



Pittwater House

## School Sports – Junior School

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### **Year 3 Pittwater Nuggets v X Factor (11 May 2021) Lost 6-12**

The Nuggets came up against a very tough and good shooting opposition this afternoon. The boys did not get back in defensive transition enough and allowed X Factor to get some break away lay ups which proved the difference in the game.

### **Year 3 Pittwater Nuggets v Wizards (18 May 2021) Won 14-8**

The Nuggets played a great brand of Basketball this afternoon to get a good win. The boys constantly looked ahead to find their teammates in a better position up the floor and this led to some easy scores. The Nuggets willingness to pass to their teammates in a better position was awesome to see!

### **Year 5 Pittwater Warriors v St. Luke's Thunder (11 May 2021) Draw 8-8**

The Warriors were in for an intense battle today and the game was nothing short of that. Both teams gave it everything they had, it seemed as though neither team could be separated, with each team trading baskets constantly. A great game by both teams!

### **Year 5 Pittwater Warriors v St. Luke's Tigers (18 May 2021) Lost 1-40**

Having only 4 players meant that the Warriors were once again going to be in for a tough game. No matter the odds they played as hard as they could which I was very proud of, they gave tremendous effort the entire game. Awesome job Warriors!

### **Year 6 Pittwater Pacers v St. Luke's Bandits (12 May 2021) Lost 10-14**

A very close game from start to finish, the Pacers played some excellent team basketball which fuelled the majority of their buckets. However, it seemed as though late in the game our shots just weren't meant to go in. Great game Pacers.

### **Year 6 Pittwater Pacers v Nothing But Net (19 May 2021) Lost 13-28**

Coming up against the 1st place team, this was a big game for the Pacers. The first half was neck and neck with both teams playing extremely well. In the second half it seemed as though the other team kicked into another gear, while our shots just would not go in, regardless of this the Pacers did a great job and showed great effort. Well done, Pacers!

## **PISA SPORT**

### **Senior Boys A Soccer Team v Northern Beaches Christian School (14 May) Won 2-1**

Well, it was certainly as the cliché goes - a game of two halves. The wind played a major part in the game with us having to batten down the hatches in the first half taking an onslaught from Northern Beaches Christian School. They must have had 20 chances, but we held strong and were probably lucky to come away from the first half with a clean sheet.

The second half was a different affair with some better passing and again the wind allowed us to move forward and peg them back in their own 18-yard box. A superb corner from Lukas Arduš was taken by the wind and found its way through the keepers' hands and in the back of the net. Minutes later Lukas turned at the top of the box and let one rip right past the keeper.

Northern beaches played strong and got one back, but time was on our side and the full-time whistle set the score at 2-1 our way. Well done to all the boys playing with no reserves. Man of the match was Lukas Arduš for his brace.

### **Junior Boys A Soccer Team v Northern Beaches Christian School (14 May) won 3-0**

Today we played 2 friendly matches against Northern Beaches and Oxford Falls. We won the first match 3 nil thanks to Oscars right foot who scored all 3 goals. We played well as a team and kept the pressure on them all game.

### **Junior Boys A Soccer Team v Oxford Falls Grammar School (14 May) Drew 1-1**

The second was much tighter, OFG were a good team, and we were busy in both attack and defense. The score ended up 1 all with Oscar again scoring the goal. Player of the matches was Oscar for his outstanding attack. Thanks for coaching Mr Behan.

### **Mixed Year 5/6 Hockey Team v Oxford Falls Grammar School (21 May) Won 3-1**

The mixed Years 5 and 6 Hockey team played St Luke's A Team and won 3-1. Another magnificent win for Pittwater House because of excellent listening skills, teamwork, and communication. Players of the match were Liam Gaison, Morgan Tierney, and Ethan Allesh for the outstanding efforts throughout the game.

