Welcome to the 2015 Football season! – with round 1 already behind us, we are off to a flying start!

The first thing you will ask is 'where is Emmsy? The answer is that, after many years’ service, David Emms has ended his time as Football Co-ordinator, 2nd XVIII coach, assistant 1st XVIII coach and editor of the Blues News. On behalf of the Pulteney Football community, present and past, I congratulate David on his contribution to Football over many years and thank him for his help filling me in as his (partial) replacement for 2015.

In the last School holidays, around 30 footballers attended a two day AFL clinic which included a tour and training session at Power HQ at Alberton! Thanks to 1st XVIII coach Gavin Wanganeen and general football legend Jack Cahill for their time and input to what was a very successful clinic.

The 1st XVIII squad which took part in the Anglican Cup last week was victorious in both games against Woodcroft and St Johns. While results were quite on-sided, the carnival provided an opportunity for coaches to ‘get to know' many of the newer players.

Round 1 produced some good results too and I know from watching training, that all teams are very keen for the weekend to come around so they can get back out onto the park!

Hopefully you all know that contact coach contact details, training times and team fixtures are published on the Football page of the School website: [http://www.pulteney.sa.edu.au/community/sports-and-activities/winter-sports/football/](http://www.pulteney.sa.edu.au/community/sports-and-activities/winter-sports/football/). Unfortunately times and venues are subject to late change and we ask that ‘Sport this Week' be the last place you look for details of fixtures.

Richard Sexton
Football Co-ordinator

1st XVIII def PAC3: 26:17 (173) to 5:3 (33)

It was great to see the boys perform for the first time this year on Saturday.

Whilst the opposition in PAC 3rds were not overly strong it gave us an opportunity to see one another's style of play. The game also allowed us to gain some confidence leading into next week which is important to have early in a new season.

Every Pulteney player contributed in one way or another which was great to see. The standouts were, in no particular order, Wills, Milera, Adams, Thomson, White, Miller (10 goals) and van den Munckhoff (6 goals).

Anglican Cup was a great day for the team winning both games comfortably. St Johns gave us a good battle early until we ran over the top of them and Woodcroft seemed to have a lot of year 10 and 11 boys and therefore we won quite easily. Over the two games we had an even contribution from the team but it was the midfield group who stole the show.

Highlights of the day were two amazing marks from Milera and Thomson.

Gavin Wanganeen
Coach
Year 8/9 def Immanuel

The 8/9 boys got off to a flying start, beating Immanuel College at Vaughton Oval on the weekend. The boys kicked their way to a 29.17 lead over Immanuel, Eddie Knights kicked 5 goals and Henry Bleby-Williams kicking 3. The boys have shown a promising start to the year and worked together throughout the game. This game was a great chance to see the boys move through many positions on the field and showcase their skills. Sam Magarey had an amazing match stringing together 3-4 bounces along the flank and delivering time and time again into the forward line. Griffin Evans played a great game and his second efforts caught the opposition flat footed. Griffin set up many plays and his support with his shepherds were best on the ground.

Best: Sam Magarey, Griffin Evans, Eddie Knights

Cameron Lane
Coach

Year 6/7 def PAC: 10:9 (69) to 4:5 (29)

For the first game of the year, the 6/7s football team took on PAC. Going into the game we didn’t know what to expect, the group had a solid training on Tuesday night but you never know how your team will go until you play that first game. We started very well and this continued for most of the match. Ben Beswick and Tex Wanganeeen ran the ball well through the midfield, setting examples with their shepherding and teamwork. Little Max Cavender and Pat Winter impressed with their ferocity around the football, ruckman Alex Candy had a superb game, while Wayne Inglis and Rory O’Callaghan provided strong targets up forward all day.

In the second half we mixed it up a bit to see where people could play, special mention goes to Wayne who was put into ruck in the last quarter and showed exactly what he is capable of with three solid runs out of the middle putting the ball into an attacking position. He could have ended up with three or four goals, if it weren’t for a lack of accuracy - something we plan to work on and which will complement his clear natural talent for football.

Three of the four goals we conceded were in the last quarter, partly due to players in new positions and that we had already sealed the game. However to the credit of the playing group we finished with the last goal of the game. It was a very good start to the year and we have a very talented group capable of good things. Next week we face one of the Sacred Heart teams and we are expecting even bigger things as the group gels.

Goal kickers: Rory O’Callaghan 3, Matt Adams 2, Max Cavender, Cooper Hillen, Gabriel Luksich, Pat Winter, Ben Beswick 1 goal each.

Best: Rory O’Callaghan, Max Cavender, Alex Candy, Wayne Inglis, Ben Beswick

Tom Laity & Josh Frick
Coaches
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Year 5 def Mitcham: 9:8 (62) to 3:2 (20)

It is always good to get a win first game of the year and the boys did it with ease. We set up a big first quarter score which was well needed as in second and third quarters we were held scoreless. Austin and Seb were back in the midfield and got some well needed clearances to get a few goals on the board early in the last. The run from Charlie and Logan off the backline was a great help in creating scores for the team as well. A big scoring last term sealed the win getting over Mitcham by 40 points.

Great effort by all players especially as many were playing in unfamiliar positions.

Best: Austin, Seb, Charlie, Logan, Jayden
Ryan Burton
Coach

Year 4 def CBC: 10:3 (63) to 3:4 (22)

It took the team a while to adjust to the wrap tackle and having to dispose of the ball when getting tackled. Last year when no tackling they could run around players no problem but had to adjust. And this they did extremely well. The second half saw our use of handball when in trouble or on the ground get us out of trouble many times and set up forward movements.

It was a great team effort with all players contributing. Harvey White, Cameron Kelly and Reilly Magazin worked tirelessly to defend and move the ball forward. The 2 “Olly’s” Oliver Holman and Olly Sendy were terrific in ruck and worked hard throughout the game. James Apostolakos and Charlie Brennen were creative both up forward and in defence while Georgio Gaganis gave off 3 goals unselfishly for the team, well done.

Great start to the season, keep working on strong VOICE around the ball and giving off when under pressure.

Mr Bill Davis
Coach

Year 2/3 def CBC: 7:1 (43) to 6:3 (39)

The team played with great teamwork for the first game of the season! They linked up well with handball and showed superior skill to the opposition, resulting in the close win! A great team effort!

Best: Thomas Schulze, Oscar Sabine, Sam Pryce, Angus Moyse, Alex Foster.

Goal Kickers: Oscar Sabine, Thomas Schulze 2 each, Alex Foster, Ned White, Kristian Gould.

Jarrod Lienert
Coach

OUR SONG
(to be sung with gusto)

We are the Navy Blues
We are the Old Dark Navy Blues
We’re the team that never lets you down
We’re the only team old Pulteney knows
With all the champions
We’ll keep our heads up
We’ll never give up
And they will know that they’ve been playing
Against the famous Old Dark Blues

(Sung to the tune of the Leslie Stuart song ‘Lily of Laguna’)