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CLUB NEWS

From the President

Last week I asked for more enthusiasm and I am pleased to report a couple of sides stood up to be counted and show there is some fire in our bellies. Luke's 7G were up against the leaders (Berala) at their home ground on their gala day and had to win to stay in the semis. We scored from the kick off and were never headed in what was one of the best U7 games you could wish to see. Fantastic effort. The 6s were also strutting their stuff with Chris's Mighty Whities drawing with Berala and Kim's Killer Blues knocking over Moorebank in a thriller.

At midday we had our own version of State of Origin – mate against mate when the 9Golds and the 9Maroons met. The Maroons got the points but the Bold Golds never stopped trying and there is an under 10R premiership waiting for these boys when they comeback next year!! You'd be crazy to let that slip by!! Unfortunately both the 11s and 12s dug themselves into holes they didn't need to be in by not following their coach's instructions and only playing in patches. Hopefully they'll learn from that and play to their ability this weekend.

Sunday saw our 18s retain their outright lead in the comp with a hard fought win over Berala. The boys are starting to believe in themselves and now realize they can do it. How good will that be? Mick's C grade were inspired by the 18s effort and put up their best display of the year against the 3rd placed Berala – we lost by 2 and our kick to draw hit the upright from the sideline. Unlucky!!

“Must see” games this week

If you're hanging around River Road on Saturday you must support Big Dave's 8s and Macca's 11s. The 8s are hanging onto 5th just ahead of Moorebank who are playing the side coming last. We're playing St Johns who are coming 3rd. This is the last comp game so it's all or nothing! Macca's 11s are in a 4 way traffic jam for 2 semi spots. Although there's still a couple of comp games to go, every point is important. Get there, be loud and support the boys.

Go the Saints (47.2%)

John Grealy

RESULTS FROM GAMES LAST WEEKEND: 14/07 & 15/07/07

Age	Opposition		For		Against
6 White	Berala	D	22	-	22
6 Blue	Moorebank W	W	18	-	16
6 Black	Berala	L	24	-	34
7 Res	Moorebank	L	24	-	30
7 Grade	Berala	W	22	-	18
8 Res	Moorebank B	L	10	-	34
8 Grade	Panthers	W	WF	-	
9 Gold	St Christophers M	L	6	-	38
9 Maroon	St Christophers G	W	38	-	6
10 Grade	Berala	W	54	-	4
11 Grade	Berala	L	18	-	22
12 Grade	Berala	L	4	-	20
13 Res	Revesby Heights	L		-	WF
13 Grade	Moorebank	W	52	-	0
14 Grade	St Johns	L	4	-	66
18 Grade	Berala	W	16	-	12
C Grade	Berala	L	22	-	24
A Grade	Regents Park	W	62	-	0



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U6 Black - Lost 24-34 Berala

U6 Blue - Won 18-16 Moorebank

PERSISTANCE has finally paid off with a 2 point win over Moorebank Rams. It was a close game with Oliver's kicking skills and the conversion of his own try being the decider in a score of 18-16. Joshua was awarded Man of the Match for his strong tackling and running of the ball. The Encouragement Awards went to Oliver for his sensational 4 tries and 1 goal (great effort Oliver!) and Khaled for his improved line breaks. There was a major overall improvement of the teams football skills. The effort the boys put in was deserving of a win with solid defence from Jarrod, Kade, Brad, Zac & Klayton making try saving tackles. There was also some good metres gained straight up the middle of the field and everyone remembered to hold the ball in tight when getting tackled. Lets keep up the GOOD work. Special thanks to Oliver for playing the whole game for the under 7's where he kicked another tremendous goal.

U6 White -Draw 22 all Berala Bears

The boys played really well this week, it makes a difference when they play for 2 consecutive weeks. Good defence got us back into the game, and a big thankyou to Camille from Under 6 Black who played for us and scored a hat trick of tries and converted one of the tries, not an easy task when you are Under 6. MOM – Jake Aldred Encouragement – William MacDonald

U7 G. Won 22-18 Berala

Just as the song goes the SAINTS did come marching in with and unbelievable team performance to roll competition leaders Berala. Super coach Luke Mayoh, s inspirational pre- game talk had the boys fired up and ready to rock. It started like a fairy tale from the kick off when Ryan took the ball and showed his sheer speed to flank the defence and score yet another length of the field try. Pete from dummy half timed his runs with precision opening up the defence a number of times and the service he provided to Bradley the (conductor) Kilpatrick created plenty of time for Brad to organise the troops in attack. Stuart and Jaydon done the hard work up front running the ball hard and straight setting

the play up for the speedsters. Michael looked dangerous each time he touch the ball with his deceptive pace and troubled the opposition. The Bodster was on fire crossing for a hat trick of tries and played his best game of the season. The boys defence won them the game and guess what the cover defence King Zack is back pulling off some copy book tackles saving almost certain tries in a MOM performance. Our on-line defence was superb with great gang tackles and try savers from Ryan and Stuart. Excellent team effort boys. MOM: Zack TRIES: Ryan, Bodie x 3 GOAL: Bradley, Ryan, Bodie

