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CLUB NEWS

From the President

Firstly, apologies to Woodsie's 9 Golds. Last week (which can only be described as a slow news week) I missed the fact the Bold Golds had a well deserved 10 all draw with Chester Hill. Well done boys.

This weekend saw much better efforts from all teams. Stonie's 14s scored some great tries in their thrashing of Colts; similarly Mario's 13Gs had a walk in the park over Dragons; Macca's 11s came from 28-4 down at half time to score 24 unanswered points to snatch a draw against the giants from Sports; Poll's 13Rs started to get it together with a hard fought win over Sports while Luke's 7Gs put in a great effort based on solid defence to run out comprehensive winners over Sports also.

Spare a thought for our A graders. With Easter, byes and forfeits they haven't been on the park since round 1 – luckily Wrenny is keeping them trim, tort and terrific with his fitness work.

Parents – We are still looking for someone to help with our website. It needs a revamp then just regular updating. I'm sure there is someone out there with these skills that could spare a bit of time to keep our Club looking professional. Please see me!

Go the Saints (58.3%)

John Grealy

Former Saints Making Headlines

Congratulations to another of our former players, Mitchell Hall on his selection in the Riverina 2007 Representative Team.

During the Eels and Bulldogs First Grade game televised last weekend we saw Corey Hughes, Brent Sherwin and Jarrad Hickey in action for the Bulldogs while Mark Riddell (injured



for the Eels) commented. These guys were all juniors with Saints. St. Christopher's was mentioned during the call with Riddell reporting that big Jarrad Hickey used to be his ball boy at Saints.

Speaking of the Bulldogs, Oliver Piazzetta from the U/6 Blue team features on the Bulldogs web site. What a great supporter.

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Age	Opposition		For		Against
6 Black	Bankstown Sports	L	8	-	14
6 Blue	Bankstown Bulls	L	0		28
6 White	Bankstown Sports	L	0	-	28
7 Grade	Bankstown Sports	W	26	-	4
7 Res	Revesby Heights	L	8	-	24
8 Grade	Berala Bears	W	20	-	12
8 Res	Berala Bears	L	8	-	12
9 Maroon	Moorebank	W	34	-	10
9 Gold	Berala Bears	L	6	-	32
10 Grade	Bkstown Sports G	W	46	-	12
11 Grade	Bankstown Sports	D	28	-	28
12 Grade	Brothers	W	18	-	8
13 Grade	Dragons	W	50		0m
13 Res	Bankstown Sports	W	24	-	18
14 Grade	Milperra Colts	W	54		4
18 Grade	Padstow Panthers	WF		-	
C Grade	Bankstown Bulls	L	20	-	32
A Grade	Greenacre	WF		-	

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U6 Black - Lost 8-14 v Sports

U6 Blue - Lost 0-28 v Bulls

Welcome to our new parents and players, Joshua Fuller, Brad Cooper, Zac Standaloft, Klayton Kilpatrick, Kade McWilliams, Oliver Piazzetta, Khaled Rouda, Jarrod Parsons, Benjamin Moloney, Coach – Kim Kilpatrick, Assistant Coach – Anthony Parsons, Manager – Simon Standaloft. It was our first game and all the boys tried hard. Congratulations to all the boys on their efforts, remember listen to your coach & trainers!!!!!!

U6 White - Lost 0-28 v Sports

The boys are all enjoying themselves and are continuing to learn more each week. Over the past weeks their skills have continued to improve which is evident in their new zest when tackling this week. Once again a fantastic game by Jordan who is a great strength in the team in both tackling and try scoring. Fantastic efforts also from Aiden, Jake and Jon. Of course it is a team sport and all players contributed in their own way. I'm sure the parents are all looking forward to more successful games in the future. Good try boys!
MOM - Jake Aldred ENC - Aiden Davidson

U7 G - Won 26-4 v Sports

U7 R - Lost 8-24 v Heights

Unfortunately, we (Benny and the Jets) were beaten by a better team on the day (or might I say by an individual from the opposition who appeared to be the only player that they used to attack and that he did – pity the other players in their team that didn't get a look in). Our boys are trying hard, but just need to spread a bit more in defence so that they don't allow the opposition too much open space to run around them. We also need to tackle the opposition like we tackle the bags at training (so mums and dads keep encouraging the boys to tackle and run hard – a few sessions in the backyard can work wonders). Our attack is going quite well, but we still need to watch the forward passes and ensure that we play the ball correctly. If we continue to work hard at training on our defence, our attack will come as we have scored a few tries in every game. Keep up the good effort and

most of all enjoy your games.

