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CLUB NEWS

From the President

Semi update

2 sides were competing in semis on the weekend, Luke's Magnificent 7s and Big Dave's 8s. Luke's boys were first off the rank and settled into a try-a-thon with Greenacre. The scoring resembled a basketball match with Greenacre always just keeping ahead of us BUT with 1 minute on the clock big Ryan McGregor crashed over in the corner to put us in front for the first time (and most important time) in the game. Well done boys. Dave's 8s weren't as lucky. Sports went to an early lead, we fought back but ended up behind by 6. Bad luck but given we played with 8 all year it was a good season and all of us could see the boys really toughen up from last season. Thanks Dave, Darren, Jason and Mick.

Comp games

Benny and the Jets (7Rs) finished their season by drawing with St Johns. The boys last 3 games have been great and it was a fantastic way to finish the season. Thanks Sam, Paul and Steve for your efforts. It wasn't a fairytale ending for the 13Rs but they tried hard. Thanks to Warwick, Paul, Dave and Nathan for the season. 'Team of the week' went to the 9Golds. Playing their Grand final nemesis from last year, the boys put on their best display of the season to thrash Cheso 22-6 – the boys certainly enjoyed the song!! Over at Padstow Keith's 12s put in a better effort but still got rolled. Luckily results went their way and a win this weekend will see them in the semis. Their year has been too good to miss out now - Get stuck in!!

Sunday saw the 14s continue their good work from the previous week. Though beaten, they really dug deep against Panthers and now realize they're catching these guys. This was your hardest season boys, it will be easier next year. Over at Hammondville, Heta's A grade got a bit of an early shock from Cheso but recovered to win comfortably. Remember fellas, upsets do happen in all age football so you must keep putting in the hard work.

"Must see" games this weekend

Luke's 7s at Bagnell 12.10pm – loser leaves town so get there and support the boys.
 Tim's 10s at Neptune 11.40 – must win to stay in 3rd and get 2 bites.
 Keith's 12s at Neptune 12.30 – must win to make the semis. Both the 10s and 12s are playing Heights who will be busting their clackers to knock us out. We need lots of support.
 Jim's 18s on Sunday at home 1.45pm – must win to stay on top.

It would be great to see the boys from the 7Rs, 8Rs, 8Gs and 13Rs at these games.

Go the Saints (32.3%)

John Grealy

RESULTS FROM GAMES LAST WEEKEND: 28/07 & 29/07/07

Age	Opposition		For		Against
6 White	Padstow Panthers	L	16	-	18
6 Blue	Milperra Colts	L	16	-	28
6 Black	Dragons	L	0	-	22
7 Res	St Johns	D	20	-	20
7 Grade	Greenacre	W	30	-	26
8 Res	Season Finished			-	
8 Grade	Bankstown Sports Y	L	12	-	18
9 Gold	Chester Hill G	W	22	-	6
9 Maroon	BYE			-	
10 Grade	Dragons	L	6	-	34
11 Grade	Dragons	L	18	-	24
12 Grade	Padstow Panthers	L	10	-	24
13 Res	Greenacre	L	14	-	48
13 Grade	BYE			-	
14 Grade	Padstow Panthers	L	12	-	26
18 Grade	East Hills	L	0	-	4
C Grade	East Hills	L	4	-	24
A Grade	Chester Hill	W	40	-	6

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U6 Black - Lost 0-22 Dragons**U6 Blue Lost 16-28 Milperra Colts**

It is tremendous to see each week the team is continuing to learn and improve on their skills. This was evident with some great teamwork in defence with Jarrod, Brad and Joshua making strong tackles. This week saw improved individual runs made by Brad, Zac, Khaled and Klayton.

