



President's Message

We now enter the business end of the season where all the training and team talks start to pay off. Hope all our players can achieve some personal milestones before the season ends – not everyone can score a 50 or take five wickets but the little 1%'s like taking out water to a thirsty teammate, blocking a single to keep a new batsman on strike, watching the ball & backing up in the field and running the first one hard for your partner all help your team.

Special mention to the First IX who won their first TAS cricket game in a little while against CHAC. The enthusiasm of the team song was worth the wait. You don't have to win to enjoy your cricket but it does feel a bit better than a loss. It's been a credit to the players and coaches that team spirit and sportsmanship has never been better.

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

Good luck to all teams this Saturday!

Upcoming TAS Matches

On Saturday March 16 the TAS teams take on St Columbians, on March 23 St John's and on March 30 we have finals to end the season.

Go the Red!

AGM & Monthly Meeting

Our AGM and third CSG meeting for 2019 are on **Wednesday 1 May 2019 at 7pm** in the Library. This will be the last meeting for a number of Grade 12 parents so some fresh younger faces will help maintain an active Committee moving forward. 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 the raffle and auction items are looking good already. Please save this date in your diary and note Flexi-Schools **closes on 27 March** for KW's timeline.

Some Match Reports and Photos follow:

First XI v CHAC on 2 March

After two close losses we arrived at CHAC with our confidence up and ready to play. Unfortunately I lost my first toss of the season and CHAC had no hesitation in sending us in on their home deck – a sign the wicket could be challenging to bat on.

CHAC were right! Only two of us reached double figures and we were bowled out in the 33rd over for 81. I picked up 33 and Ben 18. We then had 15 overs before lunch to do some damage. Ben knocked off one opener for a second ball duck but CHAC recovered well and finished with 2 for 25 at lunch.

After lunch CHAC powered on to be 2 for 39 and the game looked in their bag. At this point things began to change and CHAC lost 6 for 8 off 12 overs with our spirits lifting after each wicket. Numbers 9,10 & 11 fort hard for their wickets but the momentum was with us and CHAC finished all out 63.

Our first win in quite a while and we even remembered the words of the team song. Hope we get to sing it again before our season is over.

Sam Deacon

Match stat can be found at:

<http://mycricket.cricknet.com.au/common/pages/public/rv/match.aspx?matchID=3117968&entityID=16575>



First XI v Ormiston College on 9 March

Under clear skies and a juicy looking St Paul's wicket I unfortunately lost the toss for the second week in a row and OC had no hesitation in sending us into bat.

Our openers saw off the pace bowlers to record our biggest opening partnership of the season. Well done to Lachie on 49, who nearly carried his bat, and Zane on 12. They were the only players to reach double figures. A steady loss of wickets from some good OC bowling meant we just reached 100 after 50 overs and nine wickets down.

120 would have been a better score but with a slow pitch and the ball gripping in the surface we gave ourselves a chance. The OC openers saw off the pace attack and one eventually fell to spin. At 1 for 52 we were up against it but the St Paul's spirit kicked in and we took seven more poles before OC reached the target in the 45th over. Great bowling by Lachie B this game, with JP & Angus each chipping in with a wicket.

Thanks to coaches Dean and Chris for again looking after us and we hope to return the faith with a strong game against St Columbian's next week.

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Intermediate 1sts v CHAC on 2 March

We were very confident going into our match against CHAC. We lost the toss and were sent into bowl we weren't bowling many loose deliveries, but they scored at a decent rate and hadn't lost a wicket. It wasn't until Alex bowled a half tracker and Harry took a one-handed screamer at short mid-wicket. They kept scoring at a decent rate and were on about 60 at half way with one wicket down.

Not long after the break Dylan got a wicket, but they were very steady to not have a collapse. The opening bat made a fifty but not long after he hammered a back of a length ball to mid-wicket off Jakes bowling that was in the air and he was out. Logan and Nathan both chipped in with a wicket each and CHAC ended the innings 5/117.

