

## **Activity File Week ending Monday 1 September**

### **Basketball**

The under 14 Red backs played superbly over the last two weeks to lead in first place into the finals. A win against Daramalan with only 5 players was the highlight of the season with Peter Sweetman playing a personal best in both defense and offence and Thesliakan Santhirasegaran supporting him with excellent dribbling under pressure. Jerome Borg-Caruana continued to be the lynch player, scoring crucial baskets and defending like a demon.

Match two against North's saw Michael Lyrstakis play his best game ever with some superb offence, while Riley Spears contributed a number of baskets at crucial periods. Peter Basset and Peter Yang continued to be confident in dribbling the ball and setting up plays while Jacob Giannistsios supported the team with tough defense. We now all look forward to the finals.

### **Hockey**

On Friday the 'wooden spoon' U13 Hockey team played their final game against a Central team that was secure at the top of the table. Despite the disparity, the game was hard-fought for the first 20 minutes or so. Central ran in a couple of goals before half time and Grammar were on the back foot as the first half finished. Central came out determined to make the difference in skill count, with a plan to beat the excellent goalkeeping of James Quiggan in the Grammar goal - the main factor that had kept the score down in the first half. As the Grammar boys began to tire, suffering from their lack of reserves, the floodgates opened and Central began piling up the score. Late in the second half, Grammar had a short but welcome rejuvenation following a superb goal scored by Hamish Roberts after he ran the length of the field, but the inevitability of the score line prevailed - 10-1 to Central. Man of the Match goes to Hamish who inspired from the Centre Half position - with a very honourable mention to James in goal.

On Friday the U15s had their last game of the season. It was an outstanding effort by all boys. We drew 4 all with Daramalan. Goals were scored by Ryan Andrakovic, Alex Trinder and Michael Jones. A special mention goes to Ben Kindon, Jono Burn and Pat Mandziy for their excellent effort in defence.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> XI played one of their best games for the season to draw 2-all with Central. Grammar struck first with a goal within the first minute to a brilliant finish from Chris Palin after a through ball from Lachlan Yeend. Despite Grammar's constant pressure Central managed to level the scores with a soft goal five minutes before half time. Shortly after, Matt Hughes penetrated the Central goal to take the teams to the break with Grammar in a strong position 2-1 up. Nearing the end of the second installment Central pushed through the Grammar defense with a short corner leveling the score. With both teams desperate to break the dead lock the game became frantic and despite a couple of final chances for Grammar the score remained as a draw. This takes Grammar into the Major Semi-Final next weekend.

While the result of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI's match against Goulburn may never have been in doubt, there were certainly promising signs in the first half as Grammar defended well and

were also the first to score from a great piece of anticipation from Tom Skidmore. Goulburn eventually started putting passages of play together that were penetrating deeply into Grammar's defense - they scored two quick goals at the end of the first half as a result. In the second half, Grammar's defense was poor, resulting in another 4 goals. Best players were Charles Boettcher, Daniel Beaton and Chris Palin. I would like to thank the Yr.12's for their significant input into hockey at Canberra Grammar this year.

### **Mountain Bikes**

The boys did very well on Tuesday at the ACT Schools' MTB Champs.

At the recent ACT School's mountain bikes championships the senior team finished second overall but first of the ACT Schools and therefore won the perpetual trophy.

### **Rugby**

The 15Bs were defeated 33-5 by Marist College in the grand final. Mitch Taylor-Briscoe was again outstanding at fly half and was close to man of the match. Strong performances also from Angus White, Sandy Bell, and Spencer Scutt. Congratulations to all boys on a great season.

*The boys will now come forward to receive their medals:-*

*Andrew Barnett,*

*Will Barker,*

*Sam Beaver,*

*Matthew Brown,*

*Sandy Bell,*

*Christian Britscghi,*

*Zac Dowse,*

*Geordie Donaldson,*

*Joel Garbutt,*

*Miles Greenberg,*

*Matahv Fisher,*

*Mitch Fallon,*

*Alex Ferraro,*

*Aedon Koning,*

*Tom Morrison,*

*Ben Nelson,*

*Zac Lorraine,*

*Harold Sachs,*

*Spencer Scutt,*

*Mitch Taylor-Briscoe,*

*Will Trewartha,*

*Angus White.*

## Water Polo

After a long season, it all came down to the Semi Final.... After losing to their opponent, the combined St Edmund's/Darramalan team, all season, the 16B1s had nothing to lose. The ball control and passing came together to earn the team a hard fought and tight win 12-10. It was a fantastic team effort with all players contributing, including the youngest member, Haren Preyadarshanan scoring his first goal of the season. There were some great outside shots including a couple from Hayden Clinch off his left hand. We also had some great defensive performances with Steve McMahon and Alex Ferraro marking the ACT representatives of St Edmund's/Darramalan out of the game. All in all it was a great win. This win set up a Finals game against competition front runners, the Grammar B2 side.

It was a hard fought match between the two U16B Grammar teams. The first half of the game was extremely close with both teams exchanging goals. The B1 goal keeper Angus Balmaks had an outstanding game stopping many attacking raids. Josh Pogson the B2 goal keeper was able to match the brilliance of the opposition keeper and keep the B2s in the game. Zac Neulinger had a strong performance in centre forward using his skill and strength to set up attacking opportunities for his team mates. The extra match played by the B1 team showed and they began to tire in the second half. With fresh legs the B2 team continued to outswim their opposition and set up scoring opportunities. James Wayte, Jack Brownrigg and Peter Ethell had strong attacking games. The B2 team were the eventual winners, 8-4. It was an outstanding finish for both Grammar teams with a remarkable improvement in speed and skill from the beginning of the season.

*The boys will now come forward to present the Trophy to the Headmaster:-*

*Angus Balmaks  
Steve McMahon  
Hayden Clinch  
Fergus Symon  
Angus Mackie  
Haren Preeyadarshanan  
Scott Russell  
Holden Smith  
William Vickers  
Geraint Schmidt  
Lachlan Mars*

The Under 16A side had a very successful winter season. For a long while now it has been a two horse race between Grammar and Nordek A for the top prize and this winter season was no different. Grammar had ended the regular season minor premiers but the closeness of the games with Nordek so far and 3 previous final losses to them didn't inspire too much confidence. The game see-sawed with Grammar

marginally in front for most of the game but silly errors and not keeping possession gave Nordek many chances for counter attacking and staying in touch with our score. Angus MacDonald was ruthless in Centre forward and Nick Duncan made many fast counters. It went down to the wire and Grammar snuck away with a 10-9 win in a nail biter.

*The boys will now come forward to present the Trophy to the Headmaster:-*

*Chris Antonopoulos*

*Derek Bayley (C)*

*Nicholas Honey*

*Nick McClelland*

*Chris McClelland*

*Corey Thomson*

*Angus Moore*

*Robert Clear*

*Nicholas Duncan*

*Timothy Bennett*

*Angus MacDonald*

*Adrian Hobson*