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CLUB NEWS

President's Report

Another weekend of sunshine and footy. The 7-2s were in their semi against East Hills and in a topsy turvey affair managed to hang on to win 32-30. Well done boys, you're well on the way to the big one! Unfortunately the 8-4s went down to East Hills in their last comp game but get the chance to avenge that defeat when they meet them this weekend in the '3 v 4' semi. Good luck boys, you know what you have to do. Big home game wins were also enjoyed by the 10s and 12s and both teams are on track for the semis. Game of the Day was undoubtedly the 11-1s. Up against the previously undefeated Sports, our boys let them know we are the defending premiers with a great 16-6 win (which should have been 16 nil!). These boys are building to the business end nicely.

The highlight of Sunday was the inaugural 'Keg Cup'. Revesby Pub have kindly donated this trophy for the local derby between ourselves and East Hills in the A grade and it sent league back to its tribal days! Though without the home ground advantage, our boys (spurred on by some great club support from our younger players) dug deep to

hold out the Hills' boys to win 20-16. The Saints song sounded huge!!!!

This weekend

Our 7-2s and 8-4s are both in their semis. The 7s can go straight to the grand final with a win over Berala while the 8-4s are in the 'loser leaves town' semi. Good luck to both teams and get to the games and support if you can. At home, the 9s have a 'must win' game to keep their semi hopes alive. They can do it if results go their way BUT they'll need supporters! Get there.

Well done

A few weeks ago I mentioned Liam Mulvihill from our U12s had made the McKillop side. That side went on to be equal winners in the NSWPSA, a huge feat. Liam was then selected for to trial for the NSW schoolboys' team but just missed the final cut. Well done Liam, a fantastic effort.

Go The Saints

John Grealy



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RESULTS ROUND 13 GAMES LAST WEEK: 8 & 9/07/09

Age		Opposition		For	Against
U/6- Div 4	V	Bankstown Sports	L	8	24
U/6- Div 1	V	Bankstown Bulls			
U/7- Div 2	V	East Hills	W	32	30
U/7- Div 1	V	BYE	W	BYE	BYE
U/8- Div 4	V	East Hills	L	28	38
U/8- Div 1	V	Bankstown Sports	L	6	32
U/9- Div1	V	Berala Bears	L	10	42
U/10- Div 1	V	Greenacre B	W	44	10
U/11- Div 3	V	Berala Bears	L	20	24
BYE	V	Bankstown Sports	W	16	6
U/12- Div 1	V	Milperra Colts	W	44	12
U/13- Div 1	V	Chester Hill	L	6	46
U/14- Div 1	V	Padstow Panthers	W	Forfeit	Forfeit
U/16's	V	Padstow Panthers	L	22	26
U/19's	V	East Hills	W	Forfeit	Forfeit
A Reserves	V	Como Jannali	L	12	32
A Grade	V	East Hills	W	20	16



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U6-Red

U6-Black

U7-Div 2 Won 32-30 v East Hills

The boys got their first taste of semi final footy and put in a huge effort to win a thriller in the last minute. They were so excited to start the match, our captain forgot the coach's instructions and elected to kick off after winning the toss. But the training drills paid off and our chasers put enough pressure on the opposition to force a knock on.

For most of the game it was end to end football with both sides playing great in attack and seemingly scoring or almost scoring on every possession. We were able to answer every try with awesome runs from all of our players to keep pace on the scoreboard. After the 1st third the score was 12-12 and the 2nd third it was 20-20. In the last third, we were able to take the lead 28-24 but East Hills hit back to score and make the conversion for a 30-28 lead.

In the dying minutes, Dylan was able to break through the defence for the match winning try. But East Hills still had one final play before full-time. Fortunately, we were able to hold them up in defence and their offload went to ground. Ben made a great effort to sprint through and dive on the loose ball to secure the win.

Our defence was good enough to force some errors at crucial times. Dylan was our best in defence and was also outstanding in attack. Josh continued to take the ball up the middle despite being sick and was rewarded with a top try. Jarrod made plenty of metres in attack and had one huge run breaking free of tackles and charging downfield only to be taken down a couple of metres short. Meihana capitalised on the yards made up the middle with his speed and step, and continued to take on the opposition despite copping some heavy knocks. It was good to have Brodie back for his first game in 6 weeks, sharing the dummy half role well with Klayton. Harrison and Ben also played good games. Jacob led the way early, making a strong first hit up and played his best game of the season. Thanks to Klayton and the 6-1's for allowing Klayton to help us out again.

