Congratulations to the year 6/7 team for their determined win in the sticky mud against Sacred Heart on Saturday! This was an absorbing encounter which either side could have won and which had us all on the edge of our deckchairs! Deep into the final quarter however Wayne Inglis broke free and booted an unlikely goal, putting Pulteney ahead and able to hold on to win!

Meanwhile, a scheduling error by our hosts meant that the year 8/9 boys had a leisurely start to their day, sipping cappuccino with their feet up until game time. The changed game time unfortunately meant that Cam Lane could not stay for the game, handing the job to parent Tim Ridgway. Many thanks to Tim who faultlessly guided the boys to a convincing win.

Saturday afternoon and the firsts travelled out to Athelstone to contest the recently reinstated Aish-Warhurst Trophy. The Pulteney boys were privileged to hear from SANFL legend and Pulteney Old Scholar Michael Aish prior to the game who spoke of his pride for the School and the importance of team play which required all players to contribute 100%, all of the time. We all thank Michael for his attendance and enthusiasm.

There is only Intercol to go now and, to misquote Vice Admiral Horatio Nelson, ‘Pulteney expects every player will do their duty’ Now is the time to produce your best game, tackle hard, shepherd well, kick straight, run all game – walk off the field having given your all.

Go Pulteney!

Richard Sexton
Football Co-ordinator

PGS 3:3 (21) v St Ignatius 22:19 (151)

Our boys once again put up a brave performance against a strong St Ignatius side which walloped us earlier in the season. We battled hard for four quarters but unfortunately the quality of opposition we came up against was too strong.

We lost Ben Adams for the second half with a corked knee which hurt our midfield drive, our defence battled it out all day and Alex Redshaw played well on a number of taller opponents holding his own. Ruckman Matt Nielsen as usual gave our midfielders enough opportunities around the stoppages while Angus Sexton provided us with a great physical presence laying a number of bone crushing tackles.

Check out the Football page of the School website:
Tom Baldock continues to improve and it was good to see Jarrod Miller get some footy in the middle late in the game. It was great having Connor Dudley back in the side who will be good for the run leading into our Scotch game this week.

Gavin Wanganeen
Coach

PGS 8:10 (58) v Blackfriars 2:2 (14)

The boys all arrived about 2½ hours early for the game due to a miscommunication from Blackfriars, but made most of the additional time to bond at the Aquatic Centre Café and make plans for how we would approach the game.

The opposition had 3 or 4 tall imposing lads who were quite talented but the boys were able to live up to the true Pulteney spirit and played in accord with the old adage that a champion team will beat a team of champions. Our boys were just more committed, ran harder and played for each other and this ultimately was the difference between the two teams. We tackled harder, provided strong and protective shepherds, gave out quick handballs, backed each other up, and gave plenty of outside running support.

They have been coached well and played with great understanding of what each other were doing. There was even good voice and good peripheral vision to switch the play on a number of occasions which opened the game up and allowed our runners to move the ball forward with pace and freedom.

Tom Rundle played with great maturity, poise, lateral vision and hardness in his tackles that intimidated his much taller opponents. Rory Egarr played like a man possessed. He out-jumped and out-rucked his much taller opponent, he roved his own taps, chased and tackled everything in sight. His ruckwork in the centre square was brilliant and on a number of occasions put the ball in front of Nick Laity to run onto and kick into the forward lines, Nick putting the ball lace-out on the chest of Ed Knights, Pat Milewski and Henry Bleby-Williams. Tom Price chipped in with a goal of his own after taking a strong mark from a kick on the boundary line into the middle of the ground – another great forward movement.

Henry Bleby-Williams started in the backlines but we were forced to juggle things around and he went to centre half forward and dominated the forward lines. He was a constant target, putting himself in good position, taking strong pack marks and at other times bringing the ball to ground for his smaller forwards. He played a magnificent game in the most difficult positon on the ground. Nick Laity played a terrific game again on both the wing and later when he moved onto the ball, his speed across the ground was back to his very best and his ball use was outstanding by hand and foot.

