



President's Message

The BBL may be over but St Paul's cricket has been marching on even despite some strong winds on the weekend.

Our JTAS teams have been unstoppable this season so far – well done to all the players and coaches. Our Under 11 BNJCA girls' team has been playing some good cricket.

The cricket gets tougher as you get older and the honours have been fairly even at the TAS level so far this season - 2 from 5 against Westmac, 2 from 5 against Canterbury and 2 from 5 against JPC. Special mention to our Intermediate 1st and 2nd teams who not only had a win against JPC but also sit atop of their respective TAS tables at the half way mark of the season.

For full TAS results visit <http://www.theassociatedschools.com.au/uploads/documents/1-Results-Cricket.pdf>

Good luck to all teams this Saturday!

Upcoming Matches

On Saturday March 2 most teams take on CHAC. Some close matches ahead if last season is anything to go by.

Go the Red!

Meeting

Our second CSG meeting for 2019 is on **Wednesday 6 March 2019 at 7pm** in the Library. All are welcome.



Annual Cricket Dinner

Kedron Wavell RSL is again the venue for our **Annual Cricket Dinner** on **Saturday 30 March 2019**. All players receive a trophy on the night and some funny quests are coming. Please save this date in your diary and Flexi-schools is now open for business.

Some Match Reports and Photos follow:

First XI v JPC on 23 February

We always look forward to the trip to JPC because they have some of the best pitches and grounds in the competition. I won the toss for the third game in a row and elected to bat on what looked like a good wicket.

JPC's bowlers were pretty good and we fought hard to reach 8 for 117 after 50 overs. A good second wicket partnership between myself (42) and Lachie M (13) got us to drinks but a steady fall of wickets after that kept our score down. We were probably 50 runs short but it gave us something to bowl at.

Ben opened with a strong breeze and bowled one of the best spells this season to take three poles and a run out to have JPC on the back foot. Ben was well supported by Lachie B. At 6 for 68 we thought we were in with a chance but an unbeaten seventh wicket partnership of 50 gave JPC the win.

Whilst we have gone down fighting in the first three games of the season our batting and bowling is getting better. Our first win is getting closer!

Sam Deacon

Games scores can be found at:

<http://mycricket.cricket.com.au/common/pages/public/rv/match.aspx?matchID=3117937&entityID=16575>



Intermediate 1st's v JPC on 23 February

Going into this game we knew that it was going to be the most important game of the regular season before the final. This coupled with the fact that this was our rival school meant that we were playing extra hard and making sure we won this game. We lost the toss and they chose to bat, so we had to bowl.

The JPC opening batsmen were very conservative and not scoring too many with the occasional boundary. This was until Jake came on and in the space of 4 overs they were 4 down with both the openers and the number 3 and 5 back in the shed. We found out from one of their batsmen that they only had 10 players so only 5 wickets to go. Eric, Logan and Dylan chipped in with a wicket each with Harry taking the crucial wicket of the JPC number 4. The wicket fell after some not so great deliveries with the ball that got the wicket being a full toss. Jingles managed to take a decent catch to get that wicket. The last wicket stand ended up putting on a decent amount considering the total before the innings was stopped an over short due to time.

We went into bat very confidently as we were only chasing 88. Gowtham played a beautiful cover drive first ball then lofted one to mid off. Harry went in and didn't stick around long due to the first of two LBW calls from the JPC umpire. Nathan went in and combined nicely with Dylan putting on a 63-run stand to bring us within 9 runs off the win. Then Billy walked out to bat and it took 7 balls before he got out caught for allegedly the first time in his career. Logan was on the end of the other LBW call being given on his first ball with 3 runs to get. It wasn't long before Dylan got the required runs ending on 44*. It was a great feeling standing in the middle of the JPC oval singing the St Paul's War cry very proudly.

Alex Simpson

Intermediate 3rds v Canterbury on 9 February

The Intermediate Third XI lost by 10 runs to Canterbury College this afternoon. Canterbury were all out in the twentieth over for 57, whilst St Paul's accumulated 46 runs all out before the fifteenth over. Our man of the match was Kasey Camilleri, who not only took an incredible catch, but finished the game with two wickets and was the only not out batsmen.

Year 6 v Faith Lutheran on 16 February

SCORE: SPS – 3 for 101 FAITH LUTHERAN – 8 for 43

Year 6 had an early start to their second game of the season against Faith Lutheran. Faith Lutheran called and won the toss, electing to bat in the first innings.

St Paul's, led by captain Eddie Bird shone on the field with a run out, fantastic catches by Ben Holden and Fraser Johnson and stand out wickets taken by Matthew Linton, Matthew Elliott and Eddie Bird. Maiden over by Angus Toovey. St Paul's spirits were high leading into the second innings.

