BGS MIDDLE SCHOOL SPORTS REPORTS  
Saturday 11 February  

**TENNIS**

**8A**
BYE

**8B**
On Saturday the 8B tennis team travelled to Brighton Secondary to play thrilling matches against Carey. The boys did really well in the doubles winning three out of the four sets and the singles which they won five out of the eight sets. The results were really close but BGS managed to come out on top with 8 sets and 53 games to Carey’s 4 sets and 51 games. Special congrats to James Cannuli and Chris Field as they both fought their way to a 5-5 tiebreak, both matches had you on the edge of your seat and it was very close and entertaining. In the end, Carey put up a great fight but BGS managed to take the win this time. Well done boys!

**8C1**
BGS defeated Carey 53 games to 48 (7 sets to 5)

It was a beautiful morning on the Urwin Courts at BGS middle school for an early start to the season of Saturday Sport. The boys were all keen and energetic and ready for the challenge of playing Carey Grammar School. It was clear from the start of the Doubles that we were looking good for the morning. Three of our pairs won their double in a comprehensive manner 6-1, 6-1, 6-2; the total for our doubles games was three sets to one, 20 games to 11. A great start!

Carey fought back in the singles games. The sets were even at four-all, however Carey had the advantage in the game score BGS 33 to Carey 37. There were quite a few close matches, Owen Vulcan and Tian Pang’s games were both tightly fought contests and the games of the round. Congratulations to all the boys on a season-opening win!

**8C2**
BGS 8D played Geelong Grammar at Brighton Secondary, it was a beautiful day except for the tennis which was a bit of a white-wash. We all tried our best but Geelong Grammar had some very good tennis players in their team. The highlight was our rising star Troy as he had a really good go and had an awesome attitude. After a little coaching from Cafs dad his natural ability’s started to shine and we expected big things from Troy this year!

**7A**
BYE

**7B**
BGS Games: 36/Sets: 5 defeated by Carey Games:48/Sets: 5

It was a fabulous morning to start Year 7 tennis! The boys were up early, including those who had been on camp all week and they were ready to play. Doubles got started and it was clear that BGS boys had talent, wins from the Callum/Ben and James/Stanley combinations got us warmed up for some singles. Callum had excellent placement on the court that allowed him to hit some great returns and Matt got some fantastic deep shots that got him through to win his tiebreaker. Great work by all boys this week and thankyou to all the parents who came to support their sons.

**7C1**
BGS Games: 52/Sets: 7 defeated Carey Games:50/Sets: 5

Off the back of their first full week of school, BGS boys were ready for a great morning of tennis. Whether they were at camp all week or enjoying classes at school, it was evident that all boys were going to put in a fantastic effort. Doubles was an even spread winning two sets each, Felix and James B put in a fantastic effort to win their close match against the Carey boys 6-5. Alex had been practicing his serving the week before and this had payed off well when he won his singles 6-0. Liam had success in a close match and Will had some excellent deep shots. This week was a fantastic start to the season and thankyou to all the parents who came to support their sons.

**7C2**
BGS lost to Carey Grammar 7 sets to 5, 48 games to 45.

For some of the boys this was their first ever Saturday sport weekend, travelling out to Bulleen to play on lawn courts, a fair introduction to the APS system. But although for many, this was their first weekend of competition, they were able to play in true tonner spirit. With Kai Adachi and
Will Fields proving to be a dangerous duo with a 6-1 defeat in the doubles to Tim Shaw and Finn Watson-Hook proving to be too strong in their 6-2 win in doubles. Next came the singles with James Mitchell proving he has great ground strokes on the lawn courts. Additionally, Jarrad and Isiah showed positive signs of improvement in their forehand and serving game. With extra players turning up, we had the ‘Bright’ support of Bright Zeng and Isaac Lee who jumped into some games and played hard. Special mention goes to Massimo Brasachio as during his points he would encourage the opposition player, shouting “Good Serve” as he hits the ball back to him while it was still in play. Overall, it was great first weekend by the boys despite the score.

