Co-ordinator's report

Congratulations to all our teams on an excellent term of football in which most of our teams have tasted success.

It is encouraging to see a number of our teams developing good team patterns.

The Year 8/9 team on Saturday was a good example where players on a number of occasions instead of blazing away with their kicking chipped the ball to players who were free and also switched the play to another area to set up attacks. The coaches have been working on these tactics and I know were very pleased that instructions were listened and followed.

For students not playing with clubs during the holidays I encourage them to grab a football with friends, family or even themselves and to practice their skills. Even fifteen minutes a day will have a beneficial effect on skill development.

Have a safe and enjoyable holiday.

Andy Miller
Football Co-ordinator

PGS 24:26 (170) SHC 6:3 (39)

Despite the fact that we were playing a ‘Third XVIII Team’ we had heard that Sacred Heart 3 had defeated PAC 3 BY “over 100 points” (Pulteney defeated PAC 3 earlier in the season by 138 points), so we were certainly prepared for a tight and tough contest.

The players were very determined however, to:

i) finish the term strongly
ii) record a 3-3 win-loss record for the term (rather than 2-4)
iii) ‘send Connor Dudley off’ in a positive fashion...Connor had announced earlier that this would be his final First XVIII game for Pulteney, given that he is booked in for season-ending shoulder surgery early next term.

Pulteney played brilliant fast-running, attacking football throughout the first quarter, to take a commanding 40 point lead into the first break. Our key
forwards appreciated the supply from the midfield with **Connor Dudley** kicking 2 first quarter goals and other forwards: **Tom Baldock, Zac Sipek** and **Adam van den Munckhof** also kicking goals. **Josh Wills** started the game strongly, running off the half back line, and also kicked a goal in the first quarter.

The Pulteney players were encouraged to continue to ‘take the game on’, but also to use width when coming out of defence to take advantage of our hard-running wingmen and half back flankers.

Pulteney’s domination of the game continued throughout the second quarter, adding another 7 goals (2 kicked by **Jack White** and 1 each to **Connor Dudley, Ben Adams, Josh Wills, Matt Nielsen** and **Alex Jorgensen**) to take an unassailable 82 point lead into the main break.

Sacred Heart lifted their intensity and workrate after half-time, adding 4.2 to Pulteney’s 5.3, ensuring the third quarter was a much more even contest. Pulteney’s third quarter goalkickers were: **Tom Baldock, Connor Dudley, Ben Adams, Jack White** and **Alex Jorgensen**.

During the ¾ time break, the players were challenged to:

i) recapture the workrate and intensity of the first half  
ii) maintain onball rotations to maintain intensity and energy  
iii) ‘pay respect’ to our disciplined defenders and hard-working midfielders by increasing forward line pressure and not letting the ball out until we had kicked a goal  
iv) remember that this was Connor’s last game as one of their team-mates  
v) to finish strongly and not let the game ‘peter out’ into a lacklustre 20 goal to 10 result

Pulteney regained the ascendancy throughout the final quarter, dominating with 18 scoring shots to 1. **Connor Dudley** capped off an excellent last-game performance by kicking his 5th goal for the game, Adam van den Munckhof and Josh Wills each kicked their 3rd, Matt Nielsen kicked his 2nd and the hard-working Liam Geddes-Ryan kicked his 1st. Unfortunately, we were very wasteful in front of goals with 6.12 being a poor return for such a quarter of dominance.

The large number of behinds scored in the final quarter was the result of:

i) Inaccurate kicking  
ii) A number of ‘rushed’ behinds  
iii) Players becoming too ‘Connor conscious’ trying to kick the ball to him as much as possible  
iv) Players lapsing into periods of ‘selfishness’ rather than centring the ball, snapping over their shoulders rather than handpassing to team-mates in better positions etc

This was a very pleasing performance and result for a number of reasons:

i) We recorded our highest score (24.26-170) for the season, bettering the score recorded against PAC 3 (23.16-154)  
ii) 50 scoring shots (in 100 minutes, with no ‘Time-On’!) is an almost unbelievable statistic and betters our previous best of 39 scoring shots against PAC 3  
iii) Once again, the good ‘spread’ of Goalkickers (10)  
iv) The last-quarter response after being challenged by Sacred Heart in the 3rd quarter  
v) The team spirit and camaraderie, highlighted by the way the players ensured Connor Dudley’s last game was a memorable one for all of us, bust most especially for Connor.