Faith Lutheran started well with a quick catch and some accurate bowling, but St Paul's worked extremely well together to increase their previous run total by an extra 11 runs and again only losing 3 wickets in the process to claim victory at 3 for 101. Highest runs scored by Riley Jensen, Fraser Johnson and Matthew Linton.

Thank you to the parents who helped with scoring, umpiring and fruit this week. Your support and encouragement of the team is greatly appreciated.



Year 6 v JPC on 23 February

SCORE: SPS – 5 for 75

JPC – 6 for 62

In their first game away for the season St Paul's played against John Paul College on their home grounds. It was the first time for most of the 6s to play on turf and there were some mixed opinions about this among the players.

St Paul's team captain Matthew Linton, won the toss and elected to bowl, sending JPC into bat in the first innings. A spectacular effort by Eddie Bird saw him take 3 wickets in 4 balls which helped St Paul's out to a fantastic start. Stand out bowling, fielding and catches by Angus Toovey, Riley Jensen and Fraser Johnson kept JPC's run total down to 6/62.

In the second innings JPC also came onto the field with some strong bowling, catching some of the St Paul's team out. Highest runs scored by Riley Jensen and Fraser Johnson. The team again showed great sportsmanship on the day and all efforts by the whole team helped to bring St Paul's to their winning total 5/75.

Thank you also to all the parents who came to cheer, support and help out on the day.



Year 5 v Ormiston on 16 February

Saturday saw the humid mist rise from the Year 5 Synthetic Wicket, as Ormiston arrived super-early to warm up on our hallowed pitch and get their collective eyes in. As we rubbed the sleep from our eyes, Ormiston

Red struck early with an uncharacteristic win of the toss caused by a rogue strand of unbendable outfield grass. It flipped Mr Mackenzie-Smith's lucky 20 cent coin over from a tails to a heads position. The "tails never fails" lucky winning streak of the "chosen coin" had come to an untimely end. Luckily, our hopes were not dashed.

Our Year 5 boys and girls padded-up to take to the batting crease, slicing like Ninja through the Ormiston onslaught of beamers, bouncers, skidders, and yorkers.

(Captain) Ryan and Lucas punished the red Kookaburra with 26 and 20 respectively off their 15 regulation balls and then Hamish and Chelsea, better known as "Ham and Cheese" took the pace apart.

Hamish hooked some remarkable boundaries with flair and poise, and Chelsea made the bowlers and umpires duck for cover with straight drives at bullet speed. Thanks to Ham's 18 and Chelsea's 12, we looked like we were going over the 100 for the 20 overs again. Steady Sohail was our rock yet again and knocked-up a solid 12.

Cut to the bowling side of things and Lucas pinged the ball down the pitch at lightning speed to rattle the stumps 3 times in just a handful of deliveries. For the first time, Lucas' father saw that look of "fast-bowler's fury" in his son's eyes (that, or it could have been rubbed-in sunscreen) after he'd cleaned-up middle stump with another death rattle.

Ikshan decided to put his body on the line as wicketkeeper by volunteering to keep for the whole, unprecedented 20 overs. He dived left and right, skinning his elbows and stood up close to the batters despite the fire and fury of our pace attack. His buoyant, positive chatter could be heard all across the ground (except of course when the bowlers were charging in).

Chelsea's bowling arm kicked into action and did not miss the target picking up two quick wickets and a fine return to bowling form. She gladly and humbly received the player of the match award and we went home with another win under the belt. St Paul's 6/114 def. Ormiston Red 6/95.

This week we lose our home ground advantage to play at John Paul. Anticipated gale force winds will put an extra sting in our bowling attack.

Year 5 v JPC on 23 February

A relaxed 10am start at John Paul College saw our Year 5 team wide awake and ready to rumble. It came time for the toss and we were ready after our uncharacteristic "loss of toss" last week. As it was our first away game this season, we were primed to make the "tails never fails" call. It was an extra bonus when the JPC Teacher/Manager patted his pockets and realised he didn't have a single coin on him. Seizing the opportunity, Mr Mackenzie-Smith reached for his lucky 20 cent coin and offered it to JPC. As the Manager flipped the coin, it hit the perfectly manicured grass and came up tails. Captain Chelsea wisely opted to field and we marched into match-mode.

Zanè flew in like a heat-seeking missile and rattled the stumps with the opening ball. Aryan showed zero fear, wicket-keeping up at the stumps to our fiery quickies and he even survived to tell the tale! The wickets fell steadily and trainee umpire, Alex Simpson's signaling arm got a workout but.. he did not cave under pressure. Nerves of steel!!! JPC was left at a teetering 8/75 as we played our first matinee session.

