BGS MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS REPORTS  
SATURDAY 21st NOVEMBER

CRICKET

7A GMS 6/175 (30) (Marais 38*, Fitzgerald 32*, McConnon 31*, Perkins 27*) def Wesley 7/83 (30) (Galanopoulos 3/10, Murphy 1/1, Smith 1/4)

A superb 32 not out on debut by left hander Sam Fitzgerald, ensured Brighton would end Mr Savage’s BGS career on a high. Craig Marais won yet another toss and after looking at the flat and green (synthetic) pitch, we decided to bat first in the wet, under overcast skies. Wesley opening bowler Brayden Fleming (son of former Australian cricketer Damien) dismissed Griff Adams in the opening over, before Brighton lost other opener Bailey Rohan three overs later. With both batsmen not troubling the scorers, it was left to Darcy McConnon and Spencer Wood to build a strong partnership. However, when Wood went for one late cut too many, Brighton found themselves 3/15 from seven overs. However, the small collapse didn’t seem to trouble Brighton, as debutante Sam Fitzgerald stroked to the crease and proceeded to hit two fours in his opening over. It also provided ‘Bazza’ Rohan an opportunity of a lifetime to get a selfie with Mr. (Damien) Fleming. Both left handers (McConnon & Fitzgerald) batted brilliantly, waiting for the bad ball. McConnon played a different innings to his usual batting, however once the spinner was introduced ‘D-Mac went whack’ hitting 12 runs from an over. Both boys retired soon after, for well deserved 30s. Both Lukas Galanopoulos and Ben Green missed out, but Zac Murphy found the middle of the bat hitting two fours in our pursuit for quick runs. Sitting at 6/111 after 26 overs, the target was set to reach 140; but Marais and Archie Perkins had a different idea, hitting 64 runs from four overs to get us to 6/175. Marais’ innings included a pull shot six over square leg, while Perkins hit the opening bowler over his head for six. Marais’ 38* came from 19 balls, while Perkins’ 27* was off only 12 deliveries.

With 175 runs on the board, the boys loaded up on food, but knew Brighton were only half way there. Christian Aloi got the important breakthrough second ball, caught by Green at mid off. Both Aloi and Luke Marsden found swing, but were unable to collect any other wickets in their spells. Perkins troubled the batsmen who didn’t know which way they were spinning, dismissing the opener for nine, before a smart catch by Marais at slip gave Dan Smith his first wicket of the match. 24 consecutive dots brought about another wicket, this time to off-spinner Murphy. With Wesley 4/38 after 17, victory looked to be in Brighton’s pocket. However, Wesley weren’t going to give up that early with Galanopoulos being hit for 10 runs in four balls. Galanopoulos had the last laugh however, with two big inswingers clean bowling two batsmen in two balls, finding himself on a hat trick. The field came in for the hat trick ball, but the batsmen narrowly managed to get some bat on ball. Another big inswinger next ball and Galanopoulos had three wickets in four balls, all bowled!

In the end, Wesley managed to finish on 83 runs and Brighton had their seventh win for the season. An undefeated season was a great way to farewell Mr Savage, and sung the song in the middle of the ground.

On a personal level, this was my last game involved with BGS and really appreciated the kind words and gestures on Saturday. I can without doubt say that not only is this team the best Year 7 team we've had in my time it was without doubt the most fun. All of the boys respected the game and listen to all the advice given by Matt and myself. Sharing responsibilities and playing their role it was a pleasure to be involved with this team. Most of all I loved the way the boys celebrated each other’s performances and supported each other when times were tough. I’ll miss being involved but will keep an eye on this team from afar!

