump saw many Wyvern boys perform well. Lionel Falk-Brown and Charlie Roberts both high jumped well to place 3rd in their age groups, with Sam Chittendon just outside the placings.

Sam Walker 1st and 2nd was not quite at his best, but still threw the discus far enough to podium at both carnivals. Harrison Veitch 1st at both carnivals and Jed Robertson 2nd and 3rd enjoyed successful discus lead ups. Arlo Merewether did well to place 2nd at both carnivals in discus, one of his favourite events.

Wyvern's long jumpers contested an extremely close competition with Arlo Merewether, Jake Kitchen, Sam Chittendon and Harry Halleen just outside the top group. Liam Casey showed his jumping ability with a 2nd and a 1st in the junior long jump event.

Youssef Taleb was the standout thrower in shot put with a 2nd placing at SHI. Jed Robertson, Felix Beresford, Mackenzie Berman and Arlo Merewether also pushed hard for a placing without luck.

Our 800m runners produced gut wrenching efforts at both carnivals with an effort from Harry Halleen amazing to behold. Harry finished 2nd in a match-race of epic proportions to the cheers of the crowd. In a great display of sportsmanship, both Harry and his victorious opponent congratulated each other with respect, all the while smiling and gulping deep for oxygen.

The 100m races were rapid displays of fast twitch action and good-natured competition. Conditions were ideal for personal best times and our boys did not disappoint. Joe Everett 2nd & 1st, Jack Putter 3rd, Daniel Goldsmith 2nd & 1st and Mateja Wong got the 100m off to a flying start with excellent performances in the U/8's. Lionel Falk-Brown finished 1st in the 9 year A division, with Alexander Fulton, Remi Jacobe, Finn Herrig and Jimmy Reilly also running well in black and white stripes. The 10's group of Felix Paszkiewicz, Aiden Li 1st & 1st, James Hoskins and Liam Casey 2nd were extremely competitive, sprinting all the way to the line. Jasen Begetis 3rd, Ted Goldsmith, Harry Halleen and Sam Chittendon 3rd were all close to the leaders with dynamic runs. Mackenzie Berman 1st & 1st, Anthony Bordina 1st & 1st motored over the 100m in what seemed like 20 quick strides in the 12's. Charlie Roberts and Arlo Merewether also ran encouraging races to narrowly miss placings.

The 200m event saw most of our Wyvern 100m runners back up for the longer distance. Sanjay Spencer and Fletcher Laphorne were inclusions for the longer event, obviously tenacious chasers over the longer journey. In good signs for Wyvern's endurance, the 200m results were fantastic with more than our share of ribbons awarded to our runners. The 8's and 12's age groups were particularly strong with a combined haul of 11 ribbons from 16 races.

Wyvern's junior B relay squad of Alexander Fulton, Felix Paszkiewicz, Remi Jacobe, Finn Herrig and Jimmy Reilly ran well at both carnivals. The junior A relay of Lionel Falk-Brown, Aiden Li, James Hoskins and Liam Casey finished 3rd at the SHI with a nice performance. Our senior teams enjoyed great success winning 3 out of 4 races in solid times. The senior B team included Jake Kitchen, Ted Goldsmith, Mackenzie Berman and Anthony Bordina. The senior A team was made up of Harry Halleen, Sam Chittendon, Arlo Merewether and Charlie Roberts.

Well done to all participants from the invitational carnivals, and thank you to Wyvern staff who helped run both events. We hope to hear of some personal best performances at the IPSHA carnival. We are sure that regardless of the results at IPSHA, the boys will do themselves and Wyvern proud.





IPSHA Athletics Carnival Report

Wyvern's athletics team members assembled at SOPAC on a cool, sunny day excited at the opportunity for fierce competition against hundreds of other young athletes from Independent schools. The relays were first events on the program, with the junior and senior teams both keen to sprint in their black and white stripes.

