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CLUB NEWS

President's Report

Finals fever hit the Club and our first team up were the 7-2s at Begganell. In a see-sawing game with the lead changing hands a number of times in the first 2 thirds, it was always gonna be close. Unfortunately the opposition got ahead in the final minutes to hold us out. Bad luck boys, a great season anyway. The 10s were in the 4v5 semi and despite a late flurry (after a sleepy start) weren't able to close the gap. Thanks to Dave and the boys for the season. Saturday's star performers were undoubtedly the 11-3s. Aiming to be the first team from the Club into a grand final things looked a bit dim until a try in the dying seconds of the match put us ahead and into the big one. The crowd went wild. Well done Poppy and the boys, 1 more win and it's yours!!

Sunday saw both the 16s and A-Reserves finish their seasons with hard fought wins over teams that were in the semis (St Johns and Engadine respectively). Well done boys, you should have been in them. However, those games were only warm ups for the 'match of the day', A grade's 4v5 semi against East Hills - nothing like

a local 'do or die' derby in a nearby location!! In a great game where we didn't get much luck, our 'winning finals experience' shone through. The message was clear - we are the defending premiers and we intend to defend it. Well done boys, it was sweet!

This weekend

The 11-3s get the week off which leaves Grant's 11s and Tim's 12s to fly the Saturday flag. Get to Roberts Park to support the 11s, this is the '1v2' and a great game is assured. The 12s are at home (very late) but have trained the house down for their elimination semi. Get there and get loud!! The A Grade do it all again at Neptune on Sunday, this time against St Johns. This is last years grand final replay so it will be intense.

Go The Saints

John Grealy



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*Join us this Saturday from ~4:30
(after the Under 12's game at home)
for post-match review and hopefully
to celebrate the success of our
Semi finalists.*

RESULTS ROUND 16 GAMES LAST WEEK: 8 & 9/08/09

Age	Opposition		For	Against
U/6- Div 4	v			
U/6- Div 1	v			
U/7- Div 2	v East Hills			
U/7- Div 1	v Moorebank			
U/8- Div 4	v Moorebank			
U/8- Div 1	v Moorebank			
U/9- Div1	v St Johns	L	6	12
U/10- Div 1	v Chester Hill	L	18	38
U/11- Div 3	v St George Dragons	W	22	18
U/11- Div 1	v Greenacre	W	Forfeit	
U/12- Div 1	v Bankstown Sports	W	40	12
U/13- Div 1	v St Johns	W	34	16
U/14- Div 1	v Berala	L	20	40
U/16's	v Bankstown Sports	W	10	8
U/19's	v			
A Reserves	v Engadine	W	34	24
A Grade	v East Hills	W	18	16

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U6-Red

U6-D1-Black

U7-Div 2 Lost 30-36 v East Hills

The boys returned to form this week and played a great game which went try for try. Unfortunately, we were always chasing from behind and whilst tying the score a few times, we were unable to get the win in the end.

Jarrold, Josh, Jacob, Harrison, Leon and Klayton all had top games in attack and defence. Dylan led the team with some great tries and defence. Big effort by Brodie to make a cover tackle on their big player over the sideline to stop a try. Ben played a good passing game at first receiver and made one of his best tackles for the season. Meihana was fast around dummy half, scoring twice and went very close to a couple more.

Thanks to everyone who attended for their support. Overall, the boys had a great season and did their supporters proud.

Tries: Dylan Hema (4), Meihana Nelson (2)

Goals: Jarrod Parsons, Josh Silk, Meihana Nelson

Man of the Match: Jarrod, Josh, Jacob, Harrison, Leon, Klayton, Dylan, Brodie, Ben, Meihana

U7- Div 1

U8- Div 4

U8- Div 1

U9- Div 1 Lost 6-12 v St. John's

This was our last game of the season and with the bare team and no reserves the boys took on a determined St Johns side. The defence from both sides was tight from the start with neither side making much ground in attack, however St Johns managed to break through for the first try and we were down 0-6. The boys continued to defend against a side that had some strong runners and were rewarded with a try to Michael who sped through several defenders to score a good solo try which he also converted. The boys went to the break at 6-6 and were still very much in the game. The second half started very much the same as the first half with a lot of defence and the odd good attacking raid from both sides. After some sustained defence, St Johns once again scored and we were behind by 6-12. The boys tried valiantly to try and get to the try line, but unfortunately the St Johns defence was just too strong on the day and they finished off the season with a loss.

At the end of the day, it wasn't to be the season to get to the semi-finals, but the boys can hold their heads up high as tried hard throughout the season. The team has a lot of potential and I know that if they stick together next year, that potential will come through and they can make a challenge for the title.

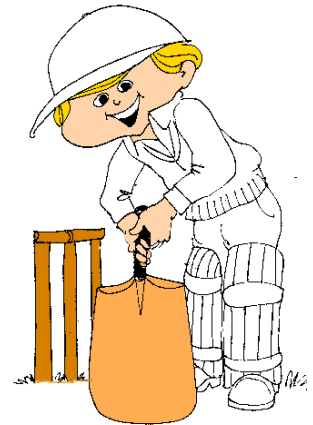
Thank you to Luke and Sello (respective Coach and Trainer) for the time and effort they put in and to the parents who supported their boys throughout the season.

Finally, thank you to the team of Jaidin O, Aaron, Michael, Angelo, Cooper, Bodie, Jayden G, Joel, Peter, Stuart, Ryan, Jayden K, Usaia, Shaun and Brad. You did yourselves proud and remember "NEVER GIVE UP AND BELIEVE IN YOURSELVES" as you have much to offer in the game of rugby league.
See you next year, Paul.

