



Horsham District Table Tennis Tournament

Four players were selected to represent the school at the Horsham District Table Tennis Tournament, held at Collyers College, over five successive Fridays after school. Joshua Pullen, Charlie Alder, Samuel and Oliver Hiley made up the team of four.

Playing teams from eleven other schools from the Horsham area, the boys often found themselves pitted against teams with more experience. Despite this, the team from BPS played with enormous grit and determination, demonstrating good sportsmanship and fair play. After a shaky start, the team won two games in their first outing. Building on this experience, the boys improved week after week, both in their game and their umpiring skills. Leading the team, Joshua played with consistent skill, style and maturity. Charlie came to the tournament as the least experienced player, but repeatedly impressed winning games with a natural flair and talent, demonstrating greater potential for the future. Samuel and Oliver both displayed what the organisers described in their write up as "nerves of steel", holding their nerve to win several games by margins such as 21-20 and 21-19.

All four players should be very proud of themselves and the impressive way in which they represented the school. Thanks should also go to their club coach Gill, who came to support them every week. A postponed session scheduled for the end of April will complete the series.

