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CLUB NEWS

2007 Competition Begins

At last the season has started! After the traumas of gradings, trials, training time 'negotiations', finding managers etc it was great to see our under 6s finally take the field, many of them for the first time. Both sides went well and we look forward to following all the boys' careers with Saints. The later games saw us score some excellent wins. The new combo 10s under Coach Reardon scored a hard fought win over the always tough Sports; Macca's 11s "used the ball" and scored some great tries in a runaway win over Cheso; Keith's 12s, clearly inspired by the 11s, did the same to shock Cheso and get the cash while over at Roberts, Keg's 'muscle up' 9 Maroons knocked off Greenacre. And what about the magnificent 7s! Both the grade and reserves got their seasons off to flying starts. Spare a thought for Coach Bennett - first time coach, bare numbers, draws Berala at Berala and gets the 2 points - well done.

With injections of new players into all teams, Sunday saw our 4 teams getting 'used to each other'. The combinations will come so keep at it.

Social Scene

Our 'Welcome night' for the Saturday sides went well. Many thanks to all those who attended, it was good to see so many new faces, especially the U/6 parents. Thanks also to Dave Wylie (Design Pools) for the ponies and the Kitiones (Jumping J Jays) for the jumping castle - both were very popular.

League Safe Course

I have been advised that a further League Safe course will be held at Canterbury Leagues Club on Thursday 26 April at 7:00 pm in the Blueberry Room.

This is the final opportunity that trainers will have this year to become accredited. Please let me know names of anyone who must attend. I will be advising the CBJRL this Thursday of our attendees.

Go the Saints (52.9%)

John Grealy (President)

RESULTS FROM GAMES LAST WEEKEND: 31/3 & 1/4/07

Age	Opposition		For	Against
6 Black	Chester Hill	L	6	38
6 Blue	BYE			
6 White	St Johns	W	16	12
7 Grade	Chester Hill	W	12	6
7 Res	Berala Bears	W	18	12
8 Grade	St Johns	L	26	30
8 Res	St Johns	L	36	42
9 M	Greenacre	W	20	12
9 G	St Johns	L	6	42
10 Grade	Bankstown Sports Y	W	12	10
11 Grade	Chester Hill	W	46	6
12 Grade	Chester Hill	W	32	12
13 Grade	East Hills	L	8	28
13 Res	Chester Hill	L	0	50
14 Grade	Chester Hill	L	12	20
18 Grade	St Johns	W	32	14
C Grade	St Johns	L	4	23
A Grade	St Johns	W	30	8



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U6 White- Won 16-12 v St Johns

U6 Black- Lost 6-38 v Chester Hill

U7 G-Won 12-6 v Chester Hill

U7 R-Won 18 – 12 v Berala Bears

The boys were keen to impress and scored the first try of the game in the opening minutes to set the platform for a great win to start off their 2007 Rugby League season. There was some scintillating speed shown by Jayden and Aaron, with some bullocking runs from James and Joel. The team was tenacious and committed in defence with some last minute try saving tackles made close to our line. It was great to see the boys enjoying themselves and having fun and this can be attributed to Sam (coach) and Steve (trainer) for the time they have devoted to the boys over the last few weeks. Thanks to Tim Bailey for donating the weekly man of the match trophy for our team. It was great to see a good representation of the players and their families from our team at the season opening activities on Saturday afternoon at the clubhouse.

Tries: Jayden (2), Aaron and Alec
Goals: James
MoM: Joel

U8G - Lost 26-30 v St Johns

U8 R-Lost 36-42 v St Johns

Welcome to all the kids in the Under 8 Reserves team for 2007. To the returning players Beau Alterator, Julian Walker, Andrew Craven, Alexander Jarrett, Jack Hure, Patrick Whelan, Liam Horne and a big welcome to the team's new player Alex Power. This is Alex's first year in rugby league. The boys have a new coach (Matthew Walker). Though we did not win on the scoreboard we won on the field. The boys played a good game scoring 8 tries (the same as St Johns). The game was fun to watch as the players went from one end

of the field to the other. Man of the match went to Beau for his effort in defence (most tackles) and attack. Alex P received the encouragement award for his game. He played like he was in the team last year. He scored his first try and helped out in defence, including one tackle on a bigger player who was going to score. We are looking forward to another exciting year.

Tries: Alex 1, Jack 3, Liam 2, Julian 1, Beau 1;
Goals: Andrew 1, Julian 1
MOM: Beau.
ENC: Alex P

U9 Maroon Won 20-12 v Greenacre

It was obvious that this was our first game playing with 11 in the team and on a bigger field. We started poorly with the ref (aka Bill Harrigan) blowing a penalty at the kick off for being in front of the kicker and they then scored from their first possession to put us 6 down. We were pretty sloppy in attack and just could not get anything going. Some individual brilliance from Fatu got us on the board and then Luke A also chipped in with a good run and try. At half time we were down 12 – 10. Neither team could get any momentum in the second half due to the stop start nature of the game. With about 4 mins to go, Luke P went for a tackle and got palmed in the head which gave us the penalty. A couple of tackles later Fatu got his second to give us the lead. Devante then scored on the hooter to make sure of it. Defensively we were solid with all the players chipping in and the tackle count was evenly spread. The new kids all played their part, especially Liam and Paul.

