

# Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> August Sport Summary

## Thanks To David Wiseman

Another brilliant winter's day in Sydney for the eagerly awaited clash with Scots.

The boys certainly rose to the challenge and put in some classy performances across the age groups. At the Family Mass on Sunday, Father Gavin spoke of some Marist qualities being on display on Saturday: these being perseverance, courage and great school support. There is no doubt that these qualities combined to deliver some remarkable performances.

## **Some Observations and Thoughts from the Day**

### Rugby

- Games : 41  
Wins: 26  
Losses: 15
  
- Total points scored: 1,241 (average of 30.3 per game)  
Total points against: 792 (average of 19.3 per game)
  
- Vs Scots  
  
Games : 29  
Wins: 20  
Losses: 9  
  
Points scored: 965  
Points against: 471
  
- The Opens, 16s and 15s age groups performed strongly – only losing 2 matches in each age group.
- The “A” teams were supreme with strong wins in 1<sup>st</sup> XV, 2<sup>nd</sup> XV, 3<sup>rd</sup> XV, 16A's, 15A's, 14A's and 13A's.
- 1<sup>st</sup> XV stormed back into premiership contention with a thrilling 38-34 win. Destiny is now back in their hands with Newington surprisingly getting the win against the previously undefeated Kings. Joeys, Kings and Scots now enter the last round as joint competition leaders. Kings play Scots in the last round.
- In the top of the table clash, 2<sup>nd</sup> XV were masterful in a 41-10 victory over Scots. After playing great rugby all season, they sit 2 points ahead on the table and are guaranteed a premiership. The question that remains is whether they will be joint or sole premiers.
- Third XV secured a 17-12 win to keep their premiership hopes alive. A win against the undefeated Riverview next Saturday will secure a well-deserved joint premiership.

- Special mention to the 14A's who secured a 30-24 win over Scots. While the winning margin wasn't great, what is significant is the improvement in the team since they last played Scots in a trial on 16 June – the result of the trial was a resounding 5-29 loss to Scots.
- The 16A's, 15A's and 13A's had dominant victories to remain undefeated for the season.
- Biggest win of the day was the 16C's who had a 91-0 victory over Scots
- Easy pick for the team of the day this week: 1<sup>st</sup> XV. After the disappointment of last week, the boys played some outstanding rugby to defeat Scots. The boys refused to go away as Scots led for the majority of the game. Down 24-34 with 5 minutes remaining, the boys stormed home with 2 late tries to snatch a courageous victory. Photo by John Flitcroft.



### Football

- Joeys hosted Scots at home
- Games :               15  
Wins:                   4  
Draws:                 1  
Losses:                10
- Heart break for 1<sup>st</sup> XI who finished with a 0-0 draw. The final play of the game saw a Joeys kick hit the Scots goal post.
- The 15's had a good day, winning both matches.



## AFL

- The AFL boys had a great finish to the season.
  - The Senior team dominated Shore to win 102-19.
  - The Intermediate team knocked over Riverview 44-32
- The support of the boys during the 1<sup>st</sup> XV game. The rendition of Sub Tuum during the last 5 minutes was spine tingling. After the win, it was significant that the team went into the student body to celebrate. Photo by John Flitcroft.



## Meltdown

Social media went into meltdown after Saturday's heroic win by 1<sup>st</sup> XV.

The posting of the final score on JoeysRugby twitter was viewed 3,938 times. The post was "liked" 85 times; retweeted 20 times and there were many favourable replies such as "Legends", "Yes!!!", "Nice work boys, "You beauty!!" and "Incredible win for JoeysRugby".

**Photo of the Day** First XV after their victory. Photo compliments of John Flitcroft.

