

Activity File Week ending Monday June 23

Congratulations

Congratulations to Andreas Sherbourne who came second in the selection contest for the International Chinese Speaking Competition (Hanyuqiao), and therefore qualified to represent Australian Secondary Schools in China in July.

Da Vinci Decathlon

Four CGS teams competed against teams from nineteen other schools in ten academic disciplines at the inaugural ACT Da Vinci Decathlon.

The Year 7 Gold team, consisting of Andrew Bondaruk, Alex Richards, Patrick Warr, James Quiggan, John Hooke, Sam Roberts, Riley Sandeman and Zachary Martin, achieved third place in both the Engineering and Forensic Sleuths challenges.

The Year 7 Blue team, consisting of Jack Ungerer, Benson Deme, Aran Ravishanker, Isaia Curtotti, Phillip Zhu, Oliver Tridgell, Sean Whitfield and Edmond Stewart showed their dramatic and structural stuff by coming second in Creative Producers and equal third in Engineering and achieved an overall place of eighth.

The Year 8 Gold team, consisting of Tony Zhang, Arjun Guduguntla, Aaron Nguyen, Ben Thompson, Jack Johnson, Karam Kim, Alistair Moore and Abhijith Prakash, placed first in Games of Strategy, second in Mathematics and third in Science and Forensic Sleuths to achieve an overall place of sixth.

The Year 8 Blue team, consisting of Harrison Barnett, Jeremy Ellingham, Yi Yuan, Chris Valencic, Darcy Welsh, David Cribb, Hugh McCarthy and Reid Furlanetto placed third in Games of Strategy, second in Science and Code Breaking and first in English and General Knowledge to achieve an overall place of third.

All the boys were a great credit to the school on the day.

Football

The 15Bs were keen to overcome a tendency to concede an early goal after a strong mid week talk. At half time the score was 0-0 against the side who is winning the division. A couple of goals in the second half saw Marist travelling comfortably until Chris Olalere scored with about twenty minutes to go. From then on the football was exciting end to end play with both teams having chances. In the final minute Zac Dowse, who had a strong game throughout, broke clear but with only the goalkeeper to beat shot just wide of the post. The final score of 2-1 did a great deal for our confidence. Standout performances, apart from those mentioned already from Mark Beaver in goal, George Giannitsios and Alex Coppa in midfield , and Jo Cavanagh and

Emmett Richardson in defence. This was the team's best performance of the season to date.

June started with a bye for the **first XI**, so a spying mission was possible against our nearest rivals, Monaro, which proved valuable. It also gave those boys carrying injuries time to rest.

Round 7: CGS defeated Woden 7-0.

The first half of this game is best never to be remembered. Grammar played as if they were out for a Sunday stroll; the whole team and in particular the strikers seemed allergic to running and kicking. This affliction unsurprisingly proved to be a disadvantage for a team trying to maintain an unbeaten record. A robust team talk at halftime seemed to spur Grammar to better things, and within 5 minutes the team were one up. Unfortunately, it was a Woden player who scored our goal, but having been shown how it was done, Grammar suddenly began to attack the Woden goals with real purpose. Andrew Waldron, having been deputised as a striker, took his chance and scored 3 goals. In between his first and last goal, strikes from Michael Kim, Sunni Noh and James Butterworth made the result a little more respectable.

Round 8: CGS defeated Belsouth Gunners 3-0.

This game started with Belsouth playing some good football, not reflected in their lowly league position. Grammar took some time to come to terms with a very large pitch. This did, however, give Michael Baker room to run and he took every possible chance, tearing down the right wing and putting in some great crosses. Grammar started to use the room they had to play the ball around and played some very good passing football. The first half ended with Grammar one up, but also reduced to 10 men, which meant an uphill battle in the second half on such a big pitch. The second half was very much like the first, with Grammar knocking the ball around and creating a lot of chances. Two goals late in the half sealed the win for a very tired Grammar side. Goals from Andreas Maude, Ben Cantwell and Matt Hope.

Round 9: CGS defeated Monaro 2-1.

This game was between the two top teams in the division. Watching Monaro at the start of the month revealed them to be a good footballing side who play an aggressive, attacking game. Monaro had at that point scored 12 more goals than Grammar and looked to be very dangerous. The first half started with Grammar well on top; chance after chance was created in the first 15 minutes and Grammar should probably have been 3-0 up. As it was, the pressure was kept on Monaro who made very little inroads into the Grammar half and when they did, our defence stopped them having any chance on goal. Eventually the chance came and Malte Egeler, on

exchange from Germany, placed a good shot over the Monaro keeper to put us one up at the end of the first half. The second half started as it ended, with Grammar on top. However, the game started to get very niggly, but fortunately the referee was up to the task. A firm hand kept the game going despite a plethora of yellow cards dished out to Monaro. This, however, did unsettle Grammar a bit and Monaro did get on top for around 15 minutes. During this time, they scored a good goal to draw level. The game was becoming more and more acrimonious as it looked like finishing in a draw. With about 3 minutes to go, Matt Hope popped up to place the ball in the Monaro goal and leave them very little time to counter. This was made even harder with a Monaro player shown a straight red for a move reminiscent of the rugby league code. A very good and deserved win for Grammar, taking them clear at the top of the league. Goals from Malte Egeler and Matt Hope.