Going into our batting we were very confident with our chances. Dylan and Eric started well but Eric got an interesting decision for him to be out. Alex and Dylan paired well and put on a decent partnership of 31 before Alex shelled a ball out to the man on the deep square leg boundary. Billy went in and only managed 2 before a fluke catch at slip off the keeper's gloves was taken. Dylan went shortly after.

From then we lost wickets regularly ending up with Logan and Gowtham needing 28 from their partnership to win the match as our batting from there wasn't the most confident. The pair batted rather well with a few close and not so close wide calls going against us. By the last over it was very close and on the final ball Logan and Gowtham managed a two to put us at 6/117.

There was a bit of confusion on the field about the score as the people updating the scorecard had made a miscalculation. The match ending in a draw.

Intermediate 1sts v Ormiston College on 9 March

We were thinking that Ormiston was going to be our last conventionally difficult game of the season. We lost the toss once again and were bowling. Dylan and Tom started well having them 3/9 at one point. Before there two best batsmen put on a 44-run partnership that Jake broke with a good wicket.

From then there were a few decent partnerships before a collapse in the 80's with Logan, Eric and Gowtham bowling superbly with a great direct hit runout from fine leg. With a dismal batting performance by Ormiston being bowled out for the first time this season for under 100 finishing with 92. Although there was a great effort by the St Paul's boys there were 7 dropped chances meaning they could have been bowled out much quicker.

Going to bat we were confident but not as cocky as the week before. Eric again went cheaply throwing his hands at a loose ball and got caught in the gully. Dylan and Gowtham then combined for a strong partnership of 60. Gowtham then got out from a miracle ball from the Ormiston spinner pitching on leg and hitting off stump. Nathan went soon after and Logan not long after that.

Dylan and Harry finished it well on the first ball of the 15th over. Dylan putting in another great performance of 46 from 46.

Alex Simpson

Intermediate 3rds v Ormiston on 9 March

No match report but I'm sure Captain Josh has the team well directed in the field with plenty of commentary and insight.



Year 6 v Ormiston College on 9 March

SCORE: SPS – 4 for 91 OC – 2 for 64

The Year 6 team had their first chance to play on the home Eastern turf this weekend against Ormiston College. Having an extra early start with yearbook photos and having 3 players down, St Paul's were initially cautious on the field. Captain Matthew Elliott won the toss and elected to bowl, sending Ormiston into bat in the first innings.

Ormiston's opening batsman was given an early exit with a quick catch by Riley Jensen (bowled by Matthew Elliott), followed closely by Matthew Linton striking the wickets to take the second wicket from Ormiston. With consistent bowling and fielding, St Paul's kept the run rate low, Ormiston finishing on 64 runs.

In the second innings, St Paul's went into bat with Harrison Pascoe hitting a 4 to start the game off to a great start. A fantastic batting partnership between Eddie Bird and Riley Jensen came to an end when Eddie fired two shots towards the bowler's end and was unfortunately caught out the second time. The remaining pairs worked together to beat the set target and finished the match with 91 runs, losing only 4 wickets.

Highest runs scored by Riley Jensen, Eddie Bird, Ben Holden, Angus Toovey and Jahaan Rajapakse. A big thank you to all the parents who came to cheer and help out this weekend.



Year 5 v Ormiston on 9 March

Ormiston Blue arrived nice and early for our 7:30 start. It was so early that even the Sparrows hadn't emitted a single noise. We'd already primed and preened ourselves for our year book photos at about 6:50-ish and were still flashing our pearly whites as Ormiston eagerly headed for the pitch.

Captain Sohail stared down the opposition with steely determination as the lucky 20 cent coin flipped in the air. He smiled on the inside as the Ormiston captain called a hapless "heads" knowing full-well that the sacred ornament would fall "tails never fails" side up. Without hesitation (and with plenty of subliminal messaging) the Big St Paul's Captain for-a- day, said, "We'll field". And that we did.

Ormiston Blue caught us napping from the get-go and slashed and carved up a healthy-looking wagon wheel with little remorse. We didn't like it. We had finally come up against a team that was the spitting image of us and we didn't like what we saw in the mirror!