U7 R. Lost 24-30 Moorebank

"Benny and the Jets" took on the competition leaders Moorebank, remembering that they beat us 46-0 in the first round. After being allowed to get back on the training paddock on Thursday, the boys were determined to put their best feet forward. We went into the game with seven of our regular player's and were fortunate to get the services of Oliver Piazzetta from the U/6 Blues to get eight players on the field. The game was very entertaining and went from one end of the field to the other. It was good to see some powerful running from Alec, James (Tooks), Shaun and Joel which got us valuable ground and resulted in some great tries being scored. "Tooks" carried three players over the line to score a solid try, which he also converted. Jayden continued on from his last game, showing great speed and determination to score three tries and proved a handful for the opposition. Cooper once again worked well from dummy half, with some smart running, one which resulted in a determined try. Sash and Oliver also got into the mix, having a few good runs and Oliver also kicked a good goal. The defence of our team has improved over the last few weeks and the boys have been very unlucky in not getting the points in their last two outings. Congratulations boys on the effort you are putting into your games. Keep working hard and lets see if we can continue that form for the last few games of the season. Once again, thanks to Oliver who backed up after a full game for the U/6 Blues. Good to see Aaron supporting his team mates whilst recovering from a broken arm. Tries: Jayden (3), James, Cooper Goals: James, Oliver Tim Bailey Building MoM: James

U8G - Won - Forfeit against Panthers

U8 R - Lost 10-34 Moorebank B

Small moments don't make a whole game. For parts of the game the boys showed what they can do as a team, especially towards the end of each half. The boys had only made 5 tackles by half time. We scored our first points in three games with two tries and could have possibly had a couple more if were on the other side of luck. A special mention and thank you, to Alec Van Yzendoorn for his efforts in stepping up from a full game in the 7 reserves and playing the full game with us. Come on boys one more game to go.

Subway: Patrick Whelan

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U9 Maroon - Won 38-6 St Christopher's G

Playing against our own Club and against mates was a bit strange for some of the boys. We tried hard all game however some of the new positions, plays and moves that we tried did not come off and as a result we had a stop start game – sometimes we looked good but sometimes we looked a bit ordinary. It is unfortunate that the rain has ruined what could have been a great learning season for the boys but the lack of training and playing means we may have to have a back to basics approach for the remainder of the season. Defensively we were again good – everyone moved off the line well – Jack, Devante, Liam and Paul all had lots of tackles. Jack topped the tackle count and scored a try in a man of the match performance. Other good performances came from Devante, Steele, Fatu and Liam. Tries: Fatu & Devante (2), Jack, Steele, Liam Goals: Luke A, Steele, Josh TR, Paul, Aseri MOM: Jack Encouragement: Liam

U9 Gold Lost 6-38 St Christopher's M

U10G Won 54-4 Berala Bears

Any win against Berala is a good win but a mercy, it doesn't get any better. Our first half wasn't pretty, we turned the ball over 6 times and at half time it was 18-4 but we didn't look dominant. The football the boys played in the second half was outstanding. We controlled the ball, the forwards hit it up hard and the backs had a field day. We ran in 9 tries in total and kicked every goal, the win was a real team effort. We only had two on the bench this week and like every week they came on in the second half and played outstanding football, well done boys. Liam Mulvihill, the man of the match, had another big game in defence and attack, Nathan Harrison took the ball up strongly and was solid in defence and won the encouragement award, special mention to Brandan Sua for running in 4 tries. Good overall performance boys, keep training hard, and remember to have some fun, well done. Tries: Brandan 4, Liam 3, Adam and Toby Goals: Adam, Liam, Kyle, Aidan, Toby, Brandan, Andrew, Jack, Nathan Man of the Match: Liam Mulvihill EA: Nathan Harrison

