

Sports Newsletter - Week 8 Term 2

We are now transitioning into term three sport. Semester One Basketball (Terms 1 & 2) has now finished and we are now calling for registrations for Badminton, Term 3 Table Tennis and Semester Two (Term 3 & 4) Basketball.

Zone Days

Table Tennis - On 21st June a team of eight boys took part in the North Harbour Table Tennis annual zone day. The schedule for the day was intense with our four singles players and two doubles teams each playing up to nine games. In 2021 we struggled to win games so it was particularly pleasing to see that some of last year's players were winning the majority of their games. Despite not making the semi-finals, all eight students had a great day.

Rugby Boys - This took place at Freyberg Park in Browns Bay on 14th June. With a number of late withdrawals we had to scratch our U45kg team and were only able to field U55kg and Open Grade teams. The build-up was less than ideal with a combination of coach unavailability and weather limiting us to three practices. Thanks to Ms Teague who took the mandatory training session on tackling safely and to AJ Joubert who helped out when our coaches failed to turn up.

Zone day was a cold windy day so after putting up our Marquee we separated into teams, Mr Peters taking the Open team and Mr King overseeing the U55kg team. Mr King's coaching was on show early in game one as the U55kg team scored first. Moments later the opposition replied and when the full time whistle blew we were unfortunately on the wrong side of the scoreboard. The Open team struggled as it could be said that while our U55kg was a team of backs, our Open team was a team of forwards. The lack of pace in our backline made us vulnerable against many of the quicker teams and led to a lot of very tired players. Despite a number of tough encounters, our team kept their intensity throughout the tournament.

At the end of the tournament the U55kg team finished 7th and the Open team finished 8th. Thank you to everyone who helped make the event happen and thank you to all the students who never dropped their heads during the hard games.

Seasonal Sports

Netball: Netball resumed this week with the focus being on the selection of the AIMS team and thinking ahead to the Zone Day at the end of week one term 3. Now that decisions have been made, our Teacher In Charge will be happy to turn her focus back to regular weekly games

Table Tennis: Both teams have had some tough encounters in the last two weeks and have slipped into the bottom half of the table. We are still looking for a player for one of our teams for the remaining three games so if your child is interested, please get them to see Mr Peters in the Sports Office.

Waterpolo: No game this week for the Nightmares due to Matariki, but they did have their first challenging game of the Millennium competition winning 6-4 over Rosmini, a far cry

from the 18-20 point wins earlier in the season. The Narwhals continue to develop in the Glenfield league and three of their players have been invited to join the new Glenfield Squads programme which is a promising sign.

Basketball: Semester One basketball is now complete with two teams really shining. Congratulations to the Sharks who won the Tuesday league. Northcross may be a little disappointed in this result given their teams finished 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th in the grade! Congratulations also to the Saints who continued their winning form mentioned in the last newsletter. The Saints finished undefeated for the season winning Boys League 7.



