

Sports News – 24th March

Yachting

Zak Merton has caught the eyes of the selectors for the NZL Yachting Trust Youth Team for the second year running. Zak's selection will see him and partner Sam Barnett at the ISAF Youth Worlds in Tavira, Portugal in July. The boys are also going with Yachting NZ to the British Youth Olympics in Weymouth, England in April.

Zak also gained his spot to represent New Zealand at the 420 Open Worlds in Lubeck, Germany at the end of July, selected last week. This selection comes after a strong performance at the Australian Open and Youth Champs in December and January where the boys finished 3rd and 1st Boys respectively.

Waterpolo

This week the Waterpolo team played Aquinas College with only six players. Lewis Hofland scored six out of the nine goals by the side, William Mercer scoring two and Harry Stam scoring the last goal to equalise the game. Shaleah Welles forced a 5m and Jarred Meads once again played outstanding in the goal stopping a lot of shots, even some corner shots and a lob goal. Til Brown played extremely strong all over the pool, making up for having one man down.

Cricket

Over the weekend our Junior Cricket team played in their semi-final against TBC. Otumoetai Batted first making 129 all out, top batsman of the game was Bradley Garner with 27 runs. The juniors bowled and fielded the best they have all season. At one point in the game TBC were at 62/2, we managed to hold the intensity and grind them down to 84/8 at the end of the overs. It was pleasing to see our boys taking some catches in the game that at the start of the season they would shy away from, one catch in particular was caught really nicely by Nathan Hyland. Our junior team now go on to the final of their division this weekend. Good luck for the final.

Congratulations to all our students that went to the Waikato/Bay of Plenty athletics over the weekend. There is so much talent in the region within athletics and our students competed extremely well. All of our students made the finals in their events with Carmen Wick on form finished 3rd in the Senior Girls Javelin.

This week our school has a large number of teams out competing in sports within the Summer Tournament week. Our Volleyball teams are down in Palmerston North at the New Zealand Indoor Nationals, we have 71 students within seven teams at the tournament. Our Rowing have travelled the down to Twizel to compete in Maadi Cup which is the Nationals for rowing, they have had some awesome results leading up to the Nationals so arte feeling very positive as they head away. Our softball team is competing in the North Island Secondary Schools Div2 tournament held in Tauranga at the Carlton Reserve. Our sailing team are participating in the North Island teams sailing regatta, they are competing in Taupo. Lastly our U15 boys are playing in the North Island u15 Secondary Schools Sevens competition held over at Mount Maunganui. We would like to wish our teams good luck as it heads into the end knuckle biting end of the week.