Pedal Prix

This year Pembroke School participated in all three rounds of the Australian International Pedal Prix. Rounds 1 and 2, 6-hour races held earlier in the year, allowed our three teams to gain valuable experience in the vehicles before participating in the final round. This event, held each year in Murray Bridge, is a non-stop 24-hour pedal powered endurance race where over 200 vehicles travel in a circuit around the Sturt Reserve.

The three Pembroke teams—Paradox, Shorty and SOS—together travelled over 2,470 kilometres around the circuit. Paradox, with riders Jack, Dylan, Sam, Simon, Sam, Calum, Alex, Tom and Josh, finished second in their class, sixth in the field and first in the National final. Our other Senior team, Shorty, with riders Michael, Ru, Alex, Tom, Elliot, Alec, Lloyd, Adriaen, Tom, Hamish, Nic and Alison, rode 778 kilometres to finish 23rd in their category. Our only Junior team, SOS, finished 8th in their age category, with Nick, Ben, Stephen, Tom, Sam, Daniel, Sam, David, Aiden, Will, Matt, Jordan and Daniel making up the team. The riders were assisted by a pit crew that included Ben and Mika, Yasmin, Catie and Michael.

The success of this year’s event has both staff and students enthusiastic and focused on tactics and design modifications for 2013. The two places vacated by leavers in team Paradox will be hotly contested among those members of Shorty and SOS who hope to replace them. The efforts in training, drive and expertise made the weekend of the 15–16 September an event to remember, with crashes, rolls, spin-outs, scrapes, bruises, sore muscles, cramps, backaches, lots of baked goods, great memories and fun.

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