MAN OF THE MATCH went to Oliver,
Encouragement Awards went to Jarrod and Joshua

U6 White -Lost 16-18 Padstow Panthers**U7 G Won 30-26 Greenacre**

Winners are grinners and the boys are off to the next round of the semis after a nail bitter against Greenacre on the weekend. Picture this 26 to 24 down with a minute and a half to go we are defending 20 metre out from our line when a penalty decision goes in our favour. We take one hit up to settle things down then MOM Ryan steams on to the ball cracking the defence and manages to ground the ball at the other end for one of his three superb 4 pointers of the game. The spectators were literally causing themselves serious injury from the sheer excitement from the closing stages of the game. Our attack again was excellent with hard blockbusting runs from Jaydon and Stuart that did set the platform for the team and also resulted in Big Stu barging his way over for a well deserved try. Michael and Zack both troubled the defence with the ball and both muscled up to be our best in defence. Bodie was red hot again this week with the ball and was a real headache for the opposition crossing for one brilliant try and took the corner post out on two occasions. A real highlight of the game was a set move involving our playmakers the cheeky dummy half tackling machine Pete and Brad the (conductor) Kilpatrick who confused the defence with the old mouse trap play resulting in Brad crashing over for a real crowd pleasing try.

MOM: Ryan

TRIES: Ryan x3, Brad, Stuart, Bodie

GOALS: Zack, Bodie, Ryan.

U7 R Drew 20-20 St Johns

It was the last game of the 2007 season for "Benny and the Jets" and they put in a great effort for themselves, their parents and the Club. It was another nail-biter right to the end with both sides determined not to let the other get the upper hand. The boys continued to use their big runners in James ("Tooks"), Alec, Joel and Isaac Masima (from U/6 Blacks) to make good metres early in their sets. Whilst we had a bit of dropped ball early, the boys settled down and allowed Jayden, Shaun and Sash to make some good ground in attack. Cooper and Joel (who developed a good understanding at dummy-half and first receiver during the year) continued on their good service steering the team around the field. With the scores locked at 20-20 with only minutes to go, we managed to get into an attacking position only to be stopped by the bell. The boys defence has improved over the season which was very evident by the scores, in the back half of the competition. When one considers that only 5 of the boys had a season already under their belt and 3 having their first crack at rugby league, it was a tremendous effort by the debutant coach and trainer in Sam Bennett and Steve Hart to get these players to gel and show great determination and effort. Thanks also to Aaron (who broke his arm a month ago) to continue coming to our games and being the ball boy - must have been hard watching from the side line. Thanks again to Isaac who once again helped us in getting eight players onto the field. Finally, to the great bunch of parents who supported this team, we had a great year. See you all at the presentation day. P.S. We wish the U/7 Grade team all the best for the semi-finals series.

Tries: Jayden (4), ShaunGoals: James, AlecTim Bailey Building MoM: Joel**U8G - Lost 12-18 Bankstown Sports Y**

In what was to be the last game of the season for the boys they came up against a Bankstown Sports side that were simply more enthusiastic than we were. After training the house down during the week and a solid warm up we went onto the field and within the first 5 minutes we were down 12-0. This has been the case for so many games this year where we just let too many sides get away to

a good start. We fought back to get to 12 all due mainly to some spirited running from Riley and Nathan. We thought we were back in the game but a lack of urgency on the last tackle saw their dummy half race away for what was a soft try and effectively ended our season. The boys were bitterly disappointed as was evidenced by the tears left on the field. This is a great little side and they can all be proud of their individual achievements this year. Their skill level as a whole has been enhanced and if all the boys turn up mentally to play on the same day then there are not many teams we couldn't beat. More importantly their leadership skills and values of sportsmanship and "looking after their mates" all improved over the season. We look forward to joining up with the reserves next year, making some new mates, and giving it a go on the "big field".

U8 R - Season Finished

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U9 Maroon - BYE

U9 Gold Won 22-6 Chester Hill G

U10G Lost 6-34 St George Dragons

When playing these large teams it's most important to dominate "field position", this we did for most of the first half. With a try disallowed for being off side, some last ditch defence taking Finchy into the corner post the half time score of 12 - 6 against but could have been some what different. The Second half was a case of a dodgy call off the kick-off, making a couple of errors, them having "field position" & next thing we know were trying to stop this big team when they have a roll on, very difficult. Dragons may have some size boys but we have the ability, talent & heart in our TEAM to change this result come the finals. Lets enjoy the next month Saints. Keep training hard, and remember to have some fun. Tries: Brandan 1 Goals: Liam Man of the Match: Liam Mulvihill EA: Toby Reardon

