

School Sports – Junior School

SOCCER

Junior Girls PISA Soccer Team (21 August) v John Collett 5-0 (Win)

The Junior Girls' soccer team played John Collet and were victorious 5-0. Malia scored 2 goals, Aaliyah scored 2 and Sonia set up an amazing corner that resulted in a John Collet 'own goal'. Special mention goes to Sonia for her vision and passing, and, to Claire for her improvement in defence.

Junior Girls PISA Soccer Team (28 August) v Bayview 2-3 (Lost)

Wow! What a game! The Junior Girls Soccer team went to battle against Bayview. Feeling a little overwhelmed by the skill of the opposition in the first half, the score blew out 0-3. But, with some inspirational words from Malia and Doris as well as some great advice from Sonia at half time, we came back and played the best we've ever played. Helena was relentless in attack and Vesper was hungry in defence. Aleyah scored two great goals, one of which was set up beautifully following some strong defensive play by Indie. Mrs Treloar is very proud of the team effort.

Senior Girls PISA Soccer Team (21 August) v Oxford Falls Grammar 0-2 (Lost)

We suffered a narrow defeat, 2 nil against Oxford Falls Grammar. We have improved so much since the beginning of the term and really played as a team. Our decisive line was outstanding, barely giving the opposition any room to move. Kaya, Ava, Sienna and Carys played aggressive soccer and never gave up. Player of the match was Stella for her brilliance in everything she did, attack and defence.

Junior Boys PISA Soccer Team (21 August) v John Collett 2-3 (Lost)

Junior Boys' Soccer played John Collett at Passmore Oval. The boys started slowly having 2 quick goals scored against them. The wind was against us as we battled to stay in touch with some very fast feet from the opposition. The boys turned the game around in the second half and put together some excellent passing to score two goals. The opposition rallied in the last 30 seconds to score again. Final score 2-3. Men of the match – Ethan Allesch and Heath Lancaster.

School Sports – Senior School

BASKETBALL

Year 6 Pittwater Magic (19 August) v St Luke's Wildcats 20-15 (Win)

The Magic started off great after having a couple of weeks without a game against a very tough opposition in St Luke's. We shared the ball and were able to get out and run in transition to get some easy buckets and this was the difference in the end. Great win Magic!

Year 6 Pittwater Bulls (12 August) v Heart Stoppers 41-13 (Win)

The Bulls came out fast and never looked back. The keys to this game were defence and teamwork and there was plenty of it. Excellent defence lead to easy baskets throughout the game. The awesome passing was a joy to watch, and there was also plenty of great hustle on defence! A great win 41-13!

Year 6 Pittwater Bulls (19 August) v OFGS Rockets 29-21 (Win)

Great win again from the Bulls against OFGS, with us being able to show some great composure in a close game against a good opposition. We're playing some really good Basketball at the moment, keep the confidence going for the rest of the games left in the term!

Grammar 7 Pittwater Nets (10 August) v OFGS Slammers 28-24 (Win)

The Nets played a high intensity, offensively focused brand of basketball. The boys scored most of their points by running in transition and blowing by the defence. Big shout out to Alex and Zane for big scoring outputs and clutch baskets down the line.

Grammar 7 Pittwater Nets (17 August) v Mosman Jazz 8-27 (Loss)

Unfortunately, the Nets came into the game with a lack of focus and as a result, started off with some sloppy play. Their play improved in the second half but by then the lead was too great. With an emphasis on focus and intensity coming into next week's game, the Nets can definitely bounce back.

Grammar 7 Pittwater Clippers (10 August) v OFGS Celtics 14-9 (Win)

It was an uncharacteristically low scoring game for the Clippers, but despite not making as many shots as we normally do we were able to hold on. Great defence allowed us to stay in the game when we struggled offensively, and we were able to win. Great win Clippers!

Grammar 7 Pittwater Clippers (17 August) v St. Luke's Navy 26-10 (Win)

Much better bounce back win this week for the Clippers, we made more of the shots offensively that we normally do and still played the great defence that we did last week and this proved to be the difference in this week's win compared to last weeks close one. Good job Clippers!

