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CLUB NEWS

From the President

It was one of those weekends when comments could be made on every game, some good, some not so good. Big Matt's 8Rs were playing their last game of the season and decided to go out with a bang. Much to Matt's, Dave's and Joel's delight, the boys (all 6 of them) put it together and ended with a resounding 34-24 win over the Bulls. Well done boys. See you next year. Benny and the Jets were not to be outdone and after good performances over the last 2 weeks finally got the bickies over Dragons. Luke's 7Gs continued their good form from Berala to smash Sports and now take this winning form into the semis. Good luck. The wheels fell off a couple of sides between the ages of 8 and 12 but not Tim's 10s. They gave Sports a beating to maintain 3rd place on the table while the 13G went through the motions with Cheso.

Sunday saw us with our first real chance of a Super Sunday Sweep. The 14s did their bit with an entertaining win over Colts while the A grade were given a good hit out in their 22-12 win against Sports, good preparation for the hard weeks ahead. Unfortunately gutsy efforts from both the 18s and the C grade weren't enough to get the points, going down by 1 and 2 points respectively. Bloody unlucky!

Special mention to 'Iron boy' Blake Whyllie who played full games in the 6Ws, 6Bs and 7Rs. From all reports he slept well that night. Great effort.

Semis this week

Both our 7G and 8G are in sudden death semis this week. Both have tough matches but both are trained to the minute and ready to pounce. If you've got any spare time between your games or you're a Sunday player nursing a hangover, get to the games and support the boys. I'm sure they will be doing the same for the Sunday semi finalists in a couple of weeks.

Go the Saints (41.67%)

John Grealy

RESULTS FROM GAMES LAST WEEKEND: 21/07 & 22/07/07

Age	Opposition		For		Against
6 White	Bankstown Sports	L	8	-	32
6 Blue	Bankstown Bulls	L	8	-	20
6 Black	Bankstown Sports	L	14	-	20
7 Res	Dragons	W	24	-	18
7 Grade	Bankstown Sports	W	48	-	4
8 Res	Bankstown Sports	W	34	-	24
8 Grade	St Johns	L	0	-	10
9 Gold	St Johns	L	6	-	40
9 Maroon	Greenacre	L	10	-	12
10 Grade	Bankstown Sports G	W	42	-	0
11 Grade	Bankstown Sports	L	6	-	42
12 Grade	Brothers	L	20	-	22
13 Res	Regents Park	L	18	-	50
13 Grade	Chester Hill	W	50	-	0
14 Grade	Milperra Colts	W	36	-	10
18 Grade	Dragons	L	11	-	12
C Grade	East C'Town	L	18	-	20
A Grade	Bankstown Sports	W	22	-	12



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U6 Black - Lost 14-20 Bankstown Sports

In a close tuff encounter our under 6 Black team fought hard in this match to be narrowly beaten against a much bigger team.

Lachlan Jordan posted 2 tries with smart elusive running and even converted his first try and tackled well above his weight bringing some of there big men down. Isaac Masima also score a 4 pointer and also ran and tackled hard winning man of the match today. Big wraps also go to Jack Titmus, Ryan Donovan and Camille Slieman who all tackled and ran strongly and a special mention to Blake Wylie who tackled well and narrowly missed out on a try with a sizzling run down the sideline and only just being bundled into touch inches from the try line which would have given us a shot at goal to level the match. In all, all the boys in true Chrisies spirit never stopped trying and fought to the end. Better luck next week boys.

U6 Blue - Lost 8-20 Bankstown Bulls

The boys played really well this week considering that in round 1 Bankstown Bulls beat us 28 – 0. While the points did not go in our favour it was great to see the boys defending as a team with some strong tackling from Kade, Jarrod, Benjamin & Oliver. A big improvement in defence in particular 2 try saving tackles from Oliver & Khaled. When we did have the ball Brad, Khaled, Oliver made plenty of metres going forward. Klayton once again worked well from dummy half with Joshua & Zac taking the ball up strongly and were solid in defence. Man of the Match – Khaled Rouda

Encouragement Award – Brad Cooper

U6 White -Lost 8-32 Bankstown Sports

U7 G. Won 48-4 Bankstown Sports
The boys carried on their excellent form from the previous week where they rolled the competition leaders to do a demolition job on Bankstown Sports on the weekend. The top grade service from Brad the (conductor) Kilpatrick allowed the powerhouse forwards Jaydon and Stuart to create the perfect platform for the speedsters to have a try fest. Ryan and Michael showed what talents they are blitzing the defence in attack crossing the line a number of times. The Bodster carried his form on from last week showing off his fancy footwork and speed to bag 5 four pointers. The defence was also excellent only allowing the opposition to cross the line once. Zack was like a rock at the back again pulling off heaps of awesome hits and Pete

