

## Pelican vs Lugard Rugby

The Pelican boys awoke early in the morning on Saturday the 6<sup>th</sup> of December and made their way to the rugby pitch. As Lugard made their way to the pitch there were many



anxious and nervous faces as Pelican stood their ground.

Lugard won the coin toss and following the whistle the ball was kicked into the Pelican half. This was quickly recovered and ended up in the hands of Kenneth Lam who made an impressive run around many Lugard players scoring an early try which was followed by an easy conversion straight through the middle of the posts. The Lugard boys could already see the determination Pelican had to win the game. This try was immediately followed by a deep well-judged kick into the Lugard half where the ball was followed closely in the air by Aaron

Backhaus and Jamie Cater. A superb tackle by Aaron Backhaus left the ball stranded close to the try line where Jamie Cater Placed it down for an easy finish.

Despite the handicap of Lugard having younger and inexperienced players they stuck to their task and pushed forward with much aggression managing to break the committed Pelican defence and score a try. This was a wake up call for Pelican and after being fired up from a loud team



talk from Tario Ahlers made their way back to the pitch battling for every ball. This was followed by encouraging tries from Nickolas Kramheller and another speedy finish from Kenneth Lam.

The second half started slowly with several substitutions and the team finding it difficult to adapt. However it was an eager finish by Stanislav Salnikov who pulled off a much anticipated try that lifted spirits in the Pelican side. It now became clear that Lugard were

no longer in contention and the game continued with a well battled try from Tario Ahlers who managed to run through three Lugard boys in his stride crossing the try line to what looked like an easy finish.

A well executed kick from Lugard found the ball bouncing deep into the Pelican half with no one there to catch it and an organised defence led to Lugard desperately crossing the try line. Pelican kept their composure and were able to enjoy the last ten minutes of the game with more tries from Kenneth Lam, Selim and Aaron Backhaus..

Final score: Pelican 56 – Lugard 10

## **FOOTBALL WEEKEND**

Pelican House played Lugard House at the weekend on the 16<sup>th</sup> November, boys from each house rushed to the field and were ready for the big game. In the first half, we started at the opening. Lugard House pushed hard and made a great effort and pressure trying to score. Several vigorous offences and opportunities had been made. However, with the outstanding Goal keeper Aaron who saved Pelican House to draw 0:0 till the end of the first half.

Lugard House kicked off at the second half. We started merging and gave extreme pressure to Lugard House with Mr.Emmett's instruction after the first half. We put in the great efforts, and with the brilliant skills of Mr. Emmett who scored 5 minutes after the second half started. Still, we try even harder. Meanwhile, Florian Finke scored with the fantastic cross from Alan Zhao, and also Alan Zhao had scored as well. Then, Lugard didn't give in, and they still ran for it and did the best they could. Finally, 2 goals had been made by Lugard. However, after a scuffle, 2 goals scored by Kenneth Lam and Florian Finke. The game finished by 5:2 to Pelican. Well played by both Houses.

**We know how to sing. We know how to win. We know how to celebrate.**



After the probably most remarkable victory a boys' house can possibly achieve (the victory in the school singing competition.) we celebrated in the Mondo Cafe on the first Monday of the second half term. Once more we heard Kim's speech, which was touching like the first time we listened to it. After hours of practice and the first victory in this competition of a boys' house for over one decade we could celebrate in a wonderful atmosphere. The evening was ending after the whole house sung proudly the Carmen. I want to thank Mr.Emmett. On the one hand for the motivation he gave us for the competition, on the other hand to organise this wonderful event. It was great to have the whole house together. Pupils from all over the world united in the happiness of our achievement. However, in the end we didn't just celebrate the victory of the house in the competition. We celebrated the house in general. We are Pelicans. We are proud of it. And we ever will be.

*Benjamin Dolde*

Just after the half term-holidays Pelican house had to say goodbye to two memorable borders that had to travel back home to Australia; the Mosoph twins. The twins were in year 10 and were academically and in outside school activities enthusiastic and outstanding. For Pelican it was a pleasure to have had the possibility to have such two splendid guys as borders, and a lot of us will miss them or wished we had spoken much more with them when they were here.

It was a great pain for Mr and Ms Emmett to say goodbye to them, as it was for all the borders, but all of us will keep them in our hearts and in name of all Pelicans we wish them good luck for the future. If in Australia or in Rossall. Once a Pelican. Always a Pelican.

*Simone Buratti*