U11G -Lost 18-22 Berala

The boys really put a big effort in this week but unfortunately didn't come away with the win. It was a big turn around in defence and we were able to put pressure on Berala and hurt them with our tackles but in times during the game we lost the ball to easily witch led to their tries. Again the boys showed a lot of courage to come from 22-6 down to close the gap and only ran out of time to stop us gaining the win. Jaydn tried really hard to keep the team going while Billy continuously made inroads into the Bears defence with Luke and Mahde playing really well too. Keep it up guys. TRIES: B.Abovluhauf, M.Kheir, J.McGregor GOALS: A.Mellor, M.Kheir, A.Michaels MOM: M.Kheir

U12G -Lost 4-20 Berala

It was Berala Bears' turn to score 2 from 2 against us this week – a good result for a team which was running in 6th position playing the team running in 3rd position. Boys, Saturday, was just not your day – you were NOT in the right ZONE!!! Well, what went wrong?
(1) NOT playing as a TEAM - you didn't seem interested in PASSING the ball – remember there's no "I" in Team
(2) you didn't run deep
(3) you were NOT FOCUSED for the entire game – down 6-4 at half time, could have turned it around
(4) TOO MANY MISSED TACKLES.... (should have had a "missed" tackle count). Guys, it's all up to you now..... you need to sit down & think about "where to from here, do we want to be competitive? Think back to the beginning of the season, how you used the ball & played as a Team. There's only 3 more games until the semis begin. There's a LOT of WORK to do, but, YOU CAN DO IT!!!! Turn up to training ready to listen & learn from Coach & Trainers. Try: Alex Cole

U13R- L/Forfeit to Revesby Heights

U13G Won 52-0 Moorebank

The pleasing thing about this win was the way the team played as a unit. The coaching staff tinkered around with the game plan a bit and as the finals approach, this is the way we

want them to play. The forwards laid the platform and the backs scored some really good tries with some very good ball movement, and to top it off some really good sideline conversions from Frazer. Well done team.

U14G - Lost 4-66 St Johns

U18 - Won 16-14 Berala Bears

Well this week saw us head out to the lovely Peter Hislop Park to take on Berala Bears in a top of the table clash. We started off well with a converted try to Kempy, then Berala hit back with a converted try & a penalty goal to go in at half time with a 2 point lead 8-6. Then after the break Berala scored again to extend there lead 12 - 6. The boys then hit back with a try out wide to Robbie. Leto was extremely unlucky with his conversion attempt, he hit the top of the goal post & the ball did go over the cross bar only to have the touchies rule no goal. But just when you thought it wasn't going to be our day the boys lifted again & got a roll on in the final minutes of the game which resulted in a match wining try under the posts to David Yasbek. We certainly made it hard for ourselves with some crucial mistakes at vital times of the game, but considering we haven't played much footy in the last month it was great to see the boys hang in their & come away with another good win, mind you any win against Berala has gotta be good. Well done guys. It doesn't get any easier as next game we take on last years premiers Dragons, so we expect to see everyone at training No Excuses.

C Grade Lost 22-24 Berala Bears

A Grade - Won 62-0 Regents Park

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Calender of Important Dates

Trivia Night - Saturday 4 August (to be confirmed)

Broken Hill Tour - Friday 5 - 12 October
Under 12, 13 & 14's



Junior Presentation - Sunday 21 October

A & C Grade Presentation - Friday 26 October

Senior Presentation - Saturday 27 October

Annual General Meeting - Thursday 22 November

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Drawn: 6:30 pm Friday**

**Starts at 5.30pm
20/05/07 - A Grade**

**Revesby Pacific Raffles
Drawn: 4 & 5 pm Saturday**

**Starts at 3:00 pm
21/05/07 - U/11**

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NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 13

Games: Saturday 21st July 2007

U/6 W	9.30	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/6 Blu	10.10	Bankstown Bulls	Bankstown Football Centre
U/6 Bla	10.10	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/7 R	10.50	Dragons	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/7 G	9.30	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes Georges Hall
U/8 R	10.50	Bankstown Sports	Bankstown Football Centre
U/8 G	11.30	St Johns	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/9 G	1.00	St Johns	Begnall Oval Belfield
U/9 M	12.20	Greenacre	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/10 G	12.30	Bankstown Sports G	Steve Folkes Georges Hall
U/11 G	1.00	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/12 G	2.00	Brothers	Hutchinson Oval Revesby Hgts
U/13 R	1.50	Regents Park	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/13 G	12.20	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb Chester Hill

Games: Sunday 22nd July 2007

U/14 G	10.00	Milperra Colts	Clemton Park Kingsgrove
U/18 G	1.45	Dragons	Clemton Park Kingsgrove
C Grade	12.15	East C'Town	Hammondville Oval
A Grade	3.00	Bankstown Sports	Begnall Oval Belfield



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