



President's Message

As the wettest season in 10 years of cricket draws to a close, well done to all the players and coaches for the spirit in which all St Paul's teams have trained and played their cricket in 2018. **The Intermediate 2nd's are into a final.**

Go the Red in the final game of the JTAS/TAS season and special mention to the Grade 12's in the 1st's and 2nd's who play their final TAS cricket match for St Paul's on Saturday – may the force be with you all!

Cricket Dinner

Flexischools closes on March 21 for our annual cricket dinner at **Kedron-Wavell RSL on 24 March 2018** so please book all your tickets before then. Dinner highlights this year include a farewell performance by Full Distortion, some kahooting, load of raffle prizes, a numbers board, a special guest, England Tour presentation, a wide selection of cricket auction items, special presentation to Grade 12's and plenty of trophies. Some of the auction items are below:



Meeting

Our third CSG meeting for 2018 is on **Wednesday 2 May 2018 at 7pm** in the Library. All are welcome.

Some Match Reports and Pictures

All TAS cricket ladders can be found at:

<http://www.theassociatedschools.com.au/ladders/cricket>

Year 4 Red



Year 5 v West Moreton Red – 17 March

St Paul's School: 2 for 133
West Moreton Red: 5 for 69

The Year 5 team travelled to Karrabin this weekend to play against West Moreton Red in the heat and plagued by giant wasps.

St Paul's started the game out on the field demonstrating their improvement in bowling and catching by taking 5 quick wickets from the opposition. Harrison Pascoe (wicket keeper) made a super catch behind the stumps to start the team off, followed closely with catches by Fraser Johnson and Matthew Elliott. Fraser Johnson and Jahaan Rajapakse demonstrated their fast bowling by directing their shots into the stumps. Matthew Linton and Matthew Elliott also helped to keep the West Moreton runs low by each bowling a maiden over.

After a short break St Paul's went into bat with almost every player hitting a boundary this week. With only 2 unlucky wickets lost, St Paul's ran hard and fast to increase their runs to 133 (the highest score this season) and earned their win on the day. Highest runs to Angus Toovey and Fraser Johnson. The whole team should be proud of their efforts and how they represented the school this weekend.

Thanks to the coach and all the parents who came to support the team.





Year 6 v St John's – 17 March

St Paul's Captain Archie, won the toss and sent St John's in to bat on a pitch that was a bit of a green top and the field was heavy with dew. Runs were hard to come by for St Johns but their openers hung on. With the first opener retiring, St Johns suffered a middle order collapse thanks to some accurate bowling and great fielding that resulted in 2 runouts. After their 20 overs St Johns were 8 for 59.

St Paul's struggled to score runs and were 2 for 28 at the drinks break and looking like some hard work required to get the runs needed for victory. That was until Oliver Rauchle came to the crease. Ollie made 21 runs and guided St Paul's to victory. St Paul's finished 3 for 67 from their 20 overs.

Best batting: Ollie – 21 runs, Eddie – 11 runs and Riley – 11 runs

Best Bowling: Eddie – 2 wickets for 5 Runs (Eddie was on a hat trick), Lachie – 1 wicket for 2 Runs and Matija – 1 wicket for 3 runs.





First XI v Cannon Hill – 10 March

This week saw a rollercoaster of a game unfold against Cannon Hill Anglican College. The wet weather meant we could not possibly play on the eastern turf. Luckily, Mr Sykes (our coach) ensured that the game did go ahead, albeit on the year seven synthetic wicket. A stroke of genius was employed here, where someone had the brilliant idea of covering the wicket – keeping it dry for the fast bowlers.

We lost the toss, unfortunately, and CHAC elected to bat first. Some excellent bowling from our four top order bowlers had the opening three batsmen at odds early on. The opposition fourth batsman scored a convincing 118 runs and sundries accounted for a disappointing 25 runs. Despite these figures, our bowlers and fielding did, for periods, have the batsmen under pressure. Notable performances, with the ball in hand, were Sam D's 1 for 23 from 10 overs and, three wickets each to Ben S and Lachlan B. Nearing the end, Zach Mills took three quality catches and Josh Perera executed a stellar run-out, restricting the opposition to a total of 236 runs.

The rain poured down on our field while we ate our 3rd home game luncheon organised by parents and supporters – thankyou parents!

