



President's Message

Rain, rain go away, come again another day – and we haven't had the cyclone season yet! Despite this, we got one great day of cricket in during the last fortnight and there were some cracking games. The JTAS teams continue to lead the way. The 3rd top TAS cricket school Ormiston provided some very strong opposition for all our TAS teams including a rare double hat trick against our 1sts. The Intermediate 2nds got their second win of the season and the 3rd's secured their first win against Ormiston.

Meeting

Our second CSG meeting for 2018 is on **Wednesday 7 March 2018 at 7pm** in the Library. All are welcome.

Cricket Dinner

Flexischools closes on March 21 for our annual cricket dinner at **Kedron-Wavell RSL for 24 March 2018** so please book all your tickets as soon as you can. Dinner highlights this year include a farewell performance by Full Distortion, some cahooting, raffle prizes, number board, a special guest, England Tour presentation, a wide selection of cricket auction items and plenty of player trophies.

Some Match Reports and Pictures

All TAS cricket ladders can be found at:

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

Year 4 Red

Last Saturday, St Paul's Year 4 Red team played Ormiston Blue. The field was a little wet but fortunately our captain of the match Sohail won the toss and chose to field.

The boys found the length of the pitch a bit tricky and a few wides were bowled, but they were strong with Roman achieving 2 wickets and Nate, Ryder, Sohail and Ayaan each claiming one. It was great to see their bowling and tight fielding continuing to improve. Ormiston achieved 68 runs.

It was then our innings to bat and the boys ran well achieving many smart singles. Roman's spell started with three 4's and he went on to top score with 30 while Ryder hit our first ever 6 and went on to score 22 runs.

The boys were consistent and only lost 2 wickets while achieving 127 runs. Well done lads.





Year 4 Green v Ormiston – 3 March

After a rained-out game last week the boys were looking forward to getting back out there in what was great weather to play.

Having lost the toss, with Ormiston sending us in to bat we began strongly with our openers posting solid totals, this was typical of our batting performance as all the boys batted exceptionally with 6 out of 8 reaching double figures. We finished our innings in a strong position having only lost 5 wickets for 125 runs.

Having set the bar high the Ormiston batsmen came out resilient and started strongly. With some good bowling in the middle overs Ormiston piled on the pressure towards the end but our total was just too much. Ormiston finished with 103 runs for 7 wickets lost giving us our third victory from three matches played.



Year 5 v Ormiston Blue – 3 March

St Paul's School: 9 for 113
Ormiston Blue: 5 for 108

On Saturday 3rd of March the Year 5 team came up against Ormiston Blue in their first away game for the season. The rain stayed away for the fourth match but the team were hit with illness and injuries this weekend. The boys soldiered on with Hamish Johnson (Year 4) coming to the rescue to make up numbers.

Ormiston won the toss and sent St Paul's into bat first. The team played well with some great 4s and an amazing 6 by Fraser Johnson to raise their runs to 113. Highest runs by Harrison Pascoe, Angus Toovey (Wicket Keeper) and Fraser Johnson. Unfortunately 9 wickets were lost with some great bowling and field work from Ormiston.

Out on the field St Paul's battled in the heat. They continued to encourage each other and work as a team to take 5 wickets (Jahaan Rajapakse, Matthew Elliott – Captain, Fraser Johnson). However Ormiston Blue were the stronger team on the day and won the game. Both teams need to be commended on their behavior and team work towards each other and on the field. It didn't feel like a loss to St Paul's because they worked so well together and continue to improve each week.

A special mention to Mrs Johnson first time scorer who did a fantastic job! Thanks also to the coach and parents for coming to cheer the team on.



Year 6 v Ormiston – 3 March

Match report for Saturday 3/3/2019, St Paul's vs Ormiston at St Paul's on the Year 5 artificial turf pitch.

