BADMINTON

YEAR 8

BGS defeated Wesley 8–4

This week the BGS Year 8 team played off against Wesley, at the same venue that we have played at for the past two weeks in Elsternwick. Everyone played well and tried their best and in the end their efforts were rewarded as we beat Wesley 8–4. We played eight games of singles and four games of doubles and this week I only got to play one match and it was a singles game. In my match I won both sets and so I secured one win for the team. Overall Wesley played well and had some great players but BGS still came out on top.

CRICKET

8A

*Two-day game concludes this week*

8B

BGS 112 defeated by Scotch 6/150

The BGS 8B juggernaut rolled out to the beautiful Scotch College on a pretty gloomy Saturday morning, looking to continue on our winning streak. Captain Dan Smith was successful in winning the toss, and had no hesitation in electing to bat first on what was a pool-table-like surface. Lucas Pithie, and Dan himself opened up our innings, and faced out seven overs of the best bowling that we have seen this season. Lucas played very well for his 10, however was unluckily bowled off his back pad. This brought Jack Seymour to the crease to bat with Dan. The pair batted masterfully against a very good bowling attack. Playing proper cricket shots, both got themselves to the mid 20’s before both were out the very ball before they retired!! Dan made a well compiled 26, while Jack managed 24. At 1/60 off 13, the Tonners looked to be in a great position to make a big score. However the Scotch bowlers continued to hit the perfect areas. This sparked a massive batting collapse as we lost 8/20 in our middle overs! Winston Macgowan and debutant Trent Thomas came together at 9/80 with eight overs still to bat in our innings! The pair managed to hang around very well, and really showed the middle order how to bat in a crisis. The pair put on 32, with Trent (21) and Winston (10 no). BGS were bowled out from the last ball of our innings for 112 off 30 overs.
As we took the field, the message for the boys was to bowl nothing short, to make the batsman hit to the long straight boundaries. The bowlers didn’t start well with Scotches openers putting on 50 off the first 10 overs. The short, wide bowling really hurt our cause. After we did take our first wicket, the boys really did park up, and the bowling started to improve. Constant wickets falling at good times for BGS kept us in the game. Trent Thomas (2/9), Max Mitchell Adams (1/16), Winston Macgowan (1/28), Denver Stroud (1/19), Kier Cannell (1/23), Lucas Pithie (1/22) and a run out from Captain Dan Smith compiled the eight wickets that we managed to take on the day, with Scotch passing our score five wickets down. Scotch finished their innings on 6/150 – a disappointing result for us, however the boys understood that the process wasn’t executed effectively which was why the result wasn’t in our favour!

Looking forward to a great response next week!

8C
BGS 7/107 defeated by Haileybury 8/115

This week the 8C team were up against local rivals from Haileybury Castlefield, some tight bowling and handy fielding meant that we were able to put the pressure on the opposition by making them work extremely hard for their runs. After 25 overs of a bit of everything Haileybury sat at 8/115, a realistic and achievable target for the boys in search of their first win of the year. Our innings got off to a perfect start with the opening pair of Max and Flynn adding early runs and putting the pressure back on the Haileybury bowlers. A middle order collapse meant the boys needed 13 runs off the last 4 balls, while we gave it our best shot unfortunately we fell nine runs short at the end of the day and a fourth consecutive loss. Although the results are not coming there has been a large improvement from the team and I feel a win is just around the corner.

7A
Brighton Grammar 8/122 (Bierens 35*, Arnold 16*, Agg 13*) defeated Scotch 10/20 (Zissis 3/0, Anson 2/4)

The Tonners ventured out to the pristine grounds of Scotch College to play their first away match for 2016. On one of the finest ovals in the APS (The Meares Oval), the boys embraced the ground that was being mowed as the boys were arriving to the ground.

Captain for the day Sam Flockart won the toss and we batted first on the rock hard pitch. Opening pair Brendan Reddell and Ryan Agg found it tough early, with the Scotch bowlers providing extra pace that hasn’t been seen at 7A level so far this year. Reddell and number three Blake Oliver were bowled with BGS in trouble at 2/11 after eight overs. Agg and Marcus Bierens began to up the run rate scoring freely, with Agg retiring for a well-made 13. Flockart (6) was unluckily run out, before Josh Badge (0) was bowled. Bierens once again retired on 35 off 26 balls, including four boundaries on the big ground. Bierens is yet to be
dismissed with two games remaining and is the first Year 7 cricketer to pass 100 runs this year. Bierens’ retirement saw a collapse with BGS falling to 7/91 with just under 30 minutes of play remaining. Caden Arnold ran hard and got bat on ball scoring 16 off 23 balls, with Henry Munnings and Kai Dimattina finishing off the innings well to see BGS close at 8/122 from 32 overs. A much improved batting performance by running hard between the wickets.

