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CLUB NEWS

From the President

With games spread far and wide on the Saturday, it was hard to get a handle on how we fared - luckily my spies were roving. Cut to the core by my 'Billy Elliot' jibe last week, Reardon's 11s went from ballet to ballistic to match the might of the premiership front runners - and it was only in the dying minutes Sports snatched a draw. Well done guys, that's the effort we want.

It's not often I will mention 3 losing sides on the front page but when the effort is there, we can't ask for more. The Brock 05s (8-3s) were congratulated by the Dragon's coach for giving them such stiff opposition; JDs 10-2s played the entire game with only 9 players and almost got the bikkies against Moorebank while Keith's 13s played 35 minutes of their match with only 12 players -and they were playing a side that's only been beaten twice since under 6s!! Lots of ticker in that one guys.

Sunday saw the A grade warm up for their return bout with East Hills this weekend by trouncing Sports. Now you've broken the 'home ground hoodoo', we're expecting lots to cheer about boys!

I urge all Saturday players and parents to get down to River Road on Sunday and cheer the 14s, 15s and A grade to victories. Be loud and let the boys know you're behind them.

Go the Saints

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RESULTS ROUND 5 GAMES LAST WEEK: 24/05 & 25/05/08					
Age	Opposition		For		Against
6 Div 2	St Johns	L	12	-	28
6 Div 1	St Johns	L	16	-	30
7 Div 2	Chester Hill	L	16	-	24
7 Div 3	Revesby Heights	L	20	-	26
8 Div 1	Berala	L	18	-	32
8 Div 3	St George Dragons	L	12	-	24
9 Div 1	Berala	L	6	-	24
10 Div 2	Moorebank	L	16	-	26
10 Div 1	Greenacre	W	40	-	0
11 Div 1	Bankstown Sports	D	10	-	10
12 Div 2	Padstow Panthers	W	28	-	12
13 Div 1	St Johns	L	16	-	32
14 Div 1	Bulls	L	22		30
U/15	Milperra Colts	wof		-	
A Grade	Bankstown Sports	W	50	-	12



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U6 Div 2 –Lost 12-28 St Johns

We had another tough match this week but the boys put in a spirited effort. Jarrod barged his way over for another try whilst Klayton added another 2 tries with good runs from dummy half. We were unlucky not to score more tries as good breaks made by Max and Brodie were stopped by last ditch cover defence. Leon had a great game in attack and defence. We need to keep working on our defence but all the boys got involved in the game and continue to improve their skills and confidence.

Tries: Jarrod, Klayton (2).
Subway award: Ben
Encouragement award: Jacob
Tackling award: Isaiah
Man of the Match: Leon

U6 Div 1 Lost 16-30 St Johns

This weekend was probably the most exciting and entertaining game of Under 6 footy that I have seen. The score doesn't indicate how close this game really was. We came out pretty pumped and all the boys played hard. Our defence was great, the boys were getting back and moving up together and we saw some great tackling from all the boys but special mention to Jacob and Aiden D who pulled off some fantastic tackles and also Callum who managed a great ball and all tackle and stopped the offloads. The first 3rd was down to the wire and it was try for try and goal for goal and the end of the second 3rd it was 18-16 after we just missed a conversion. The boys fought hard and held them out until a controversial call from the ref after Joshua was taken over the sideline after he had called held but still awarded them the change over which allowed them to gain momentum to cross for a try with only a few minutes remaining. The boys all new that they were behind and really dug deep and we had the crowd cheering for us but a late penalty to St Johns 10m out allowed them to cross for their fifth try on the bell and converting their fifth goal. But this was a very encouraging loss and I think the boys will learn a lot from this week. I am so proud of every player and it was a tough call for our man of the match trophy this week so keep up the good work boys and the wins will come our way. A special mention to Zac, Kade and Joshua who all played great it good to see you getting in there well done.

