



Pittwater House

School Sports – Junior School

BASKETBALL

Year 6 Pittwater Magic (28 October) v The Heartstoppers 8-30 (Loss)

It was one of those games where no matter what kind of shot the Magic took, the ball somehow refused to go in the hoop. I would've liked to have seen a little more intensity from the boys on defence so at least the score margin wasn't so great. Funnily enough, the Magic scored all 8 of their points in the last 4 minutes but it was too late by then as the lead was too far out of reach.

Year 6 Pittwater Magic (4 November) v Newport Jets 2-31 (Loss)

Unfortunately, the Magic ran into a very hot opposition in the Newport Jets tonight. They played very good defence and we just couldn't make the shots that we normally do which meant that Newport were able to get the rebound and get out and get easy scores in transition.

Year 6 Pittwater Bulls (28 October) v St. Luke's Bandits 41-11 (Win)

The intensity and pressure from the TPHS Bulls was too much for St Luke's. The Bulls showed off their talent in moving the ball in transition and the excellent man to man defence. Great job from the Bulls in sharing the ball and getting everyone involved and it showed with the number of points we were able to score.

Year 6 Pittwater Bulls (4 November) v Demons 17-23 (Loss)

After a delayed start, the Bulls took a while to get into the game, whilst the Demons were able to get off to a good start. It was unlike the Bulls to be so far behind and unfortunately just wasn't our night.

School Sports – Senior School

BASKETBALL

Grammar 7 Pittwater Nets (26 October) v OFGS Slammers 25-26 (Loss)

The Nets played a great game against a very good opposition in OFGS. It was back and forth the whole game and came down to the last play where we had a chance to win it at the buzzer. Unfortunately, it didn't go our way but offensively the boys played very well, sharing the ball and getting good shots! We just need to focus on not allowing opposition teams with bigger players to get position inside is the key to try and take away their easy scores.

Grammar 7 Pittwater Nets (2 November) v Saint Seawolves 20-28 (Loss)

The Nets had one of those games where they did all the right things but unfortunately things didn't go their way. The Nets attacked the rim hard, hustled on defence and communicated with each other but sadly no matter what they did, the other team was simply too tall. Being a smaller team certainly has its benefits when it comes to speed, switching defensively and running the break but when the other team has a few giants, that can swing the result in the oppositions favour. Keep your chins up fellas, great game and great battle.

Grammar 7 Pittwater Clippers (26 October) v NBCS 7B4 8-27 (Loss)

The Clippers acquired a new recruit, Jack, to the team this season who fitted in well with the team dynamic. Unfortunately, though, as a collective group, the Clippers were unable to fend off the opposition this game. No rebounding led to the opposition getting 2nd chance points and unforced turnovers and a lack of defensive transition allowed the other team to have uncontested fast break layups. This game was a good learning opportunity for the Clippers to work on what needs to be done in order to elevate their games.

Grammar 7 Pittwater Clippers (2 November) v Bally Purple 22-11 (Win)

The Clippers played this game the way they normally would've last season. It was a nice return to form as the Clippers dominated from the get-go. Great defensive transition efforts from Will and great scoring from everyone allowed the Clippers to control the game to their liking. Well done Clips, hoping to see this level of play going forward.

College 7 Pittwater Mystics (26 October) v Pink Panthers 12-38 (Loss)

The Pink Panthers have been a tough opposition for the whole year and tonight was no exception. Unfortunately, defensively we were just unable to contain them, giving them too many easy looks at the basket and they converted. This combined with us missing some shots we would normally make and turning the ball over a little too much means that we weren't able to reel them in.

College 7 Pittwater Mystics (2 November) v Mercy Opals 44-15 (Win)

This was a big bounce back win for the Mystics this week against Mercy. The girls locked down defensively which meant we could get out and get easier looks in transition before the defence was set. The girls shared the ball well, played confidently the whole game and were able to put up a big score.

College 7 Pittwater Spirit (26 October) v Sharks 24-6 (Win)

The girls played a great game and maintained a good lead throughout the whole game. The Spirit managed to maintain a calm attitude even when the opposing team became increasingly aggressive at times. Every week they are becoming more comfortable as a team and learning the importance of passing and teamwork in a game! Very impressed with their hard work!

