

ADELAIDE PEDAL PRIX REPORT

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The Saturday was used as a warm up day for the students with the vehicles racing in the open category. This race consisted of 71 vehicles ranging from first time racers through to competitors that have been involved in HPV racing for 20+ years. Our students used this day as more of a warm up event however some very quick lap times were recorded in both vehicles. A few skirmishes occurred over the day however both cars came out relatively unscathed.

The Sunday was the school's day and was much busier. 173 vehicles being raced by students from Grade 5 through to Year 12 promised plenty of not stop action. Following Saturday's races, Levi Cesareello and Jack Sapuppo had the honour of starting the race. It was evident early that both teams were in for a good day as they slowly progressed through the field.

The Year 8 students in Genesis quickly got used to the extra traffic on track and settled into steady tempo that would eventually see them compete more laps than any other team in Genesis had previously done at this race. Their 133 laps saw them finish 28th out of the 65 vehicles in the Year 8 to 10 category. Considering that they were one of the youngest teams in this section, this was a great performance and bodes well for the end of the year.

The Mallee Missile team consisted of 12 racers on the Saturday with plenty of competition within the team to qualify for a second ride on the day. This competition brought out the best in all students as they quickly rose from grid position 69 at the start to a position in the top 30 throughout the race. With plenty of laps completed with an average speed of 44km/h+, it was a truly exciting race. Thankfully there were no major incidents throughout the day and the team finished 11th in the Year 8 to 10 category and 24th overall. With the majority of this team being in Year 9, this was another great performance and holds them in good stead for the 24 hour race in Murray Bridge at the end of this term.

The weekend was a great team effort with 23 students, 4 College staff plus a number of parents ensuring that all jobs were being done and everything ran smoothly. We still have positions available for racers and helpers in the team and would appreciate any extra support from staff and students. The team received their 2019 racing shirts with our 2019 sponsors being appropriately recognised on them. Thanks to Sunnyland Printing, Mildura Party Hire, Bendigo Bank Mildura, iseeihear, Mildura Machinery, and LRT Transport for their support of the program for this weekend and over the year.

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