Tries: Shaun, Alec Tim Bailey MoM: Aaron

U8G - Won 20-12 v Berala

The Boys had the opportunity to right a natural injustice on Saturday and bet the team that stop them making last years Grand Finale. The Coach had the boys all fired up for this grudge match and they performed well up against a much bigger team. Everyone tackled, and that's what will win this team games, if we all tackle they opposition can't score tries. Joel continued to show his skills as a great player and has added his dominate defence to his game from last year. Adam jumped on every loose ball, while Nathan tackled his heart out and lead the tackle count. Luke was every where and stopped a try by putting his body in the way over the line. Rhys had plenty of passion in his defence, and Peter "Silkie" showed he has plenty to offer and continues to improve ever week. Riley ran the ball up hard and tried hard in defence, with Kyle turning in his best game to date.

Tries: Luke, Kyle, Joel & Nathan

Goal: Rhys & Kyle Enc: Peter Silk MOM: Kyle Churchill

U8 R - Lost 12-28 v Berala

The boys did not have a good lead up into this game with the announcement that Liam Horne is leaving St Christopher's for another team. We wish Liam well and will miss him in the team for which he played with some of the boys for close to 4 years. We will continue to play through out the season with seven dedicated team members. We trained well during the week and the boys started and played well for the first five and last five minutes. All the boys tried their best as individuals during parts of the game, but did not play as a team for the full 30 minutes, which cost us the game in the end. The Berala side played as a team for the whole game and deserved to beat us on the day. We scored two good tries, from Jack and Beau in the first half and also kicked 2 out of 2 goals, with both Jack and Andrew converting. The boys tried to play some enterprising footy, with lots of good ball movement during the game, however they often tried to force passes at the wrong time, which saw us turnover possession on the first or second

tackle in our own half 5 times. Partick tried all day, in attack and defence and never gave up. He was very good at interchanging the first receiver role with Julian throughout the game and backing up at dummy half when Alex Jarret had a run. Jack, Julian, Beau and Alex Power made some very strong runs throughout the game, while Andrew continues to improve and develop as our covering defender, making some very good tackles on much larger opponents. Alex Jarret played well at dummy half giving good service to the first receiver which flowed on to some good passing movements during the game. The efforts are there individually and once the boys gel as a team, in defence, on game day, the enterprising style of footy that they display at every training session will see them play some very good football. Tries: Jack and Beau Goals: Jack and Andrew MOM - Patrick Whelan ENC (2) – Andrew Craven, Jack Hure

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U9 Maroon - Won 34-10 v Moorebank

This was not a bad effort considering we were coming off the bye plus the Easter break. Defensively we had a very good game. The little guys did what they were told and ran up hard in defence and also made some great tackles, Luke P having his best defensive game for a long while. However it was Josh N who was an absolute standout – Josh topped the tackle count and made 2 of the best tackles on much bigger kids that you would want to see in Under 9's. In attack, the boys are still getting used to playing on a bigger field and once they realize that you can use more than just 10m of the field we will be better for it. There were some good individual tries however against some of the better teams in the comp our compressed attack would be shut down very quickly. We need to put into practice what you are doing at training – passing wide to players running onto the ball. Special mentions to Liam, Fatu, and Luke A. Overall a pretty good win. Tries: Luke P 2, Luke A, Steele, Fatu, Devante, Liam. Goals: Josh N, Luke P, Tom. MOM: Josh N Encouragement: Luke P



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U9 Gold - Lost 6-32 v Berala

It was a tough games, boys. Unfortunately, our good defence from last week wasn't there and the Bears were making a lot of ground straight up the middle. Moumon was relentless with his tackling, which inspired Thomas M and Tui to get in and have a go. These three topped the tackle count this week, but they didn't have enough support. Berala were moving up very quickly and shutting down our attack, especially the big boys, before we could get moving. Our only try came from Moumon, which he then converted. Hopefully, the lesson we will all learn here is that we need to move up in one line in defence and help each other out more in the tackles. There could be some tough training sessions on the horizon. Keep your heads up boys. I'm sure we can win some games, we just need to dig a little deeper and put in a great effort. Remember, we just have to keep improving each week and most importantly, have fun.

U10G - Won 46-12 v Sports Gold

This was our second trip to Steve Folkes this year with the boys taking on the second Sports team and it resulted in another good. We managed to keep a better line in defence this week and the attack resulted in some very good tries. It was very pleasing to see the "little big men" of the team all have good games, they produce week in and week out but Jack, Billy and Adam all had a big hand in the win. Congratulations to all the boys, lets take it one game at a time and see where we end up.