A very wet field and windy conditions made our start difficult, losing Lachlan M just before our first break in play (due to rain). Sam and I persisted for a short while, batting in between showers – but eventually became unstuck as well. A total of four stoppages plagued our batting innings and it wasn't until Lachlan B and Ben S began to steady the ship that we started making real progress towards the opposition total.

Still, the weather dominated and the umpires revised the overs to 48, & then to 28 minutes remaining. At this point in the match, with the Duckworth-Lewis Method in play, we knew we needed to accelerate our scoring to have any chance of achieving a win. Zane W (19 from 16) and Ben Skinner gave it a great effort, with Ben scoring an excellent 73 runs from 86 balls.

The weather made it very difficult to bat and it became increasingly unlikely that we would be able to up the run rate high enough. All in all, it was a fun day of cricket – played in good spirit. We will look to build on this next weekend and at training, if we can manage to evade the rain as we come up against St John's.

First XI v St John's – 17 March

Our worst batting performance saw us all out for 57 runs on the St John's artificial pitch this week in the 31st over. The pitch was moist at the start of play, but this is no excuse for our poor result. This was a very disappointing effort, with seven of us caught and three of us bowled. A little more respect for the opposition may have seen us bat our 50 overs and improve our total.

In the field, we lifted and put some good pressure on the St John's batsman. Ben S. Sam D. and Lachie B. did a great job at bowling tight, allowing our fielders to put some intense pressure on the opposition – in the form of aggressive fielding and chat. We had them at 3 for 27 after 16 overs at lunch, but with their current top-performing batsman still in.

Lachie M. took a catch soon after lunch to dismiss that batsman and we were still in the game. Our players maintained the good pressure in the field and soon had St John's at 5/40. After one or two missed chances in the field, the two batsmen did, however, reach the target score at 27 overs.



The newly created 'Buzz Squad' occupy the front row – just not quite enough to put the St John's batsman off this time round. There could be some savings on shampoo though moving forward!

Intermediate First v Cannon Hill – 10 March

Saturday was looking pretty good until we turned up and the skies turned grey, we lost the toss and were bowling first. The rain came over in waves throughout the day but we played through, we knew that the boundaries were small so runs would be easier to get so we had to be alert in the field and wanting to get wickets and stop runs.

Our bowlers bowled pretty well just a bit too short throughout the middle of their innings where they picked up a few easy runs. We watched as the firsts next to us pulled the covers off and on continuously throughout the day but we battled through and kept CHAC to 183.

Our innings got off to a bad start with a controversial wicket first ball dismissing Jingles but then Ben H and Dylan M put together a great partnership in the rain which took us to three overs after drinks with only one wicket until Ben was dismissed.

A few quick wickets and we were behind the game needing 80 off the last 7 overs and even with Dylan batting brilliantly through from ball one to the end scoring 65 not out, their score unfortunately was out of reach for us. In the end we lost by 30 runs but definitely had some positives to look at, but still winless.

Intermediate First v St John's – 17 March

On Saturday we were hoping to get our first win of the season and won the toss to bat first. We got off to a great start and kept that going until drinks where we had only lost three wickets for about 110 runs. We got 8/211 after our thirty overs the best score we have got this term with the top five batting really well and Harry going on through the innings to score 63 not out.

Our bowling once again wasn't the best conceding thirty extras but our fielding was tighter and with the pressure on Dillon finished our innings out almost perfectly in a thriller of a game with it coming down to St Johns needing 10 off the last over and only getting 5, great performance boys.

Intermediate Second XI v St John's – 17 March

It was a fantastic game with an opportunity to get into Number 2 spot in the comp.

St Paul's did an excellent job in restricting St Johns for 24 runs. Then St Paul's chased the score easily. Eric spell was outstanding as he picks 4 wickets.

Overall it was a great effort by the team to put themselves in the grand finale.

Combined TAS v Wanderers – 14 March

Back in 2015 an annual cricket match was arranged by The Associated Schools between a combined TAS cricket team and the Wanderers Cricket Club.

Wet weather and fire ants lead to the 2015 and 2016 games not going ahead at JPC. In 2017 the combined TAS team had a win against the Wanderers. On 14 March 2018 the Wanderers bounced back scoring 7 for 178 to TAS's 7 for 144 in a 45 over aside game.

Two players from St Paul's were selected in the combined TAS team and congratulations to Sam Deacon and Ben Skinner. Thanks to TAS, JPC and St Paul's for making this game possible.

Whilst playing competitive school cricket can be hard playing with your competitors provides some valuable lessons about what sport is all about – a game at heart.

