



## President's Message

Summer is well and truly here with some hot days in the field already this season. The JTAS teams have been blazing a path through the fields and playing some great cricket. The TAS teams have come up against tough opposition first with West Mac and then JPC – arguably the two best cricket schools in TAS at the moment. These tough games provide plenty to work on at training.

## Canteen

The Cricket Canteen will close for the next two weeks and be back on March 10 when the First XI are next home. Sorry for that but the First's are the only team that play all day and we understand it is hard for a half day team to run the Canteen when they are away.

## Meeting

Our second CSG meeting for 2018 is on Wednesday **7 March 2018 at 7pm** in the Library. All are welcome.

## Cricket Dinner

Our annual cricket dinner has been booked at **Kedron-Wavell RSL** for **24 March 2018**. The search for raffle prizes will begin soon and **Flexischools is now open for business** so please book as early as you can to assist with catering. Dinner prices have been kept at the 2017 level thanks to support from KW.

## Some Match Reports and Pictures

All TAS cricket ladders can be found at:

<http://www.theassociatedschools.com.au/uploads/documents/1-Results-Cricket.pdf>

### Year 4 Red

#### St Paul's vs Ormiston- 10 February

The year 4 Red team opened their season against Ormiston Red here at St Paul's. The boys were excited for their first game of the season, with some boys playing their first ever cricket match.

St Paul's under the Captaincy of Roman Jones batted first and achieved 103 runs losing only 6 wickets with Patrick Hughes top scoring with 33.

We then bowled against Ormiston, and although they achieved 121 runs, we took 11 wickets which meant our team on average was better than Ormiston's, which gave St Paul's the win.

Ryder McCarthy was an outstanding wicket keeper and Patrick Hughes was on fire in the field. Roman Jones took 4 for 20. What a great start.

#### St Paul's vs Rivermount – 17 February

Week 2 saw the Red team play against Rivermount, again at home. Nate Lowrie captained the team and even though he lost the toss and we had to bat first on a bit of a wet field, this didn't worry our boys.

Patrick again top scored with 22 and there was great running between the wickets by Nate and Roman. We achieved 86 runs and only lost 2 wickets.

It was then our turn to bowl and what a tight innings it was, thanks to Sohail Rahiman doing a fine job behind the wickets. The boys bowled tightly and Rivermount made 46 runs and Mr Hughes was impressed with how few wides they gave away.

Nate was 1 for 2, Aryan Chandwani was 3 for 13, Hamish Johnson was 1 for 6 and Patrick was 3 for 2. A special mention to Ayaan Chandwani who is working so hard on his bowling that the improvements can be seen week to week. Keep it up Ayaan.



## Year 4 Green

### St Paul's vs WMAC – 10 February

The year 4 green team had been looking forward to their first game of term 1 cricket against West Moreton Anglican College. Playing at home our captain for the week Lucas Mackenzie-Smith opted to bowl first. All the bowlers were exceptional with all the boys focused on executing what we practiced at training and it showed.

Despite WMAC making a solid start to their innings the first breakthrough was made in the fifth over which opened the floodgates as the boys found their line and lengths. The standout bowler for the week was Jordan Watson with a spectacular hat trick. The tight bowling of the team meant we restricted WMAC to 67 runs whilst taking 12 wickets.

The batting was very positive with everyone contributing to the total with exceptional efforts from Manav Bhandarker, top scorer (21 runs) and Ryan Merritt (18 runs). The boys batted very well and were careful in protecting their wickets finishing with a mammoth total of 102 runs with only 4 wickets lost.

### St Paul's vs JPC - 17 February

After an emphatic win in the opening game of the season we faced a talented JPC squad. Captain for the week, Jordan Watson won the toss and chose to bowl as this had proved beneficial in our previous game.

The bowling performance from the boys this week was not as strong as seen in the last game with the team giving up a lot of extras, however despite this the boys managed to still finish the innings in a strong position with JPC scoring 109 runs for the loss of 10 wickets.

The boys managed to rally despite the mammoth total that JPC posted with Ikshan Gupta (20 runs) leading the charge with his positive running between the wickets and Ryan Merritt (19 runs) with some big hitting in the lower order.

Whilst we fell 8 runs short of JPC's total we still won as we only lost 7 wickets giving us a better runs/wicket ratio.

## Year 5's

### St Paul's vs Faith Lutheran – 10 February

In the first game of the season the St Paul's year 5 team came up against Faith Lutheran on home ground. Faith Lutheran won the toss and chose to field sending St Paul's into bat first. Playing in pairs took a little time to get used to but we got there in the end scoring 70 runs and only losing 4 wickets. Highest runs by Fraser Johnson (Captain) and Angus Toovey.

While the opposing team went into bat with some fierce boundaries, fielding in the hot sun didn't stop St Paul's from taking 10 wickets with some amazing catches by Angus Toovey in his debut game. The highest number of wickets during an individual bowling spell was 3 wickets by Harrison Pascoe. Ben Holden (Wicket Keeper) worked hard to keep balls from slipping past him and the whole team worked together to wrap up their win.

Thanks to Coach Riley and all the parents who came to cheer the team on.



### St Paul's vs Ormiston – 17 February

On Saturday Feb 17<sup>th</sup> St Paul's played against Ormiston Red in the closest game they have ever played. Matthew Linton (Captain) won the toss and elected to field sending Ormiston Red into bat first. Quick wickets were taken by Harrison Pascoe, Jahaan Rajapakse, Matthew Linton and Ben Holden to keep the opposition runs low.

