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Checkmate!

Wolverines trade braun for brains with a podium finish in the annual Interschool Chess Challenge.

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Recently, six Wolverines donned their medieval battle gear to play chess. Some misguided students have said that chess is not a sport, but let me assure you that chess is a competition between two players and by definition, this is a sport. Besides, NEVER argue with a wolverine.

There are many comparisons of a wolverine and the game of chess. A wolverine is a solitary animal and chess is played by individuals. A wolverine is extremely cunning, often stealing food from larger and stronger animals, and chess is also a game of strategy. A wolverine is very aggressive and has a reputation for ferocity, fearlessness, and strength out of proportion to its size, with documented ability to kill prey many times larger than itself. This was embodied by Cheyden "Never Say Die" Ruawhare was down to only two pieces against a super force but still managed to checkmate his opponent.

On Friday 3rd May 2019 Wyndham College competed in the Interschool



Boys Football

Thursday 23rd May
Bernie Mullane
1:00pm



Netball Round 2

Date: TBD
Wyndham College
Time: TBD



Zone Athletics

Thu/Fri 30-31st May
BISP 8:00am

Upcoming Sport

Chess Challenge at Riverstone High School. The day started very slowly with the driver, who transported our six competing chess champions, unwittingly taking the scenic route after experiencing multiple detours. It is indeed wonderful to see all the development that is happening at Riverstone, both roads and construction of new houses. However, back to the important topic of chess. Pawn to Queen 4 and such.

Firstly, Daniel Moss, who can play chess under water and only plays with his left hand to give his opponents a chance, organised a Google classroom for our chess team. The players could play against one another as well as other players all over the world, through the app "Lichess." Daniel also organised chess puzzle sand tutored the boys with chess tactics. The boys were primed and ready to have a good fun day.

The boys all played 7 matches and the four best scores from each school being tallied to calculate the winning schools, but all the games were played with integrity and respect. Unfortunately, there were no outbursts which disappointed the crowd of spectators and we have since asked if John McEnroe would like to join us next year and make this game great again.

Richard "The Lion heart" Vidal smelt fear in his first opponent and destroyed him with the embarrassing four move checkmate, but he is such a nice guy he then showed his opponent what happened and how to defend against it. He also showed the tactics to other players from the same school. As luck would have it Richard "The Lion heart" Vidal drew one of these players in his next round. He then four moved checkmated him. Nice one Richard. Also, Cheyden "Never Say Die" Ruawhare was down to only two pieces against a super force but still managed to checkmate his opponent.

At the end of the day after, all the games were played Ben "Somewhere over the" Rainbow had to go home early to find a pot of gold. He missed the group photo but Hayden "Tech support" Johnson De Silva photoshopped him in. So, if Ben looks abit funny, it is not his usual look. It is just the limitations of the ICT world.

The winning school was James Rouse High School closely followed by Northmead Creative and Performing Arts High School but more importantly, Wyndham College came third! The Man of the Match was Liam "Thanos" Morall who finished the competition with 4.5 points. We are now off to Regional Semi-Finals held in Term 3.

The Wyndham College chess team is Benjamin Rainbow, Bailey Rebiffe, Ethan Jamsek, Cheyden Ruawhare, Richard Vidal and Liam Morall. Please congratulate the boys on their success and wish them well in the upcoming Regional Semi-Finals.

If you would like to improve your skills with playing chess or you would just like to enjoy playing against new players please come to the library during recess and lunch on every Wednesday and enjoy the comradery. There are plenty of chess sets and you can play with the chess clocks to ensure a quick result. Ask the librarians for access to the chess sets or see Denis or Daniel for chess strategies.