

## **Activity file week ending Monday 10 March**

### **House Cricket**

Over the past two weeks House Cricket has produced some thrilling games and sensational performances. Highlights included Tom Laudenbach's 17 ball 50, Andrew Smith's three wickets against Manaro, as well as 50's from Michael Langridge and Oliver Drummond. Garran and Eddison progressed to the final. Eddison led by Nicholas Killalea and Shahid Hasan took early wickets, but big hitting by Tom Christian, took Garran to 71 off 10 overs. Eddison, led by the Richardson brothers, James and player of the tournament Emmet, opened strongly with the bat and were able to chase the total down in eight overs. Congratulations to the Eddison team and thanks to Mr Bailey for helping throughout.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI played a vital two-day match against Marist College, at Grammar. Marist won the toss and elected to bat, and declared at 7 for 293. Strong bowling performances from Roshan Witheratne and Harry Lestrangle helped restrict Marist's total. The run chase started badly with Grammar losing quick wickets to be 4 for 101. Chris McClelland batted with the lower half of the order to make an unbelievable 105 not out, and win the game for Grammar.

The 1<sup>st</sup> XI resumed its first innings at 2 for 45 chasing a massive total of 426 for victory. Angus Pfahl made a hard fought 49 but unfortunately Grammar ended up well short being bowled out for 146. Once again, Angus Pfahl made a valuable contribution of 46 at the start of the innings and a resolute innings from Ollie L'Estrange later in the day allowed Grammar to finish at 7 for 146.

On Sunday Tom Laudenbach and Thomas Pilkinton represented Grammar in the ASC team which defeated a combined Sydney team at St Patrick's, Strathfield. Thomas bowled well to claim 2 for 8 and Tom Laudenbach made an excellent 32 runs on a difficult wicket.

### **Rowing**

Last week 24 boys competed at the national rowing championships at the Sydney international regatta centre in Penrith. CGS was represented in seventeen crews in ten different events.

In the U17 quad scull the crew of Nick Purnell, Mat Barnier, Angus Moore Nick Wadham and Tom Ethell proceeded confidently through the heats, semis and into the final winning a bronze medal in a field of 21 crews. In the U19 quad scull without Cox in a field of 9 crews, Sam Lawrence, Anthony Tridgell, James Hart and Peter McColl steered themselves to the final along with the ACTAS composite crew containing Nick Barnier. After an exceptional start from the CGS crew they settled into a strong 4<sup>th</sup> place behind the ACTAS crew in second place with a silver medal.

Three CGS scullers joined the field of 34 in the U17 single scull. Mat Barnier rowed himself calmly into the final where he placed an impressive 5<sup>th</sup> in a field of specialist scullers.

Nick Barnier faced up to a field of 42 in the U19 single scull where he too dominated the heats and semis to row an exciting final and win the bronze medal, only 0.3 of a

second behind the silver medallist. Next up was our fearless captain with his side kick Rob Mearns bravely competing in the U19 double scull against 30 other crews. Whilst the boys did not make the final they developed significantly as a crew and as competitors. Nick Barnier with his ACTAS partner had a very strong finish in the final to bring home the gold medal.

The year 10 1<sup>st</sup> quad of Chris Retter, Nick Retter, Richard Daley, Tom Nicholls, Jack Lattimore and Luke Gavin, divided in to two crews to contest the U17 double scull amongst 25 other crews. Some equipment failures in the heats resulted in the two crews having to contest the repechages the next day. While they rowed valiantly through a strong field they missed out on a semi final berth.

A new single scull was up for grabs in the schoolboy scull event. Nick Barnier rowed straight through to the semi final in a field of 48 scullers. In an exciting final where the lead changed in the last 500m Nick won a bronze medal behind his ACTAS colleague in second place.

The junior eight's main event was the U17 eight. They performed strongly in the heats and semis and were well placed in a strong final field. In an exciting race with all crews overlapping until the last 500m the CGS boys finished out side the medals.

The first crew of Lawrence, Tridgell, Hart, McColl and Vickers contested the schoolboy quad scull event against 13 other crews. The fresher crew from Radford got away in the heat and our boys looked spent after the U19 race that morning. A confident row in the repechage and a strong finish in the U19 final gave the CGS boys a good preparation for the School Boy final. In a very strong field our boys went out like a bat out of hell and left Radford well and truly in their wake. A stronger finishing Gippsland Grammar crew took out the gold with CGS beaming with the silver medals around their necks and Radford in 4<sup>th</sup> place. The peddle powered spectators were almost hysterical and very hoarse.

Seven of our number then donned the ACT colours to row and coach the youth eight race. The boys got off to a good start but their lack of experience soon told and saw them cross the line in last place.

The haul of six medals was CGS's best national championships to date and was the direct result of the efforts of the boys, coaches and parents throughout the season. At the end of a long week and just as we could look forward to home comforts, a flat battery in the 24 seater attempted to delay our return. Just as the polite and cooperative CGS machine had taken on and defeated numerous seemingly unbeatable opponents, the boys turned their attention to the back of the bus, where they applied both mental and physical strength, pushed it up a huge hill and to the applause of the crowd Mrs Borger was able to start the bus, load up the boys and sail victoriously into the sunset.