So, we finish Term 3 with a respectable 3-3 win-loss record.

We were relatively ‘uncompetitive’ against Trinity who gave us a footballing lesson.

We were extremely competitive, despite losses to St Paul’s and Mercedes.

We have dominated the games we ‘should’ win (ie versus PAC3, Marryatville HS and Sacred Heart 3).
Our five matches in third term will provided some genuine challenges for us all:

1. On July 30 we play St Ignatius (away) for the Aish-Warhurst Trophy
2. On August 5 and August 12 we are at home for rematches with St Paul's and Mercedes
3. On August 19 we are ‘away’ to Marryatville HS
4. Our season concludes with our Intercol game against Scotch (away).

Term 2 has been enjoyable, memorable and relatively successful.

If we are all prepared to commit to hard work, sticking together, putting the team first, and continually striving for improvement, there is no reason why Term 3 can’t be as equally enjoyable, memorable and successful.

Are we up for the challenge???!!!

Future training schedule:

| Holiday Week 2: | Tuesday July 12 10.00am-11.45am |
| Holiday Week 3: | Thursday July 21 10.00am-11.45am |

**Best Players:** Josh Wills, Connor Dudley, Jack White, Jarrod Miller, Ben Adams, Liam Geddes-Ryan, Matt Nielsen, Chester Oliver, Angus Lumsden, Adam van den Munckhof

(Best Players: 12 players received votes from a collation of the votes awarded by Andy, Barrie and Mike; the players listed above were the 10 highest-ranking players).

Besides the players listed above, we had at least another 5 or 6 ‘good’ players, highlighting the fact that it really was a good all-round TEAM effort.

**Goal-Kickers:** Connor Dudley 5, Adam van den Munckhof, Jack White, Josh Wills 3 each, Ben Adams, Tom Baldock, Alex Jorgensen, Matt Nielsen 2 each, Liam Geddes-Ryan, Zac Sipek 1 each

Barrie Bryan
Coach

PGS 5:1 (31) SPSC3 21:18 (144)

Saturday 18 June
PGS v BPS

It was a rematch in the making, coming up against Blackfriars on our home turf.

It was a hotly contested match and for the first time this season Pulteney filled an entire team with even one on the bench!! The boys were looking to even up the scores and their attitude pre game was possibly the best we have seen so far this year.

Pulteney led from start to finish, even though they gave the crowd quite a scare when we thought we had it in the bag with Blackfriars kicking a few goals to make it a close finish to the game. Oh boy there would have been so much running Monday night if we let that one slide.

Best Players: Isaac, Griffin, Calvin, Ben, Tom, Finlay
Goal Kickers: Isaac 6, Connor 2, Liam 1, Patty 1, Hugh.H 1
Wednesday 22 June  
PGS 4:6 (30) SJGS 1:2 (8)

A wet Wednesday afternoon game, and what a game it was!

Straight after school and it was not hard to see the boys were excited to be playing instead of another training session. And if it wasn't for a bit of a stir up before we got out there the result could have been another story. Once again we were able to fill a full team, this time having enough to lend Saint Johns two players and still have one on the bench. Thanks to our boys who played to their best ability whilst in the oppositions colours. Except for Patty who for some reason had the best quarter of his season thus far, FOR THE OPPOSITION...

The biggest takeaway from the game was the brilliant coaching plan to include three soccer players who generously donated their time to pull on the uniform. With the wet conditions their soccer skills came to the forefront and considering we COULD NOT TAKE A MARK TO SAVE OUR LIVES, it proved to be a winning formula.

Best Players: Alex, Jung, Ben, Isaac, Calvin, Hugh.H, Henry
Goal Kickers: Alex 1, Connor 1, Big Marro 1, Liam 1

Saturday 25 June  
PGS 7:7 (49) SPC 3:9 (27)

What a win by the year 8/9 boys in dewy, cold conditions.

I don't know about the parents, family members and supporters, but we as coaches have seen this win as the boys' best performance this year. Having only 15 players and some only rocking up to the game a couple minutes before the first bounce, it was a gutsy performance by all involved.

The St Pauls team were a classy outfit and a few of their players were playing hard, aggressive football. It started getting real rough near the end of the game and to our boys credit, they kept their eye on the ball and had unwavering determination to make sure that Pulteney got the win. As a playing group and as students of this school, it is a credit to each and every one of you boys for performing the way you did and to hold your nerve when things were getting tough. We as coaches are very proud.