Aiden Li, Lionel Falk-Brown, Liam Casey and James Hoskins carried the baton in the junior race, finishing in a nice time of 1.02.47. This placed the team in a commendable 10th overall, not far from the top teams with only a second separating 4th – 10th place. The senior relay team had shown some solid form in the lead up events and this showed with a super 7th placing overall in 56.55, only hundredths of a second outside qualification for CIS.

The U/8's were sent to the start of the 100m for their first taste of IPSHA athletics. Mateja Wong 10th, Joe Everett 11th, Daniel Goldsmith 19th and Jack Putter 35th did an amazing job to ignore the pressures of competition, and with composed and happy faces ran the race of their lives. Lionel Falk-Brown led the way for the U/9's with a quick time placing him 7th overall. Unfortunately, Lionel missed CIS selection by 3 hundredths of a second, but will return another day. Finn Herrig 54th, Remi Jacobe 72nd and Alexander Fulton 75th all ran with immense pride and determination. Wyvern's U/10's showed excellent form to place well over the short sprint. Aiden Li surprised with a huge PB to finish 7th overall, missing selection by 2 hundredths of a second! James Hoskins 11th, Liam Casey 16th and Felix Paszkiewicz 81st rounding out the efforts of a competitive group. Sam Chittendon ran a time quicker than his times at recent carnivals to finish with a fantastic 12th overall in the 11's age group. Ted Goldsmith 82nd and Jasen Begetis 89th did their best with placings not representing their effort shown. For the U/12's Mackenzie Berman ran a 14.41 and finish 27th overall. This time was considerably quicker than Mac's time at the lead up carnivals, putting him in front of the more fancied U/12 teammates. Charlie Roberts 31st, Arlo Merewether 33rd and Anthony Bordina 38th completed the solidly performing group with fine efforts.

800m was next on the track with James Hoskins taking to the start for the junior event. James is an extremely consistent performer in every sport and his determination was once again on display, finishing 13th overall. U/11 athletes approached the start with Wyvern's Harry Halleen hoping to bring some of his recent national's cross-country experience to the track. Harry had been in great form of late and expectations were high for another whole-hearted performance, but nobody could predict the enthralling battle to ensue. Harry and a well-respected rival took the lead early and then extended the gap over the rest of the field during the 2nd lap. Harry had never really challenge his foe over 800m, but today was different. At the top of the back straight Harry was making a challenge that surprised the leader, as normally he would maintain his lead to the finish. Both boys responded under the urgings of the crowd to fight out a classic sprint finish the length of the home straight. Unfortunately, Harry just missed, but he was extremely happy with his personal best performance to come so close. Harry deservedly qualified for CIS in what was an extremely inspirational effort!



Junior 200m saw James Hoskins 12th, Aiden Li 18th and Lionel Falk-Brown 24th overall, continue their program with tenacious running. Harry Halleen backed up his middle distance accomplishment with a 12th overall only half a second from qualifying over the sprint distance. Sam Chittendon 36th, Ted Goldsmith 57th and Fletcher Laphorne 60th all performed admirably. It was great to see the improvement in some of our sprinters, with Ted and Fletcher both running times far superior to those run at our Newington Carnival. This was no different in the U/12's 200m, with runners surpassing their times at our school meet. Arlo Merewether 8th, Mackenzie Berman 14th, Anthony Bordina 18th and Charlie Roberts 21st ran awesome races. Unfortunately, yet again a Wyvern athlete, this time Arlo Merewether, missed CIS qualification by hundredths of a second.