Hockey

The 2nd XI defeated a full strength Central team on the weekend 3-2. Despite being on the bottom of the ladder Central was determined from the first whistle and Grammar found themselves deep within their own half. The first goal came through a Grammar counter attack with Matt Hughes ensuring Grammar took the lead. Another goal five minutes later had Central on the ropes shortly before half time. After the break Central had regrouped and quickly added two goals to level the game. In desperation Grammar managed to produce one further opportunity which Akira Kinefuchi swept past the goalie. Grammar maintained this lead until the end helping maintain Grammar's position on the top of the table. Best on pitch was Alex Mandzy with determined efforts in defence ensuring that Central did not add further goals in the second half.

The 2nd XI defeated Radford 4-1 in the last game before the mid-season break, continuing their dominance of the competition. Despite clearly outplaying their opponents Grammar failed to convert the chances provided and went to the half time break scoreless. After a fiery speech from Mr Cameron, Grammar scored in the first minute of the second half with a skilful deflection from Matt Hughes. Grammar continued to apply the pressure to their opponents and Alex Tridgell struck for Grammar to take a 2-0 lead. Andrew Muthurajah struck just minutes later with a sweep finding the back of the net as Grammar began to finally look to the wide options. Despite the great defensive efforts of Alex Mandzy Radford managed to put themselves on the scoreboard. Grammar replied to this goal with one of their own attributed to the stick of Rohan Jolly. The end score of 4-1 in favour of Grammar was due credit to the efforts of all the players in the second half.

The First XI faced a full strength Goulburn team on Sunday morning and were unlucky not to force a draw in the final analysis. The game started with Grammar very much in defensive mode and the great work from Chris Palin in goal allowed them to be only one down at the half time break. In the second half, as per previous weeks, Grammar once again 'hit their straps' with some fine passages of play led by Matt

Davis out of defence and brought through the centre by Daniel Beaton and Alex Trinder (who also distinguished himself by his excellent tackling.) At 2-2 with 4 minutes to play, the Firsts could not get the ball under pressure to key players on their right - the resultant goal against will serve as a valuable lesson as the season progresses. Best players were Chris Palin; Matt Davis and Daniel Beaton.

Rugby

Playing on the Main on Saturday, the 13 A's had a solid game to defeat West's 19 - 12. The game started well with Sean Cross scoring a try after 2 minutes. For the rest of the half, it was a real arm-wrestle. At this time we were missing too many tackles, but good defensive work meant that we forced West's to turn the ball over enough to keep us in the game. However, the second half started badly when a West's player ran through our team and then 70 metres to score under the posts in the fourth minute. Their conversion made it 5-7 to West's. Gradually, however, we started to get on top - especially as we played to our game plan and kept West's pinned in their own half. In the 11th minute of the half we took the lead when, after some excellent forward pressure, the backs threw the ball wide for Oliver Tridgell to score wide out. Sean Cross' excellent conversion made the score 12-7. Then in the 16th minute sustained forward pressure saw us force Andrew Robinson over the line to make the score 19-7. Unfortunately, we relaxed with the game won and West's scored an unconverted try in the 27th minute to make the final score 19-12 our way. Best players for Grammar were Andrew Robinson, Sean Cross, Jack Ungerer and Saint John Coates.

The 15Bs had a close victory over Yass on Saturday winning 14-12. Harry Sachs and Zac Dowse both scored tries while Mitch Taylor-Briscoe was successful with the boot, converting both tries. In a tight contest, special mention must go to; Spencer Scutt, Zac Lorraine, Sandy Bell, Mitch Fallon, and Matthew Brown.

On the weekend the under 15 Black took on a well drilled West's team. The game was fiercely contested in the forwards with some good clear running in the backs. Grammar unfortunately was on the back foot from the start of the game letting West's score two unanswered tries in the first ten minutes. Grammar pulled themselves together and started to apply some pressure to West's through controlling the ball at rucks and set plays. Despite Grammar's increased control over the game, it was West's that would score another try minutes before Halftime. Halftime score 19 - 0 to West's. The second half started off extremely well with Grammar executing some well drilled plays and working together as a team to put Andrew Balmacks over for a try. Grammar looked sensational as they held on to the ball and played their game within the West's half. This was the case for the majority of the second half however it was Grammar's simple errors that stopped them from turning this pressure into points and they learnt a valuable lesson of the need to slow down and stay in control of their game when applying pressure. West's scored another lucky try before the end of the game making the final score 26 - 7 to West's.

It is clearly evident to both the coaches how much potential this team has and how much they have improved since the start of the season. One of the most admirable aspects is how they never give up. Thank you to all of the parents who came and supported. Grammar play Marist this weekend and we are looking forward to improving on our game from this weekend.

Under 16 Black

This week saw our first second round match and the team continues to perform strongly. The outcome against Daramalan confirmed the confidence and depth of the team with Grammar always looking the winners - the final score being 11 points to 5.

It was a pity we had to play on such a small field that prevented us playing to our strength of running the ball wide. Our forwards continued to dominate in the rucks and mauls and provided good ball for the backs. Chris Retter led from the front and was well supported by Will Smith, Tom Carney, Lachlan Robertson and James Scott in going forward at every instance. Nawaaz Khalfan and Scott Sheridan were tireless forcing the breakdown and taking advantage of any loose ball. Harry L'Estrange led by example in attack and defence setting somewhat of a record in executing five consecutive tackles in under 30 seconds! Our backs looked threatening and tried hard all game but were unable to capitalise on the good work of our forwards. Lukas Whiting and Tom Christian in particular, showed good aggression in attack, hitting the line at speed. The next game will be the big test for the team to see if we can turn the tables against Marist. Tries - Robertson (1); Penalty Goals - Christian (2).