

## **BGS SECONDARY SCHOOL SPORTS REPORTS**

**Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> November 2018**

### **Badminton – 1<sup>st</sup> VIII**

#### **BGS defeated Melbourne Grammar**

The second match against Melbourne Grammar, who finished 8th last season went extremely well. We confidently beat them by winning 11 out of 12 rubbers.

In the singles round, we triumphed in 7 out of 8 rubbers. One of the highlights of this singles round was Terrace's two set win. He just played so well, smashed his opponent. He didn't give any chances to the guy he played by winning 21-6, and 21-4.

Doubles is our team's weak suit. However, we kept focusing on our doubles during training sessions. Fortunately, We prevailed in all four rubbers in the doubles round, and we actually saw our improvement. It was a joy to see the first double pair not intimidated by their strong opponents, finishing the match in two sets 21-17, 21-18.

The first two matches give us the needed passion and energy to take down other top tier teams in the APS competition.

### **Cricket – 1<sup>st</sup> XI**

#### **BGS 6/206 defeated by St Kevins 6/208 Wood 87, Marais 61, Flockart 3/46**

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI arrived at St Kevin's Collage to a flat and hard wicket well suited to the batsmen. We won the toss, elected to bat and started superbly with a 161 run opening partnership with Craig Marais backing up his 59 from last week with a fabulous 61. Spencer Wood posted 87 with both the openers placing us in a good position to accelerate late in the innings. The consistent loss of wickets however stemmed the flow of runs as we finished 6/206 after 50 overs.

St Kevin's also started well with the bat managing a rapid 127 run opening partnership before Craig Marais secured our first wicket with a great runout followed soon after by some sharp work behind the stumps by James Larkworthy of Greg Hick's bowling. Ben Sexton bowled superbly throughout and was unlucky not to take wickets, regularly beating the bats, whilst Spencer's tight and restrictive 'spinners' built the pressure leading to the breakthrough run out. Just as St Kevin's looked to solidify again, Felix Flockart returned to claim 3 middle order wickets, spurring hope of a fightback which was fuelled by Ben Sexton's return and another wicket. However it was left all too late with St Kevin's passing our total 6 down with 8 overs remaining. We were left to rue some lapses of concentration both with the

bat and early with the ball, leaving us chasing the game after such a strong start. Nonetheless, the boys continue to improve and know we are not far away from getting our first win.

## **Cricket – 2nds**

### **BGS 8/126 defeated Xavier 122**

On Saturday the 17th of November, the forecast showed another perfect day for cricket, sun out but not too hot! The boys were looking forward to backing up their performance from the following week's victory. In warm up it became aware that the Xavier team we came up against had knocked off Scotch and St Kevin's in practice matches and had made 300 the week before against Geelong before bowling them out for 40. Despite being nervous, the boys were eager to give it their best!

The opening pair of Clyne and Marsden bowled 11 overs between them and only allowed 30 runs which put the batsman under the pump straight away. This meant when Fitzzy's heat entered the attack at first change they still couldn't find any easy runs. Fitzzy was able to dismiss the 3/4 top batsman which was then followed up by Bailey who ended up taking 4 wickets of his own when he got his field set which led to bowling Xavier out for 122. Tremendous efforts in the field, especially by Marsden who took an unbelievable catch and also got a run out. Play of the innings would have to be back-to-back stumpings by Gus Edgar where his quick hands created a wicket for Bailey and another for a medium pace bowler Shaura.

Now it was our turn to bat and chase down the low total of 122 on an unpredictable crowther oval. The wicket took toll on our batsman early losing 2 wickets to ball not bouncing or bouncing way too much. Once again, in this game Bailey stood up to the task and stayed in with Greeny to make 37 and 25 respectively putting us at 4 down for 78. Fill ins Zizzis and Edgar showed they belonged but holding on to their wicket in tough times and ticking over our score to 100 before some concentration errors dismissed them both! Clyne and Marsden were now in with 15 runs to get but not many wickets in hand. Marsden fell chopping on and Shaura is in. These two were able to face out the opening bowlers remaining overs and then tick the score to 8/126

A fantastic win for the boys and a very good way to start the year knocking off a top contender. Looking forward to our future opponents in coming weeks.

## **Cricket – 8A**

### **BGS 101 defeated by Geelong College 105**

Men of the Match: Josh Finklestein (30), Moe Spencer (21)

It all came down to the last over on Saturday with Moe Spencer and James Hepples at the crease. Spencer was set with the team needing 11 off six balls to get the win. Intelligently, with multiple fielders out, he hit consecutive balls hard into the deep for two. He was backed splendidly by Hepples, who ran without caution to the danger end each time. The BGS boys on the side, who had been down for most of the day, sensed a victory in sight with seven off four needed. Unfortunately, on the third attempt at a two, the Geelong College bowler pulled out a freak display of fielding, stopping a middled ball with the instep of his foot after it was hit hard back at him to run out Spencer for 21. Although our chances had taken a hit, Hepples brought the excitement back with another two off the next ball. Five off two balls seemed a tough ask, but possible with the support from the boundary. The second last ball was another wicket, which brought the previously retired Josh Finklestein (30) to the crease. Needing a six to win the game and four to tie, he set himself for a big one. Unfortunately, the Geelong College bowler hit yorker length, making the task to hit a boundary near impossible.