Tries: Michael, **Goals:** Michael

Goop Guys M.O.M.: Bodie

Encouragement Award: Stuart



St Christopher's Cricket Club will be holding registration days for the 2009/2010 season on Sunday August 16th and 23rd, at St Christopher's, Tower St. Panania, from 10.00 am to 12.00 noon.

All boys and girls welcome.

Contact Ken Hopper 9773-7529 or 0425-316-808 for further information

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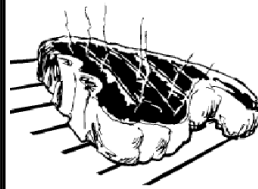
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U10- Div 1

U16's

SUNDAY

U11- Div 3

U19's

3:00 A Grade vs St. Johns at Neptune Park.

U11- Div 1

A Reserves

Grand Final replay from last year. Loser leaves town.

U12- Div 1

A Grade

Then back to **REVESBY PACIFIC HOTEL** with the big boys.

U13- Div 1 Won 36-16 v St. John's

The season has come to an end with a good win in an entertaining game with most of it provided by the ref with some comedy in the middle. The game started with poor handling by both sides and after a couple of scrums where the man in the middle was unsatisfied he decided to stop the game and call both coaches out and give them a lecture on scrumaging.

FINALS FEVER

Your Saints itinerary for this weekend:

Once the game settled down we found ourselves two tries down and after a reshuffle in the backline we soon started controlling the ball and took a 16-12 lead into halftime with the penalty count locked at 18 all. The second half started much the same with the referee blowing the pee out of the whistle at which time he decided to start arguing with the crowd. This must of had an effect on the boys as they muscled up and produced some of their best defence of the year before we then had two guys sin binned for tackling too hard.

FRIDAY

Joker Draw at Revesby Pacific Hotel, chance at winning \$4,960. Drawn at 6:30.



Come along to these games, wear your Saints colours and support our boys. Then join them afterwards at the sponsors' premises to (hopefully) celebrate our success.

Its semi finals time....

Again the boys attitude was terrific and they wouldn't throw it in as St Johns found the combination of Alex and Jaydn out wide too much and the boys ran away comfortable winners.

SATURDAY

We're hosting Finals at home from 9:00. Any help that Club Members can give during the day will be welcome eg. BBQ, canteen, housekeeping. Thank you.

GO SAINTS.

Jake and Billy were the pick of the forwards while Rhyse and Todd were tireless also. Great team effort guys.

TRIES: A.Mellor x3, J.McGregor x3, D.Jiminez
GOALS J.McGregor 4/7

Our boys games:

1:10 Grant's Under 11-1's vs Banstown Sports at Roberts Park



3:30 Tim's Under 12-1's vs Green-acre G at home.

U14- Div 1 v St. Johns Lost 20-40

In our last game of a long season against 3rd placed Berala, I am pleased to report the boys did muster a good effort for Keith's last game as Coach. We started slowly (again!) and looked like getting trampled but our forwards dug in. We scored a try and then another and all of a sudden we were only down 18-12 and looking good. It wasn't to be but the effort was there so good finish boys. Thanks to Keith and Col for their great work over the last 4 years and to super manager Trish for her efficiency this year.

Then all back to PANANIA DIGGERS for the post match review.

See you all for Broken Hill - it will be big!!



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Broken Hill Trip

9 - 17 October, Under 12's to 15's

The traditional Saints trip to Broken Hill will provide great memories and build great friendships for all involved. In addition to representing the district in a couple of games of rugby league the boys will experience the culture and history of the outback and this silver mining town.

Meeting:

Panania Diggers, 5:00 on Saturday 22 August for all Under 12's - 15's players and fathers who are coming on this years Broken Hill trip. It will be great.

For details contact JD: 0413 017 480.

Presentations

Juniors: Saturday 24 October
from 1:00pm at Vale of Ah

Seniors: Friday 23 October
From 7:30 at Revesby Pacific Hotel

WEEKLY WINNERS

Meat Trays: Steve Mayoh and Chris
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Saturday Meat Tray Raffles
Drawn 3 - 5

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Field Set-up: Volunteers needed

Field Clean-up: Under 12 Div 1

Canteen Duties: Volunteers needed

BBQ Duties: Volunteers needed

Joker Draw Raffle Revesby Pacific Hotel Friday: 14/08/09	Under 14's 5.30pm to 7.00pm
Meat Tray Raffles Revesby Pacific Hotel Saturday: 15/08/09 Join the winners list.	Under 6's 3:00 pm to 5.00pm Wear your club colours.

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 17

Games: Saturday 15th August 2009

Teams	Times	Club	Venue
U/6-Div 4		Season	Completed
U/6-Div 1		Season	Completed
U/7- Div 2		Season	Completed
U/7- Div 1		Season	Completed
U/8- Div 4		Season	Completed
U/8- Div 1		Season	Completed
U/9- Div1		Season	Completed
U/10- Div 1		Season	Completed
U/11- Div 3	BYE	BYE	BYE
U/11- Div 1	1:10	Bankstown Sports	Roberts Park-Semi
U/12- Div 1	3:30	Greenacre G	Bill Delauney Res-Semi
U/13- Div 1		Season	Completed
U/14- Div 1		Season	Completed

Games: Sunday 16th August, 2009

U16's		Season	Completed
U/19's		Season	Completed
A Res		TBA	
A Grade	3:00	St. John's	Neptune Park-Semi



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