Ryan knocked up a huge score of 24 off 12 balls, Manav came to support and Sohail tonked a rock solid 11 to add to our score. There was no sign of let-up as we cruised over the line at 5/104 after 20 overs. We packed up, sped off and were all home to enjoy dinner (on Sunday night).

Thanks to Rob Beevors for the photos: Link is [here](#)



[Year 4 Green v Sheldon College on 16 February](#)

Last Saturday, 4 Green versed Sheldon College. St Paul's batted strongly with strong hitting by Sarvesh with 25 including six boundaries, Bay made 13, Yuvraj also scored 13 and Abaan 12. The Red team achieved a very respectable 3 for 133.

In the field, Abaan bowled very well to win the McDonald's bowling award with 4 for 6. Kim also took his first wicket with figures of 1 for 13. Ayaan and Liam bowled with good economy; both took 1 for 7.

In the end Sheldon were 10 for 81. Another great win to the Green team, who have started the season with two from two.



Year 4 Red v Ormiston on 16 February

The Red team played away last weekend against Ormiston College. Ormiston opened the batting but St Paul's bowling was very strong with Patrick taking 4 for 6, Ryder taking 2 for 2 and Poppy, Charlize and Ayaan all taking 1 wicket each. Evie and Jake did a great job behind the wickets, not letting too many byes past.

Ormiston were 9 for 70 but St Paul's proved to be too strong only losing 4 wickets and making a sensational 165 runs. Patrick top scored with 40 while Evie, Jake and Ryder each scored 22. It was a strong performance all round with Ayaan making 17, Hudson on 15, Yasith and Poppy on 10 and Charlize on 7.

Year 4 cricket is going from strength to strength.



[BNJCA Under 11 Girls v Ferny on 16 February](#)

Match Report 16/2/2019

What a fantastic game all the girls had on Saturday! We came away with a win by the narrowest of margins, one run. Everyone contributed to our runs this week, making our win a true team effort. Zara and Jemma formed a great batting partnership. They both scored a '4' and took lots of singles. Zara also scored a season high of 18 runs! As always, Charlotte looked for every opportunity to run and as a result she scored lots of singles and she also hit a great drive that resulted in two runs. Natasha did a great job wicket keeping and was able to stop the opposition taking too many quick singles. Indi again bowled some excellent balls and she was very unlucky to be denied a wicket in her third over when the umpire called a 'No Ball'. Emma was the pick of the bowlers taking two wickets after deciding to experiment and bowl around the stumps. It was awesome to hear the girls continue to encourage each other and it was wonderful to play against such a friendly opposition from Ferny Hills.

Match Report 23/2/2019

It was a beautiful day for cricket on Saturday, thankfully no cyclones in sight. Even though we lost on the weekend, the girls had a great game. We scored 89 runs off the bat, which is our highest run total this season. Indi scored an awesome 'four' early in her innings and Jemma and Zara scored some sensational fours as well. Our running between the wickets was excellent this week. When Emma was on the non-striker's end, she was always ready to try and take a quick single and Charlotte also took lots of runs. Although our bowling was quite accurate, we didn't quite take enough wickets to win the game. Zara was our best bowler, taking an excellent wicket and restricting her wides.

For match results see

<http://mycricket.cricket.com.au/common/pages/public/rv/match.aspx?matchID=3119619&entityID=16575>



England Cricket Tour 2018

To whet the appetite of those players going on the St Paul's England Cricket Tour in June/July 2021 we continue to recap the eight games played from the 2018 tour:

Game 7 – Grammar School at Leeds

The prestigious Grammar School at Leeds was the venue of the last 40 over aside game of the tour. In the past this has been a tough game for St Paul's due to the high quality of GSAL.

St Paul's won the toss and elected to bat on a dry track and a pretty dry outfield. This part of England had not seen rain for a month. At 3 for 8 we were in trouble until a 54 run partnership. GSAL's leggie then came on and got Sam through the gate for 32 and Billie followed soon after for 18. Zane also reached double figures with 15 and St Paul's were finally all out for 104.

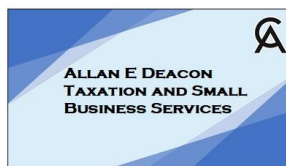
The players then headed off to lunch at the School's dining hall (which was more like a restaurant). Hunger was not on the players minds as they finished lunch and wandered back to the playing fields.

After lunch the St Paul's attack swung into action and took 5 wickets before GSAL reached the target in the 20th over. Wicket takers were Ben, Trishul, Zane and Sam plus a run out. GSAL were the better team on the day. Let's hope the 2021 tourists have better luck.

On a touring note the Leeds and York districts had some fantastic tourist spots including York Cathedral and York Vic. York City itself was originally a Viking settlement, then a Roman and finally English. The players were able to add a lot of souvenirs to their collection on this leg of the tour.



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