Tries Aiden A , Reily Dundas, Lachlan Mcalpine
Goals. Aiden A, Reilly Dundas
MOM. Jacob Turk.
Encouragement. Aidan Davidson

U7 Div 2 Lost 16 -24 Chester Hill.

The game started well with the Saints scoring the first points with our defence Tested throughout the game conceding 5 tries to our 4 scored .The goal kicking decided the final score with 4 points kicked by Chester Hill. More kicking practice this week guys. Good effort boys you gave it your best in a close game.

Tries. Lachlan (2), Ryan and Issac.
Encouragement award Camille
MOM Issac .

U7 Div 3 Lost 20-26 Revesby Heights

U8 Div 1 Lost 18-98 Berala Bears

We knew from the start it was going to be tough playing the competition leaders, and with one man out this week everyone was nervous but at the same time quietly confident, since we were the only team to beat them last year. The ref opened the game controversially allowing five tackles in the first set against St Christopher's which led to an early try for the Bears. Our boys matched try for try but were let down by their conversions this week and the score really did not reflect how close the game really was. With a few more suspect calls from the ref throughout the game slipped away from the boys, but the boys tried their best to keep there heads up. The boys continued some fine tackling form with Peter the "tackling machine" putting the big boys on their backs and his ability to back his players up this week led to some great off loads and allowing him to gain valuable metres when needed and earning him two tries for the match. Michael managed to find holes in the oppositions defence down the side resulting in a try for himself. Stuart continued his dominance down the middle of the park and Bodie led the boys around the field like a pro. Ryan stood his ground like a warrior even after being sent to the blood bin. By second half our boys were starting to feel the effects of tackling boys that are almost twice their weight, finding it hard to hold off the big runners of Berala, but they played with so much guts and determination and skill that it will be a different story next time they meet up with this team with a full squad in toe. Keep your heads up boys it is ok to lose, that's what makes us want to win even more. It will be great to finally have a game on home soil next week, the boys are up against the Dragons. Good Luck!!!
 Man of the Match – Peter Rehayem
 Encouragement award – Ryan Mcgregor
 Tries – Peter Rehayem (2) Ryan Mcgregor (1) Michael Fahd (1) Conversions-Jayden G

U8 Div 3–Lost 12-24 Dragons

We anticipated another tough game, knowing that the Dragons had the best for and against record in the competition. The boys started off a little tentatively, but soon found the spot and did match it in the opening part of the game. The Dragons side had some size about it and scored a few early tries. With some good defence and strong running, the boys managed to peg a try back with James "Tooks" steaming onto an offload from Cooper to score in the corner. Angelo converted and we were in the game. Stuart and Dylan continued to make some inroads in attack and were unlucky not to go on and score. Just before half-time Aaron had been tackling well and unfortunately got a bloody nose and had to come to the sideline for attention. During that time the Dragons scored another try, but we were still in the game. In the second half the boys lifted the intensity with some good metres gained by Joel, Alec and Aaron, who returned to the field. The boys kept a good defensive line and continued to hold their own which started to frustrate the Dragons attack. Cooper and Shaun (at dummy half and first receiver respectively) continued to steer the team around the park which saw Angelo beat several defenders and scoot away to score a great try. The try was converted by Joel and the score-line was 12-18 although the Dragons last try was scored off a dropped ball. The boys went to sleep from the kick-off and let in a simple try which saw the score finish 12-24 at full time. With a bit of luck, the score could have been a little different, however the boys were not disgraced and were congratulated by the opposition coach who praised our team for a great game (stating that "we really made them work for the win"). Praise once again must go to Brock Askell and Nathan Sellings (coach and trainer respectively) of our clubs A Grade team who continue to put a lot of time and effort into the team which is showing a great deal of improvement.

