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CLUB NEWS

From the President

Not a bad start for the opening round - before a ball was kicked we were running with a 100% strike rate due to 2 forfeits and a bye!!

New coaches Jason 'Poppy' Mayoh (7-3s); Brock '05' Askell (8-3s); Handsome Al Faanoi (10-1s) and Andrew 'Eggy' Brown (15s) all performed like experienced veterans to manoeuvre and cajole their teams into the winner's stall - bad luck JD!

Even Dave 'Scooter' Wylie learnt from last year's long apprenticeship to get his 7-2s a glorious start to the season.

Unfortunately with the forfeit in the 6-2s, we have to wait another week to see our stars of the future take the field. Well done to the A grade who with little support (we were all at the season opener at the Diggers) and one man short for over half the game, managed to knock over Moorebank to show they'll be a force again this year.

This weekend:

Attention supporters - we only have about four Sundays throughout a season when our boys get to play at home. This weekend we've got our 14s, 15s and A grade at the River Road. It's a great chance to give your support to the older guys, build a bit of Club spirit and see how your boys will look in Saints gear when they get older!!

Go the Saints (66.66%)

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Saints Trivia & Fun Night

19 April from 6:30

Book via your Team Manager

RESULTS FROM GAMES LAST WEEKEND: 05/04/ & 06/04/08

Age	Opposition		For		Against
6 Div 2	Bankstown Sports	W	Forfeit	-	
6 Div 1	Bankstown Sports	L	10	-	24
7 Div 2	East Hills	W	36	-	6
7 Div 3	East Hills	W	22	-	18
8 Div 1	St Johns	W	28	-	20
8 Div 3	Moorebank	W	28	-	4
9 Div 1	Dragons	W	14	-	10
10 Div 2	Padstow Panthers	L	36	-	6
10 Div 1	Dragons	W	34	-	12
11 Div 1	Greenacre	L	30	-	6
12 Div 2	Bankstown Sports	W	Forfeit	-	
13 Div 1	Milperra Colts	L	50	-	0
14 Div 1	Bye			-	
U/15	Greenacre	W	34	-	18
A Grade	Moorebank	W	26	-	14



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U6 Div 2 - Won by Forfeit

Our opposition forfeited so unfortunately there was no game for the team last week. Well done to Klayton Kilpatrick who filled in and played well for our Under 7 Div 3 team. Our team has 10 new players and all are looking forward to their first official game this week.

U6 Div 1 Lost 10 – 24 v Bankstown Sports

Unfortunately this week was the first game that counted as the boys were undefeated throughout the trials. This week we were defeated by a team that had good speed at the play the ball. But the under 6's showed plenty of tenacity in defence. All the boys tackled hard but we didn't have the speed to get back in defence to get the victory. In saying that we played a good game that we can build on in the coming weeks. We saw some great runs from big Aiden and also from Lachlan who were both showing some encouraging signs for their first year in rugby league. Our defence was outstanding this week which was what we focused on at training. Within a few weeks I can assure you these boys will gel and start winning games as they all have a real passion for playing footy. All the boys and parents should be proud of this week's performance as all the kids played very well and came together as a team which was evident on the field with lots of talk to spread out and let's tackle which is not very prominent in our grade. Some encouraging signs for our boys. Lets get down their and support them. MOM – Aidan Aboulhaf Enc. – Lachlan McAlpine

U7 Div 2 Won 36-6 v East Hills.

Despite some pre-game nerves experienced by the coach and manager we got the season off to a great start with a convincing win. All of the boys put in equal amounts of effort and settled into the game with some big tackles and quick hit-ups. With Lachlan and Ryan calling the plays, plenty of metres were gained resulting in seven great tries. The last try coming from a hard run by Jack offloading to Christian who scored his first ever try in his first game. Our defence was text book only conceding one try, the boys spread out and put into practice the skills Macca and Dave have been working on. Issac worked the crowd with some bone

crunching tackles backed up by Nathan and Cameron who also tackled well. Camille and Blake were accurate with their goal kicking boots on. A great team effort boys. Tries . Issac (2), Lachlan (2), Cameron, Nathan, Christian Goals. Issac , Cameron, Blake , Camille. MOM Camille

U7 Div 3 –Won 22-18 v East Hills**U8 Div 1 – Won 28-20 v St Johns**

After a successful 2007 the boys were eager for a strong start to the competition. With three great trial games under their belts and also making the grand final in Oztag in the off season, the boys got off to a flying start leading at half time. With still only 8 players for the first round the boys were showing a bit of fatigue by second half. St John's made a gutsy come back, with four fresh players after half time, matching try for try. But as reputation has proven, the boys are true fighters and came through with a win, the difference of 4 successful conversions. With still plenty of work to do for the season the boys are keen to get back to training and to hit the field again next week. Great result and keep up the good work boys!!!!!!
Tries: Peter (2) Michael (2) Bodie (1)

U8 Div 3– Won 28-4 v Moorebank.

