

## PDS Basketball – Round 1 vs Patrician Brothers Blacktown

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Won 31- 28	We got off to a flying start and within the first 2 minutes we were up 7 - 0. Blacktown used their physical game to get back into the match and it was 19 all at half time. From this point it was quite an even game with the lead changing often throughout the second half. Being the young team that we are, we used our pace and fitness to make some good steals in the last 2 minutes of the game and applied good pressure on defense to take the lead when it counted most. Great start gentlemen. MVP – Mason Hunter Mrs Giles
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Won 33-21	What a great start to the new season. Down 7 - 1 in the first 5 minutes the boys settled into their game and began to take control. Playing against a bigger team, St Greg's speed and agility turned the game around with some terrific fast break play and shooting which improved the more the game progressed. MVP – Hamish Bevan Mr Perna
Year 10	Lost 31-39	With a new look team this year, it took us the first half to work out how to play together and make it work. All players continued to give everything they had throughout thte entire match and managed to peg back the opposition lead, we just ran out of time. Taj Stapleton amazed with excellent moves to the basket and Brodie McClelland was dominant on the boards MVP – Taj Stapleton Mrs Giles
Year 9	Lost 32-30	A tough first outing for the Year 9 basketball team, against traditionally strong opponents in St Pat's Blacktown. The team hasn't been together for very long and considering how unfamiliar they are with each other they were genuinely fantastic on the day. Unfortunately, a narrow loss resulted from a simple lack of experience playing together. Highlights included Ethan Antala shooting the lights out from 3-point range (ending with 17 of the teams 32 points) and impressive defense and all-round hustle from Mitchell Moss. MVP – Ethan Antala Mr Hackett
Year 8	Won 51-17	The boys were eager to get the season underway after all the challenges of 2021. There is a lot of talent in the team, but you never really know how things are going to pan out until you get on the court...and the boys certainly delivered! In their first game the team achieved a dominant 51-17 victory over Blacktown Patrician Brothers. Kingston Tutani had a very strong game on his way to 16 points. Kyan Wilton led the team well and was aggressive while scoring 10 points. Ethan Matthews chipped in with 10 points of his own. All of the boys were able to get a good run and contribute to the team. It was a strong performance which indicated great potential for the season ahead. MVP – Kingston Tutani Mr Limbrey

## PDS Basketball – Round 2 vs St Dominic's Penrith

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Lost 40-54	With injuries and illness, the team was down to 7 fit players. St Dominic's were very physical with their players all in Year 12 and even though our Year 11 and Year 10 players fought hard to the end it was a challenge to overcome the constant bumps and barges. Very solid effort again this week against a strong and talented team. Every match is a lesson that each player will gain more skill and court wisdom from. Keep it up gentlemen. MVP – Jake Wright
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Lost 22-61	Lost to a much bigger and more skilled opponents today. Only 2 substitutes due to injuries made it very difficult to compete. The boys gave it their all but need to improve ball security, rebounding and shooting percentage. MVP – Justin Blums
Year 10	Lost 16-36	This week we came out strong and halfway through the first half it was 9-9. This rattled the opposition and made them play tougher defense, so from that point on it was tough to make a basket. Once again, the team still needs to work on how to play cohesively together to make the most of every possession because quite often the steals and rebounds are matched by turnovers. Keep working hard gentlemen and a win will come your way. MVP – Taj Stapleton
Year 9	Lost 32-30	The toughest game of the year. Typically, the dominant force in schoolboy basketball, St Dominic's were always going to be a hard test. The boys put in the hard yards especially defensively, holding a strong team to a low score. Offensively we did our best and showed great improvement in just 1 week. A disappointing result that sadly hinged on our own mistakes and complacency. MVP – Mitchell Moss

Year 8	Won 48-36	The boys were feeling good coming off the back of an excellent win in Round 1. We would face a much harder test against St Dominic's who are a traditionally strong basketball school. We managed to gain the early advantage in a competitive game and never looked back. While St Dom's were able to go on a couple of runs and cut the deficit the boys led from start to finish. While all players contributed to a satisfying win it was Kyan Wilton who topped the scoring with 13 points. Dylan Chew shot the ball beautifully and made some excellent defensive plays. The standout player in the game was Jackson Woolford who was a monster on the boards and in defence. Jackson was able to execute numerous blocked shots. We have performed well in our first two games but will enjoy the week off to work on our defence and efficiency. Well done boys. MVP – Jackson Woolford
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### PDS Basketball – Round 3 vs St Andrew’s Marayong