Thank you,
Mr Savage

8C MGS 9/151 (27 overs) defeated BGS 119 (25 overs)

In the final game for the year, Melbourne Grammar defeated Brighton Grammar in a see-sawing game by 32 runs. Bowling first again for the third time, the boys took advantage of the initial wet conditions with co-captain Denver Stroud (1/12 from 3 overs) taking a wicket in his first over. After Nathaniel Fyffe (2/15 from 2 overs) chipped in with two wickets from his first over, Melbourne Grammar were struggling at 3/44 after 9 overs. A strong partnership from Melbourne Grammar batted themselves back into control and stood a solid 2/102 from 15 overs. Trent Thomas (2/5 from 3 overs), Josh Tate (2/3 from 2 overs) and co-captain James Sherbourne (2/4 from 2 overs) were all able to slow the run-rate with spells of good length and length. However, by the end of 27 overs, Melbourne Grammar had made an imposing 9/151. Max Post (28 runs) and James Sherbourne (17) began the run chase positively. From 11 overs, Brighton Grammar were 1/60. A wave of Melbourne Grammar bowlers began to tighten the screws and after both Post and Sherbourne’s wickets fell in the same over, the game shifted again. Ben Morgan (21 runs) continued the attack but with 51 runs needed off 30 balls, it was always going to be tough. Trent Thomas (8 not out) failed to give up with several boundaries, but eventually Melbourne Grammar ended the boys’ innings at 119 in the 25th over. A 2-1 win/loss record is a positive start to the new season and should give the boys confidence going forward in what they can do. Once again thank you to the BGS community who came out to support and to Mrs Stroud for supplying morning tea. See you next year!

TENNIS

9B GMS 10 sets 67 games def Wesley 2 sets 28 games

On Saturday the 21st of November the 9B tennis were set to play Wesley at Albert Park. The conditions were freezing and very windy, so all the players had to adapt to different playing techniques at the different ends of the court. The doubles had close starts but most of the BGS teams comfortably pulling away
towards a win. The doubles were 3 sets to 1 in Brighton’s favour. At the start of the singles games the rain came in but everyone was happy to play it out. All the BGS players played high quality tennis only losing one set out of the 8 and the one we lost was in a tie breaker. The end scores was 67 games, 10 sets to BGS and 28 games, 2 sets to Wesley, giving us a great victory.

8C2 BGS 5 Sets 50 games def by Scotch 6 Sets 49 games

The 8C2 Tennis team began the day with high hopes and eager parents ready to cheer their sons on. A strong win was recorded by Jaxon Putland and Nik Vakirtzis, whose technical skill caught their opponents off guard 6-3. Meluke Gunter starred, beating his opponent in singles, 6-3, as well as his double match alongside Aaron Liang, 6-1. After a marathon battle, Frank Peng also came away with a much deserved victory. A fantastic day all round!

TOUCH FOOTBALL

MS Touch Football vs Haileybury- MS 1 (2 tries to 1) MS 2 (1 -1) MS 3 (3 tries to 2)

The boys had spent the last couple of weeks getting geared up for their first game with three early-morning training sessions, with Billy Gray, Mr Keane and Mr. Hanley taking the boys through their paces. Expectations were made clear early on, with the boys expected to adhere to the team’s culture of sportsmanship, teamwork, developing their skills and having fun.

BGS travelled to Haileybury, Keysborough for the first game of the 2015/16 season. Conditions were mixed with periods of showers and sunshine, but a flat and mostly dry deck presented good conditions for the first runout of the season.

The first game began slowly with both teams using good cover defence to repel attacks. As the first half wore on, BGS wore the Haileybury defence down and ran in a string of tries, eventually winning by five tries to nil. The second game was a much tighter affair with BGS going down by one try early, but doing well to fight back for a hard fought draw. In the third game, BGS started strongly going up by 3 tries, before Haileybury mounted a comeback scoring two tries of their own. BGS did well to hold off Haileybury and secured the win by three tries to two.

An outstanding start to the 2015/16 season for the Middle School Touch Football teams, coming away with two wins and one draw. As coaches we were most impressed with the boys’ attitude, with the boys arriving punctually; in the correct gear and playing in a committed and sporting manner. It was particularly impressive to see the boys putting the tackling drill into practice and the decision making of the boys during their games. All of these qualities will assist the boys next year, as they will form a leadership group for the new intake of Year 7 students. The boys can now hang up their boots until training recommences in 2016.