



Sport Activities

Australian Surf Championships

Congratulations to Tyson G12 who was very proud to qualify at State to represent **TEAM NSW** at National level, just last week at the **Australian Surf Championships** run by **Surfing Australia**, in the Open Men's Logger (Longboard). A fun fact, the CEO of Surfing Australia is an ex-TPHS alum, Christopher Mater.

Tyson has managed to compete at this level whilst studying and completing his HSC trials and it was fortunate that his exam schedule (along with careful time management of his studies) has allowed him to attend this prestigious event at Port Macquarie, with a Quarter Final finish, thus one of the top 16 men's longboarders in Australia. A sport he has enjoyed and competed in for many years and enjoyed pursuing in the TPHS surf program the past 6 years. Well done, Tyson.

Dance

NSW Dance Battles

Congratulations to **Lexi C9**, **Hannah C11** and **Lexi C7** who competed in the NSW Dance Battles at Homebush on the weekend. The girls were outstanding placing 1st in Open Elite Lyrical, 3rd in Open Elite Pom and 3rd in Open Elite Jazz. They also received the 3rd highest scores of the competition in both Lyrical and Pom and were awarded Dance Royalty. Awesome effort girls!

Touch Football

NSW CIS Touch Football Teams

Congratulations to **Talea C9** and **Taiaroa G8** for both being selected into the CIS U15 Touch Football Teams and competed with their teams at the NSW All Schools U15 Touch Football Championships.

NSW Touch Footballs Schools Championships

Congratulations to our **Year 7/8 Boys team** who came runners up in the Schools Touch Championships. They punched well above their weight and went undefeated through the pool stages. After a convincing semi-final win, they put in an incredible effort in the grand final but unfortunately only just went down. For this they received a runners-up plaque and have qualified for the State Champs later in the year.

NSW All Schools State Finals

In Term 2, eleven of Year 7 and 8 students came runners up in the NSW All Schools Sydney Metro Carnival. This exciting result meant that the team progressed to the NSW All Schools State Finals held on Tuesday the 2nd of August in Gosford. This competition provided another exciting opportunity for the group, in which they got to play against some of the best touch players in the state (many of whom are NRL contracted).

After a tough introduction to the elevated standard of competition in our first game, the boys bounced back admirably. What was most impressive to see was the positive attitude and camaraderie amongst the team even through this adversity. In our remaining three games, the team played the best they had out of both tournaments, and most importantly did so with a smile on their face. A narrow loss in the second paved the way for dominating win in our third game in which everything went right for the boys and really showed the strength of our team. Unfortunately, a draw in our final game meant we didn't progress to the semis.

Although we didn't place as high this tournament, I am so proud of the maturity and success of the team. Year 8 boys became leaders for our Year 7s and our Year 7s got to fully contribute to the excellence of Pittwater House. I hope that the boys continue to enjoy Touch in their coming years at the School.

Softball

CIS Softball Trials

Huge congratulations to both **Sonia J6** and **Marley J6** for being selected in the U12 CIS Softball Team today. Well done girls.

Sport Results – Junior School

PISA

Junior Girls Soccer v John Collet (12 August)

Last Friday the sun wasn't shining, the rain was drizzling, but the Junior Girls Soccer displayed much courage. They played against John Colet for their first match of the season. The score was 5-1 and player of the match was Violet for her powerful kicks and attacking skills. Congratulations to everyone in the team for working so hard to achieve this win.

Junior Boys Rugby League Team v Covenant Christian & Oxford Falls (5 August)

There was so much energy and excitement for the first round of Term 3 PISA with some of the boys getting to school super early in anticipation of the first training session of the year. Everyone in the team encouraged each other and tried their best not at training and during the two mini games that were played against Covenant Christian and Oxford Falls.

There were some great hit ups from all the boys and the tackling in defence was amazing throughout both games. Whilst there is always something to improve on, the boys could not have started the season any better. Their positivity, teamwork and effort lead to two wins from two games in Round 1.

The whole team played amazingly well making it very hard to pick a player of the match. So, we had to pick two Nick for his big runs through the middle and a couple of tries and Max for his huge tackles in defence and chasing any attackers down whenever they broke through our line.

