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BADMINTON

YEAR 8
BGS lost to CGS (WH) 3-9

After two successful wins in badminton we came up against Caulfield and it was a very tight game. Caulfield had a great team and bet most of our singles. We only had one player who won there singles, Jason Tang. Jason won his first set 21-17, he won his next set 21-13 in what was a flawless win for our best player. It was a great fixture for every player in our team but sadly we lost. The final score wasn’t reflected on how close the game was. The end score was 12-3 to Caulfield who played very well.

CRICKET

8A
Melbourne Grammar 173 defeated Brighton Grammar 129

We were left reeling early at 4 for 20 after winning the toss and batting on a good wicket. With Wood, Marais, McConnon and Fitzgerald all dismissed, it was debutant Harrison Boys that picked up the slack in outstanding fashion. Boys (48 not out) displayed guts well beyond his years as wickets fell steadily around him. With the score at 9 for 78 after the dismissal of Murphy (9), the innings looked lost before an unbroken last wicket partnership of 51 between Galanopoulos (20 not out) and Boys allowed the team to post a defendable 9 for 129.

Galanopoulos and Green opened the bowling and looked to set the tone for BGS early. At 3 for 61 off 17 overs, it was game on. Spin again proved to be pivotal with Rohan (1 for 25 off 7), Murphy (1 for 6 off 2 overs) and Marais (1 for 5 off 6 overs) all bowling superbly. Despite this it was the medium pace of Galanopoulos (2 for 18 off 7) that led the way for BGS. Unfortunately, the steady leaking of runs due to a mixture of wayward bowling and good batting led MGS to pass BGS 6 wickets down. Although the team suffered a second straight loss there were plenty of positives to take away from the game, which the team will be looking to implement in their next game against Scotch.

STAND OUT PERFORMANCES: Harrison Boys (48 not out), Lukas Galanopoulos 20 and 2 for 18 off 7.
The mighty 8B cricket team took on Melbourne Grammar in Round 3 of our 2016 season. Captain Stroud lost the toss and MGS had no hesitation in electing to field first on a tiny ground. Stroud and Winnie Macgowan opened up our innings very solidly, seeing off the new ball effectively. Unfortunately, neither opener was able to ‘go on’ with their start, however it made the job for our middle order a whole lot easier. Griff Adams continued on with his spectacular form, making an unbeaten 36 and smashing the Melbourne bowlers to all parts. Consistent scores from the middle order ensured that we would post a very large score off our 27 overs. Flynn Dickson looked at home on debut blasting 16, Jack Seymour (24 no) and Dan Smith (25) all batted beautifully. Our lower order also showed what they were capable of with Max Mitchell Adams proving to himself that he can bat making 8 not out including two beautiful straight driven 4’s. We ended up getting to 157 off our 27 overs.

At the break, we talked as a team about staying positive no matter what happened, and also to try and be ‘up’ for the full 27 overs in contrast to last week where we dropped off for the final 10. James Sherborne and Ben Morgan took the new ball, and both showed what quality seam bowlers they are. James in particular bowled masterfully, managing to swing the ball both ways – something that I’ve never seen at this level of cricket. Sherby was desperately unlucky not to fill his boots in his first spell, however he did manage to get the first breakthrough. The next 12 overs was absolutely dominated by BGS, as we took 6 more wickets for 25 runs in this time to have MGS languishing at 7/40. Kier Cannell landed the ball on a dime for his 3 wickets, Lucas Pithie changed his pace very well and also claimed 3 wickets, and Dan Smith also chimed in to take a cheeky pole. With the run rate required reaching 8.5 an over, the MGS batsman started to chance their arm and play a few shots. This kept them in the game, however one sensed that it would also bring more wickets. These last 2 wickets came quite quickly with Winnie Macgowan and Jack Seymour cashing in. MGS finished on 10/106, resulting in a 51 run win for the undefeated tonners.

Thank you to all of the parents who came down to support. Your support this whole season has been phenomenal, thank you for that – I know that the boys really appreciate it.

8C

BGS 73 defeated by Scotch 8/164

This week the 8C team were put up against the very formidable opponent of Scotch College out at Hawthorn. After winning the toss and electing to bat for the third week in a row the boys got off to a shaky start being 5/13. Thanks to a strong middle order partnership from Trent Thomas and Nat Fyfe we were able to post a respectable score of 73. It didn’t get any better for the BGS boys from there with Scotch chasing down the runs quite easily and going on to make a large score. In contrast to recent weeks it was our batting which let us down and meant that there was a large amount of pressure on the bowlers. Let’s bounce back next week and hopefully get our first win of the season!
7A
Brighton Grammar 4/112 (Hurd 21*, Bierens 17*, Badge 14*) defeated by Melbourne Grammar 10/117 (Flockart 2/4, Reddell 2/5, Dimattina 2/6)

With the team full of confidence after a win last week and high on “Dendy Fever” we once again returned to Dendy Park for a clash against arch rivals Melbourne Grammar. Captain for the day Marcus Bierens lost the toss and we were sent into bat on a green pitch.

