



Pittwater House

## School Sports – Junior School

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### BASKETBALL

#### **Year 6 Pittwater Magic (21 October) v St Luke's Wizards 15-25 (Loss)**

After a bye in week one, the mighty Magic played full of energy and enthusiasm in their first game of the new season. Against a big St Luke's team - the Magic fought hard on the boards, but couldn't quite get it going in transition, making baskets hard to come by. Down 11 at half-time, we set a goal of winning the second half, and looking for more ball movement on offense, and that's exactly what we did, in a much-improved effort after the break. A 10-point loss was the outcome, but some solid training during the week with a focus on passing and moving off the ball will set us in good stead for game two of the season!

#### **Year 6 Pittwater Bulls (14 October) v St Luke's Wildcats 21-27 (Loss)**

They say basketball is a game of two halves, and that is exactly what played out for the Bulls in a tough loss to the St Luke's Wildcats. Solid man defence and some hot shooting from both corners saw the Bulls rocket out to a 13-3 lead, before the Wildcats' big man started to secure some easy offensive rebounds for second chance points. The baskets we were making in the first half became close misses and rim-outs, as the Wildcats went on a 10-0 run to pull ahead by 8 points. We threatened to make a run late in the contest, but the clock was against us, as we fell to a six-point defeat. Plenty of positives to take from the loss, and much to look forward to next week!

#### **Year 6 Pittwater Bulls (21 October) v OFGS Clippers 33-13 (Win)**

The mighty Bulls put their first tick in the win column on Wednesday night against the OFGS Clippers. After a disappointing second half last week where we gave up a solid lead, there was no such complacency in game two. Our defence was frisky, especially in the half court, as we came up with steal after steal - leading to some easy transition baskets, and some impressive finishes along the baseline. Our rebounding was the only blight on the performance, as we were a little sloppy with our defensive rebounding, and that will be a point of emphasis at training this week.

## School Sports – Senior School

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### BASKETBALL

#### **Grammar 7 Pittwater Nets (12 October) v Saints Seawolves 26-24 (Win)**

The Nets got off to a great start to the game by locking down on defence and focusing on rebounding. This in turn allowed them to bust out on fast breaks and create easy scoring opportunities. Throughout the entire game, the opposition was biting at the heels of our boys, but the Nets remained composed and secured the win

#### **Grammar 7 Pittwater Nets (19 October) v Forest Fast and Furious 19-23 (Loss)**

The Nets had an intense battle with the opposition this game. The score was close the entire game with both teams trading baskets. Unfortunately, a few silly turnovers put the game out of reach for the Nets. None the less, the Nets should keep their heads held up high on a great performance.

#### **College 7 Pittwater Mystics (12 October) v St Luke's Yellow 26-27 (Loss)**

First week back with a whole new team and I couldn't be happier with how they played. At halftime there was a considerable gap between us and St Luke's with the opposition ahead. This didn't stop the girls from closing that gap and make a comeback to equalise. A buzzer beater at the end of the game secured the opposition the win, but we came out of the game with a passion and drive to get to work in trainings and learn how to grow as a team.

#### **College 7 Pittwater Mystics (19 October) v Mosman Minkies 8-34 (Loss)**

Although the score may not reflect it, this game made the girls work harder and never give up. The Minkies were previously in the division above the Mystics and have since moved into our division. This was a tough game against a tough team, but the girls never stopped working to get the ball into that net! Even after an injury sustained to our team, the girls pushed harder than ever to keep fighting. I couldn't be prouder of how they played and look forward to coaching against the Minkies in the future to showcase the endless amounts of talent we have on the court.

**College 7 Pittwater Spirit (19 October) v St Luke's White 48-12 (Win)**

With a new team coming together for their first game this was a great win for the Spirit. The girls maintained a great attack and learnt the importance of great passing and teamwork with everybody getting on the score board for a very well-rounded offensive display. The girls were also able to translate some of the aspects we practiced at training (squaring up & boxing out) into the game which was great to see!

**Grammar 8 Pittwater Kings (21 October) v St Luke's Navy 16-29 (Loss)**

The Kings played their first game in about 5 weeks tonight and toward the end of the game unfortunately the rust took over and the game got away from us. We weren't able to hold on to the ball enough and gave St Luke's too many easy lay ups off our turn overs. We still competed and played hard though so we can build from that and get back stuck in at training.

