Well done all teams for your effort in the first half of the season, I know you will be looking forward to finishing strongly in term 3.

It is no surprise that regular practice translates into better skills and therefore, a higher level of game play. I urge you all then to pick up a football during the holidays and drag your brother, sister, mum or dad outside for a kick – at least twice a week! Perhaps even go for a run!!

1st and 2nd XVIII players will have training sessions through the holidays on Tuesday and Thursday mornings 9:00-10:30am on Morgan Oval. With year 12 exams in week 2, the Ski Trip in week 3 and and Outdoor Ed trip in the first week, it is vital that you communicate your intentions to the coaches or myself directly.

Richard Sexton
Football Co-ordinator

PGS 1:1 (7) v St Ignatius 30:17 (197)

Another tough day at the office for our First XVIII boys against St Ignatius.

Injuries early to Bourchier and Charalabidis hurt our team balance and losing Wills and Milera during the week had us starting from way back.

Nevertheless, I thought our boys never gave up at any point and gave their all, which I am extremely proud of.

White and Adams were solid all day in the midfield along with Nielsen and Sexton in the ruck.

Our defenders were under the pump all day and battled their hearts out, so well done backs.

Enjoy your break boys and remember to do your 3 sessions a week over the holidays!!!

Gavin Wanganeen
Coach
PGS 6:7 (43) v Cardijn 4:6 (30)

It was an early start to the day. We packed up our gear and headed south on what felt like a journey to the edge of the earth. The boys all rocked up at various times to Noarlunga but were ready to hit the ground running. The game proved to be a test throughout the day as our opposition matched our height but not our fitness.

The boys started off slow and found themselves flooding their own forward line before half time. After a quiet and well chosen word from their coach they held their positions on the large ground and started working together. Eddie kicked 3 goals for the day and we finished with 6 goals 7 to Cardijn 4 goals 6 the opposition failing to score against us in the last quarter. Mundy showed of his rare talents again getting our best on ground. This is a guy who works really hard for our team and supports all his team mates. He seemed to find his spot kicking it out of the back line to the opposition so that they could kick it back to him. Isaac was second and provided fantastic run all day as well as some great marks and work rate through the middle. Sam Magarey third with his usual spectacular show.

Camron Lane
Coach

PGS 2:4 (16) v Sacred Heart 3 5:6 (36)

This weekend saw us take on Sacred Heart 3, the fourth SHC team we have faced and up to this week, were undefeated against them. Unfortunately we suffered our second loss of the season, going down by 20 points.

The game was decided in the first quarter where we were completely outclassed and were lucky to be within 2 and a half goals. To the team's credit we did what we had done on many other occasions and found a way to fight back. From the 2nd quarter on we controlled the game, having more of the ball but we just couldn't find a way to put that on the scoreboard. This was a disappointing way to go into the break considering how well we have played through the first half of the season.

As usual there were plenty of players who stood out and one of those was Tex Wanganeen. Tex has featured in the best players a lot this year so far however this week was different. He found the ball at will, brought others into the game, laid a lot of tackles and played a complete game. Both Winter boys played their best games, so far both getting a shot in the midfield giving us some more options with captain Ben Beswick missing. Calvin Santo played well out of position, and was commended by both umpires post match about his game. Calvin always shows maturity beyond his years, and he often flies under the radar from the sidelines so it is fantastic for him to get this kind of recognition.

That leaves us with 5 wins and 2 losses heading into the break, a fantastic first half of the season.

The challenge is now to back this up with a strong second half of the year, with our biggest test coming at Intercol, where we will be able to see how much we have improved.

Goals: Max Cavender, Tex Wanganeen
Best: Wanganeen, P. Winter, A. Winter, Santo, Adams

Tom Laity & Josh Frick
Coaches
PGS 5:1 (31) v Coro Valley PS 7:8 (50)

A great game of football that fluctuated greatly with Coro Valley getting away to a good start and looking comfortable at half time. The third saw us bang through 3 goals and draw within 5 points and we had a bit of momentum going into the last. Unfortunately we had difficulty getting the ball up into our forward lines in the last and we conceded two goals.

Charlie Pearson was outstanding at half back using his run and rebounding the ball forward. Logan Holman and Austin Brooks were great around the ball and worked hard all day. Seb Brett always works hard and was terrific while Clark Escott was solid in defence as was Louis Bell. Special mention to Zach Pouras who took a big step forward going in and getting the ball.

Mr Bill Davis
Coach

PGS 10:9 (69) v St Johns 1:2 (8)

Dominant performance from everyone against a weak opposition. Ball movement and skills were excellent. Our defending was the best it has been all term which shows in the scoreboard.

Fantastic game from Riley off half back kicking 6 or 7 goals. Everyone played their part in the big win.

Ryan Burton
Coach

PGS Lightning Carnival – won 1, lost 3

The year 3 team took part in a Lightning Carnival at Victoria Park on the weekend, all teams playing four, ten minute games. A great time was had by all involved, Pulteney finishing with one win and three losses.

Kieran Thornton
Coach
PGS 8:5 (53) v Magill PS 2:1 (13)

It was another great display from the team, who again showed superior skill and teamwork to their opposition. The boys started well and led the game from start to finish. Their ability to man up and be accountable to their direct opponents was the most pleasing aspect of the game as it has been a weakness in previous weeks. Another great performance!

Best Players: Oscar Sabine, Thomas Schulze, Ned White, Tim Newman, Angus Glasson

Goal Kickers: Kristian Gould 2, Alex Foster 2, Sam Pryce 2, Thomas Schulze 1, Oscar Sabine 1.

Jarrod Lienert
Coach

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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)

ALWAYS CHECK ‘SPORT THIS WEEK’
for the final word on game times and venues.