College 7 Pittwater Spirit (2 November) v NBCS 7G Forfeit (Win)

Forfeit

Grammar 8 Pittwater Kings (28 October) v NB Allstars 46-20 (Win)

Probably the best game of the season so far for the Kings, we executed our offense the best we have all year and were able to get easy scores. Defensively to hold the NB All Stars to 20 is a great result. Now we just need to make sure that we can translate this against teams that put a little more pressure on us.

Grammar 8 Pittwater Kings (4 November) v Manly Crew 47-31 (Win)

The Kings backed up again this week with another impressive showing against a very good team. Offensively, again we executed extremely well and everyone contributed well. We lost concentration and played the scoreboard a little in the last 5 minutes or so but over all we continue to get better every week which is great.

Grammar 8 Pittwater Knicks (28 October) v Pittwater High 39-19 (Win)

The Knicks started the game off hot. Show casing that they are one of the top teams in their comp. The excellent teamwork is the key to their success and the unselfishness of each player.

Grammar 8 Pittwater Knicks (4 November) v St Luke's Royal 36-5 (Win)

The Knicks secured an excellent win Wednesday afternoon over St Luke's. The Knicks showcased how far they have come as a team, but also how each individual player has improved. Proving there is no chance of being stopped.

College 8 Pittwater Flames (26 October) v OFGS Diamonds 36-6 (Win)

A dominating defensive display from the Flames tonight against OFGS, only allowing 6 points for the whole game! Getting that many stops defensively meant that we were able to play in transition and get scores without their defence being set.

College 8 Pittwater Flames (2 November) v St Luke's Yellow 51-16 (Win)

The Flames were on fire offensively tonight, with everyone getting scores and shooting the ball well. The girls were again very solid defensively, but looked for each other, shared the ball well and found whoever had the easiest shot and we were able to crack 50 points!

College 9 Pittwater Pelicans (4 November) v St Luke's White 31-15 (Win)

The Pelicans extend their winning streak to 3 and continue to impress with their offensive prowess scoring a solid 31 points. The points were scored in a variety of ways, including long shots, 2nd chance points and fast break layups. Some small improvements on defence such as rebounding and rotations would've made this a perfect game but none the less, a very solid effort from the Pelicans.

Grammar 9 Pittwater Pistons (29 October) v Raidercorns 39-58 (Loss)

The Pistons started off very well and were able to hang around on the scoreboard with a talented and deep opposition. Unfortunately, the boys ran out of gas in the second half and the height and size of the opposition took its toll and the Raidercorns ran away with the game. The Pistons continue to fight though, despite being undermanned.

Grammar 9 Pittwater Pistons (5 November) v Bally Boys 33-36 (Loss)

The Pistons got off to a great start, playing very smart defence keeping Bally out of the paint and forcing them into contested jump shots or turnovers. Offensively, we were shooting the ball with confidence and finding the right options off penetration. Unfortunately, some fatigue took over and Bally started to make better decision and we allowed them to get into the paint too easily and a few turnovers from us proved the difference in a very close game.

Grammar 9 Pittwater Celtics (29 October) v Cromer 9 29-22 (Win)

By playing with intensity on both ends of the floor the Celtics ended up holding a sizable lead at half time. Great rebounding and aggressiveness on the offensive end allowed for that lead to continue in the second half. The other team mounted a pretty impressive comeback, but the Celtics weathered the storm, stayed calm and secured the win with Dylan hitting a buzzer beater layup for the cherry on top.

Grammar 9 Pittwater Celtics (5 November) v Mosman Rockets 21-37 (Loss)

The Celtics unfortunately couldn't string together some easy layups to keep the game close. An attention to focusing and finishing layups with and without contact would go a long way in lighting up the scoreboard. Keeping attention to high threat players, funneling them towards our other defenders and getting the ball out of their hands can also alleviate any defensive struggles too. With all that said, the Celtics battled hard and tried so hard which is all I can ask. Way to compete boys.

Grammar 9 Pittwater Hawks (29 October) v Bruhmen 12-54 (Loss)

The Hawks need to work on a few intangibles in order to close the scoring gap. Namely spacing and rebounding. Too many times the Hawks were clumped together which hindered their scoring opportunities and allowed the defence to get easy stops. Being more consistent in securing defensive rebounds and not letting the opposition grab the ball out of our hands will go a long way in reducing second chance points for the other team and at the same time allowing us to push the ball in transition. Thankfully these are easy things to fix so I'll be looking forward to the Hawk's improvement in the coming games.

