

NSWCCC JUNIOR BASKETBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS REPORT 2017

The MacKillop Intermediate Basketball Team travelled to Penrith to compete in the annual NSWCCC Junior Basketball Championships on Monday 16 and Tuesday 17 October. Due to Matilda Flood being overseas, the team changed slightly from our Diocesan tournament, with the addition of two brave junior players, Kaleah Mack (Year 8) and Lewellyn Kingham (Year 7). The team consisted of: Sara Matthews, Lucy Dunn, Breanna Warren, Chelsea Oldham, Jakiya Whitfeld, Teagan Germech, Kaleah Mack and Lewellyn Kingham.

After leading in points for majority of the first game against St Mary Star of the Sea Wollongong, the girls narrowly won by 1 point, only seconds away from the final buzzer. The girls then versed Mt St Benedict Pennant Hills in the second game, which was just as close and came down to a 2 point difference in the last few seconds of the game. Unfortunately, we came away with a loss, however, played some excellent basketball and displayed outstanding teamwork. With each team in our pool ending up on equal points, a for and against count back placed the girls 2nd overall in their pool. This determined our quarterfinal game on Tuesday morning against 1st place in Pool B, St Pius X High Adamstown. The girls came out firing and lead for most of the first half, a big shock to Adamstown who went into the game overly confident. Unfortunately, we could not match their skill for the duration of the game and we exited the competition. Adamstown went on to play in the Final, going down to Monte Sant' Angelo North Sydney.

A huge thank you to Mrs Rochelle Mutton for all her hard work in organising the team prior to the competition, and Mrs Suz Reid for accompanying myself and the team over the course of the two days. Your bench duty efforts and encouragement toward the girls was greatly appreciated.

A special mention must go to Mrs Michelle Dunn and Mrs Sandra Mack for attending the championships and car pooling the team to the event. Your continual support of MacKillop Basketball is very much appreciated. As always our students displayed impeccable sportsmanship and were a delight to take away.