The first game of the 2008 season started off on a positive note with the boys putting in a solid performance in both attack and defence. Although we knocked the ball on from the kick off, the team quickly got into their defensive pattern and tackled with vigor, not allowing Moorebank any latitude. The boys mounted some fine attacking raids and were rewarded with a few early tries to Alec, Dylan and Angelo, all of which were converted. Moorebank tested our goal line defence on several occasions, only to be denied by some rock solid defence. It was great to see a straight line of defence being used by the boys and this really frustrated the oppositions attack. Cooper gave great service from dummy half while Joel, at first receiver, set up the runners in attack. Shaun, James and Aaron made some powerful runs to put holes in Moorebank's defensive line which saw two (2) more tries to Dylan and Alec, which were duly converted. Special mention must go to Aaron, who after a broken shoulder at the

later part of last season, pulled off some bone rattling tackles (he really tested the shoulder out). Great effort boys, keep up the effort and enjoy what you are doing. Our weekly man of the match trophy has been donated by Tim Bailey of Goopguys.

Goopguys M.O.M – Aaron

Tries – Alec (2), Dylan (2), Angelo

Goals – Alec (2), James, Dylan, Joel

U9 Div. 1 Won 14-10 v St George Dragons

After good trial form and some solid training runs we went out on the field with high expectations. Unfortunately the problem that has plagued us in recent years, a slow start, caught us out again and we were soon behind 4-0. Our forwards had not dropped a ball in the trials but picked this game to lose plenty. On the positive side, and there were plenty of positives, the boys defence at critical times was outstanding. Holding a slim lead the boys defended on our line for the last 5 mins and held out a determined opposition. At half time Beau injected some enthusiasm into the forwards and made some determined runs. Jeremy made the first three tackles after the break against much larger boys and turned the momentum our way. Nathan, Riley and Luke all crossed for tries with Rhys getting the only conversion. Adam, Andrew and Kodi were all busy in defence and Liam is learning more about forwards play each week. Rhys was having a strong game in defence until coming off with a hurt wrist. Kyle, Peter and Jack are showing that they will be a fantastic combination around the halves this year once they get to know each others games. All in all it was a dusty start but there is a lot of good things about this team and I'm confident they will do well.

Tries Nathan Boland, Riley Nagle, Luke Reardon. Conversions 1 x Rhys Harrington
Man of the Match - Luke Reardon
Encouragement Award – Jeremy El Chami

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U10 Div 1 Won 34-12 v St.George Dragons

We had a fantastic start to the footy season for our u/10 1st Division boys. All the boys were pumped and ready to play some hard running footy. Aseri is setting the pace showing us that he has the speed of a cheetah and is hard to catch. Big Liam, Luke, Devante and Fatu pulled off some awesome tackles and discovered working together makes it easier. Tom, Josh. Waael & Tasi put in the hard runs and made some well earned metres. Adam & Steele both did their jobs well and was there all the time for support. Coach Al was very pleased with all the boys on the big effort and hard work they put in on Saturday. Keep it up boys. Let's keep on working together. MOM : Aseri (Cheetah). Won 32-18 Tries & Goals will be announced next week.

U10 Div. 2 Lost 36-6 v Padstow Panthers

Hey boys the first round wasn't a great start. We lost the ball on early tackles during the first half and had to do a lot of defence. Our second half was much better and we matched our opponents when we held the ball. Great work Brendan for making the most tackles and scoring the first try for the season, also converting his own try good work Brendon. Tasos and Brandon you both played a good game in defence. Anthony had his first full game on the day and he never gave up well done.

Thank you to Nathan Boland and Riley Nagle for playing up from the U/9 Div 1, your presence was much appreciated. We look forward in seeing an improvement in the next round boys. MOM: Brendan Dravet
ENC: Anthony Harb

U11 Div 1 Lost 6-30 v Greenacre

Welcome to a new season boys, looking forward to a successful year. After our trail form all indications were positive for a battle with Greenacre in round 1. Unfortunately for the boys they were off there game from the opening whistle & they played a TEAM committed to defend hard & use the ball in attack with good shape (what we've trained to do). Down 18 nil at 1/2 time our bench came on & performed well. Brandan Sua scoring & con-

verting a try & Dylan Elias defending very well out in the centres, earning them both encouragement awards. Man of the match went to Adam Sader with effective 1 on 1 defence & looking speedy when running onto the ball in attack. Also performing well with some body on the line defence in the middle was Jack Finch. Boys, lift in effort for each other at training & take this into games will help our results. Our TEAM has the ability, talent & heart. Keep training hard, and have fun playing the game we love. Go The Saints.

