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CLUB NEWS

From the President

Five alive

A tough weekend. We went in with 5 and fortunately the sides that had to win, did win. Tim's 10s were 'backs against the wall' after last weeks loss but as expected, they regrouped, trained hard and worked on their 'go forward'. Their pack led by Harrington and Sua made the hard yards allowing the boys to score a great 12-6 win. Well done.

Mario's 13s turned up looking like movie stars but someone forgot to give the Berala boys a copy of the script. We ran to a 12 nil lead after 10 minutes and went to sleep for the next 40! At 12-all the boys got back on track for the last 10 to run out comfortable winners.

I can't stress it enough - Finals football is about playing the whole game. Any team in a final is capable of winning - there are no easy games.

Keg's 9s were up against arch enemy Sports. Sports looked hungrier and reversed the mid year thrashing we inflicted on them. Our boys may have taken it a bit easy and now know "Game on" for the next 2.

Sunday was just a crappy day all round with the weather and conditions better suiting both opponents of the 18s and A grade. Heta's Warriors (A grade) adjusted to the swamp like conditions after about 10 minutes and were the better side in

the first half BUT didn't convert their better play into points. The second half saw a reverse of the first half with our boys unable to hold the ball for 6. The good points were that we did look more dangerous in attack, our defence was very strong and the boys are well and truly pumped for another crack at the westies in the big one.

Jimmy's 18s started well but it turned into 'one of those days' for Greenacre. Tries off charge downs, kick offs, bombs that bounce at right angles all went against us BUT we're not into excuses. We didn't play to our ability and we must lift if we want to be doing a lap around Belmore on Sept 2. The boys are training extra hard this week and I think they will surprise everyone this Sunday!

This weekend

3 games Saturday, 2 games Sunday - they are all "loser leaves town" encounters. Once again, I urge all supporters (especially from the teams that have finished) to get to the games and support our boys. If your side was playing you would love to have as many of your club mates there helping you to win!! Get there and get them over the line.

Go the Saints

John Grealy

RESULTS FROM GAMES LAST WEEKEND: 18/08 & 19/08/07

Age	Opposition		For		Against
6 White				-	
6 Blue				-	
6 Black				-	
7 Res				-	
7 Grade				-	
8 Res				-	
8 Grade				-	
9 Gold				-	
9 Maroon	Bankstown Sports	L	12	-	24
10 Grade	Greenacre	W	12	-	6
11 Grade				-	
12 Grade				-	
13 Res				-	
13 Grade	Berala Bears	W	24	-	10
14 Grade				-	
18 Grade	Greenacre	L	6	-	30
C Grade				-	
A Grade	East C'Town	L	0	-	2



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U6 Black -

U6 Blue

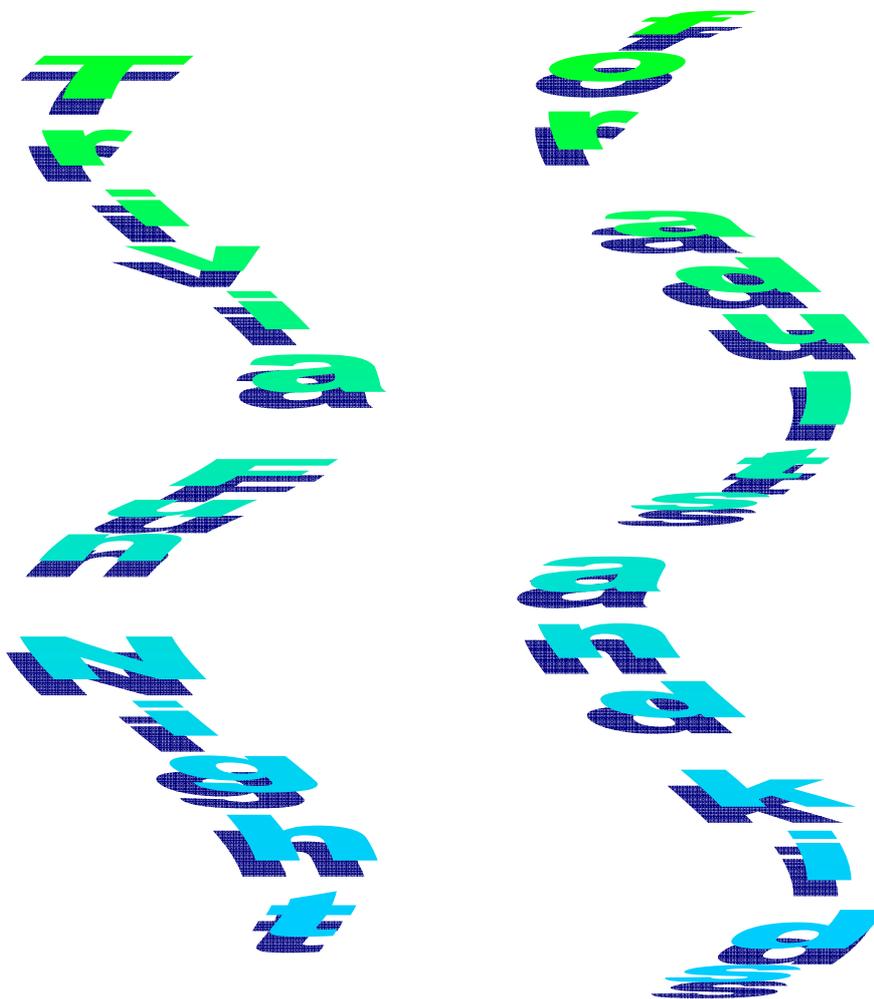
U6 White -

U7 G :

U7 R Season Finished

U8G - Season Finished

U8 R - Season Finished



Saturday 25th August at 6:30 pm

Panania East Hills RSL Club Auditorium

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U9 Maroon -Lost 12-24 Bankstown Sports (Semi Final)

The reality of this game was that we held the ball for 20 tackles in the first half – 6 tackles from the kick off and 6 tackles as the hooter went for half time, the remainder of the time for the first half we had the ball for 8 tackles and had to make 37 tackles.