Ormiston won the toss and sent St Paul's in on a fast pitch and slow damp outfield. The St Paul's openers, Eddie and Lachlan got off to a great start with an opening partnership of 31 of 6 overs before Lachie was caught in slips. St Paul's continued the good start with some power hitting in the middle order by Riley, Ollie and Archie to be 2 for 131 after St Paul's allotted 20 overs.

Ormiston got off to a slow start with some early wickets due to some great St Paul's fielding and bowling. Ormiston was 5 for 24 after 10 overs, including clean bowled by the youngest members of the team Luka and Noah, Noah chipping in again with a run out, Riley's caught & bowled effort. Ormiston's middle order dug in and finished 5 for 51 after 20 overs.

Best Batting: Archie – 31, Oliver – 30 and Riley – 25

Best Bowling: Riley - 1 wicket for 2 runs, Luka – 1 wicket for 5 runs and Noah – 1 wicket for 8 runs

Player of the Match – Archie.

It was a great team effort with everybody chipping in and doing their bit for a solid win to St Paul's.





First XI v Ormiston – 3 March

The St Paul's First XI Cricket team made the trek to Ormiston College this weekend, despite being only 11 strong, and with injuries among us. The well-manicured deck was a spectacle to some of the younger St Paul's boys, who had never seen anything like it. We lost the toss and fielded first.

The game began well with our fielders performing well. Up until the 25th over we had Ormiston averaging at around 3 runs, having dismissed their top 3 batsmen. We were down 1 top-order bowler and Lachie B. stepped in with an excellent 0/25 off his 10 overs. Unfortunately, our good start was let-down with a fair few dropped catches that should have been taken. Their total stretched to 240 after the 50 overs.

After lunch, Sam and I (Billie) went out to open the batting. We made a partnership of 52 runs before I was dismissed, leg before wicket, on 28. Sam went on to score a strong 68 runs and Lachlan B. made 24 runs in an anchor role. An outstanding bowling performance by Dylan K., of Ormiston College, removed four of our batsmen for naught and we finished on 154 runs.

Improvement in the field could include communication between fielders in the approach to both ground balls and high catches. With our batting, I've noticed that we could improve on our shot selection. The cut shot, invaluable for short balls outside off, was particularly underused; where we often chose to attempt a pull shot instead of waiting for the ball. Perhaps repetition through the school's bowling machine could assist here.

Heading into next week's match, we will need to focus on changing our mindsets while batting and fielding. Overall, it was a fun day of cricket – played in good spirit.



← The infamous 'Duck Squad' from the Ormiston game agreed to pose for this photo – looking for a smaller squad next game!



Second XI v Ormiston – 3 March

The seconds have had a rough couple of weeks due to lack of numbers, but the game against Ormiston may be the start of something good.

We batted first on a very sticky wicket, and the boys were up against a very good bowling attack. All the batters made a start and we scraped our way to respectable total thanks to some fine contributions from the tail.

We had early opportunities with the ball but the class of the opening Ormiston batsmen was a little too much and we lost to a very good opposition.

Hopefully we can get a full team next week, and show the opposition what SPS cricket is all about.

Intermediate First XI – 3 March

No reporting this time round.

Intermediate Second XI – 3 March

Here comes an interesting match between Ormiston College vs St Paul's happening on 3 March 2018.

Ormiston won the toss and elected to field first. St Paul's made 124 for loss of 9 wickets in 30 overs. There was an outstanding third wicket partnership between Ashwin (43) and Eric (36).

Great bowling start from Matt and Henry, followed by Eric, Hudson, Tom and Ashwin put pressure on Ormiston Team to score 57 runs in the last ten overs to win the match. But outstanding spell by Ethan in the last ten overs with support of Ashwin took St Paul's to their second win of the season.

In addition to the batting and bowling display, I need to mention some outstanding fielding by Ty, Mitch, Noah and Martin helped St Paul's to save quite a few runs in the field. Overall a great team effort by the St Paul's to win against Ormiston College by 2 runs.



Intermediate Third XI – 17 February

No reporting this time round.