Junior Boys Rugby League Team v Northern Beaches Christian School (12 August)

It was a tough game against a very solid opposition and although the game got away from us in the first half, we were able to regroup and focus on improving on the little things in the second half.

The boys focused on running straight and we're able to gain extra metres each tackle. There were some good line breaks and our tackling definitely improved as the game went on. There can only be one winner when the whistle blows and unfortunately it wasn't us on this occasion, but we will take a few things from this game and work on it at training next week. Man of the match was Harry for his huge runs up the middle and he never gave up regardless of the score.

Senior Boys Rugby League Team v Covenant Christian and Oxford Falls (5 August)

Congratulations to our PISA Senior Boys Rugby League team. We were dominant in both our games today against Covenant Christian School 42-6 and Oxford Falls Grammar 30-6. The boys completed an excellent training session on the school oval prior to lessons and then turned up to the game literally buzzing with energy. As a coach I was impressed with the boy's sportsmanship, camaraderie, and love of sport. We look forward to improving our work out of dummy half and first receiver, as well as developing consistency with defence.

Senior Boys Rugby League Team v Northern Beaches Christian School (12 August)

Our PISA senior boy's rugby league teamed played a very physical and competitive game against Northern Beaches Christian School at Nolan's reserve on Friday. The boys came out focused and ready to play with only 12 players (no reserves) against a full team with 13 players and 2 reserves. Pittwater House led into half time 3-2 and were defensively proving they could match a slightly larger pack.

With the score locked up at 4-4, NBCS broke our line with a thunderous run to score and lead into the final minute 4-5. Our courageous boys jogged back to halfway, kicked off and worked their way to the try line. Having the ball stripped over the try line in the last 30 seconds was disappointing yet the ref was singing the praise of our team saying it was one of the best games he has seen in this age group.

Man of the match this week was Harvey for his steely defence with a close second being Billy. Last week's man of the match was Roscoe for his all-round performance and strong carry with the ball.

Sport Results – Senior School

Football

U14 Grammar Team Division 1 – Season Summary

The U14 division 1 Grammar Football team had a limited season thanks to La Niña, however made the most of their opportunities by bringing home the gold in the end of season gala-day. Only one game was played in the normal season, to which the boys did not waste time by piling on 11 goals against Oxford Falls. Sam and Gabriel's composure in the midfield contributed to the surplus of goals, and Miles' change from goalkeeper to striker in the second half sealed the coffin thanks to his double hattrick.

The remainder of the games were made up with a gala day at the end of the season which allowed the team to demonstrate their skill and chemistry. Goals from Miles, Luca and Max's strike of the day secured a spot in the grand-final. The boys only conceded one goal throughout the whole day thanks to excellent defending by Thomas, Ethan, Nehan, and dangerous counter attacks from Huxley. A nail-biting grand final came to a close thanks to Levi hitting the post from outside the box, only to be followed in by goal hungry Luca in extra time. Player of the day goes to Lukas for playing all 11 games across the two teams and saving a penalty. An outstanding performance from the whole team that has established winning intentions for the seasons to come.

U14 Grammar Team Division 2 – Season Summary

With such a wet winter, the U14 Div. 2 Boys football team were frustrated with having all the normal term games being washed out so the boys were looking forward to the end of term Gala Day which replaced the cancelled games.

The boys started well and drew against an always strong Oxford Falls team in the opening game. All the following games were tight and competitive with Pittwater House winning some and drawing others. The final round robin game was nail biting as a win would mean going into the Grand Final. In another very close game, House played well but were unable to find a winner, so the game ended in another draw. Despite not having lost a game, the boys had to settle for a 3rd/4th playoff game.

The final game was yet another very tight game against very evenly matched teams. Yet again it ended in a draw so the game went into 'golden goal' extra time, whoever scored first would win the game! Pittwater House pressed for the goal but a fast break from Mater saw a good cross into the House penalty area. The House defence challenged strongly to clear the ball but an equally determined Mater attack managed to squeeze the ball into the net for them to win the game.

