BADMINTON

1STS - BGS defeated by Carey 14 sets (494 points) - 14 sets (522 points)

This week, the first badminton team played Carey Grammar for round 6. The games were extremely close after the singles matches, four wins and four four losses. Our seeds 1,4,5 and 6 won their singles games (Kevin Sun, Lachlan Foy, Kei Hirasedo and Bobby Zhou) in two sets. It was up to the doubles. All of our doubles games were extremely close, all of which were won or lost in three sets. We won two out of the four games, resulting in a 6-6 draw in rubbers. Individual games were then calculated, which happened to be 14-14. Following this, we calculated total points which was 494 Brighton, 522 Carey, eventuating in our loss. It was an extremely close game and I commend the boys on their efforts. Next week we play Xavier.

2NDS - BGS defeated by Geelong Grammar 1 set 3 games – 11 sets 23 games

The BGS Badminton Seconds team travelled to Geelong for the 2nd week in a row to play Geelong Grammar. The team consists of 8 Yr 11 & 12 boys who gave their best shot, but it wasn’t enough to defeat the very strong Geelong team. Credits go to Jeremy Tian, playing as our no.1 player, who won our only match. Others who went close included Nick Scriven, Ian Tongs and Charles Zeng in the singles and the doubles pair of Sam Luo and Charles Zeng.

4 BLUE – BGS 1 set defeated by Geelong Grammar 11 sets

On Saturday 13 February six boys boarded the bus for the trip to Geelong. When play started it was clear, even with a great team dynamic and much encouragement / pep talks, that the Geelong players were much more skilled than us with Geelong winning most of the games played. However, we did come out on top in a few games of doubles. Well done to Lachlan and Mitchell who won their doubles. Other star players were Dylan and Spencer with not only winning their doubles match but also made it an entertaining match to watch. Special thanks to Nadir and Paris for turning up and giving their all so we didn’t forfeit those games. Ms McLeod, afterwards, gave us some snacks but unfortunately also said that we could not go to McDonalds...so not only a loss but nothing to console our heavy hearts. Hopefully next week there is a different result both in terms of sport and food.
4 RED - BGS defeated Wesley 12 sets - 0

The reds had a white-wash this morning. Having 10 boys show up on time and keen to play had an immediate psychological impact on the game with the BGS 4th Red boys churning out an undefeated morning of badminton. Let’s make this template for how we will play every game this season.

9/10 A - BGS defeated CGS 11 sets – 1 sets

We had a strong team of players with quality skills. Caulfield was not too bad, however we got the edge over them and won the majority of the matches. There was plenty of close games like 22:20, but in the end we won nearly all the matches. Everyone was trying their best in the sport and can be seen on the field that day as all of us were all ready to face Caulfield Grammar, with the home team advantages. Plenty of good shots can be seen and plenty of smashes. We dominated for nearly all the matches and won without too much trouble. In the end we all tried our best and won, despite some tight games.

9/10 B - BGS defeated MGS 9 sets – 3 sets

9/10 C BLUE BGS defeated Geelong Grammar 8 sets – 4 sets

Last Saturday our team ventured to the amazing Geelong Grammar campus to demonstrate to our fearless opponents that the BGS Badminton Blue team is a force to be reckoned with. Undaunted by our surroundings, we stepped up to challenge with true grit and determination. Jose Kosenda’s awesome smash, Rafay Rizwan and Matt Warman’s agility around the court as well as Harry Roubos’ boundless energy, stunned the Geelong team. Lionel Wang also left no doubt in the mind of his opponent (with a straight sets win), that the BGS Badminton boys had come to town. Ivan Yung confidently gave the Geelong Grammar team a lesson or two in tactical play. Winning the day 8 rubbers to 4, we rewarded ourselves on the way home with cool drinks and ‘high fives’ in the true BGS spirit of teamwork.
CRICKET

1st & 2nds – BYE

3RDS - BGS 119 defeated by MGS 2/140

Arthur Xafis 2 overs 1-8
Charlie Fry 42 (4x4s, 1x6)
Bryson Konoroth 28 (7x4s, 1x6)

Despite tight bowling from Tommy “Rhino” Kenny and the X-Factor Arthur Xafis, the 3rd XI went down to a strong MGS outfit last Saturday. Hicks was on fire in the field taking a stunning catch at short cover that would otherwise have taken his head off, however this was our only fielding highlight as catches went down from all and sundry – an area of our game we will have to lift in if we are to be competitive against other sides.