GOOPGUYS M.O.M – Cooper
Tries – James, Angelo
Goal – Joel, Angelo

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U9 Div. 1 .Lost 6-24 Berala Bears

The less said about the effort in this game the better. After being down 12-6 at half time I thought we were still in the match even though we weren't tackling. Unfortunately the boys just did not aim up as a team and put their man on the ground. Boys, there are going to be some big kids out there. Get used to it. Tackle in threes and you will stop them. Luke and Rhys showed that when you tackle in groups the big men come to a quick stop. Some good defense by Rhys and Luke saved us from an embarrassing score line.

Let's get back to defending how we did against Bankstown Sports a few weeks ago and get our season back on track.

Tries Luke **Goals** Luke

Man of the Match – Luke Reardon

Encouragement Award – Rhys Harrington

U10 Div 1 Won 40-0 Greenacre

Well done boys on holding Greenacre out all game. You boys are working very well as a team putting in the big hits and helping out in the tackling side of the game. Boys we need to listen up at training and start to put into play the new moves being taught. We gave away five penalties on Saturday; we need to work on playing within the rules. We would like to wish Big Luke Annikan a speedy recovery. Luke has a bad break in his wrist and is still undergoing treatment. We wish him well and hope he is back playing with us soon. **Tries** Tom x 2, Paul, Aseri, Devante, Fatu & Steele. **Goals** Aseri, Tom, Josh T, Steele, Fatu and Liam. **MOM** - Liam, **Encouragement**-Adam,

U10 Div. 2 Lost 16-26 Moorebank

In a game of two very different halves the boys really showed some character. We played the entire game with two players short and for a period had only 8 against Rams full team plus reserves. We were down ~20 nil at half time and really made it difficult for ourselves by turning over possession on early tackles. Half-time appeared to be a welcome break. The boys returned to the field and controlled the ball for nearly the entire second half. As a result they ran in three unanswered tries and converted two of these. A win against the odds was on the cards, but Rams scored a late try to seal the result.

Man of the match Scott Hannigan showed one of the best defensive games possible, just on the day when we needed it most. Tui Manoa showed his usual leadership with plenty of hit-ups, one resulting in a try. Paul Kitiona earned the encouragement award through his defence on the flanks preventing the opponents scoring out wide and plenty of elusive runs and a try as a reward. But really, all of the boys deserve a mention. A number of them had played several games in the school knock-out the day before our game. Their continued effort even when fatigued and outnumbered during the game was commendable.

Tries: Tui, Paul, Cockie **Goals:** Harb, Donnie

Man of the Match: Scott Hannigan

Encouragement Award: Paul Kitiona

U11 Div 1 Drew 10 All Bankstown Sports

Up against the last years premiers Bankstown Sports & our form being scratchy, made for a tough assignment. It was important the TEAM lifted & started show what they were capable of, this they did. From the kick off our defence was great, moving up in a straight line, marking up at spaces & putting pressure on them with some tough tackles, body on the line stuff. When in possession our attack was much improved with good go forward, attacking the spaces & some swift work around the ruck laying some much needed foundation against a good team.

At half time the Boys were down on the scoreboard 4 nil but up in spirit, ready to turn the 1st halves effort into second half points.

Again with forwards laying the foundation we scored 2 good tries giving us a 10/4 big buddy lead. With only 5 min to go it was nail biting stuff with the boys coming close to breaking their line on occasions & Sports throwing everything at us, eventually crashing over to score almost on the bell. That's the under 11's we all know. Well done.