Possession was definitely the key. The ref awarded 5 penalties in the first half – all to Bankstown. 3 were deserved and 2 were just confusing. At the break we were down 12-0 and we knew if we could get some ball we could come back however on the first tackle after half time the ref blew a penalty against Josh N – we think it may have been because he tackled one of their big kids too hard! They again got a piggy back down the field and 3 tackles later they scored. Within another 5 mins they had another penalty (unknown?) and they scored again. At 24-0 with 11 mins to go the boys did not give up. We had equal possession for the later part of the second half and kept them scoreless and we scored 2 tries, one by Steele (after back to back penalties) and one set up by Steele with a kick to Devante. Don't get me wrong, we did not lose because of the ref – we missed some tackles near our line that we would usually make and we committed the same dumb offences in attack as the previous week by persisting to run back inside when we should have gone wide when close to their line, but the lack of possession really did not help our cause. All the boys tried hard and the team's effort cannot be faulted. Special mentions for: Brandon who tackled well and had a couple of good runs, Junior tackled very well and man of the match Steele was involved in everything.
Tries: Steele, Devante
Goals: Steele, Brandon
MOM: Steele
Encouragement: Junior, Brandon

U9 Gold

U10G Won 12-6 Greenacre

One of those wins that you put down in the memory banks and just gets better as the years progress. Our mistakes made it hard for

us in the opening 10 minutes, we dropped the ball on the first tackle with our first three uses but our defence held and we were still in the game. Greenacre scored out wide with about 5 minutes 'til half time and it looked like a 6 – 0 score against us at the break. The boys had other ideas, they worked their way up field with some strong runs and we caught them off side not far from the line. From the tap Conor switched the ball to the blind side and Kyle dived over for the equaliser on the bell. 6 all at the break.

The second half was just an arm wrestle, there was nothing between the teams and the ball moved from one end of the field to the other. With about 5 to go, Kyle had another chance out wide and he wasn't going to be stopped. Well done Kyle a deserved Man of the Match. All the boys played their guts out, the smiles on faces at the end of the game were massive. Let's keep going Saints. Let's training hard, play hard next week and see what we can do against Sports and remember to have some fun.

Tries: Kyle Lloyd 2
Goals: Adam and Conor
Man of the Match: Kyle Lloyd
EA: The rest of the team

U11G -

U12G -

U13R- Season Finished

U13G .Won 24-10 Berala

As they say in the classics (or at least the Big League) Semi-Finals are a whole new competition. During the year we had no problems in disposing of Berala when we played them. This week's game was another story. We got off to a good start, going to a 10-0 lead after good tries to Crommwell and Ryan. But Berala didn't throw in the towel and the next 20 minutes belonged to them. They showed desperation in defence and moved the ball well in attack, eventually getting a try on half time to bring the score back to 10-6. The second half started like the end of the first with Berala having all the possession and putting us under a lot of pressure. Eventually

with all the possession they had, they scored to bring us level, 10-10. From this point on our boys dug deep and showed a lot of character and commitment. Fraser scored a great try to make it 16-10 and we had our noses in front. The game went end to end for the next 10 minutes. There were plenty on nervous faces in the crowd. Following a penalty, we took a kick at goal which gave us an 18-10 lead and a little breathing space. With only minutes on the clock, Jack scored a late try to seal the game and like icing on the proverbial cake, Fraser converted magnificently from the sideline and we were home. The score showed it was 24-10 at fulltime and it might look like an easy win but Berala fought to the end and gave us a real shake-up. To our boys' credit, they dug deep and were not going to be denied. WELL DONE.
Bring on East Hills.

U14G-

U18 - Lost 6-30 Greenacre

C Grade

A Grade - Lost 0-2 East C'Town

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Calender of Important Dates

Trivia Fun Night - Saturday 25 August

Panania East Hills RSL Club
6:30 arrival, 7:00 questions commence

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Broken Hill Tour - Friday 5 October

Junior Presentation - Sunday 21 October

A & C Grade Presentation - Friday 26 October

13's - 18's Presentation - Saturday 27 October

Annual General Meeting - Thursday 22 November

Field Set-up:

Field Clean-up:

Canteen Duties:

BBQ Duties:

**Revesby Pacific Raffles
Drawn: 6:30 pm Friday**

**Starts at 5.30pm
24/0807 - Under 14's**

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

**Starts at 3:00 pm
25/08/07 - Under 8R's**

Join the winners list.

Wear your club colours.

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 18

Games: Saturday 25th August 2007

U/6 W			
U/6 Blu			
U/6 Bla			
U/7 R			
U/7 G			
U/8 R			
U/8 G			
U/9 G			
U/9 M	9.30	St Johns	Begnell Oval Belfield
U/10 G	10.20	Bankstown Sports Y	Begnell Oval Belfield
U/11 G			
U/12 G			
U/13 R			
U/13 G	1.00	East Hills	Begnell Oval Belfield



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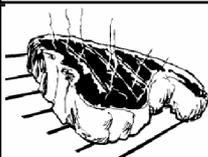
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Games: Sunday 26th August 2007

U/14 G			
U/18 G	1.45	Berala Bears	Belmore Sports Ground
C Grade			
A Grade	4.15	St Johns	Belmore Sports Ground

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