(what are you) you are a tackling machine and you showed that on the weekend. Big Stuart was a surprise packet with the boot landing 2 beautiful goals which took the ball boys almost 5mins to retrieve the ball he kicked it so far. Another excellent effort all round boys. MOM: Pete TRIES: Michael x2 Ryan x2 Bodie x5 GOALS: Zack, Ryan, Michael, Brad Stuart x2

U7 R ,Won 24-18 Dragons

“Benny and the Jets” once again went into the game with only six (6) of their regular players. We were fortunate to be playing at home which allowed us to secure the services of two (2) U/6 Black players, in Blake Wylie and Isaac Masima. The game started off with us kicking off and after a mistake from the Dragons, early in the game, the boys were on the attack. We made some good ground right from the outset, which saw Cooper sum up the situation and to scoot away from dummy half to score a good try. With a lapse in concentration after scoring, the boys allowed Dragons a sniff and they were into score – game on. The game continued to see-saw and had everyone on their feet with some last minute defence and some fine runs by the boys. Alec Shaun, Joel, Isaac and Blake made some strong determined runs and were supported by James (“Tooks”) who whilst sick, tried hard and had one memorable run where he gained a good 20 metres carrying several Dragons players along with him. He also had some energy to convert one of our tries. Jayden continued on with his try scoring spree and scored two (2) tries in the first half and made some determined tackles. The score at half-time was tight and after their pep talk, they were determined to win the game. In the second half, the boys started to up the tempo in defence which frustrated the opposition (one memorable try saving defensive effort saw Alec and Jayden take one of the Dragons players across the side line just before the corner post). Cooper and Joel continued to steer the team around the park and the boys started making more in-roads. A great run by Shaun saw him bust through several Dragons defenders only to be pulled up short. Jayden scored a further two (2) tries, one in the last minutes of the game which sealed the victory. Great effort boys. Tries: Jayden (4), Cooper Goals: James, Alec Tim Bailey Building MoM: Shaun

U8G - Lost 0-10 St Johns

U8 R - Won 34-24 Bankstown Bulls

This was the game, when the true 8 Reserves team, all turned up ready to play resulting in a win on and off the field. We took to the field six against ten, including a fair size disadvantage, but made up for this with our dedication in defence, particularly in the first half and focus on playing the game smart, making the bigger opponents move laterally in defence. Quote of the year, came from Patrick who took to the field without his headgear due to a new belief ‘Dad I am not going to wear my headgear as it slows me down’. You should have seen him go, especially when he made an intercept that led to a try on the next play which clinched the game for us. Andrew followed the coach’s instructions and made ground around the outside of the opposition and saved at least one try with his defence. Alexander did his job at dummy half, willingly joining all the boys in a memorable team tackle and Julian as always was strong in defence, targeting the larger opponents in the first half with some very good low tackles, support play and determined attack. Jack again showed what a fine support player he is, scoring the try that enabled us to skip clear in the second half and made some good covering tackles, including couple of try savers. And finally Beau, who had his best game to date, bagging 4 tries, kicking his first goal and making some good tackles. We would like to thank the boys for ending the season on a high with your efforts in this game and throughout the season. The team also thanks Anthony from the U6 Blues for doing a double shift as trainer for the game. A big thank you to all the parents, for all their assistance and support throughout the season. Thanks to all the under 7s players who stepped up and played with the Under 8 Reserves during the year. This was likely the last game the boys will play together as a team, as next year some will be moving on, while others will be playing mod rules. Regardless of this the boys showed true friendship with each other over the last few seasons and hopefully this bond will remain with them for a long time. Tries: Beau Alterator 4, Jack Hure 2, Julian Walker 1 Goals: Beau Alterator 1, Julian Walker 1, Jack Hure 1. MOM: The Team Coach’s Trophy: Beau Alterator



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U9 Maroon -Lost 10-12 Greenacre

This was our first loss of the season and only our 3rd loss in 4 years. We came up against a very determined Greenacre side who were running equal 3rd and basically their defence won them the game. They tackled in packs and did to us what we usually do to other teams. Having said that, we created enough chances to win - we lost the ball over the line on 3 occasions and also had a disallowed try for a one-handed put down which could have gone either way. There were patches of good attacking play with Tom being on the end of some good work from Fatu and Devante to score and as mentioned above we did create a few other chances but it was just not our day. On a positive, Luke A did a good job at first receiver and defensively we were solid as usual. Devante, Josh N, Paul, Junior and Brandon all had good defensive games and Devante also ran well in attack – even with their team gang tackling him on most occasions. Keep your heads up boys, no-one can question your effort. Tries: Jack, Tom Goals: Devante MOM: Devante Encouragement: Brandon, Josh N

