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NASSA FOOTBALL GALA DAY

Thomas Hassall Football Success

On Monday 6th August, 5 football teams represented the College in the NASSA Football Gala day. Heading off to different locations, each team endeavoured to play their best and respect one another. Each team played several games competing against schools such as PAC, TIGS and GRG. Most games were matched on skill level and team work, often with only a 1 goal difference between winning or losing.

Overall, The College received some outstanding results, with both the Junior and Intermediate Boys winning the competition. Congratulations to all students who represented the College with great pride and enthusiasm. Thank you Mr. Palmer, Mr. Williams, Mr. Wee, Mrs. Howard and Sonny Makko for coaching their team.

Year 8-9 Boys Review by Mr. Williams

The THAC Under 15's team won the annual NASSA Football Gala Day tournament. Despite the rainy and bleak weather, the boys prevailed to finish first in the highly competitive tournament which saw them win ahead of seven other schools on the day. The day started very inauspiciously when THAC lost 0-1 to underdogs George's River Grammar after a lucky goal against the run of play. THAC had a similarly nervy showing against The Illawarra Grammar School (TIGS) straight after, but fortunately the luck fell on our side as the boys came away 1-0 winners. A break from the rain and cold served the team well and by the time the boys took to the pitch for their third and fourth games, the bad weather had literally and metaphorically cleared. The game of the day followed as THAC wrestled past a plucky Broughton Anglican College team 2-1 with an excellent defensive effort from centre-back-pairing Daniel Pearce and Daniel Matic. In our last round-robin game, two quality finishes from Justin Vidic saw THAC coast through against Penrith Anglican College 2-0 and into the final. The boys were keyed up for their final against TIGS who were keen for revenge after their loss to us earlier in the day. It took the calming presence and maturity of a number of the senior students, in particular Alex Gvozdenovic and Kristian Djakovic, to keep THAC focused on the game and not the referee or the opposition. The boys went into the sheds with the score still at 0-0 but a great pep talk from talismanic coach Sonny Makko had the team confident in their ability and structure. The breakthrough came with only about 5 minutes left with Dylan Joseph latching onto the ball in a chaotic episode inside the opposition box. THAC finished

champions, again beating TIGS 1-0. Well done to the boys for their hard efforts throughout the day and a special shout out to Mrs Tina Nou who braved the rain to act as the team's fan, mother and even ball-boy throughout the whole day!

Results:

Year 7-8 Girls - 5th

Year 10-11 Girls - 6th

Year 7 Boys - 1st

Year 8-9 Boys - 1st

Year 10-11 Boys - 5th