After a slow start sitting at 1/22 after 10 overs, No.4 Dan Hurd put it on himself to get BGS moving, scoring 21 runs at just under a run a ball. With the loss of James Ianuali in the 19th over, we were 3/54 looking at a score of around 120, knowing we could score quickly with a short boundary. Josh Badge (14), Ryan Agg (13) and Marcus Bierens (17) combined for 46 runs in eight overs propelling Brighton to 4/112 after our 29 overs.

Sam Flockart and Brendan Reddell shared the new ball and bowled tight to find MGS 2/5 after six overs with Reddell claiming the two wickets of the opening batsmen. However, cricket can change very quickly, with Brighton conceding 82 runs in the next 12 overs thanks to a strong batting performance from the Melbourne middle order— who were able to capitalise on the short pitched bowling.

With Brighton once again unable to play a full four quarter effort, it appeared we were 10 goals down at three quarter time to borrow one of Mr Marshall’s Footy terms, with MGS needing 26 runs from 11 overs. ‘Kicking’ with the wind in the final quarter BGS put the pressure on with wickets falling fast. Munnings (1/5), Dimattina (2/6) & Zissis (0/1) tightened things up, aided by multiple run outs with the pressure getting to the MGS batsmen who found themselves in deep trouble at 8/103 with three overs remaining. Alas MGS rode the luck and found the final 10 runs to take home a deserving win before Flockart claimed the last two wickets.

7B1
BGS 9/91 DEFEATED MGS 67

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OVERVIEW
The BGS 7B1 Cricket team have bowled very well this season, and decided to do so after winning the toss. Luke Hill providing the first wicket for Brighton Grammar. There was a lull period in-between the first and second wickets, but once we were able to courtesy of Nathan Moore’s good length delivery, the wickets then tumbled. Harry Harte and Aayan Shukla were the pick of the bowlers, sharing the impressive figures of 2/7 off three overs each. Other wicket takers were Nick Anson, Aaron Aloi, and Tom Arrigo. With the bat, our first 8 overs went for 13 runs, which featured three maidens and the wicket of Lachie Barlow. At the other end, Jonathan Hick was able to stick around at the top, contributing a solid 16. Declan Hayes came in at three and played a measured innings, top scoring with 27*. Nick Anson was also another star performer with the bat, notching up a 22* retirement, smashing three boundaries in an over to steer BGS to a comfortable victory with three overs to spare. Another good performance, as we look to continue the team spirit against Scotch College.

7B2
BGS 8/130 DEFEATED WESLEY 8/78

On Saturday the 20th of February Melbourne Grammar and Brighton Grammar played each other in a thrilling game of cricket. Melbourne Grammar were sent in to bat and in the end made a solid score of 115. Melbourne could have easily made more if it wasn’t for Brighton’s great fielding (Jett, Michael, Ben, Lucas, Jack and Nick all took fantastic catches). Next, it was Brighton’s turn to try and chase down the total. We had a shaky start with the loss of two wickets in the second over but turned it around with a 26 from Michael, a 21 from Lucas and a 20 from Jack. Unfortunately, Brighton Grammar fell just 7 runs short in a fantastic match of cricket, on a beautiful sunny day.

TENNIS

8A
On the 20th of February, the 8A tennis team played Haileybury at Brighton Secondary. We started off with two doubles teams enjoying wins with Evan Best and Zach Adam-Gedge winning 6-4 and Nate Hollis and Max Benier winning 6-1. After all the doubles results were in, BGS was ahead by just two games. In the singles we had a variety of wins and losses with notable performances from Nate Hollis who won his singles 6-2 and Ethan Furey closing out his singles at 6-3. With one singles left to play, BGS was ahead with 49 games. In the end, it was Pablo Forbes who unfortunately lost 4–6 but managed to get BGS over the line with an end result of BGS winning the tie by a measly one game! All in all, Haileybury put up a good fight but BGS managed to overcome them.
8A2

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8B2

BGS 52 defeated St Kevin’s 43

It was another beautiful morning for tennis at Dendy Park for the 8B2 team, playing against St Kevin’s. The cloud cover kept conditions cool and enjoyable.

The boys drew in sets in the doubles, with 2 sets each to BGS and St Kevin’s; we were ahead by 2 games at the end of the doubles matches (BGS 18, St Kevin’s 16). Steven Stavrellis, Cameron Acheson, Ryan Thorpe and Jaikob Akinci all playing well and defeating their opponents.

In the singles we were again equal in sets with St Kevin’s with four a piece. It was the final game score that got us over the line (BGS 34, St Kevin’s 27). Meluke Gunter and Jack Gray had some fabulous rallies throughout their games, keeping the spectators interested. Flynn Chan and Jack Damyon both shone with some impressive returns of service.

Well done boys!

8C1

BGS LOST TO GGS 4-8

This was the week! On our own home turf 8C1 tennis had the advantage of playing on the familiar BGS Middle School Tennis Courts and the day started exceptionally well. Tommy and Angus along with the X team, Jaxon and Maxim won their doubles with a special mention to Angus for his serve that powered over the net. Nick and Carl fought their hardest to stay afloat, but a few tricky shots left their match 4-6 with Geelong Grammar getting some points on the board.