U11G -Lost 18-24 Dragons

U12G -Lost 10-24 Padstow Panthers

Boys the score didn't justify your effort. You played a lot better than previous games, it's a shame you weren't able to pull it off. Boys you really need to start playing as a team, pass the ball when the opportunity is there. It's as important to set up a try as to be the try scorer! You were unlucky with some of the calls, but that's the luck of the draw - you just need to concentrate on playing football, like we KNOW YOU CAN. Boys, you need to win next week to give yourselves a shot at the semis. Just go out & play hard, with the word TEAM in mind. Listen to coach & trainers at training - we know you can DO IT. Best of luck next week. Tries: each to Nathan Leonard & Trevor Faanoi Goal: Tim Ward Awards: Subway - Nathan Henderson PEHRSL - Marika Raikalevu

U13R- Lost 14-48 Greenacre

Our last game for the season and not the

result we were looking for. Down 10 nil we came back to 10 all with tries to Raminda and Luke Cuddy who also kicked a goal. Fatigue got to us towards the end of the 1/2 and we allow 2 more tries in before 1/2 time to go in down 22 to 10 this could of be worst had Marty not made a great try saving tackle on the line. Refreshed after the break Raminda scored another try and we were back in the game down 22 to 14. But playing again with only 12 men it was too much for the boys and Greenacre ran away with it in the last 20 minutes. Good games we had by Luke Stralow Luke Cuddy Jarrod, Jack and Nick with the rest of the boys doing there best. It has not been an easy season for the boys due to injuries an other reasons we have had to play most games with only 11 or 12 men for those who finished the season special thanks for sticking with it. Tries Raminda Rodrigo x2, Luke Cuddy x1, Goals Luke Cuddy x1 MOM Luke Stralow Encouragement Award Nick Spataro

U13G .BYE

U14G- Lost 12-26 Padstow Panthers

U18 - Lost 0-4 East Hills

C Grade Lost 4-24 East Hills

A Grade - Won 40-6 Chester Hill



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Calender of Important Dates

Trivia Fun Night - Saturday 25 August
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 6:30 arrival, 7:00 questions commence
 Fun for adults and kids
 Monster raffle with great prizes
 Organise tables and pre-purchase tickets
 \$10 adults, \$5 children

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 weekend:

U/18's on Sunday at 12:30.

WEEKLY WINNERS

Meat Trays: Craig & Amy, Lewis Seely

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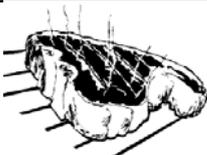
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Revesby Pacific Raffles Drawn: 6:30 pm Friday	Starts at 5.30pm 03/08/07 - U/18's
Revesby Pacific Raffles Drawn: 4 & 5 pm Saturday	Starts at 3:00 pm 04/08/07 - U/9M
Join the winners list.	Wear your club colours.

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 15

Games: Saturday 4th August 2007

U/6 W	9.30	Dragons	Clemton Pk Kingsgrove
U/6 Blu	10.10	Dragons	Clemton Pk Kingsgrove
U/6 Bla	10.10	Revesby Heights	Neptune Pk Revesby Hgts
U/7 R		Season Finished	
U/7 G	12.10	Moorebank	Begnall -Belfield Semi Final
U/8 R		Season Finished	
U/8 G		Season Finished	
U/9 G	10.50	Berala Bears	Guilfoyle Oval Regents Pk
U/9 M	11.30	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval
U/10 G	11.40	Revesby Heights	Neptune Pk Revesby Hgts
U/11 G	10.50	Warriors	Bankstown Football Ctre
U/12 G	12.30	Revesby Heights	Neptune Pk Revesby Hgts
U/13 R		Season Finished	
U/13 G	1.40	Bulls	Bankstown Football Ctre

Games: Sunday 5th August 2007

U/14 G	1.45	Dragons	Middleton Pk Yagoona
U/18 G	1.45	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Reserve
C Grade	BYE	BYE	BYE
A Grade	3.00	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval



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