

SPC Sport Report – Term 3, Week 4

Term 3 sport was short lived, but it was great to see the smiling faces of students back out on the field or on the court for the weeks that we were able to participate.

TERM 3 SPORT

With the cancellation of the BAS competition this term we had to adapt our afterschool sport program to instead offer intra school sport.

Sport was planned for Weeks 3-6 but unfortunately, we were only able to get in one week.

However, students thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to participate. We had round 1 of the senior house football (with over 100 students participating), 3 v 3 basketball with a DJ playing music for atmosphere, junior & senior soccer, table tennis with over 40 students participating and the boatshed back open to start training and trials. We have our fingers crossed that rowing and other sport can resume in Term 4 however it is all an unknown at this stage.

Thank you to all the staff that assisted with afterschool sport over the last few weeks. The boys were very appreciative to get the opportunity to participate.

ACTIVITY AFTERNOONS

Sadly, we were only able to run one week of our planned activity afternoons for Years 7-9 last week. But what a wonderful three afternoons it was. The sun was shining, and the students absolutely loved getting the opportunity to pick an activity and have some fun with their mates.

Each afternoon we had over 200 students participating in basketball, football, soccer, table tennis, esports, playing boardgames or watching a movie.

Thank you to all the staff that assisted with the afternoon activities. We are thankful to have been able to get in one week before going back to remote learning.

Football

There was much anticipation and excitement for the senior house football competition in Term 3 with over 100 students signing up to participate. We were hoping to run 4 weeks of house football matches and select a best team of 2020 but unfortunately it was not meant to be. We were happy to get in one week of matches and it was great to see the team spirit shown by all and the enjoyment that it gave.

Keniry took on Nunan for the first round of the house football competition and early it looked like Nunan were going to run away with it. Holding a comfortable lead for most the game off the back of some great defensive run from Cooper James the Nunan forward line was too strong with Regan King and Kai Lohmann causing defenders a lot of trouble. Nunan were dominate through the ruck with Nick Cushing providing them first use. For Keniry Charlie Molan and Cooper Bath battled on strongly all game and midway through the last quarter were able to cut the lead to 2 goals. Keniry were unable to continue a strong run in the last and went down by a few goals. The game was played in good spirits and boys loved being back out on Main Oval.

Galvin took on Ryan on the Hill Oval in the first round of the Senior House Football Competition. In perfect conditions players from both sides were throwing themselves at the contest, the smaller Hill Oval did make the play very congested and scrappy at times. Ryan shot out to an early lead and with solid contributions by onballers Sam Butler, Will Liston and ruckman Josh Gibcus. As the game went on the play did open up a bit and Galvin fought back, with Liam Canny, Declan Phillips, Toby Jennings and Fletcher McCarty leading the way. Both sides had big numbers on the bench and everyone accepted the need to have

their turn on the bench and rotate through different positions. Ryan did extend their lead in the last quarter, with Jye Lockett, Isaac Carey and Josh Carlyle-Marks all being influential. It was great to see some Senior Football being played in beautiful sunshine. All the boys thoroughly enjoyed it, as did the staff. We now look forward to further opportunities later in the year.

We do not know what the rest of the year holds and what impacts COVID-19 will have on school, sport, and normal everyday life. However, we will endeavour to offer sport opportunities whenever it is safe to do so. Until then I hope everyone can find a way to stay active at home. Try and stay connected to family and friends and help each other stay motivated during these challenging times.

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