Goal Kickers: Liam 2, Henry, Spencer, Isaac, Griff, Shaun (St Pauls player)
Best Players: Griff, Ben, Finlay, Jack, Noah, Spencer

Hope everyone has a great few weeks off before we get stuck back into the second part of the footy season!

Nathan Risatano & Justin Bollenhagen
Coaches

PGS 1:0 (6) SHC 20:7 (127)

Throughout the first quarter, Pulteney players were disappointingly uncompetitive with none of our leaders or ‘better’ players appearing willing to rise to the challenge of playing against strong, talented opponents. This resulted in a few ‘home truths’ being delivered at ¼ time encompassing such themes as leadership, playing in front, being responsible for one opponent each, working hard defensively and the general need to lift work rate and intensity.

To the players’ credit the highlight of this game was undoubtedly the improved effort and performance shown by the Pulteney players in the second quarter.
After kicking 7 first quarter goals, Sacred Heart did not kick another goal until the 8th minute of the second quarter and only kicked 2 goals for the entire quarter.

Nevertheless, some players still needed some further ‘reminders’ at ½ time. These reminders included: midfielders working in the corridor, players ‘resting’ on an opponent, staying alert and being aware of what is going on around us (eg picking up loose players).

Despite some basic skill errors at times in the second half (eg dropping ‘easy’ marks’), there can be no doubt that the Pulteney players continued to try very hard.

After being held goalless earlier in the season, the players were determined not to let that happen again, so it was very pleasing that Pulteney scored the last goal of the game, kicked by Rory O’Callaghan.

Best Players: To be perfectly honest, no one player stood out this week and no one player put in a consistent four-quarter performance...However, our ‘better’ players were: Rory O’Callaghan, Gabriel Luksich, Matt Adams, Seb Brett, Maxim Cavender, Austin Brooks.

Goal kicker: Rory O’Callaghan

Barrie Bryan
Coach

PGS 3:5 (23) Coro Valley 6:5 (41)

Even though Coromandel Valley dominated in the first half, our players came out in the second half and had an immediate impact on the game kicking the first 2 goals of the 3rd quarter. This gave us a lot of momentum where we were able to keep the ball in our forward 50 for the majority of the quarter, but just couldn't put the cherry on top with a few more goals.

Our pressure as a team throughout the entire game was outstanding and our tackling has improved dramatically in the last few weeks where we were able to get many ‘holding the ball’ decisions to go our way.

We have a 3 week break with a bye next week and the holidays following. I can't wait to resume the second half of our season in Term 3 where our focus will be on goal kicking and positioning to get in front at each contest.. Great opportunities and challenges await for each player to reach their highest potential.

Rocco Canino
Coach
The Pulteney year 4s took on a very strong opposition in St Johns Grammar/ Belair on the weekend. The Pulteney side was undermanned and after a week without training, this was always going to be a difficult match.

I asked the boys to do something they hadn’t done all season and play 4 quarters of football, sadly our first quarter saw the opposition kick a number of unanswered goals, which would later on come back to hurt us as we played a more even rest of the game. Pleasing signs included Lucas Michalos’ game. Lucas is an evasive runner and smart footballer who provided opportunities up forward for us all day. Elliot Inglis was also having a brilliant game taking plenty of important marks and Hayden de Ross' hard ball gets, especially in packs, is sensational and provides us with first use of the football.

The boys tried their best but were ultimately defeated by a stronger opposition on the day. We will continue to improve out a training and develop what is a very talented group of footballers.

Furthermore, I would like to thank the continued support coming from the families and friends of the footballers at the games, your help on the day in all aspects, from offering to goal umpire to providing oranges and snacks is greatly appreciated by both myself and Tom.

Tom Laity & Harry Lumsden
Coaches

Unexpected absences from two of our players meant that we had to play undermanned and outnumbered against an impressive Linden Park outfit. To the teams credit, the teamwork that they displayed was excellent.

The use of handball to free up speedy players was a real highlight. The increased skill level throughout the group is extremely pleasing and it is great to hear the parents enjoy the teamwork as the boys use their hands and skills to set up play.

Being outnumbered had many negatives for the team throughout the game but there were also some positives that came from the situation. The players learned how to man up the most dangerous opposition player. This is a vital skill to have as the players develop. They were also required to be more precise with their skills and they were for the majority of the game.

A great all round effort!

Jarrod Lienert
Coach

Year 2: - PGS v Magill

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