### **Junior Boys B Team v Northern Beaches Christian School (21 May) Won 2-1**

Last week the Junior soccer B played NBCS in a thrilling match. We executed the skills we have been practising at training and really spread the ball wide. Our passes connected and we were relentless in defence. Max D did some great headers, John R connected some precision passes, Eddie P was strong in defence and Connor S covered the goal beautifully. It was Andy M who scored our 2 goals and we won 2-1. Well done team.

### **Junior Boys A Soccer Team v St Luke's (28 May) Drew 1-1**

Today we played two friendlies against St Luke's and John Collet. It was a beautiful day to be outside playing soccer.

We had a 1 all draw in the first match thanks to a great strike from Hugo. Xander was amazing in goals.

### **Junior Boys A Soccer Team v John Collet (28 May) Drew 0-0**

In the 2nd game we played a nil all draw against John Collet. Again, Xander produced some brilliant saves. Player of the matches was Xander for his amazing keeping. Thanks for coaching Mr Behan.

## School Sports – Senior School

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### **BASKETBALL**

#### **Grammar 7 Pittwater Magic v Blobfish (10 May 2021) Lost 14-48**

The Magics started strong scoring 8 points in the first 6 minutes and keeping up with Blobfish for a good part of the first half. Ultimately the boys were unable to keep it up for the whole game as he Blobfish started to control the boards with their big guys in the paint.

#### **Grammar 7 Pittwater Magic v Newport Jets (17 May 2021) Lost 3-38**

The magic was up against it from the outset in the game, as the shots just were not falling. Couple with a short bench, meaning the boys started to tire as the game went into the 2nd half. However, the boys kept trying to the final horn and can be proud of the effort they put in.

#### **Grammar 7 Pittwater Bulls v Saints Giants (10 May 2021) Win 25-20**

The Bulls started strong in the first half making open shots and locking down the defensive end. The Bulls maintained the lead they had created throughout the 2<sup>nd</sup> half but St Augustine's weren't going to give up easy.

#### **College 7 Pittwater Lynx v Mosman Sharks (10 May 2021) Won 31-9**

The Lynx continue their win streak by playing their top-notch brand of basketball. The usual elite defence and fast break layups were present this game, but their passing was exceptional as well. Their vision and accuracy were solid and allowed wide open shot opportunities, most of which were converted. Hoping to have the few girls out with injuries back soon to join in on the fun.

#### **College 7 Pittwater Lynx v Besties United (17 May 2021) Lost 25-38**

Just like the TPHS Spirit the game before, the Lynx also had 4 players for the entire game. Sadly, the Lynx have been riddled with injuries and were unable to play their usual brand of basketball this game. However, Charlotte certainly won man of the match honours, dropping 21 points and 10 steals. Unfortunately, Charlotte herself rolled her ankle in the last minute of the game which means the Lynx have added another player to their injury roster. Keep your heads-up girls.

#### **Grammar 8 Pittwater Nets v Bally Green (12 May 2021) Won 29-26**

The Nets and Bally competed the entire game, constantly switching leads. Right at the end of the game, the Nets had a one-point lead. Learning from their mistake a couple weeks ago in which they rushed in a high-pressure situation during the last minute and turned the ball over, the boys stayed nice and composed this time. They held the ball until about 10 seconds left, got off a solid shot, rebounded the miss and then converted the put back to put the game out of reach. Way to improve fellas.

#### **Grammar 8 Pittwater Nets v Saints Seawolves (19 May 2021) Won 41-18**

For once this week, TPHS was not the team with only 4 players. The Nets had a one player advantage and went full steam ahead. The boys got anything they wanted on the offensive end and had the luxury of double-teaming Bally's best player. While it was a fun blowout win for the boys, they kept their composure and did not showboat. Well done fellas.

#### **Grammar 8 Pittwater Clippers v Cromer (12 May 2021) Won 27-16**

Clippers got off to a slow first half, missing easy shots and allowing offensive boards. However, once the second half began, they were like a whole new team. The boys kicked it into top gear and killed it from then on. A shout out to Iggy who had quite the impressive long distance shooting display throughout the game.