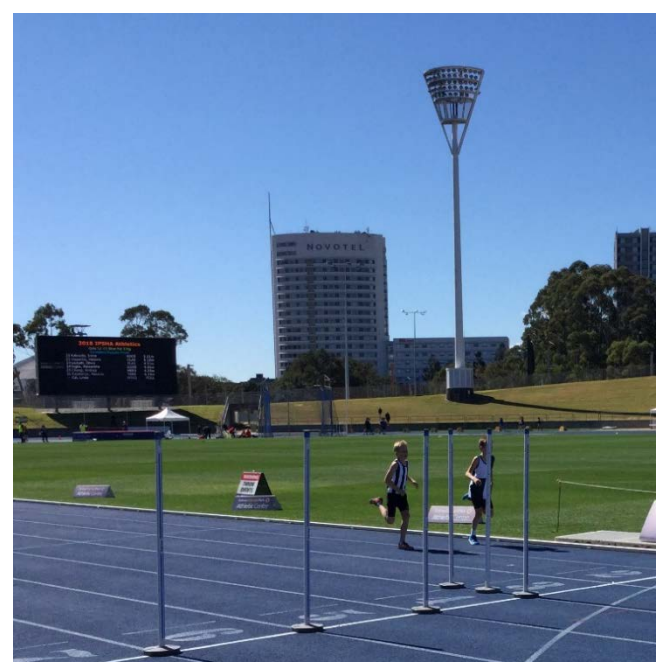
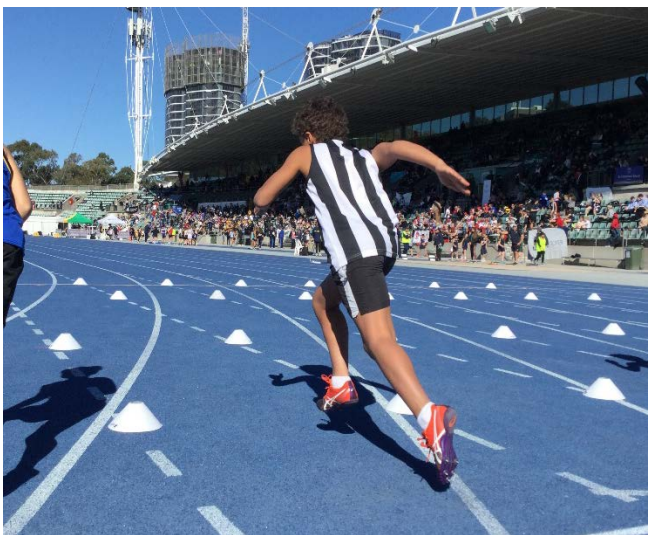


The field events were running the entire day with boys involved in both the track and field facing an arduous schedule. Our shot putters included Felix Beresford 13th in the juniors, Youssef Taleb 17th in the 11's and Arlo Merewether 18th in the 12's. Our discus representatives did not have their best day throwing but will learn from the event. Harrison Veitch 7th in the juniors, Sam Walker 16th in the 11's and Arlo Merewether 9th in the 12's all threw well under their capabilities, but that is the leveller of sport and staged competition. I am sure the boys will improve from their experience. Long jumpers all performed well with Liam Casey, Sam Chittendon and Arlo Merewether doing their best despite their difficult schedules within a long day of competition. A special mention must go to Liam Casey who jumped into CIS selection, but unfortunately missed his division and was not considered. Liam accepted the news maturely and with great character, I am sure Liam will be able to show everyone his long jump prowess next season. Lionel Falk-Brown (junior event) and Charlie Roberts U/12's were Wyvern's high jumpers to finish the day. Lionel tried his best without much luck, so it was up to Charlie to fly high for the team.....and that he did! Charlie put in a personal best performance of 1.43m to finish 4th overall and qualify for the CIS carnival.



The high jump qualification for Charlie was a positive way to finish the day of competition. The day included many highs and some lows. It also included many near misses, with a handful of boys just outside CIS qualification. It is important to remember these annoying setbacks are just that, they are never a bad thing. I am almost certain that these will spur on our athletes to try again next year, push determined boys to train harder and show the resolve and resilience that we strive to uphold at Wyvern.







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

- Monday 10 September - House Comp 6
- Thursday 13 September – CIS Athletics Carnival (Harry Halleen & Charlie Roberts)
- Monday 17 September – Winter Sport Assembly
- Saturday 22 September – Newington Preparatory Schools Inter-House Biathlon & Tennis Championships
- Monday 24 September – T4 Summer Sport Training Commences

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