**Grammar 8 Pittwater Knicks (14 October) v St Luke's Royal 59-1 (Win)**

The TPHS Knicks started off slow against St Luke's struggling to make shots and not turn the ball over. However, once the TPHS Knicks found their rhythm they couldn't be stopped.

**Grammar 8 Pittwater Knicks (21 October) v OFGS Ballers 35-12 (Win)**

The Knicks played an excellent game against OFGS showing how competitive and driven the Knicks are to win. OFGS started the game off well and were close at half time but the unselfishness and determination on defence of the Knicks led them eventually pulling away in the second half and on to a great win.

**College 8 Pittwater Flames (12th October) v St Luke's Yellow 63-14 (Win)**

What a game to kick off the season! Without so much as a training session during the week, the Year 9 Flames came ready to play, and they were locked in from tip-off, shooting out to a 15-2 lead after just five minutes of action. Solid rebounding, and some superb transition offence led to easy basket after easy basket, as we ran away to a comfortable 63-14 win. With emphasis on box-out technique on our defensive rebounds, we look forward to what the team can pull together for game two of the season!

**College 8 Pittwater Flames (19th October) v Mater Maria 26-4 (Win)**

After a heavy emphasis on defence and rebounding during the week, the clamps that we put on that side of the ball was very pleasing - limiting Mater Maria to only two baskets in the entire contest. After scoring more than 60 points last week however, our offense was slow to kick into gear, with a stack of layups and jump shots lipping out early in the first half. We eventually got a roll on though and strung together some nice possessions to skip away to a comfortable win - keeping our undefeated start to the season alive.

**College 9 Pittwater Pelicans (14 October) v St Luke's Yellow 29-30 (Loss)**

The Pelicans added 3 new players this semester to an already skilled returning group of girls. The returning starters led the way with a dominant scoring performance and the new players slotted in and provided valuable minutes, played great defence and scored points of their own which was especially impressive considering it was their first ever game of basketball. Great way to start the season girls.

**College 9 Pittwater Pelicans (21 October) v Yolo Yeet 28-8 (Win)**

The Pelicans were only a few points ahead of the opposition in the first half but ended up flipping the switch immediately in the second half. They torched the other team through a mixture of great defence and fast break offence. Keep up the good work girls.

**Grammar 9 Pittwater Pistons (15 October) v Saints Steelers 26-57 (Loss)**

The Pistons were a little outnumbered and came up against a very good Saint Augustine's team. The boys competed well for the first 10 mins and were taking it to them, unfortunately Saints size and strength were too much in the end and they were able to get easy put back lay ups and offensive rebounds. Good job by the Pistons to compete and execute, we just couldn't match their size.

**Grammar 9 Pittwater Pistons (22 October) v OFGS Rangers 33-42 (Loss)**

Again, this week due to injury the Pistons were outnumbered, having to play the game with no substitutions and with the new COVID rules allowing one timeout per game, the boys were up against it from the start against a big and experienced OFGS team. The Pistons played with great heart and smartly to stay in the game and make it a close contest all the way to the end. Great job boys!

**Grammar 9 Pittwater Celtics (15 October) v St Luke's Blue 23-30 (Loss)**

Despite the loss, the Celtics played a solid hard-fought game against the opposition. The boys played the right brand of basketball but unfortunately fell short due to a lack of rebounding which gave the other team plenty of second-chance points. Shout out to Matt who had a fantastic game on both ends of the court.

**Grammar 9 Pittwater Celtics (22 October) v Drop Bears 28-19 (Win)**

The Celtics had a hard-fought battle on their hands for about 90% of the game. Rebounding struggles and an over-reliance of 3 pointers hampered their game. Suddenly, in the last four minutes of the game, the Celtics became unstoppable, scoring at will whenever they drove to the hoop and getting multiple defensive stops in a row. Great job on a tough win, boys.

### **Grammar 9 Pittwater Hawks (15 October) v St Luke's White 12-35 (Loss)**

Sadly, the Hawks had one of those shooting days where it appeared that there was a lid on the ring. Shots they would normally make were rolling and bouncing out. Unfortunately, the opposition was able to capitalise on our misses and got some easy fast break points. A good foundation but plenty of things to improve on for the resilient Hawks.

### **Grammar 9 Pittwater Hawks (22 October) v Nets 11-25 (Loss)**

The Hawks had flashes of brilliance throughout the game but were unable to string those flashes together consistently for the entire game. The Hawks have made great strides in development of their skills throughout the year but with a little bit more consistency, the Hawks can become a solid team.