### **Grammar 8 Pittwater Clippers v Mosman Thunder (19 May 2021) Won 22-21**

The Clippers trailed the whole game, mainly due to their inability to finish off easy baskets. The boys were trailing by 5 with 2 minutes to go left in the match. After some clutch rebounds and baskets, the Clippers managed to bring the score to within 1 point with about 40 seconds to go. Will had an incredible steal at half court and finished it off with a layup to put Pittwater up by 1. After a good possession on defence the boys emerged victorious. Today's game also marked Rowan's debut who was a welcome addition to the team.

### **College 8 Pittwater Mystics v St. Luke's Yellow (10 May 2021) Won 18-16**

In a super close game, the Mystics were able to get a bucket at the buzzer to snatch the win away from St Luke's. Some great team play got the girls great shots throughout the game only for the ball to be refused to roll in again and again. However, the girls were able to force plenty of turnovers and grab the tight win.

### **College 8 Pittwater Mystics v Stella Marist (17 May 2021) Won 48-6**

The Mystics played against Stella Monday afternoon. It was a great performance from the mystics, making it defensively tough for Stella to rebound and score. The mystics teamwork was another key factor leading to the win.

### **College 8 Pittwater Spirit v Hoop stars (10 May 2021) Won 46-28**

This was the Spirit's best game of their careers. Not only were they elite on the offensive end, but they also put in a lot of hard effort on the defensive end. Philly went on a scoring rampage, Phoebe hit 4 shots in a row and Olivia converted a buzzer beating 3 pointer from just over half court to name a few individual highlights. That being said, it was a solid team effort from all the girls. Congratulations on your first Division 1-win girls.

### **College 8 Pittwater Spirit v Reptiles (17 May 2021) Won 36-16**

The Spirit had to play with 4 players the entirety of the game but through their excellent passing and scoring, they managed to easily dominate the game. Naturally being a player short meant the Spirit had to work twice as hard on defence to get stops and rebounds but credit to the girls, they managed to do just that. Nicely done girls.

### **Grammar 9 Pittwater Kings v St. Augustine's (20 May 2021) Lost 24-67**

Unfortunately, the Kings were down a few sick & injured players today and came up against the best team in the competition in St. Augustine's. Despite being undermanned and up against it, the boys battled all game and did not give in. Great job competing no matter the score Kings!

### **Grammar 9 Pittwater Knicks v Mater Maria (13 May 2021) Won 60-13**

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### **Grammar 9 Pittwater Knicks v 23 Jumpstreet (20 May 2021) Won 29-10**

The TPHS Knicks showed what they are capable of succeeding when they play hard and as a team. Every player on the Knicks showed unselfishness with the basketball to get the win over 23 jump street.

### **College 9 Pittwater Flames v Mosman Stingrays (12 May 2021) Won 39-17**

Plenty of scoring in this one, as time and time again the Flames were able to force the stingrays into turning the ball over which let the girls get out on the break for some easy layups.

### **College 10 Pittwater Pelicans v St Luke's White (19 May 2021) Lost 18-22**

A tough loss for the Pelicans. A see sawing game where the lead changed between the teams several times, with neither team able to gain enough momentum to put the game away. Ultimately several missed layups are what cost us the game.

### **Grammar 10 Pittwater Pistons v St. Luke's Gold (13 May 2021) Lost 47-62**

The Pistons were down on numbers tonight and came up against a firing St. Luke's team who were hitting jump shots right from the start of the game. The Pistons did a great job of rallying to get back in the game and played some better defence in the second half. Unfortunately, it was not quite enough to catch St Luke's.

### **Grammar 10 Pittwater Pistons v Bally Bulls (20 May 2021) Lost 42-43**

The boys played about 35 great minutes of Basketball and controlled the game until the last minute when Bally cranked up the pressure and unfortunately, we turned the ball over a little too much at the end of the game and Bally hit a 3 to win the game with 5 seconds to go. Heart breaking loss by the Pistons, we just must stay composed down the stretch of the games.