U9 Gold Lost 6-40 St Johns

U10G Won 42-0 Bankstown Sports G

The boys trained the house down during the week and their hard work translated to the paddock. The forwards, lead by Nathan and Dylan, hit the ball up from the opening whistle and the backs had another field day. We made just as much ground without the ball as with it. The boys moved up quickly and Sports lost ground each time they had the ball. Good overall performance boys, keep training hard, and remember to have some fun, well done. Tries: Liam 4, Adam 3 and Brandan 1 Goals: Liam, Toby, Nathan, Dylan, Kyle Man of the Match: Nathan Harrison EA: Dylan Elias

U11G -Lost 6-42 Bankstown Sports

This week we hoped to turn around our resent losses but we were outplayed with out putting up much of a fight. We played a lot bigger side and played them the wrong way being too one out and not using our backs. With a couple of games left this year hopefully we

can go out there throw the ball around and just enjoy our footy . Good efforts by Mas, Jaydn and Justin but we need more guys to put there hands up.

U12G -Lost 20-22 Brothers

We won't talk about the first half of the game as it is not worth mentioning. In the second half, the boys lifted their game but it was a little too late. Too many penalties given away by silly mistakes, literally handed the ball to the opposition & too slow to move up. Boys, the game doesn't win itself – you have to turn up and play SMART football from the first whistle until the final whistle – that's 50 minutes of football. YOU CAN STILL TURN THIS AROUND, but it is up to YOU – there is a lot of work to do. Each & every one of you has to start thinking, playing as a TEAM & listening to coach & trainers. Boys, you're playing Padstow Panthers this week – it's time to lift your game. It's not too late to turn it around – you can still make the semis. It would be fantastic to hear the victory song next week – LOUD & CLEAR!! We know you can do it – Go under 12's. Tries: 2 each to Michael Stambouli & Jake Craven Goals 1 each to Cameron Burton Eagle & Tim Ward Awards: Subway – Joshua Quin PEHRSL – Thomas Grealy

U13R- Lost 18-50 Regents Park

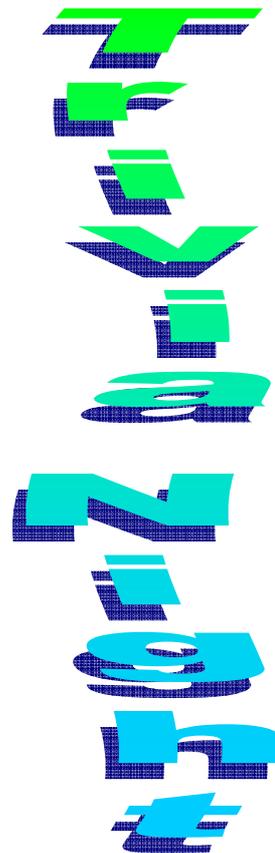
U13G .Won 50-0 Chester Hill

U14G- Won 36-10 Milperra Colts

U18 - Lost 11-12 Dragons

C Grade Lost 18-20 East Campbelltown

A Grade - Won 22-12 Bankstown Sports



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Calender of Important Dates

Trivia Night - Saturday 25 August
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 More details next week....

Broken Hill Tour - Friday 5 October

Junior Presentation - Sunday 21 October

A & C Grade Presentation - Friday 26 October

Senior Presentation - Saturday 27 October

Annual General Meeting - Thursday 22 November

Photos



Team photos this Saturday:

6 White at 8:30
 6 Black at 8:45
 7 Grade after returning from Chester Hill
 12's at 11:45 before heading up to Padstow Park

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Field Clean-up: U/13 Reserves

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BBQ Duties: All teams for 60 minutes BEFORE your game.

Revesby Pacific Raffles Drawn: 6:30 pm Friday	Starts at 5.30pm 27/07/07 - A Grade
Revesby Pacific Raffles Drawn: 4 & 5 pm Saturday Join the winners list.	Starts at 3:00 pm 28/07/07 - U/10G Wear your club colours.

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 14

Games: Saturday 28th July 2007

U/6 W	9.30	Padstow Panthers	Padstow Park
U/6 Blu	9.30	Milperra Colts	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/6 Bla	10.10	Dragons	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/7 R	10.50	St Johns	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/7 G	9.30	Greenacre	Terry Lamb Chester Hill
U/8 R			
U/8 G	10.50	Bankstown Sports Y	Bankstown Football Ctre
U/9 G	11.30	Chester Hill G	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/9 M		BYE	BYE
U/10 G	12.30	Dragons	Clemton Pk Kingsgrove
U/11 G	12.20	Dragons	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/12 G	1.20	Padstow Panthers	Padstow Park
U/13 R	1.10	Greenacre	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/13 G		BYE	BYE

Games: Sunday 29th July 2007

U/14 G	10.00	Padstow Panthers	Padstow Park
U/18 G	1.45	East Hills	Smith Park
C Grade	3.00	East Hills	Smith Park
A Grade	12.00	Chester Hill	Hammondville Oval



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