Tries: Fatu 2, Luke A, Devante.
Goals: Luke A, Steele.
MOM: Liam.
Encouragement: Paul.

U9 Gold Lost 6-42 v St Johns



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U10G - Won 12-10 v Bankstown Sport Y

Our first game for the newly combined 10's and they were up against the Grand Final team from 2006 at their home ground, a big ask for the boys but they all put in and we came away with a very good win. The boys, as a result of the forwards making some big yards and the pressure applied by our solid defence resulted in us controlling the first half resulting in a 12-4 lead when the oranges came out. In the second half our defence fell off in patches and Sports made some inroads but we managed to scramble and got going again towards the end of the game and were attacking their line when the full time bell went.

The most satisfying aspect of the game was that as well as the boys played, there are improvements they can make to improve their game. Congratulation to all the boys on their efforts, it was a very good win. Let's keep training hard on the basics, do your best in the games, and have some fun.

Tries: Liam, Brandan

Goals: Kyle, Brandan

Man of the Match: Aidan Harrington

U11G - Won 46-6 v Chester Hill

U12G - Won 32-12 v Chester Hill

Welcome to our new parents & players, Alex, Cameron, Jack C, Jack P, Joshua, Shane, & Tam – it's great to have you on board. Also, it's great to see so many of last year's parents & players return. It was good to see the boys start the year off the way they finished last season, showing what happens when they work as a team – YOU WIN. Each boy contributed to the win – a true team effort. The forwards took the ball up & gained many much needed metres. Our backs continued the good work taking us closer to the try line allowing, Alex, Trevor, Tom, Michael & Tim to score tries. Pierce, Tom, Nathan H & Shane successfully converted tries. Jack C, Jack P, Jake, Joshua, Marika, Nathan L & Beau were damaging in the positions they

played. It was refreshing to see that the tackling was evenly spread among the team, whereas in previous years, it was left to a few boys to do all the work.

Congratulations boys, keep up the good work – listen to your coach & trainers !!!!

Tries: 1 each to Alex, Trevor, Tom & Michael 2 to Tim

Goals: 1 each to Pierce, Tom, Nathan H & Shane

Subway award: Jack Court

U13G - Lost 8-28 v East Hills

We definitely didn't start the year the way we wanted to. Our arch rivals showed us that you have to play the full 60 minutes and not in patches. After a tight first half, we went in at half time with the scores locked at 4-4. We hit the lead early in the second half and then we hit a brick wall with East Hills coming home all over us. Hopefully by the time we play them next, we will reverse the score.

Special mention to 3 guys who played their first game for the club: Crommwell Kokiri, Te Wauku Field and Tapaaufanau Paul. Welcome on board.

Tries: M. Wagstaff, C. Kokiri

U13R - Lost 0-50 v Chester Hill

Did not TACKLE!!!!

U18 - Won 32-14 v St Johns

Well it's the start to another footy season & in the first game we came up against St Johns at their home ground. In the 1st half our ball control let us down & our timing was out a bit so it was no surprise to see St Johns go into the half time break leading 14-10. In the 2ND half the boys showed the type of football they are capable of playing, in a great team effort they put on some good tries and finished the game strongly to run out comfortable winners. Good players none better than Capt Andrew Hambly who led by example in both attack & defence

with a superb game. While in the backs Kyle O'Donnell had a great start to the season with a solid display. Good win guys.

C Grade - Lost 4-23 v St. Johns

A Grade - Won 30-8 v St. Johns

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Calender of Important Dates

Coaching clinic for Junior players - Monday 9 July
 Junior Presentation - Sunday 21 October
 A & C Grade presentation - Friday 26 October
 Senior Presentation - Saturday 27 October
 Annual General Meeting - Thursday 22 November



Scenes from our "2007 season opener" festivities last Saturday.



Field Set-up: U/6 Black
Field Clean-up: U/13 Reserves

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

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

Revesby Pacific Raffles
Drawn: 6:30 pm Friday

Starts at 5.30pm
13/04/07 - A GRADE
20/04/07 - C GRADE

Revesby Pacific Raffles
Drawn: 4:00 -5:00 Saturday

Starts: 3:00 pm
14/04/07 - U/13R's
21/04/07 - U/10's

NEXT WEEKS GAMES

Games: Saturday 14th April 2007

U/6Bla	9:30	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/6Blu	Bye	Bye	Bye
U/6W	9:30	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb Complex
U/7 G	10:10	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/7 R	10:50	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes
U/8 G	11:30	Bankstown Bulls	Bankstown Football Centre
U/8 R	11:30	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb Complex
U/9 M	Bye	Bye	Bye
U/9 G	12:10	Chester Hill G	Terry Lamb Complex
U/10 G	10:50	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/11 G	11:40	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/12 G	12:30	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/13 G	12:20	St Johns	Begnell Oval
U/13 R	1:30	Berala Bears Y	Bill Delauney Reserve

Games: Sunday 15th April 2007

U/14 G	10:00	St Johns	Padstow Park
U/18 G	11:15	Greenacre	Bankstown Football Centre
C Grade	1:45	Greenacre	Bankstown Football Centre
A Grade	Bye	Bye	Bye



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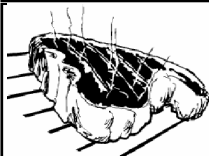
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