Wicket keepers, Angus Toovey and Fraser Johnson also did some quick work at the stumps helping to take some exciting wickets.

After a short break St Paul's went into bat with opening batsmen, Matthew Linton and Jahaan Rajapakse settling in for a comfortable 27 run partnership without losing a wicket. The whole team played with enthusiasm and were motivated to increase their runs winning the game by the smallest of margins. It was a very exciting game.

Thank you to all the parents who came to cheer the team on and help out during the game.

**St Paul's School: 7 for 78**

**Ormiston Red: 6 for 63**



## Year 6's

### St Paul's vs St John's - 17 February

It was a sunny but humid day; the pitch had a bit of grass on it and the outfield was even thicker and slower making boundaries hard to come by.

St John's won the toss and sent St Paul's in on the green top pitch. Archie and Eddie opened the batting and dug in. Eddie hit the only 4 for St Paul's and was bowled trying to loft a ball over mid-wicket which brought Noah to the crease. Noah and Archie made a good partnership with both batsmen retiring after their allotted balls.

Luka and Remy again batted together and continued where they left off from last game with some sharp running between wickets. Both batsmen retired with Remy top scoring with 12 and Luka second top scorer with 10. Riley batted well for 9 not out. Lachie and Harry both lost their wickets chasing quick runs and Ollie came in to face the last ball was run-out to finish the St Paul's innings at 5 for 71.

St Paul's bowled well with some spectacular diving catches by Archie behind the stumps and Luka at point supported by good catches by Ollie and a Caught and Bowled by Lachie. This together with 5 clean bowled had the home side 9 for 47 to give St Paul's the win.

#### Scores

St Paul's 5 for 71

St Johns 9 for 47

### First XI v WestMAC – 10 February

West Moreton Anglican College visited our 1sts team for our only game at home on our main field for this 2018 season. (Time-constrained irrigation work on our main field from this week means our two remaining games at home this year will be played on our eastern turf pitch).

After winning the toss WestMAC decided to bat and apart from Ben S. taking his usual early wicket, WestMAC began very well, with three of their top four batsmen scoring approximately thirty runs each. We bowled well, as a unit, though some of us were a little expensive, and Mr Extras contributed a disappointing 17. In a good competitive innings, WestMAC put on 183 runs, with St Paul's bowling them out in the 47<sup>th</sup> over.

A new addition to the St Paul's community, Zane Walker bravely assisted me in opening the batting against a very good opening pair of bowlers. We weathered the first six overs and after our dismissals, Lachie M. and Sam D. did a great job in fighting back, occupying the crease and bringing the game back within our grasp.

Our current top performing batsman, Sam D, scored another impressive, efficient half century, batting at the appropriate number four position. Of particular note, Lachie M. continued to impress us in his ability to bat well amongst the top three, scoring 21 from 33. Lachie B. supported the middle order well and Peter D. scored an impressive 19 from 32, showing that his hard work and cool nerve is paying off. Our lower order batsman had an ever-increasing run-rate required to achieve and were unable to reach the 183 runs required, falling short by 20 runs, all out for 163 in the 48<sup>th</sup> over.

I'm sure our coach, Mr Sykes will drill us well this week, focusing on the fine points which may have allowed us to win this otherwise impressive and fun game of cricket.



### **First XI v JPC – 17 February**

Having lost the main oval to untimely irrigation work, the first eleven cricket team played against John Paul College on the eastern turf this weekend. Overcast skies and a patchy wicket lead JPC to send us in for a bat, after they won the toss.

We ended our innings with only 57 runs, so, needless to say, we found it very difficult to bat. The pitch had a large hand in this (with variable bounce and grip), but our opposition did also bowl and field very well, to their credit.

After lunch the wicket looked very different. The sun came out and the wicket seemed to be having a lot less influence on the ball. That said, there was some loose bowling which resulted in unnecessary runs regardless of what the pitch was doing.

Our opponents reached our score by the 18<sup>th</sup> over, having lost three wickets. We all have things to improve on and are focusing on positive cricket moving into our next game.

### **Intermediate First XI – 17 February**

Today we turned up to the game hoping to improve on last week's efforts, we lost the toss and were bowling first.

Our bowlers once again didn't hit the right line & lengths bowling 40 extras and got pulled away whenever a ball was dropped short, it was fair to say our bowling is below what it should be with JPC scoring 180 runs.

We knew that this ground is a high scoring venue with 250 runs up for grabs if we batted well. The openers started our innings off strongly but just a bit too slow for a 6.5 over required run rate, three quick wickets and myself and Ben H were out in the middle trying to pull the game back in.

After drinks we needed 10 an over so we knew we had to push forward quickly gaining a 90-run partnership (myself 63 and Ben 20) as we got to the end of the inning we required more than 15 an over and it was out of reach with batsman trying to score runs quickly and wickets fell.

In the end we unfortunately lost by 40 runs but we know what must be improved on for next week.

### **Intermediate Third XI – 17 February**

Intermediate 3rds played at JPC. We fielded first and restricted JPC to 6-104 due to some excellent bowling and fielding.

We were up against some good bowling and on a fast-paced wicket succumbed early in our innings. Having some players missing made it hard to sustain a fightback but we are ready for a big match next week.

### **Second XI and Intermediate Second XI**

Hoping for some reports and photos in the next newsletter!