Tries: Meihana Nelson (3), Dylan Hema (2), Josh Silk, Jarrod Parsons

Goals: Jarrod Parsons, Josh Silk

Man of the Match: Jacob Young

U7- Div 1

U8- Div 4

U8- Div 1 Lost 6-34 v Bankstown Sports

Our first season in grade has come to an end. It was a baptism of fire for our boys in 2009. Our ten young men should be congratulated on their determination and fighting spirit throughout the season. Even though we only won two games, it could of been at least five or six if the wet weather and some close games hadn't gone against us. The boys were out muscled throughout the season by much larger teams and this was the case again on the weekend. Our tackling has let us down in recent weeks and the boys need to use their shoulders and go low if they are to improve on this aspect of their game next year. To finish up, I would like to give an individual summary of the boys performance throughout the year:

Cameron - Made some great runs throughout the season and tackled well. Jack- Had some memorable games in defence especially against Moorebank in the first round, also displayed strong running skills throughout the season.

Lachlan- The fastest player on the team and the top try scorer. His defence has been outstanding in recent weeks. Ahmed- Great little dummy half with a quick turn of speed. He should be proud of his first year in the top team. Christian- A big heart who always tries his hardest in attack and defence. Throws himself around the field like a rag doll. Noah- Our strongest runner in the team and has pulled off a few very memorable tackles throughout the season. Nathan- Has made some really impressive runs and shows great determination when he gets the ball. Also a very strong defender. Isaac. Made some really great breaks up the middle of the ruck and was one of our best kickers. Blake - Showed us some great little runs up the middle and determined tackling, especially towards the end of the season.

Ryan- One of our strongest tacklers who never took a backward step in defence and attack. He had a very impressive season.

I know all the boys would like to thank Dave for all the time and effort he has put into coaching them this season. I would also like to thank Melinda, Dave and especially all the parents for their support throughout the season. Also thanks to Macca for all the helpful drills he performed with the boys at training throughout the season. See you all next year, Geoff

U9- Div 1 Lost 10-42 v Berala Bears

We were up against a big Berala side and knew that it would be a tough game from the kick-off, gained the ascendancy and scored the first try of the match. The boys started to lose confidence after the opening try and forgot about tackling low. Unfortunately, this lack of confidence saw Berala score six tries in the first half to go to a 0-36 lead at halftime. The boys did manage to get across the line in the first half, but unfortunately, they knocked on over the line resulting in a no try ruling.

At half time, the boys were reminded of the need to move up in a straight line in defence and tackle around the legs. After half-time, Berala scored again and things didn't look good for the Saints. However, from the next kick-off, Berala knocked on and the boys were in an attacking position. We managed to control the ball and within the space of five minutes, Michael had crossed for two (2) tries, one of which he converted. The boys were starting to gain some much needed confidence and stepped up in defence to put Berala on the back foot. We got across the line on two (2) more occasions, only to be denied tries, but continued to defend strongly against a tiring Berala side. The siren finally sounded with the final score going against the Saints 10-42.

The team proved, especially in the second half, that they could match it with Berala by winning the half 10-6. We have two games to go before the semi-finals and if the team can play with the same enthusiasm that they showed in the second half today, they can give the rest of the season a real shake. A little bit of confidence, hard training, playing for your team mates and club, and the results will come. Let's show that we are not beaten yet and go out and play some good football. Good luck boys.

Tries: Michael 2 **Goals:** Michael

Goop Guvs M.O.M.: Ryan

Encouragement Award: Cooper

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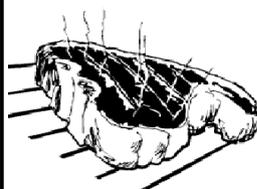
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U10- Div 1 Won 44-10 v Greenacre

For the first time in almost 2 years we were the first team to score and what a difference it made. We were enthusiastic in attack and moved up all day in defence. We had a simple game plan and the boys executed that plan well. Joel is getting better each week in his role at first receiver. He is starting to lead the guys around the park well. Nathan came back from a few weeks off and could not be tamed scoring three tries, kicking a goal and chopping down the opposition attack. All the forwards put their hand up for strong hit ups with Liam, Nathan, Riley, Rhys and Kieran all doing well. Theo ran the ball up well and has been a great asset to the team after only a handful of games. Peter filled in at dummy half this week with Adam out injured and played a strong game. Julian, Kodi, Luke and Lachlan were all busy in defence and played a strong team game. The boys are coming good at the right end of the season. We are up against the defending premiers this week so it will be a good test of how we are going. Lets all get to training on time to make our decision about a bench that little bit harder.

