



# THE WAY



## IPSSO WINTER FINALS

**Thomas Hassall had a great Winter season in 2024**, with all our teams showing improvement of skills and teamwork through the hard work and dedication to training.

To complete the season, the top 2 teams from the Northern Pool and Southern Pool play-off to earn the title of Winter IPSSO Champions.

Once again Thomas Hassall was honoured to host the finals at our grounds on Wednesday 12 September.

Congratulations to the six teams who competed in the 2024 Winter IPSSO Finals Day.

Special mention to our Tee-ball and Softball teams who were victorious and took home the gold medal!

### **Tee-ball and Softball**



What a fantastic end to the season for our Junior Tee Ball and Senior Softball teams! Both squads displayed remarkable skill and teamwork throughout the season, learning and mastering the fundamentals and honing their strategic play. On Finals Day, our THAC Senior Softball team faced off against William Carey Christian School in a nail-biting match. With a thrilling 7-7 tie after the first inning, both teams battled fiercely, but THAC edged out with a 13-12 victory, thanks in part to their savvy base-stealing strategies. Meanwhile, our Junior Tee Ball team took on Georges River Grammar and showcased their prowess from the start, hitting several home runs and demonstrating exceptional teamwork in the field. Their efforts led to a decisive 13-5 win. Congratulations to both teams for their hard work and incredible performances this season!

**Mrs Pamela Broadstock**  
*Junior School Teacher*

## **Football**



The Senior Boys Football team had a successful season, finishing top of the table in the group stage of the competition. Finals Day was held on Wednesday 11 September. Please enjoy reading the match reports below.

### **1st Semifinal vs Mt Annan Christian College (MACC)**

The team went into our first game with confidence and a positive attitude. Within the first few minutes, Tristan sent through a lovely curling ball into the top corner of the net. The rest of the half was played strongly by both teams until MACC found an equaliser shortly before half time. The second half started positively for THAC, with a neat turn and shot from Rocky getting past the keeper, only to bounce off the right post. A perfectly placed corner from Peter found Dietrich, whose header was just wide of the target. Lucas A made a number of crucial saves as MACC looked to press forward on the counter attack. Rocky and Peter combined well to almost find the net. Strong work from Orlando down the wing resulted in another corner that was just cleared off the line. Late in the half, a shot from MACC fortunately sailed just wide of the target. Another shot from Tristan was kept out by the opposition keeper. After having a few opportunities, Rocky eventually found himself in with the ball at the top of box. His strike found the back of the net. A

few minutes later, a long ball in from Joseph, saw Nikola touch the ball over the outstretched hands of the keeper to seal the game. Final score THAC 3-1.

### **Final vs Wollondilly Anglican College.**

We certainly had our work cut out for us against a well-drilled WAC team. An early shot from Peter on the run struck the woodwork and slipped wide. Another athletic save from Lucas was required after WAC pressed our defence. Unfortunately, a long-range strike from an opposition midfielder just cleared the defenders and found the back of the net. A few minutes later, a ricochet off a free kick resulted in another opposition goal. A corner just before half time found a free opposition player who headed truly. We went in at half time trailing 0-3 but after swinging a few positional changes, the second half saw THAC immediately pressing forward and putting pressure on the opposition defence. An excellent diving save from Lucas denied the opposition a fourth goal. Unfortunately, Wollondilly kept pressing and eventually broke through for another goal. A much improved effort in the second half wasn't quite enough to snare victory. Final score WAC 0-4.

Overall, a second place finish was an excellent result and the boys should be proud of their effort this season.

### **Junior Boys Football**

The THAC Junior team enjoyed mixed results but certainly made great improvements throughout the season. Highlights included a couple of comprehensive wins against traditional rivals WCCS and a strong 3-0 victory over eventual finalists, All Saints Grammar. Our last match was a 5-1 defeat of St Mary's that kept us in contention for finals. Unfortunately, the results didn't fall our way and we just missed out this year. Congratulations to all the boys for a solid season of football.

### **Mr Peter Butchatsky**

*Junior School Teacher*

## **NETBALL**



THAC Primary Junior & Senior Netball had a wonderful Winter season. I am so proud of how both teams trained consistently every week, developing skills, teamwork and confidence. Excitingly, the THAC Junior team progressed to the IPSSO Netball finals, which was held last week.

On finals day, THAC Junior Netball placed 3rd. The girls all played exceptionally well, representing THAC with great perseverance and a positive team spirit. I am so proud of the girls and their team achievement!

It has been a delight to coach these two fantastic teams and watch them represent THAC with sportsmanship every week.

Thank you to the secondary students who assisted with umpiring and scoring on the final day. Congratulations!

**Mrs Bronwyn Ferguson**  
*Junior School Teacher*

## **AFL**

What a fantastic season it's been for our AFL Junior and Senior teams! Coaching these dedicated players has been an absolute pleasure, and their hard work and commitment have shone through in every training session and match.

Each Wednesday morning, both teams showed up bright and early, ready to train and improve. For many of our Junior players, this season marked their first experience with AFL, and they embraced the challenge, working tirelessly to develop new skills and grow as athletes. It was amazing to witness their progress over the season.

Our Junior School Senior team faced fierce competition throughout the season, with many close and exciting matches. Despite just missing out on the finals, both the Junior and Senior teams displayed incredible resolve. Whether on the field or the sidelines, the players supported each other through every high and low.

Though the season didn't end with trophies, the determination, teamwork, and positivity shown by both teams were the true highlights. Every player should be proud of what they've achieved. We look forward to seeing them back on the field next season, continuing to improve and enjoying the great game of AFL. Well done, teams!

**Mr David Stroud**

*Junior School Teacher*

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