With the bat, again too much was left to too few; we were in all sorts of trouble until Charlie Fry and Bryson Konoroth put on a lightning stand of 63 in just 30 balls, however this was not enough to give our bowlers a chance to defend. More needed from more boys if we are to win this week.

10A - BGS 4/125 defeated Scotch 121

Joel Crocker 50
Jack Munnings 46
Jonty Leadbeater 4 wickets

The 10A’s put on a dominant bowling display to ensure a solid victory over a strong Scotch outfit. Right from the start Hamish Dick and new ball partner Adam Outen tied Scotch down bowling a tight line and length and restricting the scoring. The introduction of Jonty Leadbeater bought with it more wickets (4 for the innings) and eventually we toppled Scotch for 121. This was another great fielding performance from the boys. Creating run out chances and holding catches is really having an impact on our ability to put pressure on opposition batting line ups.

With the bat we sent out the odd couple in Crocker and Munnings. As usual, Crocker set about punishing the bad ball ball hitting a mix of innovative lofted cut shots and textbook drives on his way to another 50 – if he could go to 1st training.....Munnings was the perfect foil, working his way to 46 in a stand that set up the win. Whilst we lost some junk time wickets at the end the way the team is playing with strong intent in the field, building partnership and getting contributions from everyone is proving to be a successful formula and ensuring we are having ongoing success.
10B - BGS 4/95 defeated MGS 85

We won the toss and we chose to bowl first. Mitchell Kelly and Will Agius opened the bowling getting us off to a great start with a few very fast overs whilst James Hamilton got the feel of wicket-keeping for the first time. The first wicket came from Kelly who bowled a brilliant yorker to dismiss the opening batsman. MGS started to get on a roll however Toby Bendel and Tom Murphy came in to the attack both picking up some vital wickets. Nearing the end of match MGS started playing some shots but then a quality 2 overs from Ted Lovell and James crew finished them off for 85. Some great moments included Will Agius’s cat-like reflexes at cover to produce a stunning diving catch, Eddie Burt with an amazing catch at deep mid-on and Ned Bellmaine’s failed attempt at a miracle one-handed catch in gully. Chasing 85 Toby Bendel and James Hamilton opened the batting with James getting dismissed with an unfortunate catch behind. Toby retired with 16 runs under his belt and Anthony Evans came in with a quick but amazing cameo of 6’s and 4’s before being bowled for 14. Next in was Adam Levenda-Freeman who had a brilliant innings and retired on 17. With only 30 runs needed Ned Bellmaine came in and blasted a few boundaries before giving his wicket away for 16. Eddie Burt and Will Agius finished off in great style with Will sealing the deal by cracking a huge 6 that went over Orrong Road!!!

DIVING

BGS has had a strong start to the Diving season with a successful competition against Haileybury and Caulfield Grammar at Haileybury on Saturday 6th Feb that saw the awarding of two first place positions to Luka Simic (Year 6) and Luka Jarvis (Year 7) and a second place to Martin Kulesza (Year 9). All divers performed well and the season’s looking positive for BGS!

Saturday the 13th February saw BGS compete against Xavier College and Wesley College at Xavier. Luka Simic and Luka Jarvis again came first in their respective categories, while Max Simic came fourth in a grade above what he normally dives at, the Under 16s. He is to be commended on this feat! All other boys are showing developing style and technique and look forward to competing against Scotch College, Caulfield Grammar, Melbourne Grammar and Wesley College at Scotch College this Friday night.