Grammar 9 Pittwater Hawks (5 November) v St Luke's Navy 16-31 (Loss)

The Hawks took to the court this week facing off against St Luke's looking to secure their first win of the season. Despite a tough 16-31 loss, the boys played with great intensity and enthusiasm and moved the ball well on offense. They continue to show steady improvement as a group and have a bright future.

Grammar 10 Pittwater Hornets (29 October) v Bally Sonics 33-29 (Win)

Bally came out shooting and creating a 7 point lead within the first 10mins of the game showing they meant business. The Hornets answered back with slowing down the pace of the game, letting Bally make errors for the Hornets to take advantage of the open shots.

Grammar 10 Pittwater Hornets (5 November) v Mosman Force 27-30 (Loss)

The Hornets faced off against their rivals Mosman. Hornets knew the game plan, dominating the first half and locking down Mosman's best player. In the 2nd half Mosman started to crawl back into the game but wasn't till the last minute, where Mosman hit tough shots to win.

Grammar 10 Pittwater Rockets (29 October) v St Luke's White 26-20 (Win)

Both TPHS Rockets and St Luke's started the game off trading baskets. Wasn't till the end of the 2nd half where the Rockets took control of the game, creating a lead over St Luke's to secure the win.

Grammar 10 Pittwater Rockets (5 November) v Mosman Raptors 27-33 (Loss)

A very close and physical game tonight for the Rockets against traditional rivals in this division, Mosman. Offensively just a few turnovers in crucial times proved the difference in this game and not being able to get consistent stops defensively meant we were playing catch up toward the end.

College 10 Pittwater Suns (28 October) v St Luke's Blue 39-8 (Win)

The Suns dominated the game for the entire 36 minutes. They got plenty of defensive rebounds and steals and coupled with their unselfish passing, led to wide open shots and layups. Sadly, the dominant victory was soured by a painful ankle injury received by Kasey. Wishing Kasey a speedy recovery!

College 10 Pittwater Suns (4 November) v Mercy Marauders 29-13 (Win)

The Suns got off to a shaky start, not helped by the fact that they only had 4 players to start the game. Going into the second half, the Suns picked it up and played their usual style of play, getting plenty of steals and converting them into easy uncontested fast break layups. Well done girls on achieving 3 wins in a row, let's keep this momentum going.

College 10 Pittwater Opals (4 November) v St Luke's Blue 10-20 (Loss)

The opals took to the court this week undermanned and facing off against a strong St Luke's side. The girls showed great effort and enthusiasm throughout the match facing injuries and playing longer minutes with fewer players but came away with an unfortunate 20-10 loss. The girls demonstrated great energy and teamwork and left the courts with their heads held high.

Grammar 11 Pittwater Heat (30 October) v Mosman Sonics 25-35 (Loss)

We got off to a great start today against Mosman, unfortunately though when they went to a zone we struggled to score and then we let that affect our defence. Mosman played very hard and were able to get easy put back scores and lay ups around the rim.

Grammar 11 Pittwater Heat (6 November) v Saints Magic 42-29 (Loss)

Probably the Heats best game of the competition so far. Everyone came on and played their roles well and contributed. Colm, Oscar and Curtis rebounded well and the guards and wings played great pressure defence without fouling. Offensively we were able to consistently get in the lane and made great decisions to find shooters or score themselves.

Grammar 11 Pittwater Thunder (30 October) v St Paul's Browns 13-47 (Loss)

The Thunder struggled with finishing baskets this game. The offence they showed was actually great, they moved the ball quickly and with purpose, found players cutting to open spots and were strong with protecting the ball. Unfortunately, though all the hard work wasn't able to be converted to an easy bucket. The last 5 minutes of the game was their most impressive where they were finally able to convert said buckets but it was too late by then as the lead was out of reach. With a focus on being consistent with finishing and rebounding, the Thunder can become an incredibly solid team.

Grammar 11 Pittwater Thunder (6 November) v Bally Blue 17-44 (Loss)

The Thunder got off to a brilliant start, scoring a quick 4 points right off the bat. Unfortunately, once the score margin increased, the Thunder lost their intensity and focus. Playing with 100% intensity regardless of the score is a skill the Thunder need to improve on. Their Thunder need to be confident and take their shots with confidence and capitalise on their opportunities.