Let's not beat around the bush here, Ormiston capitalised on every opportunity we gave them and we were a just a little dozy in the first 10 overs. A drawn-out, eye-rolling, "here we go again" pep-talk from Mr Mackenzie-Smith at the drinks break rallied the troops and we came out swinging. The stumps started to rattle, the catches stuck in the hands and the throws from outfield found their mark. Manav found his inner-fast-bowling demon and cleaned up the stumps, Lucas and Ryan smashed the middle peg with their pace attacks and Ikshan, our expert-in-training wicketkeeper carried out two much-needed run outs. The Ormiston onslaught

and oppressive heat had our photo-ready faces streaming and left us facing a massive 125 to chase in 20 overs. Ormiston lost a total of 5 wickets.

We strode to the crease with umpire Alex Simpson keeping a steady eye on proceedings and the runs started to fly off the bat. Chelsea Cheese and Hamish Ham slashed and sliced faster than a ham-slicer at Woolworth's Deli on a Saturday morning and knocked-up 14 and 10 respectively. The Ryan and Lucas (AKA Hamish & Andy) combo pinged around 23 & 22 without sacrificing a wicket and then handed over the big Ikky who perfected a cracker of a pull shot (several times) to knock up a fiery 20 runs. He was ably supported by Aryan 12, Sohail, 10 and the Manav-meister with a handy 7. Unfortunately, the nervous-nelly-yips hit some of our batters during their travels between the wickets and the runouts were aplenty.

A courageous 118 rounded-out our day on the green but it also came at the cost of 10 pricey wickets. 'Twas our first loss of the season but we were consoled by the fact that our newest BFF, Assistant Coach, Alex Simpson brought Jelly Snakes for all to share. We get to play Ormiston Blue again for our last match of the season at Ormiston. Unfortunately, our resident photographer was in-absentia. Stay tuned, cricket lovers!



BNJCA Under 11 Girls v Albany Creek on 9 March

Albany Creek players were all decked out in pink to support the McGrath Foundation, and they proved too strong for St Paul's on Saturday. On a narrow batting wicket, Emma and Charlotte topped scored with 17 runs each. Indi was on fire with the ball and cleaned bowled the opposition to take a key wicket. Jemma and Charlotte both took great wickets as well. Zara was our most economical bowler, only letting the opposition have just 12 runs off her overs. The girls are looking forward to the last two matches.



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 8 – Parkside Federation College

The final cricket game of the tour was at the educational hub of Cambridge against the Parkside Federation College (PFC). And what an interesting game of cricket that was.

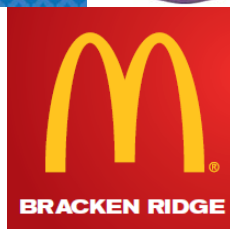
We arrived at the ground, which was a large public park across the road from the PFC, wondering where the pitch was. We then saw a bike ride across a mown patch of turf on the square with a few rises and falls and then realized that was the pitch. PFC then began putting out the cones which was a sign for the park goers to disperse because a cricket game was about to begin.

PFC advised that we were playing the new 100 ball game which was puzzling as that number was not divisible by six. The game turned out to be 15 six ball overs and a super over of 10 balls. Having settled the playing conditions we won the toss and sent PFC in to bat. Incidentally, and the reason we were there in the first place, the ground is famous as this was where Jack Hobbs played a lot of cricket – he being the first player to score 100 recorded first-class centuries (and that being the million dollar question in the academy award winning movie Slum Dog Millionaire).

Zane, Trishul, Ben & Peter steamed in and took the wickets before the 100 balls were up and PFC were all bowled out for 58. Billie anchored the innings with a well made 31 in his last bat for St Paul's and we passed the total three down with 20 balls to spare.

PFC provided afternoon tea and the players returned to the Jack Hobbs Pavilion to retrieve their bags. The Pavilion is now two thirds a Thai Restaurant and one third a cricket changeroom. The players then piled onto their bus and headed to their digs ahead of a day of site seeing and punting around Cambridge. The Belgium/France leg of the tour was next – no cricket there!

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