LAWN BOWLS

Well it doesn’t get any more exciting than this. For the second week in a row The 1st 4 (Mastronammo, Lohan, Nicholas and Hoar) forced a game into a sudden death 15th end. After Ash Hoar put his two bowls into the ditch it was left to skipper Mastronammo to step up. Trailing by 3 on the very last end Alex (with the last bowl of the game) drew his final bowl to within 15cm to secure the win. Last week the team went down by 3 but this week secured the win 19-18. It must be said that at one stage BGS led 12-1 but with the egg and bacon rolls and sausages and onion morning tea kicking in, this lead to a second half lethargy. A ruthless substitution saw Ash Hoar ‘donning the red vest’ allowing the steady Max Lohan to set up his skippers last shot. 1w-1L
The 2nd team, comprising Harding, Beycher and Pym, (actually a 3 without skipper Jackson Warne) also went to a 15th sudden death end after scores were locked 14-14. BGS had led by as many as 5 shots but just couldn’t hold on losing the final end 0-3 going down 14-17. This was the first loss and robbed the team of being undefeated on the top of the ladder. So in four completed games BGS Lawn Bowls teams have gone to a 15th end or as they say in cricket; ‘the ‘super over’. It is certainly very entertaining and both teams are acquitting themselves extremely well. 1W-1L

TENNIS

1st – bye

2nd - BGS 2 sets defeated by Caulfield 10 sets

On Saturday the mighty 2’s had their second loss which was extremely disappointing especially when we had high hopes on going undefeated. We lost all our doubles which is where we need to improve, singles we managed to snatch 2 sets through Tom and Sam. Hopefully we can win some of our future matches if not all of them, and turn this disappointing start to our season around.

3rd - BGS defeated CGS 12 – 0

The chill summer morn spread across the sallow plain, heralding those far and wide from their slumber and into the sentient world. Roused and having broken their fast, our fellowship, garbed in the raiment of the day, journeyed hither to Brighton Secondary at first light, whence the fearsome foe Caulfield reared their fell heads. Beset by these our bitter foes, our sortie divided, whereupon each entered into fierce duel alongside fellow comrade in the manner baptized with the sobriquet of “doubles”. Wreathed in alacrity, adorned by temerity and blessed with orphic skill, the ambush fast evolved to slaughter. Losing nary a set our assemblage clove a path of hewn bones and dreams, leaving in their wake a foe benighted by tragedy, who, in their ultimate folly, set upon our brave company once more in single combat. Not stricken by fear but rather emboldened by the prospect of further glory and merriment, we twirled, danced and smote our way to a most beauteous victory. Of notable exclamation were the deeds of newcomer Quentin Montanaro and veteran Marcus Burnside; who in our bleakest hour tore the mountains asunder, rained down hellish fire and vanquished their adversaries 6-0, 6-0. Revelling in this triumph we retired to our fiefdoms, were reunited with loved ones, and dearly recounted the tale to those who would listen, until our dying days.

4th - 12 sets defeated Wesley 0 sets

The 4ths tennis team enjoyed a great morning of tennis against Wesley with the weather clearing up for us. Wesley struggled for numbers, having just 6 players and as a result, George Billionis had a 90 minute warm up before playing his first game. Fletcher Pullen and James Aquila were given a tough doubles match, narrowly edging out their opponent and winning 7-5. But overall, the boys dominated their matches; honourable mentions to Nick Moran,
George Billionis, Kyle Cansfield and Jerry Lee, winning 5 of sets 6-0 together in singles and doubles.

**5THS - BGS defeated by Xavier 11 sets – 1 set**

BGS were outclassed by a better opponent on the weekend. Xavier won the singles matches convincingly, with a 6-0 domination occurring across the first five matches. Thankfully, Hamish Whillas was able to take a couple of games, and Daniel Snowsill had a solid 6-4 win. The doubles results were just as lopsided, although Nic Carroll and Hamish Whillas gave it their all in a close 6-4 encounter. Chris Jiang and Daniel Snowsill also played well, but ended up going down 6-3. The boys agreed that there’s much to do at training and we are hoping to be more competitive next week.

**6THS - BGS defeated by St Kevin’s 9 sets – 3 sets**

It was a tough morning on the courts for the boys in the sixths squad against St Kevin’s last Saturday morning. We won 3 sets 35 games to their 9 sets 59 games. Matt Acheson won his singles comfortably as did Marco Boshoff. In the doubles Matt Acheson and Henry Petch were our only winners, but there were some other great tussles played out. In the singles Pat Dillon, Henry Petch and Jacob Ni fought gallantly against strong opponents and are to be commended on their effort.