2nd Grade	Won 35-24	St Greg's played an outstanding game. Led from the outset. Very strong offensive and defensive rebounding laid the foundation for the win. Shooting percentage was very high. Massive defensive effort against a team who are normally accurate shooters. Controlled the game throughout in all aspects. Best game of the season so far. St Andrews were outmuscled, outscored and outsmarted. MVP – Justin Blums + Hamish Bevan + Kian Boyne
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### PDS Cricket – Round 1

1st Grade vs Penrith	Lost 9/66- 5/67	It is very hard to put into words what happened to our St Greg's First XI side today. Let's hope that whatever transpired never happens again. 7/19 after 8 over, we were lucky to end up 9/66. Star batsmen failed to perform, average bowling. MVP – Coby Holland
2nd Grade vs Blacktown	Lost 10/44- 0/46	First game of the season for the 2nd XI, our opponents were a talented Blacktown 1st XI who bowled extremely well early to limit our run scoring opportunities. The wickets began to flow, and quickly and the boys were eventually bowled out for 44 in the 17th over. Knowing we had to bowl tight and set a ring field, with no room for error, the boys tried hard, but Blacktown's batsmen were too classy and chased the runs down without losing a wicket. MVP – Clancy Nott
3rd Grade vs Greystanes	Draw	St Paul's played very well against the 3rd XI scoring 209 runs from 18 overs. The 3rd XI side did attempt to chase the game with 58 runs scored from the first 9 overs before the game was called off due to heavy rain. The game therefore ended as a draw. MVP – Jack Noy
Year 10 vs Blacktown	Lost 10/64- 2/65	The Year 10 Cricketers were excited to finally get on the field to start the 2021/22 season however lost a few early wickets and scored runs slowly when sent into bat. Top scores were Kaylan Prince-Peckham (20) and Archie Nott (11) and a final score of 10/64. The bowlers were also able to snatch a couple of early wickets, but Blacktown was able to make the required runs to take the win. Notable bowlers were Lincoln Parmeter (1/6) and Kaylan Prince-Peckham (1/13). MVP – Kaylan Prince-Peckham
Year 9 vs Penrith	Lost 8/54- 2/55	St Greg's won the toss and elected to bat in very warm conditions. St Dominic's bowling attack were putting the ball in very difficult positions for us to score, accompanied by a very spongy outfield not allowing the runs to tick over. A steady flow of wickets fell throughout the innings with the exception of Ashton Haycock who opened the batting and was our rock for the innings, scoring 15. St Greg's managed to finish up on 8/54 after 20 overs. St Dominic's then came out with a very aggressive mindset and seeing how tough it was to score along the ground, took an aerial route amounting to a number of boundaries. A short stoppage of play for a passing afternoon thunderstorm did not stem the flow of runs once play resumed. St Dominic's reaching the required runs after just 9 overs. MVP – Ashton Haycock
Year 8 vs Blacktown	Won 0/28 – 10/27	Blacktown won the toss and elected to bat. Excellent bowling and fielding at Morgan Park Reserve kept Blacktown down to 26 runs. In reply, St Greg's were none for 27 off 3.2 overs. Bowling highlights included Connor McGettigan 1 for 3 off 4, Kynan Eagles 2 for 9 off 4, Cohen Kvackovski 2 for 7 off 4, Ryan Burfitt 0 for 6 off 2, Oscar Saunders 1 for 0 off 2 and Toby Cox 2 for 0 off 1. Skillful hands kept the Blacktown score low. Byron Luyten and Toby Cox both took one catch each while Thomas Geale caught two, one of these was the catch of the day. Kynan Eagles and Byron Luyten also displayed real effort and concentration in the field and returned many balls this week. Jack Jobson displayed excellent keeping skills. His two stumpings giving him the Man of the Match. Batting highlights included Ryan Burfitt 10 n.o. and Khai Hughes 12 n.o. Our excellent Captain Connor McGettigan led the team so well with his opening bowling. He was always a gentleman when speaking with our team, Blacktown' team and the Umpire. Great first result for the team.