College 11 Pittwater Jazz (30 October) v TPHS Sparks 21-9 (Win)

The Jazz effectively played a perfect game on all fronts. Stifling defence that resulted in steals, great intensity on the offensive and defensive glass, unselfish passing and consistent scoring allowed the Jazz to dominate the game from the get-go. Well done girls on a fantastic win!

College 11 Pittwater Jazz (6 November) v Manly Otters 6-17 (Loss)

The Jazz were taking their normal good shots that they had last week, unfortunately they just couldn't convert them like they had been able to the week before. The Manly Otters scored a couple of times toward the end of the game to extend the lead but it was really a one possession game the entire game, in part due to the girls solid defence whilst they weren't able to make shots.

College 12 Pittwater Sparks (30 October) v TPHS Jazz 9-21 (Loss)

The girls started off well tonight, but in the battle of TPHS teams the Jazz were able to get out and run to get some easy scores in transition. Unfortunately, every basket the Sparks scored was hard work and we just ran out of gas in the end.

College 12 Pittwater Sparks (6 November) v Bullets 23-22 (Win)

What a game for the Sparks! It came down to after the buzzer with the Bullets having Free Throws for the win and luckily for us our girls were able to hold on to a one point win. We were much improved offensively today, moving the ball and finding easier shots. Great job girls!

CRICKET

Mosman Shield Cricket Match

We played Mosman Prep in our annual Cricket Shield match on Remembrance Day at their Terrey Hills sporting fields. Our Junior Schools 1st X1 won the toss and elected to bowl first. Mosman Prep batted impressively and after the first ten overs were 0 for 86 runs when their opening batsmen both retired. It was at this time the momentum of the game changed when Kaya came on to bowl her tricky leg spin. Kaya clean bowled Mosman's number 4 batsman with the final ball of her first over and our team suddenly started making inroads into the strong Mosman line up.

Arlo our top mystery spinner removed the number 3 bat thanks to a well taken catch by Toby at mid-wicket to really slow down their scoring rate and shift the positive energy back to our team. Kaya once again put her mark on the match when she took a great catch at short mid-wicket off the bowling of Lukas who is one of the Year 5 members of our team. Mosman had gone from 0 wickets for 86 to 4 for 127 in the space of the next five overs. Kaya then had another wicket when Blake held on to a tough catch in the outfield at square leg. Mosman were losing wickets in quick succession and our team was bowling and fielding at a very high standard.

Arabella then ran out the number 6 batsman with a great flat return to find him short of his crease before Kaya took her third wicket when Arlo took the best catch of the match at deep midwicket a shot that was hit solidly and was travelling very close to the ground. We finished off their innings with Arabella taking a wicket thanks to another Kaya catch and Hugo and Arlo getting the last two wickets to fall. They had scored 169 runs off their 25 overs.

I was very proud of the way our team had performed in the field against the quality opposition. It was then our turn to bat, and we were in immediate trouble when we lost our first wicket with only 1 run on the board in the first over. All of our bats had trouble scoring against their high standard attack apart from Lukas who opened our batting and scored 10 runs and Matthew 8 and Arabella 8 retired. The one exception

was our Captain Arlo who went in at first drop and anchored our innings to retire when he had reached a polished 40 runs. Arlo came back later in our innings facing a hat-trick ball which he dispatched for 6 to go on to score over half of our runs to be 64 not out at the end of our overs.

We scored 92 runs to go down in the match that was a display of some exciting young talented cricketers from both teams in this annual Shield match. I would like to thank and congratulate all the members of our 1st X1 for their dedication to training and their effort on the day. Our Player of the Match was Arlo.

SOFTBALL

AICES Open Girls Softball Trials

Congratulations to both Andie in Year 7 and Shontelle in Year 9 for being selected to represent AICES at the CIS Open Softball Championships early next year.

WATERPOLO

AICES U16 Water Polo Trials

On Thursday, the 29th of October, we sent a group of our best U16 Water Polo players to Homebush to attend the AICES Trials, that are a pathway for the CIS selection trials that will be held in early 2021. Congratulations to all that attended on the day and well done to Laila and Ruby who were selected from the girls triallists and Conner who was selected from the boys trials.