

Activity File Week ending Monday 25 August

Basketball

U18Bs got off to a slow start against Marist. Dennis Khanthavivone launched a barrage of three pointers to bring the score to 11 to 9. A few amazing blocks by Conner Gretchell and Aaron Scandrett and defensive and offensive rebounds by James Keighley and Gwang-Duk Lee, Sam Richardson, Luca De Angelis ran the court well and Grammar led by 1 to end the half. Jack Gerstenberg started the 3rd quarter by hitting a 3. Jack Gerstenburg and Dennis Khanthavivone kept Marist at bay with 6 straight fast break points. Grammar won by 14. Dennis Khanthavivone scored 21 points.

Debating

CGS hosted the grand final of the ACT Debating Union Ford Competition for years 7&8. CGS3 successfully negated the topic “*that drug users should not be eligible for organ transplants*”. Thanks to Anthony Lieu, Anthony Tridgell and Alex Tridgell for their work with the team in the lead up to the debate.

CGS3, Oliver Tridgell, Ashwin Devanathan, Lucas Anderson and Avinash Devanathan will now present the Ford trophy to the Headmaster and receive their Certificates. Lucas Anderson also won an ACTDU medal for the best speaker in the grand final.

Football

The U 16 Div 3 team travelled to Yass with only 9 players. Chasing a two nil lead, the team came back to 3 all at half time and finished with a win 5-3. The teamwork, communication and commitment were first rate. The defensive skills of Jessie Wu, George Mak and Jit Ghosh supported by mid fielders Eugene Buerdlmayer, Mark Rowe and Pratik Thakur frustrated the Yass offence. Ritwik Ganguly scored a ‘hat trick’ and in defence the keepers George Mak and Campbell Davis saved many goals. Oliver Clarke’s strong pursuit of the ball up the sideline payed off.

Hockey

The second placed 2nd XI faced top of the table Daramarlan in a fight for the minor premiership. Daramalan scored early and Grammar didn't recover, down 4-0 at the half time break. In the second half Daramalan scored but Grammar replied through a good set piece finished well by Alex Trinder. The final score was 5-1. Best players on the day were Alex Trinder, Alex Mandziy and Akira Kinefuchi.

The 1st XI played Central in a see-sawing match that had both sides holding the sway of the play for a period of time. In the first half Grammar lacked the intensity in defense until the play switched and Grammar scored twice through Tom Skidmore. After the resumption of play, Grammar could not match Central's running game and they ran in three more goals. Best for Grammar were Tom Skidmore; Alex Gent and Anthony Tridgell. Thanks also to Roscoe Walker for filling in as goalie upon Chris Palin's absence.

Resource Centre

This year's Book Week Tutor Group Quiz was once again a fiercely fought battle, with many entries, and extreme efforts taken to win. The winning tutor group not only answered every question correctly, but ensured every answer was fully illustrated. The tutor of the winning group - Ms Anthony's "chapel choir" is requested to collect the \$75 prize from the Resource Centre.

Rugby

The 15Bs stormed into the grand final with an impressive 42-10 victory over St Edmund's. Grammar scored 6 tries to 2 with fly half Mitch Taylor-Briscoe converting 6 from 6 and scoring a try himself for a personal tally of 17 points. The other try scorers included Sam Beaver, Mitch Fallon, Spencer Scutt, Angus White and Zac Dowse. Zac Dowse led the way up front while Mitch Fallon was always dangerous causing problems for the opposition's defence with some good hard running. Good luck in the final.

The First XV started brightly against Marist College in the semi final. Jackson Smith went close after a useful break by Captain Ollie L'Estrange, and then minutes later it was Smith again after a burst by David Bennett. In the 16th minute Marist scored on left touch. 0-5. Grammar commenced the second stanza with a penalty to David Walsh, 3-5. Walsh kicked a second penalty in the 16th minute to give the home team the lead for the first time, 6-5. Marist then mounted a series of spirited raids, a try was awarded, 6-10. A strong surge culminated in Zach Rolfe barging through to score after 27 minutes and Grammar regained the lead, 11-10. Grammar gave Marist an easy shot at penalty. 11-13 and five minutes left. In the end Grammar missed a penalty after time had elapsed and Marist advanced to a place in next week's final against St. Edmund's College.

Water Polo

The U16B2 team defeated St Edmund's/Daramalan 13-5. Tim Butler and Tim Sanderson were strong in front of goal scoring a couple each. Darcy Gibbs and Jack Brownrigg set up many attacking plays. Zac Neulinger had a strong performance in centre back. The team are looking forward to next week's grand final.

The 16B1s ended the regular season with a clash against the top of the table Grammar B2s. After a very tight first half the B1s had their opponents in a spin as goal keeper Angus Balmacks stopped all... The counter attacking B2s prevailed in the end and the team went down 5-3. The B1s now play in the Semi final this Friday night and, if successful, will play the B2s in the Final.

The 16As played Nordek A in a Grand Final sneak preview game on Friday night. Our good use of the wings and ring-in Springbock - Angus Macdonald's crushing centre forward attack saw us ahead 12-9 at full time.

Good luck to all CGS Water Polo teams playing in Finals on Friday.