

JUNIOR AND INTERMEDIATE CCC BASKETBALL COMPETITION

Last week on the 24th and 25th of August our junior basketball team made college history (for the junior age group), achieving second place in the Division 1 CCC NSW Basketball competition. This is an amazing accomplishment and was achieved due to some very committed and talented basketball players.

The girls remained undefeated in all of their pool games, and in return faced the team that ranked 2nd in the other pool for the semi-final. To progress into the grand final, a win over Albury was necessary. While MacKillop was winning by 10 points at half time, with only 30 seconds remaining in the game, the girls found themselves down by one point. Their coach, Miss Booth, quickly called a time out to steady the team and impart a game plan. The final 30 seconds played out something like this; Sara Matthews dribbled the ball into the key and was awarded a foul sending her to the free throw line for two shots. While she missed the first shot, Sara made the second to even the scores at 32 all. In Albury's rush to move the ball down to their own basket Breanna Warren made a fantastic interception. Sara Matthews found the ball in her capable hands again and achieved another foul after making her layup, putting MacKillop College ahead by two points. By this stage only three seconds remained on the clock, and shortly after Sara made her single shot from the free throw line the siren rang leaving the team victorious by three wonderful points.

The Grand Final was well fought by MacKillop College, but we went down to the Mighty Monty Girls who continue to reign supreme in junior basketball. We look forward to hopefully meeting them in the Grand Final next year!

Junior Game results: Game 1 MacKillop College v Maitland WIN 38 v 11, Game 2 MacKillop College v Manly WIN 31 v 14, Game 3 MacKillop College v Wollongong WIN 52 v 23, Game 4 MacKillop College v Woodlawn WIN 65 v 15, Game 5 MacKillop College v Glenmore Park WIN 60 v 26, Game 6 MacKillop College v Tamworth WIN 54 v 32, Semi Final MacKillop College v Albury WIN 35 v 32, Grand Final MacKillop College v Monte LOSS 39 v 60.

JUNIOR BASKETBALL TEAM: Lucy Dunn, Matilda Flood, Molly Mann, Sara Matthews, Chelsea Oldham, Hannah Wardle, Breanna Warren and Ainsley Woods.

The intermediate team was thankfully provided a wildcard into the competition, which was certainly exciting news for all involved. While the intermediates were not as dominant as the junior team, they all played some excellent basketball and were, as usual, a joy to watch. A huge thank you goes out to Michelle Dunn and Louise Farmer for helping over the two days by coaching the Intermediates.

Intermediate game results: Game 1 MacKillop College v Wagga Wagga LOSS 15 v 32 (Wagga won the competition), Game 2 MacKillop College v Maitland LOSS 30 v 37, Game 3 MacKillop College v Menai (Menai pulled out), Game 4 MacKillop College v North Sydney LOSS 10 v 26, Game 5 MacKillop College v Castle Hill LOSS 26 v 41.

INTERMEDIATE BASKETBALL TEAM: Abbey Bestwick, Emily Richards, Olivia Dunn, Caitlyn Matthews, Olivia Flood, Rosie Wood, Isabella McIntosh, Priscilla Evans-Gittany and Lillie Healey.

Miss Booth and I once again had a fabulous time with all of the girls and we wish to thank them for their faultless behavior and sportsmanship. We would also like to sincerely thank parents for their assistance over the duration of the competition. It is wonderful to have your support and please know your assistance is certainly appreciated.

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