### **Grammar 10 Pittwater Celtics v St. Luke's Blue (13 May 2021) Lost 13-32**

Rebounding struggles were what kept the Celtics out of the game during this matchup. The boys allowed St Luke's way too many rebounds which led to a multitude of second chance points. While the Celtics were indeed quite aggressive driving to the hoop, they could not finish their layups which furthered the scoring difference. I have got faith that if the Celtics focus up during the next matchup, they'll be competing for the win easily.

**Grammar 10 Pittwater Celtics v OFGS (20 May 2021) Won 32-31**

The Celtics had an incredible first half despite only having 5 players. The boys were scoring at will only missing a handful of shots. With a commanding lead going into the second half, the boys were projected to win convincingly. Unfortunately, the boys went away from what was working for them. They gave up easy rebounds and were settling for tough shots without moving the ball first. This allowed OFG to slowly creep back in on the scoring margin. Thankfully, the boys were able to hold onto their lead and squeezed out a win.

**Grammar 10 Pittwater Hawks v St. Luke's White (13 May 2021) Lost 20-29**

The Hawks came up against an extremely formidable opposition in St. Luke's today. The boys got off to a slow start and were down at half time. The Hawks managed to compose themselves and came roaring back in the second half to make a good game of it.

**Grammar 10 Pittwater Hawks v Mosman (20 May 2021) Lost 15-32**

The Hawks had an excellent game against Mosman. The hawks played hard, and each individual player put 100% of their effort into the game, which was highlighted in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. Hawks managed to keep the game close, but Mosman slipped away near the end.

**Grammar Open's Pittwater Hornets v OFGS (14 May 2021) Won 21-12**

Hornets dominated the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> half of the game playing excellent defence and moving the ball to find the open shot. Hornets proved to be strong on the offensive rebounds for OFGS, with any shot missing the hornets' players being right there to put it back in.

**Grammar Open's Pittwater Hornets v St. Augustine's (21 May 2021) Won 27-12**

The Hornets played an excellent game against St Augustine's. Hornets came out with intensity and effort that St Augustine's could not match. Every player of the hornets contributed to win over St Augustine's.

**Grammar Open's Pittwater Rockets v OFGS (21 May 2021) Won 42-25**

The Rocket players put 100% of their effort and played as hard as they possibly could to secure the first win. The Rockets have been improving each game and the results are starting to show it.

**College Open's Pittwater Suns v St. Luke's Blue (21 May 2021) Lost 23-25**

The Suns raced out to an early lead and never looked back, leading for the entire game. Some great team play and passing lead to all of our baskets. Some stellar defence towards the end of the game secured the win for the Suns! Well done girls!

**College Open's Pittwater Opals v TPHS Jazz (14 May 2021) Lost 18-34**

The Opals squared off against the Jazz today, but it was the Jazz who would walk away victorious. The Opals only had 4 players going into the game but were assisted by Maddie in year 8 who played in the year 11/12 competition, making it 5 players. The Opals fought admirably but were unable to convert their shots. Coupled with some silly turnovers did not help their case as the scoring gap widened. Hopefully once some of the injured girls in the team return, the Pittwater House grudge match can get back to its competitive nature.

**Grammar Open's Pittwater Heat v St. Luke's Gold (14 May 2021) Won 58-44**

Back-to-back great wins after tonight for the Heat. St Luke's are a very good opposition and after a shaky start from our boys, we rallied to take control for the rest of the game and come away with a good win. When we are switched on and play with composure, we can beat anyone in the competition.

**Grammar Open's Pittwater Heat v Bally White (21 May 2021) Lost 31-37**

Unfortunately, the boys started off slow this afternoon and found it difficult to claw back that margin in a game where the clock does not stop. We were not able to make a shot in the second half whilst we were trying to make a comeback and we ran out of time. We need to be switched on from the start of games so we're not playing catch up.