**CRICKET**

**8A**

**BYE**

**8B**

Haileybury 6/137 defeated Brighton Grammar 8/97

Returning to Haileybury to play a team we played in our first game before Christmas provided a great opportunity to learn how the 8B cricket team was improved over the last couple of months. On that day BGS were bowled out for 74 chasing 103 in a 25 over match.

Brighton Grammar started off the year extremely slowly as Haileybury raced to 1/98 in the 19th over. However, things then changed quickly once Lucas Williamson (1/9 off 3 overs) came into the attack. Lucas stemmed the scoring and made a big breakthrough that proved to be a big turning point in the match. Luke Hill came on to bowl a great spell, conceding only 4 runs from his 3 overs, while Aaron Aloi took 1/9 off 3 overs soon after. Oliver Lally (2/7 off 4 overs) was the pick of the bowlers due to his consistency; conceding his first runs in his fourth over. Josh Badge (2/9 off 3 overs) restricted Haileybury to 6/137 by taking 2 wickets and only allowing the opposition to take 1 run.

While we were heading into our batting innings with all the momentum, 138 was always going to be a challenging total to run down. Harry Harte showed his intentions early playing a beautiful pull shot for 4 on his way to 5. However, wickets then began to tumble, with 3 wickets falling with the score on 5. Declan Hayes (8) and Patrick Hoy (5) came to the crease and began to fight back, but another collapse was on its way. BGS fell from 3/18 to 6/21. Lucas Hill (20 retired) and Oliver Lally (9) batted beautifully as they lifted the run rate and protected the few wickets we had left. Jonathan Hick (10 retired) and Josh Badge (20 retired) kept the runs flowing. However, it was too little too late as BGS finished 8/97.

Starting both innings so slowly was disappointing but it was a great effort by the boys to comeback the way they did twice.

**MAN OF THE MATCH:** Josh Badge 2/9 and 20 not out.

**7A**

Brighton Grammar 7-137 (McCLUSKEY 35*, HARTMAN 21*, HOWDEN 20*, TRAVERS 20) defeated Carey Grammar 7-115 (Hollway 2-7, Edmondson 1-3, Smith 1-4, Pearson 1-6, McCluskey 1-9)

Rolling up to Carey Grammar for the opening game of the 7A season, it was many boys’ first game on turf in their cricket career. The sun was shining and captain for the day Lachlan McCluskey lost the toss and BGS were asked to bat first from Carey.

Elliott Perkins and Cooper Hollway strotered to the crease eager to start the season off well. Perkins (6) fell to a ‘KFC Classic Catch’ at square leg in the fourth over, bringing Luke Travers to the wicket. Travers hit the ball hard and found the boundary twice on his way to 20, before being bowled. Hollway continued to play an important role running hard for his partner and pushing the singles, before being caught for 7. At 3-37 after 11 it was left to McCluskey and Tom Howden to steady the ship. The pair took on the fielders, running hard for ones and twos – with McCluskey’s straight drives for four a clear highlight of the 48-run partnership. McCluskey retired on 35 from 26 balls, while Howden retired on 20 off 37 balls. Henry Pearson (6) and Nosh Hartman (21) continued the onslaught in the final 10 overs helping BGS reach 7-137 off our 30 overs.