Tries: Toby x 2, Conor, Jason, Liam, Jeremy, Brandan x 2

Goals: Kyle, Adam, Liam, Toby, Brandan, Jack, Billy

Man of the Match: Liam Mulvihill

U11G - Drew 28-28 v Sports

I don't think any words could explain this game properly, we came up against a very big Sports side and went out with the attitude that we were beaten before we got on the field. After at one stage being down 28 nil we scored a try on the stroke of half time to bridge the gap to 22. With some choice words used at half time the boys came back on the

field for the second half fired up with the hope of putting some respectability in the score and then in that showed some great courage and got themselves back in the game to get a draw. Jaydn had a great captains knock, leading by example with Ben and Sean also lifting in the second half. Lets start our games the way we finished this one boys although other teams may be bigger than us it doesn't mean their better than us.

Tries: J.McGregor x 2, L.Towell, A.Mellor, S.Bryce Goals: M.Kheir, A.Mellor, A.Michaels, B.Samuel MOM: J.McGregor.

U12G - Won 18-8 v Brothers

Great to see that you took last week's advice and came "switched on" ready to play. Your defence was OUTSTANDING - much better than last week, holding the opposition out for six right on our try line. Way to go boys!! BUT guys, you made the win a lot more difficult than it should have been..... How many times did we lose the ball on the 2nd or 3rd tackle?

Why did we allow ourselves to be pushed out over the sideline so many times?

Use this week's errors as a learning experience. Best way to keep improving is by listening to your coach & trainers. Overall, a great effort boys - so good to hear you sing the victory song again.

Tries: Tim x 2, Tom & Trevor x 1 each.

Goals: Cameron x 1. Subway award: Beau Baskins award: Shane.

U13G- Won 50-0m v Dragons

U13R- Won 24-18 v Sports

Not a pretty win, but a win. This was our first victory of the season - congratulations boys. We started the game with a good try to Raminda then soon after Reidy got the first of his hat trick and we were up 8 to nil. The boys let the Sports back into it and by 1/2 time it was 8 all. The second half the lead changed several times with Reidy scoring another two tries with his blistering speed and Danny got another with some fine foot work. Sure we scored some good tries, but it was our defence in the last five minutes that got us home with special mention to the following boys who had great games in

Defence: Justin Tanious (MOM) and Blake English (B/R Award). Tries Raminda x 1 Reidy x 3 Danny x 1 Goals Nick Spataro x 2

U14G- Won 54-4 - Milperra Colts

U18 - WF

C Grade - Lost 20-32 v Bulls

A Grade -WF

St. Christopher's Annual Golf Day

Georges River Golf Club

Friday 25 May 2007



7:30 Breakfast for 8:00 tee off

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Calender of Important Dates

Senior team BBQ - Sunday 29 April, Club House
 Golf Day - Friday 25 May (details on Page 3)
 Senior karaoke night - Sunday 10 June (long w/e)
 Coaching clinic for Junior players - Monday 9 July
 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

Field Set-up: U/6 White
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 27/04/07 - U/18's
Revesby Pacific Raffles Drawn: 4 & 5 pm Saturday Join the winners list.	Starts at 3:00 pm 28/04/07 - U/9M Wear your club colours.

NEXT WEEKS GAMES

Games: Saturday 28th April 2007

U/6Bla	10.10	Dragons	Clenton Park Kingsgrove
U/6Blu	9.30	Milperra Colts	Killara Oval Milperra
U/6W	9.30	Padstow Panthers	Padstow Park Padstow
U/7 G	11.30	Dragons	Clenton Park Kingsgrove
U/7 R	9.30	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/8 G	10.50	B'kstown Sports G	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/8 R	10.10	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/9 M	12.40	St Johns	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/9 G	11.30	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/10 G	1.30	Dragons	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/11 G	1.40	Dragons	Clenton Park Kingsgrove
U/12 G	12.30	Padstow Panthers	Padstow Park Padstow
U/13 G	3.30	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/13 R	2.20	Bulls	Bill Delauney Reserve

Games: Sunday 29th April 2007

U/14 G	11.15	Padstow Panthers	Killara Reserve Milperra
U/18 G	11.00	Berala Bears	Hammondville Oval
C Grade	12.15	Berala Bears	Hammondville Oval
A Grade	1.30	Regents Park	Hammondville Oval

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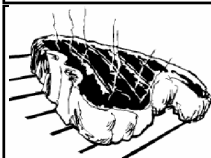
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