**College Open's Pittwater Jazz v TPHS Opals (14 May 2021) Won 34-18**

The Jazz had control of the game from the get-go. They forced the Opals into making turnovers and as a result, capitalised on said mistakes with wide-open fast breaks. Their full court passes also allowed them some easy open shots as well. Well done on a solid all-around game girls.

**College Open's Pittwater Jazz v St. Luke's Navy (21 May 2021) Won 24-15**

The Jazz got off to a slow start this game. Their passing was a bit sloppy to begin with and their talk on the defensive end was not up to par. However, the girls turned on the jets in the second half and managed to keep the game out of reach for St Luke's. Their passing improved immensely, and they stayed composed under pressure. Nicely done girls.

## **SOCCER**

### **Peninsula Cup Soccer Competition**

#### **Pittwater House Grammar U14 v Oxford Falls Grammar School C (13 May) Won 11-0**

OFG were unfortunate to come up against an extremely strong PWHS team this week. Play was almost exclusively in the OFG third, and the goals soon came thick and fast. Despite House dominance the back four still had to be alert to not only blunt the OFG attacks but to then quickly turn these around to feed the House midfield and forwards. Many notable performances throughout and particularly those forwards who for the sake of the team had a stint in the back four. Luke and Toby were as ever solid at centre backs and great debut from Levi at right back playing up a few years. Hux with his powerful left foot unselfishly set up a few goals from the left flank as well as bagging one himself along with Jesse 5, James a hat trick on his return and one a piece for Nehaan and Roy.

#### **Pittwater House Grammar U14 v Oxford Falls Grammar School B (20 May) Lost 2-3**

With a small squad of just the bare 11 this was always going to be much harder than the last game. Despite that the boys started brightly and deservedly took the lead midway through the first half. Although OFG had their chances it was against the run of play that they equalised then in the second half they took the lead. Order was restored when House then equalised and started looking for the winner only for OFG to take the lead yet again in a break away. Despite House having some great opportunities OFG managed to defend stoutly, even clearing off the line in the dying minutes to deny House the draw which they had at the very least deserved. A great effort by all.

#### **Pittwater House Grammar U14 v Mater Maria (27 May) Won 6-0**

The return of players missing last week boosted this week's squad. Jesse was soon on the score sheet as House were almost constantly in the attacking third. Denam in goal was rarely needed but still had to be alert to occasional long balls over the House defence. The second half continued much the same and House ran out worthy 6-0 winners. Scorers Jesse 3, Ethan with a brace and Ollie with one and unlucky not to also have a brace with his second being ruled out for offside. Strong performances from all but particular mention to Huxley, James and Roy up front and the ever-dependable Luke in the solid back four.

#### **Pittwater House Grammar U16 v St Pauls (11 May) lost 2-8**

A very strong St Pauls side immediately set about peppering the PWHS goal, but the House defence held strong with keeper Michal being outstanding. Against the run of play Ash powered through from midfield, forced his way through several tackles to put House one up. The pattern of play continued with occasional House forays into the attacking third. One such saw Will feed Rory down the left-hand end line who, after some nimble footwork to wrong foot the defence, put in a low cross which was met at the far post by Ash, yet again powering through, to put House 2 up before half time! Unfortunately, the good fortune had to run out for House and St Pauls eventually went on to win 8-2. Despite the final score everyone put in great individual performances right up until the final whistle. A great effort by all against a very strong opposition.

#### **Pittwater House Grammar U16 v St Pauls (25 May) lost 0-5**

Having already played St Pauls a few weeks ago House knew this was going to be a tough match. From the start House were pinned in our own half but stout defending from the back four and solid 'keeping by Michal kept St Pauls at bay. However, it was inevitable St Pauls would score which they did midway through the half. House midfield and forwards combined well and gave the St Pauls back four a few worries of their own but by half time St Pauls had managed to stretch out a two-goal lead. The second half went much the way as the first with St Pauls eventually running out as 5-0 winners. Despite the score the back four are constantly improving with Michal solidly backing them up in goal and the midfield are starting to combine well with the forwards providing quick ball from midfield to take the attack to the opposition at every opportunity. This is a high-quality competition with House constantly improving.

