

Top Schools Report

By Charlotte Aquilina

On Sunday 10th March, 24 year 3,4,5 and 6 St Ignatius kids competed in the 2019 Rotary Top Schools Games held at Churchill Park School. We were split into two teams, years 3 & 4 together and years 5 & 6 together.

There were 7 awesome activities, and we all had to work really hard together as a team to compete. All the games lasted about 5 minutes and we had to do each activity as many times as possible in that time.

Ski Run - in groups of 4 we had 2 planks of wood strapped to our feet together and had to walk down the field all at the same time with one person calling "left, right, left right", the winner was the team with the most wooden blocks in their bucket.

Minefield was like a relay race and there were plates on the ground that we had to avoid while running - only the runners were blindfolded, and every time you touched a plate you lost points for your team.

Newspaper run - there were five pegs in the ground and you had to bat a ball around the pegs in a slalom with a rolled up newspaper, then you had to run, crawl under a net, run again and throw the newspaper into a bucket at the end.

Slippery slide meant we had to get changed into our togs and slide down the slip and slide one at a time, at the bottom we had to pick up a ball and score a basket. This was probably the most popular activity, and kept us cooled down.

Sponge fun - we had to pass a soaked sponge down the line going under our legs and over our backs, the last person in the line then had to run to a bucket further down the field and squeeze the sponge into another bucket, before racing back to the start and soaking the sponge again to go back down the line again. The team who filled the bucket up the highest was the winner.

Gumboot throwing - we took turns throwing 2 gumboots and trying hard to hit one of three targets on the ground.

Wobbly wheels - we had a cart with 4 wobbly wheels with one person inside, two people pulling at the front and one person braking at the back. The person in the cart had to jump out of the cart and throw a ball to a catcher, then the thrower and the catcher changed places and the team raced back to the start before swapping with the next team of 4.

There were 31 teams from 9 different Eastern Suburbs schools, and everyone was very proud of our year 3 & 4 team for winning silver in their age division.

Thank you to all our parents and families for helping and cheering on our teams. A special thank you to Tracie Simpson for organising the day and managing the year 3 & 4 team and to Stephanie Aquilina for managing the year 5 & 6 team.

Top Schools is a great thing to do in the summer with all your friends, There are so many amazing fun activities and you should definitely sign up next year.

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