Freddie Smith and Jamie Hope took the new ball and it was Smith that immediately showed he will be a name for First XI honours in the future, bowling 21 dot balls in his four over spell that went for four runs and claimed the wicket of the opening batsman. Ben Edmondson (1-3) also hit the stumps with a vital job into the wind, while Callum Heath showed that his off spin is hard to face when the ball pitches outside off and spins in. At 2-51 after 13 the game was in the balance, but a brilliant patch of eight overs from James Hare (0-3 off 4, 22 dot balls), Elliot Perkins (0-1 off 1) and Henry Pearson (1-6 off 3) saw the run rate slow down and put Carey out of the contest with nine overs to go requiring nearly nine an over. Spinners McCluskey (1-9) and Hollway (2-7) chipped in with wickets late thanks to Smith pulling off two great catches at mid-on. Hope and Hartman combined for a run out before wicket keeper Hartman was tasked with an unfamiliar role as a death bowler, ensuring Carey couldn’t score the 34 runs required for victory from the final over. The standard has been set for the season and it was a very impressive all round performance from a team that is yet to completely train together.
The 7B Cricket team arrived to play Scotch with a great deal of enthusiasm for their first sporting game in the BGS Journey. The opening pair of Flynn B and Zach Bowen saw off the new ball well with scores of 7 and 11 respectively. Archie May then came in and scored a quick 9 before he was bowled by a very good delivery. Then came Cam McKenzie and Tom Rohan who put on a great middle order partnership, both scoring close to 20 and help us reach a respectable total of 92 off 25 overs. The opening bowlers were very tight early and did not allow the Scotch batsman to score quickly. Oscar Lewia being a pick of the bowlers with 3 overs for 3 runs. Having Scotch 5/26 after 13 overs the boys began to lose some of the enthusiasm that was evident in the first half of the innings. Unfortunately for us we were unable to stop some good batting from Scotch and they were able to come away with a win on the last ball of the innings. A disappointing way to end the match however we will aim to bounce back in the coming weeks.

The 7C1 cricket team made the long and arduous trip to play Haileybury at their Berwick Campus. Despite the early start and blurry eyes, the boys were very keen and optimistic about the opening match of the season. We made a terrific start after being sent into the field with Ben Curtis hitting the stumps with a direct hit and Leslie (1/13) bowling a consistent line and length to have Haileybury 2/10 after 4 overs. The boys continued to pressure Haileybury through the middle overs picking up more wickets with tight bowling from Christian (1-11), Tom J-S (1-4), Declan (1-3), Ben (1-5), Lachlan (1-4), Xavier (0/8), Hamish (0/8) and Hudson (0/9). The bowlers were well supported in the field with Samson taking 3 catches and a runout and solid keeping from Tom H! With these outstanding efforts we restricted Haileybury to a total of 85. Jono (25 not out) came out on a mission with the bat, dispatching the bowlers all over the park! He was well supported by his opening partner Lachlan (17). After a blistering start from our openers our middle order was able to settle in and easily pick off the remaining runs. Ben (28 not out) belted 3 big sixes and Samson (23 not out) pushed our total to 3/126. It was a great start to the year for all boys who are looking forward to next week’s challenge!

**BADMINTON**

**YEAR 8**

Being the first game of the season everyone was pumped up and ready to rock. But due to some misunderstandings, staff members at the Pro Fit Badminton didn't show up until 8:40 causing the four schools to wait outside eagerly.

The matches were packed with intensity and the scores were rising neck and neck. Both schools tried extremely hard and with one match to go, the scores were 6-7. Haileybury has lead. Finally, the scores settled at 7-7 when Ryan won the last game. A total of 14 singles and doubles matches were played and BGS walked away with a tie.

**TOUCH FOOTBALL**

**COMBINED 7/8 TEAMS**

BGS defeated Xavier College by 4 games to 1.

The first Touch Football games of the season were a good opportunity for the boys to come together as a group and develop their structures and skills, after one week of training.

It was a split fixture against Xavier, with MS3, 4 and 5 playing at the BGS Junior School. MS3 and MS4 came away with two hard-fought 5-4 victories, while MS5 came up against some strong opposition, going down 6-0.

MS1 and MS2’s games were played at Yarra Bend, Kew. MS1 finished a tight first half with a 2 tries to 1 lead. With some improved structure in defence and attack, the team eventually rounded off the tie 4-1. Try-scorers were Flynn Cooper, Ned Walker and a double to Stirling Findlay.

MS2’s match was a topsy turvy game with BGS overcoming a deficit to come away 5-4 winners, with tries to Max Linder, Mitch Ryan and Blake Oliver.

It was a promising round of results, although the team will need to build on their rucking, handling and defensive skills.