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JUNIOR SCHOOL SPORTS UPDATE

Summer IPSSO Season Wrap-Up

The weekly rounds of the Summer IPSSO competition have now concluded, and we congratulate all of our students on a fantastic season. Their commitment, sportsmanship, teamwork, and effort throughout the competition have been outstanding.

Northern Pool Final Placings				
Jnr Girls Soccer – 2nd	Jnr Basketball – 2nd	Jnr Cricket – 4th	Jnr Oz Tag – 4th	Jnr Tee-ball – 1st
Snr Girls Soccer – 2nd	Snr Basketball – 2nd	Snr Cricket – 3rd	Snr Oz Tag – 3rd	Snr Softball – 2nd

Teams that finished 1st or 2nd in their pool qualified for the IPSSO Summer Finals, held on Wednesday 18 November. Congratulations to the following teams who earned a place in the finals:

- ● Junior Basketball
- ● Senior Basketball
- ● Junior Girls Soccer
- ● Senior Girls Soccer
- ● Junior Tee-ball
- ● Senior Softball

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SUMMER IPSSO FINALS DAY

The Summer IPSSO Finals Day was held under blue skies this week, with six Thomas Hassall teams competing at St Gregory's College and Thomas Hassall Anglican College. It was wonderful to witness the teamwork, skill development, determination, and sportsmanship displayed by our students throughout the season and on Finals Day.

Special congratulations to our Junior Tee-ball team, who finished the regular season as Northern Pool Champions.

While our Junior and Senior Oz Tag and Cricket teams narrowly missed progressing to the semi-finals, they should be extremely proud of their efforts and the way they represented the College throughout the competition.

We are incredibly proud of all our teams and coaches for their commitment, effort, and dedication throughout the season. A special thank you to the many Thomas Hassall staff members who generously gave their time to train and coach our teams. Their support has played a significant role in the success and enjoyment of our students.

Congratulations to all our Summer IPSSO teams on a wonderful season. We are proud of your achievements and the positive way you represented our College throughout the competition.

CRICKET

While cricket is a classic Australian backyard pastime, transitioning from casual games with a tennis ball to formal competition presents a steep learning curve, requiring students to adapt to wooden bats, hard plastic balls, batting partnerships and longer pitches. Throughout the season, both our Junior and Senior teams demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship and persistence in mastering the rules and embracing the game.

In the Junior division, a primary focus was bowling accurately over the longer pitch, where modified rules award two runs to the opposition for unplayable deliveries. Pleasingly, many students developed a smooth, consistent technique. Meanwhile, our Senior team faced a higher calibre of competition, including several representative players, under rules closely mirroring the standard game. They rose to the occasion, providing strong competition and showcasing

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impressive bowling depth built on the foundations of our junior program.

Although neither team progressed to the finals this year, the remarkable growth and teamwork displayed on the field made the season a true success. A special thank you goes to Mr Jeremy Howard for taking on the team in Term 4. Mr Howard was particularly grateful for the boys' exemplary behaviour and respect throughout the competition. We look forward to the players' future endeavours on the pitch and wish our Year 6 students all the best as they move into Senior School competition.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Junior and Senior Girls Soccer teams proudly represented Thomas Hassall Anglican College at the IPSSO Grand Finals held at St Gregory's College. The girls played exceptionally well throughout the day, demonstrating determination, teamwork, resilience, and outstanding sportsmanship. Although they did not secure first place, they should be incredibly proud of how far they have come this season and the progress they have made. They left the field with their heads held high, knowing they had given their very best and represented the College with pride.

A special acknowledgement goes to our wonderful Year 6 students, for whom this was their final IPSSO finals appearance before moving on to senior school. Congratulations on your dedication, commitment, and contribution to IPSSO throughout the year. Your enthusiasm, leadership, perseverance, and sportsmanship have been a credit to both yourselves and the College. Thank you for the positive impact you have made on our sporting community.

Well done, girls. I am incredibly proud of each and every one of you and all that you have achieved this season.

BASKETBALL

Both our Junior and Senior IPSSO Basketball teams enjoyed a successful season, with each team finishing second in their pool to qualify for Finals Day. The teams played exceptionally well together throughout the season, showing great teamwork, determination and sportsmanship. The Senior team showed tremendous resilience throughout the season. Their final pool game was a must-win match to secure a finals position, and they rose to the challenge, claiming a thrilling one-point victory.

On Finals Day, both teams represented the College with pride and played strongly despite the challenges of the day. While both teams were defeated in their opening finals matches, they responded with great determination. The Junior team achieved an outstanding win against St Euphemia, a team they had not previously beaten, to finish 3rd overall. The Senior team also played an excellent final game, staying in contention throughout a closely contested match before narrowly losing by just three points to finish 4th overall. Congratulations to all players on a fantastic season and for representing the College so well.

JUNIOR TEEBALL

Our Junior Teeball team has had a wonderful summer season in the IPSSO competition. It has been fantastic to see the students develop their throwing, catching, batting and fielding skills while growing in confidence each week. The team has shown great enthusiasm, teamwork and sportsmanship, always encouraging one another and having fun along the way. On Finals Day, the team gave it their all, working hard right until the end, although unfortunately the win wasn't to be. We are incredibly proud of their efforts and the way they have represented our College. Well done, team!

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SENIOR SOFTBALL

Our Senior Softball team has had a fantastic summer season, showing great determination and teamwork while continuing to develop their skills and understanding of the game. It has been exciting to see the players becoming more confident with their tactics, including some clever sneaking on the bases and even managing to get two outs in one play on a couple of occasions. On Finals Day, the team worked hard and gave it their best, but unfortunately didn't come home with the win. We are so proud of their progress, sportsmanship and commitment throughout the season. Well done, team!

OZ TAG

Our students had a fantastic 2026 IPSSO OzTag season, showing great enthusiasm, commitment and improvement throughout the competition. It was wonderful to see students develop new skills, build their confidence and grow in their understanding of the game. Most importantly, they represented the College with great sportsmanship and continued to challenge themselves each week.

A big thank you to Coach Christian and Mrs Brown for their ongoing support, guidance and encouragement throughout the season. We look forward to seeing our students continue to build on their skills and confidence next year!

Prep – Year 2 Tabloid

It was wonderful to see our youngest College students participating in the annual Prep to Year 2 Tabloid Carnival last week. After being postponed the previous week due to rain, we were delighted to enjoy beautiful weather for a fantastic day of athletics, games and fun.

For the first time, all year groups participated on the same day. Prep and Kindergarten students enjoyed activities on the bottom oval, while Year 1 and Year 2 students competed on the top oval, making use of the sprint track, long jump pits and mini athletics events.

The day was filled with enthusiasm, smiles and plenty of encouragement as students eagerly took part in each activity. Students loved moving and grooving to the music as they rotated between

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activity stations, creating a fun and energetic atmosphere throughout the day. After a morning of active participation, everyone enjoyed finishing the carnival with a well-earned ice block.

It was also wonderful to see so many families attend and share in the excitement of the day. Thank you for joining us and cheering on our young athletes.

A special thank you to the Year 9 Child Studies and Year 9 PASS students, who enthusiastically ran the activity stations. They did an outstanding job explaining, demonstrating and supporting our younger students throughout the day, helping to make the carnival such an enjoyable and memorable experience for everyone involved.

We are incredibly proud of all our Prep to Year 2 students for their enthusiasm, participation and sportsmanship, which made the day such a success.

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