What occurred next couldn’t have been predicted by anyone, seeing Scotch lose 10 wickets in the space of 13 overs. Some say it was the delicious morning tea provided by Katie Flockart which the boys couldn’t get enough of before they went out to field. By finishing early they were lucky enough to grab the remaining few slices before returning back to Brighton!

Dimattina (0/2) and Munnings (1/1) bowled stump to stump, not allowing the batsmen to score with plenty of swing in overcast conditions. Reddell fielded sharply at square leg and ran out the #3 to find Scotch 2/4 after six overs. However, after last weeks’ performance we knew we needed to play the full game to collect the win. Lachie Zissis dived to his right and threw the ball in from cover on the ground to run the next batsmen out for a diamond duck before Arnold (1/3) and debutant Nick Anson (2/4) put Scotch to the sword at 6/9. Despite missing out with the bat, Zissis’ dangerous outswingers were able to collect 3/0 from three overs, before Flockart clean bowled the number 11 to pull off a BGS record to bowl Scotch out for 20! Our fielding was exceptional with Dan Hurd keeping very well behind the stumps, Flockart taking two catches at point, Bierens collecting a fantastic catch in close as well as Badge’s direct hit from mid off – the standard has been set for the remaining two games. Alas nine out of the 20 runs Scotch scored were from extras and we will strive to keep this figure down in the coming games.

7B1
BGS 51 defeated by Scotch 4/140

BGS began well, with Luke Hill bowling a maiden to start off the day, backed up by Hamish Roberts who took a wicket with his first ball of the day. From there, Scotch had a few good batsmen who were able to hold up an end and made it difficult for us. Unnecessary extras, as well as over throws accumulated to a competitive total. With the bat, BGS were comprehensively beaten, with one of the Scotch off spinners taking 3 wickets in one over. This is a learning experience for the boys, as games like these can happen in cricket. The good thing is that we can come back next game better and stronger.

7B2
BGS 7-56 defeated by MGS 6-122

Overall there were plenty of positives and skills to improve on from the game. Extras on BGS bowling only topped 11 which was a super effort and to keep a strong MGS side to 120 off 24 overs with some superb fielding in two run outs and two catches is something to look forward to for the following games. Batting is probably the 7B2’s greatest development area, however, an improvement in running in between wickets and quick singles could
improve our scores dramatically rather than focusing on smashing boundaries. Looking forward to improving on these in the following trainings and collecting two wins to finish the season.

7C

It was a great win for BGS on Saturday. It was our first win for the season!

I was the captain for this week.

This week I noticed some players that really gave exceptional performances helping to bring the team to victory. One of those players was Ben after hitting 3 fours in the last over to seal the game.

Another standout was Mitchell. He got two wickets in his last over. He hit a magnificent four in his terrific batting partnership with James.

James was also an influential player. He had a magnificent batting innings making a tonne of runs. James gave the players a lot of confidence.

The finisher this week was Callum. He hit the winning runs to bring our team to victory.

Callum had a great bowling day as well. He kept down the extras and made it hard for the opposition to find the boundary.

My man of the match for this week was James for his run making and consistent bowling.

Watching the players sing the song after the game and to see the smiles on their faces was a great feeling.

Thank you Rohan for helping us get a big victory on Saturday. The training has really helped the players to improve on their skills. Hopefully we can get even better so we can get some more victories this season!

TENNIS

8A

On Saturday the 27th of February 8A tennis travelled to St Kevin’s, it was an early start with the match commencing at 8:30am. In the doubles there were some good wins but a couple of losses. In the end it was even with two sets apiece. The courts were a challenge to deal with, because of the inconsistent bounce that they produced. There were many highlights in the singles. Such as Nate Hollis winning 6-1, and Zach Adam-Gedge coming from 5-3 down to win in a tiebreak. In the end Brighton Grammar 8A’s recorded their first loss for two seasons going down 7 sets to 5. I would like to say thanks to Tom Garner who took time out of his weekend to fill in and Coach us on the morning.
8A2

BGS defeated Caulfield Grammar 10-2

On Saturday Brighton Grammar 8A2 played another game at Dendy Park. The conditions were great for tennis, no wind, no sun and no heat. It was clear early on that CGS had some strong players but BGS used their home ground advantage. In our doubles, BGS dominated the opposition, 21 games to 13 with the biggest win 6-1 from Tom Blamires and Max McLaughlin. Hamish Gee and Liam Konidarlis fought hard to win their doubles at 6-3. Steven Stavrellis and Alan Gennissen did not stop smiling and laughing throughout and still managed to win 6-4. Dom Kastrinakis and Cam Acheson won their doubles 6-2 with an easy and relaxed game. Many singles matches were won with ease, except for Hamish Gee who unfortunately lost the nail biting tie breaker. Everyone went home happy, feeling as though the day was a success. Well done on another great week boys.