Singles was next, Andrew and Carl provided a challenge for Geelong with their scorching forehand shots hitting the sweet spot many times to win both of their games. Great game also to Jaxon and Julian who only just got pipped with a very close 5-6 and 4-6 match respectively.

Congratulations to all boys again for showing excellent sportsmanship and being good hosts to our visiting Geelong Grammar. We will work hard this week at training and hope for another great start next week.

8C2

BGS defeated Xavier 9-3

7A

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7B2
BGS LOST TO ST KEVINS 0-12

Despite what would seem a disappointing score card, the boys played some exceptional and determined tennis. In particular, it was great to see the way the boys responded after two difficult and dispiriting rounds. Will Featherston and Charlie Schwerdt played with much skill and a little bit of flair while Harry Thom also played some fine tennis. James Clark too, was a little unlucky in his match but kept his head right up until the last point to show that he can play good, tactical tennis and move well around the court. The boys have most certainly improved over the last 3 weeks and seem to be in a good position to win their first round, very soon. Bring it on!

7C2

Early birds might catch worms, but at BGS early risers catch buses to Berwick. So it was that the 7C troupe clambered aboard a very generously-sized coach to make the trek east to Haileybury. Once again, due credit must go to those boys who had just returned from a busy week of camp and still managed to get up in the 6s to make it to school on time.

We have managed three from three beautifully sunny Saturdays of tennis so far, and the boys took great advantage of the glorious conditions, displaying one of the finest shows of tennis to date. It was a clean sweep of the doubles scoreboard, with due mention being extended to Finn Lade for playing two doubles matches due to us being a man down.

Thanks, Finn!

The singles competitions were amongst the tightest we’d enjoyed thus far. We’ve been enjoying quite a few 6-0 whitewashes, but Haileybury – themselves enjoying a two-from-two winning streak – proved to be a worthy adversary. Henry Kerr and Max Mozina both battled out epic 11-game matches comprising lengthy rallies and some very competitive tennis. Oli Lochhead was this week’s 6-0 champion, winning both his singles and his doubles match with Finn Lade by this impressive margin.

It’s wonderful to see the boys improving every week, and is inspiring to have them also reflect on how far they are coming along in different aspects of the game. The 7C boys can be rewarded for their excellent efforts and early rise with a home match and sleep-in this week! 😊
TOUCH FOOTBALL

BGS defeated Trinity Grammar School 9-5
BGS defeated by St. Kevin’s College by 2 games to 1 (with 1 draw)

Another fine day at Elwood Park for the twin fixtures against St. Kevin’s and Trinity Grammar. Despite consecutive Year 7 Camp weeks, the Middle School Touch teams continue to build momentum at the mid-point of the season.

MS4’s game was a tight affair, with the teams locked at two tries each at the halfway-point, through tries to Tom Howard and Jakub Williams. The second half was no different, with neither team having the advantage for very long, eventually ending in a 4-4 draw. BGS try scorers were Micah Swann, who put in a fine individual performance with some elusive running, and Alec Ciciulla.

MS5 started strongly, running in three tries in the first half to St. Kevin’s solitary effort. Despite the early advantage, St. Kevin’s, who had a well-stocked bench, came back strongly in the second half to win the tie 6-5. BGS try scorers were Tom Cantwell (double), Oli Warren, Costa Chantzos and Josh Hudgton.

MS3 were impressive in their 11-5 victory. There were some fine individual performances and the team gelled well as a group under the leadership of Thomas Draheim and Archie Jackson. Try scorers were Leo Read (four), Connor Marriott (double), Mackenzie Horth (double), Luca Macnab and Wei-Yee Hall (double).

MS2 came up against the strongest team we had faced in the competition thus far. With St. Kevin’s dynamic in attack and exploiting gaps in the defence to come away with a 9-4 victory. BGS point scorers were Ben Sullivan (double), Ben Davies and Luke Langdon.

MS1 - The final game of the round was against Trinity Grammar, and BGS put in a strong performance to win 8-6. Low on personnel, particular mention should be made of Dom Frederico, Kip Gibney, Luke Langdon, Yali Lin and Sam Stewart, who backed up their MS2 game by filling in for MS1. Try scorers were Dom Frederico (triple), Campbell Sedgwick (triple), Jacob Sarris, Sam Stewart and Yali Lin.

BGS are building nicely and their skills are improving as the season progresses. Again, thanks to the Senior boys Lennox Amatruda and Kai Weight for their coaching and refereeing.

SWIMMING

Bright and early on Saturday morning, the BGS swim team travelled to St Kevin’s for a fierce swimming competition. We arrived at the pool to see St Kevin’s having a training session
before the actual race! It was an awesome day with great performances all over the board. Max Kortge did an awesome effort in his medley relay doing a 37sec 50m Butterfly. And Dylan Tomsic did a wonderful swim, swimming a 100m freestyle. But the most courageous swim of the day goes to Daniel Curatore in his 50m Breaststroke, although he is still working on his technique, he put in an awesome effort and gave it his all. Although we didn’t come away champions, everyone gave an awesome effort!!

**DIVING**

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