Isaac Pearce played most of the game at centre half back and did a superb job, rarely allowing anything to pass, taking strong marks and repelling many opposition attacks. He out-muscled another very tall and strong opponent to the point where they lost their way and were quite ineffective. It was an excellent display of a young man able to read the game very well and put himself in the right position to contest each play that came his way.

Other gutsy performances from Charlie Rowe who persisted despite multiple injuries and a knock to the head, Eddie Knights who played out the game despite a heavy cold, Stefan Mundy who played with a very sore thumb and a number of others who soldiered on after heavy knocks and tackles. Sam White was chasing everything down across his half back line and put on multiple tackles, diving into the bottom of packs and never gave up with his relentless harassment of the opposition. Noah Thesinger played a great game on the wing and Patrick Milewski bobbed up on a number of occasions to take clever marks using his body well to out-position his opponent and was accurate in his goal kicking. Hugh Radbone chipped in on a number of occasions to thwart his opponent.
Griffin Evans was tough and courageous in and under the packs, feeding the ball out many times to the outside runners. The midfield worked together as a cohesive and well-drilled unit, gaining the majority of clearances and enabling our forwards first look at the ball. It was a great display from those guys who played a full game up and down the length of the ground, running it out to the very end.

One could go on to talk about many other players who all contributed when required and committed themselves to the footy and beat a bigger, stronger opposition. It was a great prelude to Intercol this week and if we take this same attitude into the game, we will give them a really big run for their money.

We parents were immensely proud of our boys and we look forward to cheering the boys on to victory against our nemesis at Intercol. Go you Navy Blues we wish you all the very best and we look forward to singing the song again with you all !!

Goal Kickers: Patrick Milewski 3, Nick Laity 2, Edward Knights 2, Tom Price 1
Best Players: Tom Rundle, Rory Egarr, Henry Bleby-Williams, Nick Laity, Isaac Pearce

Tim Ridgway

PGS 5:4 (34) v Sacred Heart 4:4 (28)

Our final game before Intercol was against Sacred Heart 3. After a bit of confusion with which team they were, we realised that this was in fact the Sacred Heart team that we lost to earlier in the year. Being another wet game we had faith that our players would be able to continue their great form in the wet and get one back on the opposition.

Once again our warm up was strong and this has been a recurring theme ever since we failed to do so against Scotch at the start of the year. The strong warm up showed in the first quarter and we were by far the better team and it showed on the score board with a two goal advantage at quarter time. However we knew that that they would fight back and to the oppositions credit they did, making it a much more even game at half time with us up by about 3 points.

With a bit of confusion with the score at three quarter time (one goal umpire with a different score to the other) both us and the oppositions coach agreed we were up by one point at three quarter time.

After dominating the game earlier in the year and coming away with a loss it would have been disappointing for the same to happen again. After 10 minutes in the final quarter no score was made with both defences holding strong and it wasn't until a great run from Wayne from the midfield to kick a goal were we safe and we came away winners by one goal. It was a very pleasing game for us coaches not only because we won, but also because there was no clear standout best player - this was a true "All played well" game.

Each player did their job but the likes of Tex Wanganeen, Matt Adams, Calvin Santo and Gabs Lukjsich played well throughout the whole 4 quarters. Rory O'Callaghan played fantastically in the first half taking players on like he did during term 2 which was very pleasing to see. It was also very pleasing to see Jack O'Connor continue on from last week and this would of no doubt had to be his best game so far for the year.

Goals Tex 2, Gabs 2 Wayne 1.
Best: Tex, Adams, O'Connor, Santo

Tom Laity & Josh Frick
Coaches
**Lightning Carnival**

Ryan Burton  
Coach

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Report.  
Ryan Burton  
Coach

PGS v Glen Osmond

Report.  
Kieran Thornton  
Coach

PGS v Christian Brothers

Report  
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' – Carlton Football Club)

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