8B2

BGS defeated by Carey 6 (47)- 6 (55)

What a Melbourne morning it was, we are in summer and yet we are still getting cloud and rain. It was no match for the BGS boys though, they were ready, warmed up and had their best tennis approved foot forward.

Boom! Doubles began with a 6-0 win to Tommy and Ryan. We had this. Flynn and Gus, the comeback kings were 2-4 down, but finished it off nicely with a 6-4 win! Jacob and Jack G battled it out in very close sets, only just beaten 4-6.

Singles came along, our doubles had gone relatively well and Carey could feel the heat of the competition. Tommy’s serving was casting doubt for Carey’s boys, winning his match 6-2. Meluke had a nail biter, winning 6-5 with deuce at every game.

Special mention to Ryan who managed to keep his head strong during a difficult match that ended in sweet victory.

Overall, the boys played well and whilst most of the sets were very close, we managed to draw in the sets, but lost our touch in the singles games this week. Training will be the key to next week’s matches.

Thank you to all the parents that came to support their boys, your enthusiasm was much appreciated by all.

8C1

It was an early start on Saturday morning for the BGS 8C1 team. The boys were enthusiastically ready to begin play by the 8am start time. The weather looked a little like rain and a few drops were felt but it cleared and the conditions were cool and pleasant with no wind, ready for a fabulous morning of tennis.
St Kevin’s defeated BGS 70-39; the score doesn’t do justice to the heart with which the boys played. Tommy Colaci and Jaxon Putland played well as a double team, the game could have gone either way, in the end they were defeated 6-4. Likewise, Nik Vakirtzis and Mitz Metaxas played well as a doubles team, losing by only one game 6-5.

Carl Rumbens deserves a special mention for his superb effort in stepping up and playing 3 games when we needed him. He also won his singles match at a tie breaker 6-5. Mitz Metaxas won his singles game 6-5 too.

All round a great team effort despite the final score. Keep up the training and enthusiastic effort boys!

**8C2**

*BGS defeated Xavier (Burke Hall) 8–4*

8C2 had another successful set of games this weekend. All team members attended, some as usual making a tremendous effort to get to the venue. The result was 8 games to 4 in our favour, playing Xavier (Burke Hall).

Overall individuals felt positive and that their game is improving. Some had some really spectacular shots. The rallies in one or two games were particularly entertaining. The doubles matches were strongly played and defended. As the team from Xavier were over supplied, several of our players elected to play an extra singles match.

Victor Ding enjoyed a well-deserved win, Justin Feng and Sky Wu played well to come out on top of their doubles match. Unfortunately after waiting through most of the other games, Sky was not so successful in his singles match.

**7A**

The boys travelled out to St kevins this week to tackle yet another of the strongest tennis sides in the competition. Coming off tough rounds previously, they boys needed to rally themselves and get fired up, and they did. Standout performances from Pat Gu and Hugh Moir in their doubles, saw us clench one of the four rubbers, and Pat continued his improved performances with a solid 6-1 win in the singles. Will Muller played an outstanding singles match, utilising new skills to his advantage and narrowly lost the match in an intense tie-break. Harley Chessills battled valiantly at the number one spot, as did James Capp and Adam Larkin. Despite not getting the result in the end, the boys must be commended on their continued commitment. They are playing boys who train externally multiple times a week, and this introduction to a higher level of tennis shouldn't imitate our boys, rather it should be seen as a great opportunity to learn new skills against better players and in turn, improve their own games. Heads up boys, our time will come.
BGS defeated Carey Grammar by 6 - 5

Best players: Chris Field, Charlie Schwerdt, James Clark and James Cannuli

It proved to be a tight contest all day at Boroondara and, boosted by the efforts of the talented Will Landman & James Cannuli, the 7B1 team came from behind to snatch a great victory in the last minutes of the round. Chris Field, Owen Dials, James Clark and Charlie Schwerdt played consistently good tennis in their singles’ matches while making very light work of their doubles’ encounters. The boys seem to be gathering genuine momentum, mid-season, and I sense more of today’s success, just a week away. It was a great morning of Tennis. Congratulations boys!

BGS defeated by Haileybury 5-7

The BGS 7B2 Tennis team had a challenging morning at Haileybury on Saturday. The competition was tough yet Tsindos and Li took out a doubles match with great enthusiasm and team work. Thom represented BGS with passion playing doubles as well as winning two competitive singles matches. Corke and Li stepped up putting the pressure on Haileybury in their singles matches scoring 6-2 and 6-4. Pouliquin had a close match and displayed great sportsmanship. Unfortunately, BGS didn’t walk away with the win but it was an enjoyable morning for all. Thank you to our BGS parents for their support and attendance.