College 7 Pittwater Mystics (10 August) v St. Luke's Navy 22-15 (Win)

The girls played a very tough opposition in St. Luke's and had to grid out a tough win in the end. We have been used to winning easily so far, so it was good to show that we can close out a close game against a good team. Defensively we were very good, we just have to continue to stay spaced for each other offensively and be ready to shoot the ball when were open.

College 7 Pittwater Mystics (17 August) v St. Luke's Royal 34-6 (Win)

Another great game for the Mystics, the girls were able to get a lot of steals and stops defensively and that led to us getting out and running and getting easy transition points. Defensively the girls were great for the whole game and everyone got on the scoreboard which was awesome!

College 7 Pittwater Spirit (10 August) v OFGS 16-25 (Loss)

The girls had a very slow start to the game and were shocked by the opposition and how aggressively they came out and started. We started to get back into the game step by step in the second half and actually got to the lead. Unfortunately, having no substitutions came back to hurt us and the girls couldn't maintain this play for the whole half and OFGS came back to take the lead and eventually take the win.

College 7 Pittwater Spirit (17 August) v Mackellar Wallabies 7 34-25 (Win)

Once again, the Spirits had to play with no substitutions which makes it difficult for the girls to maintain their confidence throughout the game. Nevertheless, the girls played a great second half and were able to pull away with the win. All of the girls are becoming more confident with the ball and getting a little more used to playing with each other.

Grammar 8 Pittwater Kings (19 August) v St. Luke's Navy 23-47 (Loss)

The Kings had a tough game on their hands against a strong St Lukes team that was able to score from both outside and inside. There were many times where the Kings would play a fantastic possession of defence and then give up an offensive rebound at the last second, resulting in a bucket for the opposition. With a deeper emphasis on rebounding, the Kings can be a force to be reckoned with.

Grammar 8 Pittwater Knicks (12 August) v Pittwater High 35-19 (Win)

The Knicks started off with a bang and got out to an early lead against Pittwater High. The boys then cruised a little for the middle section of the game and allowed them back into the game. However, when it mattered, we kicked it back into gear and came away with a good win against a tougher opposition than we have played so far in this competition.

College 8/9 Pittwater Pelicans (12 August) v Stella Green 21-16 (Win)

This game was a grit and grind endeavour for the Pelicans. The girls played with plenty of resilience and tenacity on defence and had to work to convert buckets on offence. Their smart play paid off towards the end of the game and obtained the win as a result.

Grammar 9 Pittwater Pistons (20 August) v St Luke's Gold 39-34 (Loss)

Another close game for the Pistons against St Luke's, they shot the ball extremely well and unfortunately, we let them get out to a big lead. We started playing more confidently in the second half and started competing better and pegged the lead back but unfortunately with the new rules at the end of the game, time ran out and we couldn't quite peg it back in time.

Grammar 9 Pittwater Celtics (13 August) v Cromer 18-18 (Draw)

The Celtics worked hard to have a 4-point lead towards the end of the game however due to some unfortunate turnovers, the opposition managed to score twice and tie up the game. Those last couple of mistakes should not take away from the great performance the boys had up until that point.

Grammar 9 Pittwater Hawks (13 August) v Knucklehaeds 33-35 (Loss)

Lucky for the Hawks, one of the opposition players fouled out just before half time. This culminated in the Hawks going on an absolute tear on offence in the second half. Sadly, the lead was too large going into the second half and the Hawks ended up just 3 points short of a win.

Grammar 9 Pittwater Hawks (20 August) v Bally Boys 28-28 (Draw)

The Hawks played a great brand of team basketball on the defensive end which allowed Charlie to take over on offence and score close to 20 points. The Hawks were down by 1 with 15 seconds to go and were desperate for a defensive stop. Levi came up with a big-time steal who then passed it to Charlie who ended up drawing an unsportsmanlike foul. Charlie missed his first free throw but then sunk the clutch game tying shot. Well done on a clutch team effort boys.