### **Grammar 10 Pittwater Hornets (15 October) v St Paul's Primas 20-28 (Loss)**

TPHS Hornets started strong moving the ball and making the open shots. However, the man to man defence and the pressure from St Pauls was too much to handle and the Hornets started to make mistakes allowing St Pauls to take the victory.

### **Grammar 10 Pittwater Hornets (22 October) vs Forest Force 30-31 (Loss)**

TPHS Hornets showed excellent capability to control and slow down the offence to be able to create open shots for each other and knock them down. Unfortunately, in the last few seconds the Hornets were not able to make the last shot.

### **Grammar 10 Pittwater Rockets (22 October) v Silver Bullets 17-49 (Loss)**

The TPHS Rockets managed to make open shots and control the fast-paced tempo of the silver bullets in the first half. However, the athleticism and pressure defence of the Silver Bullets proved to be too much for the TPHS Rockets in the end and they ran away with the game. A little to practise at training next week against some pressure defence and we will be much improved

### **College 10 Pittwater Suns (21 October) v TPHS Opals 39-10 (Win)**

The Suns dominated the game from the start, holding the other team to 0 points in the first half. Great rebounding, passing and offence throughout the game for the Suns. A big congratulations for the girls by getting everyone on the scoreboard.

### **College 10 Pittwater Opals (14 October) vs St Luke's White 10-16 (Loss)**

The Opals returned from their break to the court this week against a strong side in St Luke's White. The game started off neck and neck through the first half with both teams trading baskets however a late push from St Luke's was unable to be matched by the Pittwater girls and unfortunately, they suffered a 10-16 defeat. The girls showed great effort and enthusiasm and left the floor in high spirits.

### **College 10 Pittwater Opals (21 October) v TPHS Suns 10-39 (Loss)**

The Opals took to the court this week against some familiar faces in the TPHS Suns. The Opals were unfortunately overwhelmed in their match up due to both a formidable opponent, as well as having only five players and no substitutions. Nevertheless, despite a 10-39 loss, the girls embodied the Pittwater House spirit and gave their all regardless of the circumstances and once again left with their heads held high.

### **Grammar 11 Pittwater Heat (16 October) v St Luke's Blue 37-27 (Win)**

Great start to the season by the Heat. Normally we get off to a slow start and must play catch up, but the boys were focussed from the start of the game and got out to an early lead. St Luke's made a comeback, but we continued to execute and responded to take back the lead and play some good defence to close the game out.

### **Grammar 11 Pittwater Heat (23 October) v Northern Beaches Breakers 30-47 (Loss)**

Unfortunately, it was a case of not being able to take advantage of the good looks that we created offensively for the Heat this afternoon. We made great decisions and found shooters we just couldn't convert and then down the other end, the Breakers were getting easy lay ups which meant we were playing catch up most of the game.

### **Grammar 11 Pittwater Thunder (23 October) v Goats 21-27 (Loss)**

Coming up against former TPHS students, it was always going to be a tough game. The Thunder competed well and played them tough, just unfortunately we turned the ball over too many times and allowed the opposition to get too many easy transition baskets.

### **College 11 Pittwater Jazz (16 October) v St Luke's White 15-16 (Loss)**

It was a Friday night heartbreaker for the Jazz to start the season! Coming up against our archrivals St Luke's White, the Jazz emphasised the need to lock in on the defensive end in order to get as many stops as we could. Some nice shooting from the short corners from both sides saw the game locked up 10-10 at the break. Both sides lifted their energy to another level after the change, and that meant we struggled to get clean looks on the offensive end, despite some impressive passing and off ball cutting to space. We had a shot on the buzzer to win the game, after coming back from 18-10 down, but it fell short. On to week two, and a chance to get our first win of the year!

**College 11 Pittwater Jazz (23 October) v Bullets 12-19 (Loss)**

The Jazz just couldn't take advantage of the good looks that we created tonight. Defensively to hold a good team like the Bullets was a good effort, we just couldn't keep enough scoreboard pressure up to take the game. The Jazz played hard until the very end and competed though which was great, if we keep doing that and creating good shots, we will win more than we lose.

**College 12 Pittwater Sparks (23 October) v St Luke's White 13-19 (Loss)**

It was the Sparks first game in 5 weeks, and we created lots of good opportunities offensively, unfortunately the girls were a little bit rusty and couldn't convert. Without any substitutions the Sparks ran out of gas in the second half and St Luke's ran away with the game.