7C2

Competition has a new name, and wears stripes of blue, green, and yellow.

For arguably the first time this season, the BGS 7C team were faced with a truly worthy adversary, St Kevin’s, who pushed the boys to their limits. The doubles competition was truly fierce, and we went down three matches to one. The pairing of Lochhead and Lade, however, played a thrillingly close doubles match, and were unfortunate to go down 5-6. Mozina and Pang proved themselves to be a force to be reckoned with, though, exhibiting exceptional teamwork and shared the court artfully to win their doubles match 6-2.

The singles were equally testing, with our only victors for the day being Pang and Lade. Match of the day, though, has to go to Lochhead who stepped up to the plate for not one but two singles matches, with the latter of these being the nail-biting conclusion to our Saturday morning. Both he and his opponent were truly spent by the end of it, but one could see that both boys were incredibly proud to have played in a match that allowed them to exhibit incredible skill and strategy.

Each week, I am astonished by the true grit, enthusiasm, and sportsmanship the BGS boys demonstrate on and off the court. They congratulate their opponents on good shots, they are courteous and respectful, and they are gracious in both victory and defeat. I am so
proud of their efforts, and am equally thankful to the wonderful parents who come to support the boys each Saturday.

**TOUCH FOOTBALL**

The strongest results of the season as BGS played the return fixture against Xavier College at Collins Bridge. It was a much improved performance from the first week in which BGS lost the fixture 3-1, with 1 draw.

**MS5** fought valiantly in their 3-1 defeat to Xavier. Harry Cornwell played well in his first game back from injury. The boys performed admirably against a solid Xavier outfit and did well to keep the deficit to 2 tries with some excellent defence.

**MS1** had a great win. The team played with really good structure and intensity. They rucked the ball well and created space cleverly which they exploited to score four great tries to Xavier’s one. BGS try scorers were Soren Mitchell (1), Samuel Breen (2) and Jacob Sarris (1).

**MS2** defeated Xavier by three tries to one. The boys put in one of the best performances of the day, looking sharp in attack and defending as a unit. It was great to see Jack Clarkson back from injury, and he was dynamic in attack and defence. Will Biddick also had a breakthrough performance with some elusive running. A great all-round team performance.

**MS3** defeated Xavier by six tries to three. It was a superb performance from the boys with all members of the panel contributing to the win. The speed of their recycling and the accuracy of their passing consistently created space and the boys took their scores very well. Try scorers were Connor Marriott (2), Thomas Draheim (2), Leo Read (1) and Shotaro Shu (1).

**MS4** faced off against a strong and fast Xavier team. It was a close game in the first half with Xavier posting three tries to BGS’s solitary effort. In the second half, BGS tightened the screws and performed valiantly in defence with the scores remaining 3-1.

Thank you to all the parents and the boys for their efforts on the weekend, particularly those boys that backed up to play a second game.

**SWIMMING**

We started out by waking up early in the morning on a cold Saturday, we arrived at BGS all ready for the long bus ride ahead...secretly planning to convince the teacher with us to have a Maccas run on the way back after the racing. As we arrived at Wheelers Hill Caulfield we were all keen to get off the bus but we were not allowed because the doors were not
open. When we finally got in we all rushed off to warm up and this was a complete failure, since we only had two lanes for about 30-40 people, it was a huge crowd... Luckily we had most of our team this week though so we had high spirits!!

We started out with the Un13/14 4x50m butterfly relay and we smashed it out of the park. Throughout the competition the A Un14 relays were winning race after race which kept us all in a good mood, but we lost the Un14 medley relay. Luckily we all came back strong in the freestyle relay. During the whole meet the Year 7’s did not have the best outcomes in their races but the just kept going and would not give up. Also all of the boys had smiles on their faces and never looked a little down. Some star stand outs for the day were: Ruben Cook, Jeremy Booth, Harrison Kirkham, Luke Matthews, Max Kortge and Graeme Gouws. Over all the boys had a really good time and all are looking forward until next week.

**DIVING**

On Saturday 27th February, the BGS diving team had the opportunity to compete at Caulfield Grammar.

This, along with last week at Scotch, has been the first time in many years that the BGS team has placed in three different age groups, with Luca Jarvis winning the open division, Max Simic coming second in the Under 15s and Ethan Gendala winning the Under 14s. Great job to Matt Warrell and Harry Fisher for putting in a great effort and for displaying consistent improvement every week.

We’re getting closer to the Finals at MSAC on Tuesday 15th March and the team is certainly ready for some great competition.

Well done boys!