Grammar 10 Pittwater Hornets (13 August) v Mosman Hawks 20-24 (Win)

The Rockets started strong in the first half, pushing the ball in transition and playing great defence. Mosman answered back in the 2nd half with full court man forcing us to make turnovers that lead to easy points for Mosman.

Grammar 10 Pittwater Hornets (20 August) v Bally Boys 32-31 (Win)

The Hornets had a very slow start to the game lacking energy and intensity to match Bally sonics. It wasn't until the last 5 mins of the 2nd half being down by 7 points for the Hornets to pick up the energy and intensity to take the 1-point win.

Grammar 10 Pittwater Rockets (13 August) v OFGS Suns 36-14 (Win)

The Rockets played a great game against OFGS, showing great energy and teamwork. This allowed the Rockets to gain a lead and hold onto it throughout the game, making for a great win.

College 10 Pittwater Suns (12 August) v Mosman Sharks 46-24 (Loss)

The Suns were missing players and dealing with season end injuries so they weren't at full strength coming into this game. Regardless of the situation, they played with their hearts on their sleeves and fought hard to stay in the game.

College 10 Pittwater Opals (12 August) v OFGS Hawks 11-33 (Loss)

The Opals came up against a very good team in OFGS who shot the ball extremely well. Despite the girls playing for the most part good defence, we couldn't buy a basket and OFGS were hitting everything. Don't be disheartened by the result tonight girls, we competed well and had a good crack at a tough team.

Grammar 11 Pittwater Heat (14 August) v St Luke's Navy 33-33 (Draw)

Similar story for the Heat again against St Luke's, we let them get off to a great start and from there were playing catch up for the rest of the game. We played some really good Basketball in the second half and pegged back the lead to tie the game off with a 3 pointer with just 30 seconds left. We just can't afford to give teams such a big start through a lack of effort or intensity.

Grammar 11 Pittwater Heat (21 August) v Wolves 45-47 (Loss)

The Heat actually got off to a good start against an experienced Wolves team, shooting the ball well and making great decisions defensively. Unfortunately, we let them back in the game through a loss in concentration defensively and some poor decision making offensively and again, had to play catch up in the last two minutes which with these new rules is almost impossible. We just need to be more consistent and string a whole game together because we have proven we can play with everyone.

Grammar 11 Pittwater Thunder (14 August) v Brick City 13-41 (Loss)

The Thunder went up against an impressive team that probably belongs a few divisions above the Thunder's division. Regardless, the Thunder played valiantly and worked together well.

Grammar 11 Pittwater Thunder (21 August) v Billy Ballers 15-19 (Loss)

Despite the score, the Thunder played their best game of basketball all year. They helped each other out on defence and rotated well for steals, blocks and wall-ups. The same can be said on the offensive end where they shared the ball, took great shots and developed an inside post presence. Unfortunately, the Thunder were unable to make a few shots that they normally would have made, and Bally Boys ran off with the win in the last couple minutes. Great effort boys, this game was definitely a great foundation for the future.

College 11 Pittwater Jazz (21 August) v Bullets 14-29 (Loss)

The Jazz got off to a very slow start against the Bullets and found it very hard to recover and reel in the lead for the rest of the game. We just didn't have the usual defensive mindset that we normally display and offensively we turned the ball over to much against a good team.

College 12 Pittwater Sparks (14 August) v Bullets 17-16 (Win)

The Sparks had a close win against the Bullets. The Sparks started the 2nd half with great energy and getting early baskets to take control of the game and then showed some great composure down the stretch to take the win.

RUGBY

Grammar U16 Boys (3 August) v Oxford Falls Grammar 24-19 (Win)

The 2020 U16 Rugby season kicked off with an Away game v Oxford Falls Grammar School. All the boys showed great enthusiasm and determination in what was somewhat of a see-sawing battle, with TPHS ending up 24-19 victors.