Keep training hard and having fun with the game we all love. Bring on the MOORE-BANK. GO THE SAINTS

Tries: 2 x Liam **Goals:** Liam

Man of the Match: Liam Mulvihill

Encouragement Award: Jack Finch

U12 Div 2 Won 28-12 Padstow Panthers

After a good win last week it was important to keep the momentum going playing a team like panthers and the boys turned up putting in their

best performance of the year. We followed the game plan to a tee with Jaydn putting Billy over for two tries before scoring one himself to take a 16-6 lead the halftime. There was a few more mistakes in the second half but the boys really muscled up in defence with Lucas pulling off a couple of bell ringers to come away with a comfortable win. Jaydn and Ben were terrific getting the team around the park while Sean and Billy were dangerous in the centres with Todd and Daniel doing a great job on booth wings. The forwards toiled away hard all day with Mas, Mahde and Daniel the pick of a good bunch. Great team effort fellers lets keep it going! **TRIES:** B.Abovhalf x2, J.McGregor x2, T.Annakin **GOALS:** J.Grove, M.Kheir, D.Russell, A.Mellor **MOM:** A.Masima

U13 Div 1 Lost 16-32 St Johns

Playing the best side in the comp with the bare 13 at a bleak, blustery Begnell did not fill our supporters with joy. A try to St Johns in the first set of 6 only confirmed our mood. HOWEVER, the boys had other ideas. We immediately hit back with the try of the match, converted it and had the St Johns coach shaking his head, down 6-4! The game plan was simple - complete our sets and tackle. Though we had trouble making ground against the good defence of St Johns, the completion rate was a very respectable 73.1%. The tackling by the forwards was solid for most of the match and when you consider we lost Josh 6 minutes before half time and played the rest of the match with only 12 men, our effort was gutsy and full of guts. Boys - well done, we've come a long way in 6 games **Tries:**Josh, Tim, Trev **Goals:** Josh, Tam **Diggers MOM:** Pierce 'the penetrator' Bolger **Subway Player's Player:** Trevor 'the axe' Faanoi

U14 Div 1 .Lost 22-30 Bankstown Bulls

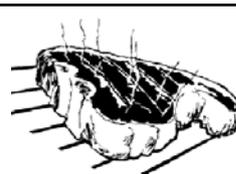
The game was there for the taking but simple mistakes and wrong options cost us dearly. We are a better side than what we showed, maybe it was playing under lights, but we'll get them next time. Remember the same three words : listen, learn, practice and BELIEVE IN YOURSELVES.

U15 Won on Forfeit Milperra Colts

A Grade Won 50-12 Bankstown Sports



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Calender of Important Dates

- Saints inaugural ball - details coming soon.
- Broken Hill U/13 - U/15 teams tour to Sydney on 27 September - 3 October. Games at home on Monday 29 Sept & Wednesday 1 Oct.



That's Gold

Our U/8 Div 1 team "Mayoh's Maniac's" performed like stars before the State of Origin match last week. Congratulations on your success.

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Field Set-up: Sat U/6 Div 2's; Sun U/14's
Field Clean-up: Sat U/13's; Sun every club member present
Canteen Duties: All teams for 60 minutes BEFORE your game.
BBQ Duties: All teams for 60 minutes BEFORE your game.

Joker Draw Raffle Revesby Pacific Hotel Friday: 30/05/08	5.30pm to 7.00pm U/14 Div 1
Meat Tray Raffles Revesby Pacific Hotel Saturday: 31/05/08	3:00 pm to 5.00pm U/6 Div 2's Wear your club colours.

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 6

Games: Saturday 31st May 2008

6 Div2	9.30	Brothers	Bill Delauney Reserve
6 Div 1	10.10	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve
7 Div 2	10.50	Moorebank W	Hammondville Oval
7 Div 3	10.10	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Reserve
8 Div 1	11.30	Dragons	Bill Delauney Reserve
8 Div 3	10.50	St Johns	Bill Delauney Reserve
9 Div 1	12.10	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval
10 Div 2	11.40	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb Complex
10 Div 1	12.10	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Reserve
11 Div 1	1.00	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Reserve
12 Div 2	12.20	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve
13 Div 1	1.50	Brothers	Bill Delauney Reserve

Games: Sunday 1st June 2008

14 Div 1	10.00	East Hills	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/15	11.15	Padstow Panthers	Bill Delauney Reserve
A Grade	1.45	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Reserve



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