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Table Tennis:

The Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Individual and doubles table tennis championship was held in Tauranga last week. We had six junior boys compete in the event. Alex Freeman was our standout for the event. Alex competed extremely well in the morning singles event finishing 2nd in division one. In the afternoon all six boys competed in the doubles competition. Alex again, with his partner Moses Caldwell, were outstanding. Competing in division one against some very talented table tennis players. Alex and Moses made it through their semi to take on Tauranga Boys College. In a very close contested match the boys finished 2nd overall which was an awesome achievement. Marcus Joyce and Michael Harkess played awesome in division two throughout the day winning the division. Overall all the boys competed extremely well throughout both events.

On Tuesday this week the Table Tennis team's champs were also held in Tauranga. We had four teams compete at the event. After pool play we had three teams make playoff's two of which played each other. Congratulations to Marcus Joyce and Luka Matic who managed to get through the day as a team of two and take out division two. Then it was Alex and Moses chance to get revenge on the Tauranga Boys from the week before when they made it to the finals against them again, only this time having a third team member Arnold Rueben to help them out. In an extremely tight match, literally going down to the last set, the boys manage to get that revenge and take out division one junior boy's team's table tennis.

Badminton:

Last Friday the Bay of Plenty Secondary Schools Junior Badminton finals were held in Tauranga at the QEYC. This year we had some very talented juniors with five teams making finals. In the boys we had a team in the Premier grade and in B grade. Tommy Gadsbey, Jonty Jenkins, Flynn Mulligan and Jacksyn Smith competed in B Grade. The boys took out the division after some awesome luck, after finishing a game 3-3 and both teams having 105 points each the result went to a coin toss of which the boys won. In the Premier team, Matthew O'Connor, Azmi Hirota, Daniel Preston, Connor Doyle and Jonte Watkins finished 3rd overall. The boys played extremely well throughout the day coming up against some outstanding rep players.

In the girls, Lisa Evans, Christine Sinclair, Hannah Walpole and Isabelle Keibell took out C grade going through the day undefeated and also only losing one game within a match. Charlotte Rowe, Melany Sinclair, Flora Clarke and Rachel Dunn competed in the B Grade and were great to watch. The girls had some close games that they managed to pull through and win to take out B grade. In our premier girls team, Megan Lake, Tyla – Jamie Poynton, Hayley Preston and Mckayla Vickers showed some great fight in a couple of their tough matches against Bethlehem College and John Paul College finishing 3rd overall. Our junior Badminton students show some real promise and are training very hard for the North Island event held throughout junior tournament week in November.