Earlier in the day, Olly Howell (0 for 8 off 4 overs), Oscar Newstead (1 for 12 off 3 overs), Nate Stroud (0 for 7 off 3 overs) and Josh Finklestein (0 for 2 off 2 overs) all bowled well. Although we fell just short, it was a fantastic game of cricket.

## Cricket – 8B

### **BGS 8/28 defeated by Scotch College 7/140**

**Men of the Match: Harry Penwright for his outstanding bowling performance; Tom Gianatti for a great all-round performance; Oscar Sloan for a great start to his BGS cricketing career.**

It was an interesting game to say the least. The 8B boys arrived at Anderson Park to play Scotch and we were sent in to bat after losing the toss.

Losing Archie and Oscar early, both not having troubled the scorers, Jack Byrnes and James Pennington came in to steady the ship. Jack added 2 to the total before departing and James being the pick of the batsmen added a classy 5, knocking the ball around and finding gaps to create singles. Tom Gianatti came in and smoked his first ball through square leg for 4 with a cracking pull shot, but the adrenaline seemed to take control and he was caught behind the next ball. Max Crawley also made a well compiled 4, rotating the strike well.

With ball in hand, we looked more dangerous, Harry Penwright took the new cherry and made an instant impact, taking a wicket in his first over. Tom Gianatti backed him up bowling great areas and conceding minimal extras. Max Crawley came into the attack at first change and also took a wicket in his first over.

Despite being beaten quite convincingly this week, the boys played with great spirit and attitude down to the last ball, and should be commended for this. Jace Dimmer and Oscar Sloan proved to be great additions to the team, having moved to cricket this year, with Jace

looking dangerous with both ball and bat in hand and Oscar taking a well-deserved wicket towards the end of our bowling innings. Other mentions go to Archie Walton for taking 2/19 off 3 overs, both wickets being LBW, and a great run out from Tom Gianatti.

## Futsal - 1<sup>st</sup> XI

**BGS 4 defeated by Melbourne Grammar 14**

## Sailing

On Saturday 17th November, BGS Sailing travelled to Mornington Yacht Club for the second week in a row. With stronger wind conditions than previous weeks, this regatta tested the boys' boat handling skills and agility (a few boats from the fleet happened to tip whilst executing jibs! Thankfully no one was injured). The focus for this week from the coaches was our starts, which are significant in teams-racing, in order to ensure that we were competitive from the first mark onwards.

The BGS boys produced strong results this week, taking winners in all but one of races. Lachie Caldwell and James Provis displayed experiences hands in windy conditions whilst the ever-reliable Matt Ross steered the Seconds to claim victors for the day. Stepping into the unfamiliar roll of skipper, Joel Dow displayed great potential and aptitude. We also welcomed Edward Forster to the crew this week, who provided enthusiasm and relished his opportunity.

With one more regatta in the first half of the season, BGS Sailing is well placed in the standings for the Middleton Cup. We now turn our attention to RYCV Williamstown for the last Saturday regatta of the year."

We are scheduled to have this Saturday's regatta at The Royal Yacht Club of Victoria which is in Williamstown.

## Tennis - 2nds

**BGS 7 sets defeated Melbourne Grammar 5 sets**

BGS came up against an undermanned MGS side and were pushed to the final set of the day. The heat and the pressure seemed to get to the boys as many served for the sets, but couldn't convert in their singles. Ethan Furey made an impressive start to his 2nds campaign this week winning 6-0 and both Sam and Tommy remain undefeated so far this season.

## **Tennis – 9A**

### **BGS 11 sets defeated 1 set Wesley**

At Dendy Park, the 9A boys get ready to play Wesley Collage. Some close matches in doubles as Henry and Casper close out the long 6-5 match. Lochie and Milo getting a 6-4 win whereas Spiros and Charlie with a very nice 6-1 win. Unfortunately, the Number 2 for Wesley couldn't attend but Harry still went onto singles scoring what should have been a win due to some dodgy calls by the opponent 5-6 (14-16) down. Although James and Henry redeemed the BGS name with both winning singles 6-3 each. Casper and Lochie both won a very nice 6-0. Charlie and Spiros for a very good 6-1 win each and Milo finishing the day off with 6-4 win.

## **Tennis – 8A**

### **Brighton Grammar 10 sets (69 games) defeated Geelong College 2 sets (31 games)**

After a strong start to the season last week, our boys were able to back up our performance again this week with an excellent result against Geelong College. It was nice to have a sleep in with a later departure from BGS on the bus. Our boys were keen to repeat the success of last week and started strongly in the doubles, quickly taking apart their opponent's games. Chris Tomaras and Angus Haddon hit the ball well to finish their match 6 games to 3. Sam Lidis and George Roubos had a much tighter match finishing in a tie breaker that they narrowly lost. Billy Morris hit all his targets in his singles, finishing with a score of 6 to love. Shohma Funasaka also made short work of his match, finishing with a solid score of 6 sets to 1.