It was an all-around great team effort, with scrambling defence and some entertaining tries scored by James Potter, Logan Elsworth, Jared Buckton and Paul Vaokakala, as well as 2 conversions to Anderson Thomas. Special mention to Vlad Petratchkov, Alvin Shen and Will McMahon for their performances in their first Rugby match.

Looking forward to seeing how the team improves upon this promising start after a rained-out match against St Luke's Grammar and bye round. Full attendance and commitment at training will be key if the boys are to continue developing their skills and communication.

Grammar U16 Rugby (24 August) v Oxford Falls Grammar 31-14 (Win)

The U16 boys got off to a bit of a slow start in the first half, finding it difficult to get into a rhythm, and giving away too many penalties and field position, only saved by some scrambling defence and a few flashes of brilliance from our Year 9s Will Kaiser and Edward Hutt, along with conversions from Anderson Thomas, keeping us in the contest.

The boys lifted in the second half and started playing more disciplined and consistent rugby wearing down the opposition. Great line defence and another try to Will Kaiser, as well as 2 barnstorming runs ending in tries to Paul Vaokakala, Pittwater House ran away with the game, ending up 31-14 victors.

Special mention for great performances from Tyson Letts, Paul Vaokakala, Harry Barker, Edward Hutt and Will Kaiser. Looking forward to seeing how the boys go against St Luke's Grammar!

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College U14 Girls (18 August) v Mater Maria B 0-0 (Draw)

We played Mater Maria this week and after a very evenly matched contest the game finished in a 0 -0 draw. We dominated possession for long periods of the game and were unlucky not to score a goal on several occasions. Elita Cheesman and Phoebe Jopling both played strongly in defence. Well played ladies another good team effort

College U14 Girls (25 August) v Mater Maria Team C 2-2 (Draw)

This was a game where we dominated scoring and possession in the first half to go 2 nil up by half time after great goals by Catherine Connors and Adele Cosentino who played her first game for the team. After the break, Mater had the ball and attacked our goal for extended periods of time. They scored two goals to draw the game by fulltime. Alice Woodward made a great save as our second half goalkeeper late in the game that enabled us to keep the score at 2 goals all in this close game. Well played, ladies.

College Open Girls (19 August) v St Luke's 1-3 (Lost)

The game was played on Wednesday in difficult extremely windy conditions. Goalkeeping proved to be very challenging in these conditions. Charlotte Taylor in the first half, and Lara Johnstone in the second half, both had to show courage to defend our goal from St Luke's many attacking raids. At the half time break, the score was still locked at 0-0. Savannah Jones and Liliana Edwards were strong in the midfield and Isla Trisic and Erica Wei were proving difficult to get past in our last line of defence.

Just before the half time break, Charlotte saved a certain goal by taking a solid close in shot to the face and Milla Metzke was unlucky not to score after making a long break from halfway just striking her shot wide. As the second half began, the wind picked up and we battled to get the ball into their half. Lara, who was now in our goals, was kept busy by the St Luke's team and she was brave to carry on after also taking the ball to the face in the very cold and windy conditions. Maya Weaver and Olivia Butcher were working effectively in the midfield and Sienna McCarthy was unlucky not to score after her strong shot was saved. St Luke's then scored three goals before Milla put one into their net from close range after Lina Hellawell had her shot blocked by the goalkeeper. Well played, ladies.

College Open Girls (26 August) v Mater Maria B 0-3 (Lost)

The first half of the game saw each team have several shots for goal without any beating the goalkeepers. Olivia Butcher was defusing many of their attacking raids in her fullback role and Maya Weaver and Liliana Edwards were busy in the midfield and on the wings. When Sienna McCarthy was around the ball, we looked dangerous and likely to score. Lina Hellawell was our goalkeeper for this match as she was suffering from a slight muscle strain and she was called on to make several saves during a very evenly contested first half. The second half was a different story. Our shape and execution was messy and Mater took advantage of that and put three goals into our net. Savannah Jones, Milla Metzke, Lara Johnstone and Charlotte Taylor all worked hard contesting possession throughout the second half and Erika Wei and Isla Trisic continued to show development in their fullback roles.