**Boys Intermediate Baseball**

**Feb 21 Mornington Baseball Club**

The team preparation was a little rushed this year with the date brought forward by 2 weeks.

Regardless the squad were pretty well prepared for the day after going deep into the competition in Year 8.

We lost some key players on the day with C-19 and a spider bite and an absence but the 12 that took the diamond on the day showed the all the college values and represented the college well.

Game 1 PRSC V EMC 8 – 2 Win to PRSC

Kaleb Morrison took the mound for the first 3 innings and kept EMC to 2 run. Some great work from Jack Pierce as catcher, Billy Thomson, Phoenix Simpfendorfer, Tom Murphy, and Eric Mahoney in the infield and Tommy Foot, Jai Firth and Ollie Gleeson in the outfield.

Some great “at bats” with hits to Kaleb, Billy, Phoenix and Tom. Eric got hold of one pitch and rounded second. Lachie Chambers came in to bat and got on base with a “HBP” or hit by pitch! Well done for getting the job done.

The runs came from the hits and walks. With most players doing their job in the batting box with 8 crossing the plate to rack up 8 runs.

Eric Mahoney came on as relief pitcher and threw some hard pitches. Great work from Jack Pierce to block and hustle back to the fence and saved runs for his efforts.

EMC had 5 hits for 3 runs but the time ran out and the score reverted back to 8-2.

Game 2

PRSC V Frankston HS

The old rivals were in good form beating EMC 11-0. Kaleb again took the mound and did a great job keeping FHS to 1 run in the first innings. We responded with a great effort with a walk, good base running and a hit to get one player over the plate before the 3 outs. 1-1

The second innings went the same way. FHS batting dropped off a fair but down the order and Kaleb had them swinging at high pitches for some easy 3 strikes out. A hit and an error in the infield gifted FHS one more run.

Our batting line up was set up to allow for a strong bottom half. Phoenix, Lachie Chambers, Kaishu Yip, Tommy Foot all did the job, getting a hit, making the pitcher throw strikes. Tom Patterson and Ollie both made some great swings but a round bat and a round ball – baseball is the hardest striking sport on the planet. They may feel sometimes that they have left the job done but their time in the batting box allowed the resident speedster in Jai Firth to sneak around the bases to level the score at 2-2 after 2 innings.

In the next innings FHS were back at the top of their batting order – better players, and got some hits. Ollie Gleeson took a great outfield catch, Eric got the out at 3rd on a forced play, Billy and Tom combined for forced out at 2nd but some damage done with FHS scoring 4 runs.

We again batted well but FHS brought in their starting pitcher who plays top level juniors and we got 5 batters through the batting box but didn’t add to the score.

Closing out the innings Billy took an innings and Tom M took an innings each. Jack Pierce efforts as the catcher the whole day till the last innings was great and was appreciated by the pitchers.

Unfortunate to lose Joel Bouker as a starting pitcher before the day along with Jack Kennedy who’s speed and hand eye would of complimented the team very well along with power hitter Brodie Vokes who missed the bus!

Thanks to all of you who came to training and supported each other on the day in playing the great game of baseball.

John McLoughlin