Tries: Brandan 1 Goals: Brandan 1 Man of the Match: Adam Sader EA: Dylan Elias & Brandan Sua

U12 Div 2 Won By Forfeit

U13 Div 1 Lost 0-50 v Milperra Colts

After 3 fairly decent trials this was not the start we were looking for (or expecting). Unfortunately we failed to do any of the little things right - our markers didn't split, we turned our back in defence, we were too slow getting back in the line, too quick getting off the tackled players, we let in 3 dummy half push over tries and most importantly, we did not use the ball for 6 tackles. We need to do all these things if we are going to be a force in this competition. Our best were Jake and Stumpy while new boy Joe and Tom each had a go. More work boys!

U14 Div 1 Bye

U15 Won 34-18 v Greenacre

Firstly, we would like to extend a warm welcome to all our new players and their families. This year sees the under 15's with a new coach, new trainers, new manager and new players. The boys have been training since January and were champing at the bit to get into in our first game, Unfortunately our execution let us down in the first half with only a few sets being completed, we went to the break down 14-10. To the boys credit they really fought hard in the second half, concentrated and remained patient to come away with a gutsy come from behind win in the end. Jack and James steered us around the

park following the new game plan well. Munoz had his best game so far this year And Wilson was simply devastating in attack. Our defence certainly needs some work in the next couple of weeks but overall it was the start we wanted and now gives us a platform to build on and we need to maintain that momentum at training this week. The Saints spirit is alive and well in this team with all players contributing and looking forward to the year. Well done boys!!! A special thanks to the guys from the 14s, James 'The Ballplayer' Togagae and Mark 'The Axe' Kennedy for playing above their age to help us out. They did better than hold their own.

Wilson 4 tries, Munoz 1, Darwiche 1, James Gabache 5 goals.

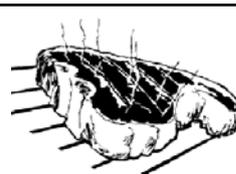
Players Player Wilson Faanoi

A Grade Won 26-14 v Moorebank Rams

Tries by Andrew Mortimer, Graeme MacFarlane, Matt Dawes, Adam Roy. Goals kicked by Nathan Selling. Apart from that, the game was won gallantly, considering they played with 12 men for over half of the game, due to a player (Sione Toli) being sent from the field for elbow strike. We're still waiting for the judiciary outcome. Great game to win!



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Calender of Important Dates

- Sunday games at home this weekend
- Trivia Night, 19th April (see below)
- Coaching Clinic, 24th April 9:00 - 1:00
- Saints Golf day and Saints Ball - details to come.

**Trivia & Fun Night
Saturday 19th April
Panania Diggers**



Trivia & Fun night for families and friends at Panania Diggers (auditorium)

6:30 pm arrival for Trivia and Fun from 7:00 – 10:00.

Tables of 10 can be organised into adults, kids, or a mixture.

Book tables via team managers by Tuesday 15th April. Cost of entry is \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids (\$30 max per family).

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Field Set-up: Sat - U/6 Div 2 Sun - U14 Div 1

Field Clean-up: Sat - U/12 Div 2 Sun - A Grade

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: 11/04/08	5.30pm to 7.00pm U/13 Div 1
Meat Tray Raffles Revesby Pacific Hotel Saturday: 12/04/08	3:00 pm to 5.00pm U/10 Div 2 Wear your club colours.

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 2

Games: Saturday 12th April 2008

6 Div2	9.30	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Reserve
6 Div 1	10.10	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval
7 Div 2	10.10	Dragons	Bill Delauney Reserve
7 Div 3	10.10	Padstow Panthers	Padstow Park
8 Div 1	10.50	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Reserve
8 Div 3	11.30	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve
9 Div 1	1.40	St Johns	Begnell Oval
10 Div 2	11.30	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
10 Div 1	12.20	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
11 Div 1	Bye	Bye	Bye
12 Div 2	1.10	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Reserve
13 Div 1	3.00	Padstow Panthers	Padstow Park

Games: Sunday 13th April 2008

14 Div 1	10.00	St Johns	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/15	12.30	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Reserve
A Grade	1.45	East Hills	Bill Delauney Reserve



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