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## PDS Cricket – Round 2

1 <sup>st</sup> Grade vs SGC 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI	Won 2/41- 10/39	Nice to see the First XI turn up and play. Solid performances showed why we can be the superstars of cricket. Well done Hayden Tipping for taking 3/4 - lovely to see some spark come back. Let's keep it going. MVP – Hayden Tipping
2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade vs SGC 1 <sup>st</sup> XI	Lost 10/39- 2/41	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> XI batted first but the First XI were too good with the ball, limiting the runs and taking consistent wickets. With the bat the 1 <sup>st</sup> XI were too classy chasing the runs in under 10 overs. MVP – Owen White
3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade Vs Penrith	Draw 10/57- 10/57	The 3 <sup>rd</sup> XI started the game slowly but managed to hold out for a draw during an intense match. The team lost the toss and began batting. The team looked disheveled as they were 6/17 after 8 overs. However, the boys managed to hold on to score 57 runs from 19 overs. Bowling is truly the strength of the 3 <sup>rd</sup> grade as they managed to hold St Dom's to a draw getting them all out for 57 after 16 overs. MVP – Hamish Minehan
Year 10 vs Penrith	Won 6/118- 10/49	The Year 10 Cricket team had a convincing win over St Dominic's Penrith this week. We started with the bat and after a bit of a slow first 10 overs, managed to find some rhythm and were able to increase the run rate significantly. The bulk of the runs came courtesy of Pat Salecich (74 not out) as we finished the 20 overs at 6/118. This score gave the team some confidence as they headed out with the ball and being keen to redeem from the loss of last week some excellent bowling and fielding was produced. St Dom's were all out for 49 in just 13 overs. Bowling highlights included Ben Taylor (4/17) and Dan Canellis (3/8) however with two run outs and seven catches, it was a full team effort to get the win. MVP – Patrick Salecich
Year 9 vs Greystanes	Won 7/243 – 10/11	The SGC Year 9 XI stripped the shackles that stopped them scoring last week to amount an extraordinary total of 243 against St Paul's on Thursday. After losing an early wicket, SGC started to assert their dominance and the boundaries started to flow rapidly with contributions from most of the top and middle order. Top scorers were Matthew Fitzgerald (69) and Aidan Richards (51). When it was our turn with the ball, we started off with a wicket from Zach Moroney in the first over. That set the tone of the innings and SGC were able to wrap up the day bowling St Paul's out for 11 runs. A great effort from the team really showing resilience to bounce back from a loss last week, giving us some well needed confidence and momentum into next week when we come up against the SGC Year 10 XI MVP – Matthew Fitzgerald
Year 8 Vs Penrith	Won 7/93- 7/76	St Greg's won the toss and elected to bat. Excellent batting gave us 93 off 20. In reply, Penrith were 8 for 76 off 20. Batting highlights included Jack Jobson 41 (three fours and nine twos), Cohen Kvackovski 11 (a two) and Byron Luyten 11 (two fours and a two). Bowling highlights included Connor McGettigan 1 for 14 off 3, Toby Cox 2 for 11 off 4, Cohen Kvackovski 2 for 12 off 4, Kynan Eagles 1 for 14 off 2, and our new spin bowler Avanindra Sikarwar 1 for 12 off 3. Safe hands kept the Penrith score low. Khai Hughes took 2 vital catches and Jahaan Padam also made his catch look too easy. Oscar Saunders, Ryan Burfitt and Thomas Geale also displayed true effort and focus on the field chasing down and returning many balls this week. Jack Jobson continues to display brilliant keeping skills. However, it was his batting that earned him Man of the Match this week. All players displayed excellent sportsmanship on the field today. After the game, it was impressive to see St Greg's give a loud and generous three cheers to the Penrith team. And above all St Greg's were real gentleman both on and off the field. Well earned second win from two for the team. MVP - Jack Jobson (Keeper)

**PDS Cricket – Round 3 matches were unfortunately washed out.**