**10A - BGS defeated by Geelong College 9 sets – 3 sets**

This week’s results, although not desirable, were most definitely action packed. The boys preformed well throughout, highlights being all in the singles, with Brandon Duan, Tristan Scheirs and Azmain Kalitzki all winning 6:4, and Noa’s thrilling close match, unfortunately losing in the tie break 11:13! Although, by far the most ‘action packed’ game would be Max Purcell’s, with his drop shot at 2 games all causing the opponent to fly over the net, resulting in early retirement. Even to the dismay of spectators when Geelong’s reserve took to the court, Max put him in his place, not losing a single further game and ending with a desirable 6:2, a fantastic effort. Although the boys were disappointed with the 3 set to 9 result, we have learnt from the good and bad and are ready for a great turn around next week.

**10C BLUE - BGS defeated by St Kevin’s 12-1**

On Friday evening last, the 10C Blue Tennis team with Mr Harris arrived at St Kevin’s to be told that we were playing on Friday night rather that Saturday morning because St Kevin’s had so many tennis teams that they did not have enough venues. We knew we were in for some strong opposition. We started with doubles and lost all these 1 set to 6. It was a bad omen. The singles were all tough matches and everyone fought hard but only Felix Gong came close to a win. We eventually won 1 set (which St Kevin’s had to forfeit) to 12. The team was disappointed.
9A - BGS defeated by Scotch 8 sets – 4 sets

An away match at Scotch is not the easiest task for any player. Especially when there are 3 different tennis court sites to choose from. Considering we had a disappointing matchup the week prior, the boys showed great resilience to bounce back and play some good tennis against a better opponent. Luke’s diving forehand and Spencer’s 6/0 victory were some highlights of the day. The performance sets up a good match next week which should see even further improvement.

9B - BGS defeated Carey 9 sets – 3 sets

We arrived early at 8 o’clock to warm up and start the doubles at 8:30. We won 3 out of the 4 games with Caspar Tremlett and Lewis Panaouris finishing their game quickly with a 6-1 win and showing great skills on the court together. Once the doubles finished we started our singles matches. We won 6 of the 8 games played. Multiple games were long and stretched on to be a 7-5 set. Sam Haddon played extremely well with his great ball placement and Jonty Wells with his deadly serves which would skim quickly past the opponent for an ace. Overall the 9B tennis team performed exceptionally well and won 9 sets to 3.

9D RED BGS defeated by Scotch 3 sets – 9 sets

Just like last week we had perfect weather for our matches on Saturday against Scotch, except this week we ended up victorious. Everyone did very well and some standouts were the awesome double partners, Liam O’Kane and Steven Suits winning a very tight game, 6 games to 5. Then both Steven and Liam put up great fight in there singles match and both came out winners. It was a good weekend overall and we are looking forward to improving our skills in doubles so that our good singles form can hopefully help us win some games.

SWIMMING

On Saturday the boys got down to Xavier where we swam against both Xavier and Wesley College. Overall the boys did really well, we demolished Wesley whilst giving Xavier a run for it, finishing in second place to Xavier.

All of the boys gave their best, the under 13s gave a great performance despite being a man down, really giving their all, and it was an outstanding performance from the under 17s who were undefeated in all of their events, special mention to Julian Wilson and Will Paynter who performed exceptionally well.

Special thanks to all of the parents who showed up to support the boys, as the stands where very full, and to the teachers for organizing the event and supporting the boys.
This Saturday really set us up for a good season of swimming ahead as we managed to achieve a great result whilst being a few men down.

**TOUCH RUGBY**

*BGS 1st VI 5 drew with Caulfield Grammar 5*

BGS drew with Caulfield Grammar in an exciting encounter at Scotch College. Brighton took some time to find their rhythm in this game and at one point were five tries to two in arrears. A great comeback in the second half saw them rescue a draw. This was a tough game with both sides giving their all. BGS improved as the game progressed and they should improve further from this encounter. Brighton struggled to complete their set-plays correctly in the first half and their communication was somewhat lacking. The second period saw BGS come out of their shell and they raised the intensity of their game. Max Laumets, Mac Gray and Harrison Reynolds were to the fore during this period with their rucking and willingness to work hard off the ball an inspiration for their team. Will Brydon-Waldron was superb in defense and he showed great positional sense and ball-handling skills to score his two tries. Henry Moir and Oscar Donald led the team well and they were well supported by all their team mates. Scorers for BGS were Henry Moir (3) and Will Brydon-Waldron (2).