U11- Div 3 Lost 24-20 v Berala Bears

U11- Div 1

U12- Div 1 Won 44-12 v Milperra Colts

Playing Colts for the 1st time was going to be interesting, coming up from Div 2 & proving very competitive in each of there 3 games. Our boys prepared well all week at training for this game & were ready to welcome Colts into Div 1. We started slowly from the getgo allowing Colts to gain possession & score 1st points. Not an ideal start for the boys. It was important not to drop our heads from this early hiccup & put some pressure on Colts with our good defence. Well from this point onwards the boys started to play some smart tough footy with there "TEAMWORK" a high-light again.

Liam scoring a try from a tap kick close to the line starting us off (REMEMBER DUMMY RUNNERS YOU MUST SELL THESE PLAYS). Kayne ripping there defence apart, running nice angles & being rewarded with a try. Remember Kayno when in the clear & "Big Shadow" looms from behind don't pass it, just keep running mate we don't have anyone that big!!!! Adam & Toby combining well in the 1/2's there work rate in attack & defence great. Davo chopping his Big mate down with some good defence & scoring a try after the bell. What about those

soccer skills from Dean & Whippet. Jordon support play resulting in a good try. Well done again Boys, the footy your playing is building nicely. Keep up the hard work at training boys.

Tries: Brandan, Liam, Kayne, Toby, Jordon, Dean, Harry, Aidan, Davo.
Goals: Toby, Dylan, Kyle, Brandan.
Players Player: Adam Sader

U13- Div 1

U14- Div 1 won on forfeit (Padstow)

U16's

U19's

A Reserves

A Grade



A Night at the Races

Phantom horse racing night

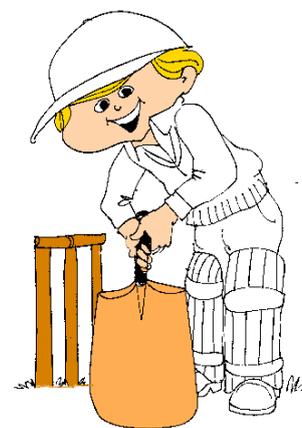
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Friday 31st July

7:00 pm start

\$10 pp (finger food)

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Seniors: Friday 16 October, 7:30pm

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\$10 per person

Field Set-up: Under 6 Div 4

Field Clean-up: Under 13 Div 1

Canteen Duties: All home teams for the game before theirs

BBQ Duties: All home teams for the game before theirs

Joker Draw Raffle Revesby Pacific Hotel Friday: 31/07/09	Under 19's 5.30pm to 7.00pm
Meat Tray Raffles Revesby Pacific Hotel Saturday: 01/08/09	No raffle this week (Punters Club race day)

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 15

Games: Saturday 1st August 2009

Teams	Times	Club	Venue
U/6-Div 4	9:00	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Res
U/6-Div 1	9:40	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb
U/7- Div 2	11:15	Berala	Terry Lamb
U/7- Div 1	9:40	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve
U/8- Div 4	1:30	East Hills	Terry Lamb
U/8- Div 1	9:40	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Res
U/9- Div1	10:20	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Res
U/10- Div 1	1:20	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval
U/11- Div 3	11:10	Revesby Heights	Neptune Park
U/11- Div 1	11:10	Berala	Bill Delauney Res
U/12- Div 1	12:00	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Res
U/13- Div 1	1:00	Bulls	Bill Delauney Res
U/14- Div 1	BYE	BYE	BYE

Games: Sunday 2nd August, 2009

U16's	12:30	Berala Bears	Neptune Park
U/19's	1:45	Greenacre	Roberts park
A Res	12:00	Arncliffe Scots	TBA
A Grade	3:00	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes



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