Pittwater House finished a very creditable 4th place the fact they were so close to being in the Grand Final showed the strength of all the teams in the top four. All the boys played with great spirit and determination and can be justifiably proud of how they played and in upholding the spirit of Pittwater House!

U16 Grammar Team Division 1 – Season Summary

In the last week of Term 2, the U16 boys football team participated in the Peninsula Cup gala day at Lionel Watts Oval. The season had been badly affected by the wet weather and as a result the team, led by Mr Pleunik, had only played 2 matches. The team had already played against Oxford Falls winning 4-1 and beating St Leo's 3-2, before the regular season competition was cancelled.

A gala day was organised so that all the teams involved in the U16 Peninsula Cup competition could play each other with the winning team being crowned champions of the 2022 season. Our day began with a hard and physical match against Oxford Falls. Late in the first half our striker, Dom, scored a beautiful goal with a clinical finish past the Oxford goalkeeper. Pittwater House played well in the 2nd half, dominating most of the play to hold on to a 1-0 win.

The second game of the day was against Mater Maria. A skilful display of one-touch passing allowed the boys to maintain possession, attacking the opposition goal for majority of the game. In the end we were too classy for the Mater Maria defence, winning the game convincingly 4-0.

The final game in our competition pool was against Northers Beaches Christian School. Several goal scoring opportunities were missed with the first half finishing 0-0. However, after a motivating half time speech from Coach Pleunik and Mr Browning, the boys immediately went on the attack and were 1-0 up early in the second half. We continued to dominate that game with another great display of short passing as the team's confidence and belief continued to improve. We defeated Northern Beaches Christian School 2-0 and we were then through to the semi-finals.

We met Covenant Christian school in the semi-finals. After many unsuccessfully attempts on goal during the game, a charging solo-run up the field from Ethan that beat 4 defenders before he hit a curling, dipping ball from the edge of the box past a desperate goalkeeper. It was memorable 1-0 win over Covenant.

The last game of the day, the grand final. A tense, emotion charged and physical rematch against Oxford Falls was scoreless at full time. Another 8 minutes extra time plus golden goal and there was still no score. The game then went to a penalty shootout. Pittwater House performed well under the pressure scoring 4 out of our 5 penalty shots. Oxford Falls had scored 3 from 4, needing a goal on the final kick of the day. With an outstanding full length, low diving, two handed effort from our goalkeeper, Jett, denied Oxford Falls their equaliser.

The Pittwater House U16 football team are 2022 U16 Peninsula Cup Champions and Coach Pleunik had coached yet another undefeated, championship team.

Tennis

Junior Tennis Team Grade 1 – Northern Beaches Saturday Junior Competition

Congratulations to Hal and Jake G7, Harley G9 and Lewis G7 who competed in the Northern Beaches Saturday Tennis Competition. The boys played in the Grade 1 Junior Division taking out the championships after being unbeaten. Well done boys.

Rugby

Grammar U14 v St Augustine's Round 1

Our U14 Rugby team had its first game last week against a tough St Augustine's team. Despite going down to an experienced St Augustine's team, the side played with a huge amount of spirit and kept St Augustine's scoreless for the last 15 minutes of the match. Despite having several boys off sick for the game, the boys toughed it out, the couple of new boys played really well, and we are looking forward to seeing these boys grow throughout the term in their future matches.

Thanks to our Head Prefect, Jarred (a Rugby tragic) for coming down and supporting, as well as our coaching and management team for getting the boys so well prepared.

Snowsports

2022 Snowsports Championships

Every Winter Recess, while some of us escape to warmer climes, there are always the die-hard snow sport enthusiasts who head south to compete at the Sydney Interschools Snowsports Championships. This year the event was held in Perisher with 35 teams and 71 race entries, made up of both Senior and Junior School students, representing Pittwater House. Thirty students were chaperoned by 6 of our wonderful staff members with the remaining 10 student competitors staying with family. Around half of our students placed in the top 20 in one or more of their events with Elise (J6) bringing home 2 bronze medals, placing 3rd overall for both the Div. 4 Snowboard GS and Snowboard Cross events. Well done everyone!