#### **Pittwater House Grammar U18 v Northern Beaches Christian School (12 May) Won 3-0**

A feisty encounter saw both sides locking horns early on. Fortunately, the very strong and experienced ref made sure nothing boiled over in the robust encounter. House took the lead mid-way through the first half and gradually started to dominate. Our back four were solid and anything that did get through saw an equally strong Rory in goal who dominated the penalty area, shown in the second half when Rory came out quickly to claim the ball bravely at the feet of a marauding NBCS forward. A committed performance from front to back saw House run out as well deserved 3-0 winners and Rory in goal the 'Players Player of the Match'.

#### **Pittwater House Grammar U18 v Covenant Christian (19 May) lost 2-0**

Covenant started the game brightly and pinned House back into our own half from the off. Two very committed teams, but thankfully not as feisty as the last game, battled in an entertaining first half and both went to the sheds at half time even at 0-0.

The second half followed the first with Covenant constantly pressuring the House goal, but great midfield and defensive work kept them at bay and when they did get through Rory in goal was magnificent. With time running out House were hoping the dam would hold but eventually Covenant managed to squeeze one in to take the lead. There were some gallant House counter attacks to try and draw level but Covenant managed to squeeze one more past Rory to make them comfortable winners. It was great to see a hard but very sporting game and even a loss couldn't dampen the great House team spirit.

### **Pittwater House Grammar U18 v Oxford Falls Grammar School (26 May) Drew 2-2**

Having beaten OFG C earlier in the term it was always going to be a harder game against the B team, but the House players were confident. Jamie up front was constantly probing the OFG back four and deservedly his strength paid off for House to take the lead. To their credit OFG never gave up and pulled one back. However, another break by House saw the OFG defence back peddling to give away a penalty which Dylan coolly slotted to go 2 up. With Rory confident in goal, it looked like House would take the win but with just a few minutes left the ball 'pin balled' around the House penalty area and eventually was forced over the line to bring OFG level.

With only a few minutes left there wasn't time for House to take the win they deserved but it was still a very creditable performance. This is a very diverse team with both experienced and talented players and those still learning and 'giving it a go' so the team spirit and the way everyone supports each other is a credit to all of them.

### **TOUCH FOOTBALL**

#### **AICES U16 and Opens Trials**

On Wednesday, our most talented Touch Football players took part in the AICES Championships at The Penrith Touch Fields. They were representing the CDSSA Association of Schools Team, and they played six games against the other six associations on the day. In the Open Girls Division, we had Hannah Bosland C10, Olivia Butcher C11 and Mikayla Harvey C11 playing.

After playing six games and recording five victories they finished as Runners Up for the Open Girls Division. It was wonderful to watch our girls combining with each other to score many tries during the competition as well as combining well with the other team members from the CDSSA schools that made up the team. A possible v probable's squad was then announced to play one more game to select the AICES Open Girls Representative team that will play in the State Championships later in the year and Hannah Bosland was called out to play.

Hannah played very impressively in that final game as she had done right throughout the championships, and we are delighted to congratulate her on being named in the AICES v Open Girls Representative team for 2021.

In the 15yrs Division for Girls we had Talea Tonga C8, Sienna Villacorta – Bateman C9, Brooke Bosland C9 and Laila Jenkins C10 taking part. Their team finished third in their division. Our girls played dominant roles for the CDSSA team.

We would like to congratulate Talea and Brooke for their selection to play for AICES at the upcoming state championships. Sienna was also named as a shadow player for the team. Our final representative was Xavier Bosland G7 who played in the 15 yrs. boys division. Xavier's team finished in fourth place in the championships and Xavier also played strongly during the day scoring several tries and defending well on the wing. We wish Hannah, Brooke and Talea the best of luck at the upcoming State Championships. Well played to all of our students who took part in the trials. Your fitness and skills were put to the test in elite company during the long and challenging day.