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CLUB NEWS

President's Report

At last the sun came out and we could play some footy. Over at Hammondville the U6 Reds (who are mostly 4 years of age) made their keenly awaited rugby league debuts. They ended up with a 20 all draw, a great result for Coach Dave and his first timers. Back at home our 'experienced' U6 Black team went down by 4 against a fairly big Bulls team but coach Kim was impressed with the effort. The U7-2s got their season off to a great start with a resounding win over Colts – well done to Anthony and the boys.

Wylie's U8s had to move up to Division 1 after taking out the premiership last year and although they were beaten by St Johns, the boys showed all the right signs they will hold their own in the top grade. Harrington's 10-1s gave Greenacre a football lesson to run out comprehensive winners and score some great tries in the process. Good stuff.

Up at Neptune Poppy's 11-3s ran riot over Revesby to record their first win in 2 years! Needless to say the boys and supporters were stoked and nothing sounds better than 'our song' echoing around Neptune. The same can be said for Terry Lamb reserve where the U13-2s mercied Cheso just after half time.

Saturday night saw our 19s and A grade over at the Football Centre. Crackers' "on again, off again" 19s opened their season with a win over the Bulls using a couple of our burley U16s as their wingers. I hope the boys can show the same tenacity on the field as Chris has shown in getting the side together – looks they will. Mayo's As followed and were in the grand final replay against St Johns. They started slowly, then got ahead only to lose by a field goal in the last minute – but with 10 new players the good news is we are gonna be there when the whips are cracking.

Spare a thought for Troy's 'Shark As'. While we've been standing around for a couple of weeks, his boys have now played 3 games. After being re-graded to A reserve after 2 losses, the boys had to face the undefeated Renown on Sunday. They went down but scored some tries and definitely showed they'll be a force in their right comp.

See you at the Diggers on Saturday arvo/night

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RESULTS ROUND 1 GAMES LAST WEEK: 18 & 19/04/09

Age	Opposition		For	Against
U6-Red	Moorebank	D	20	20
U6-Black	Bankstown Bulls	L	22	26
U7- Div 2	Milperra Colts	W	34	14
U7- Div 1	St Johns	L	8	30
U8- Div 4	Bankstown Bulls	L	6	40
U8- Div 1	St Johns	L	14	20
U9- Div 1	Bye			
U10- Div 1	St Johns	W	42	10
U11- Div 3	Revesby Heights	W	50	0
U11- Div 1	Greenacre	L	10	12
U12- Div 1	Chester Hill	L	4	36
U13- Div 2	Chester Hill	W	60	0
U14- Div 1	Bye			
U16's	Berala Bears	L	22	36
U19's	Bankstown Bulls	W	16	4
U23's	Taren Point	L	4	54
A Grade	St Johns	L	12	13



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U6-Red Drew 20-20with Moorebank

The boys kicked off their season with a hard fought draw against Moorebank. Ryan led the charge scoring the first points for the game, followed by Braith, and Michael. With both teams scoring in turn it was always going to be a close game and Moorebank scored in the final minutes. Steven, Owen, Luke, and Jesse had some good runs with the ball and all the boys showed that training was paying off with some excellent tackles made against Moorebank. This was the first competition game any of the boys have played, well done!
 Tries: Ryan (2), Braith (1), Michael (2)
 M.O.M.: Michael

U6-Black Lost 22-26 Bankstown Bulls

Kick off was on time, Klayton received the ball and scored our first try 2 mins in, then converted to make it 6-0. This was promptly matched by the Bulls off the restart, then converted to equal the score. Klayton then retaliated 3 mins later to score again, Vincent took the kick but unfortunately fell a little short, but 10 points for effort. Bulls then followed with another try and failed to convert. First third siren rang in the middle of play, play continued to see Klayton in for his third try off some good ball work from his team mates. Iby kicked for goal but it wasn't quite there, good attempt mate. Ethan kicked off the second third with an excellent kick, Bulls caught it on the full and proceeded to a full field try scoring run, Ethan was right on his heels but didn't quite have the steam to catch him. The bulls then went over the line for another try a few minutes later, our boys defence was strong but they unfortunately slipped through. Bulls thought they were in for a third consecutive try but Joe-Joe had different ideas, and saved the day with a good chase and a dive to knock the other player over. Bulls gained possession and put down just short of the line, Klayton was quick to act, grabbed the ball and went in for a full field run and scored again. William took the conversion attempt, but unfortunately fell short, a bit more practice should see him get one over. Kayton went for another run backed up by William and Alex, but was pushed out as he went to put the ball down in the corner. Bulls scored another under the posts but failed to convert. Time was just about up when Ethan got the ball and went for it backed up by Jack, Ethan scored right on the full time siren, he also took the kick but it wasn't quite high enough. The boys had a good game, some more practice will see them all come together for some wins. Goop Guys
 M.O.M. Klayton
 Tries ; Klayton 4, Ethan 1.
 Goals ; Klayton 1.

U7- Div 2 Won 34-14 Milperra Colts

All the boys enjoyed a top start to the season. Josh showed the way early, running straight and hard, carrying defenders over the line for the first try. New recruits Dylan and Meihana were all over field and had great games. Harrison did well in his first game and Jacob had some good runs. Brodie played strong, particularly in cover defence and Ben got the attack going well with a good passing game. Well done and a big thanks to Klayton and Ibrahim who backed up from the 6's and contributed to the win.
 Tries: Meihana (4), Josh (2), Dylan (2)
 Goals: Josh

U7- Div 1

U8- Div 4

U8- Div 1 Lost 14-20 St Johns

Dave Wiley was a very nervous coach on Saturday morning. His boys have gone up a grade this year and he was wondering how they would perform in the ones. Saints were up against a much bigger St John's and they were overwhelmed in the first couple of minutes with two quick tries against them. However, they never gave up and Ryan was a standout in the first third topping the tackle count. We soon bounced back with a zippy run by Lachlan who scored in the corner and Isaac nicely converted the try. The second third saw Saints putting it to their opponents with strong running by Isaac and Nathan. Blake had a strong running game and was rewarded with our second try. Jack, Christian and Ahmed showed determination in both their tackling and running throughout the game and Cameron was always willing to take up the ball. By the last third the game was very close with only two points separating the sides, however, St John's scored the last try to make the final score 20 -14. The man of the match this week was the entire team who should be congratulated on the outstanding performance. Great work boys! We were all proud of your performance. Special thanks to Lee Donovan for standing in as trainer at short notice. Dave and Geoff would also like to thank the team manager Melinda for her fantastic organisational skills.

U9- Div 1

U10- Div 1 Won 42-10 St Johns

The first game of the season you never really know how well the team has prepared until you get on the field. The boys had been doing a lot of skills work in the pre season and this showed

clearly. As has been the case we are slow starters and let St Johns get the early lead. We soon hit back with some determined running and some very good team defence. This lead us to controlling the ball for much of the half and scoring a couple of good tries. The second half saw St Johns not keen to run at us and we hit them hard with some creative tries. With Jack and Silky controlling the ruck they were putting players into gaps all over the field. It was hard to pick 3,2,1 points as 8 of the 13 went down on the score sheet. Jack was however the standout amongst some other strong performances.

Tries Kyle Churchill (2), Rhys Harrington, Nathan Boland, Peter Silk, Jack Ryan, Lachlan Honey
 Goals Luke Reardon, Rhys Harrington, Peter Silk, Kyle Churchill, Jack Ryan, Adam Griffith, Nathan Boland
 Man of the Match Jack Ryan

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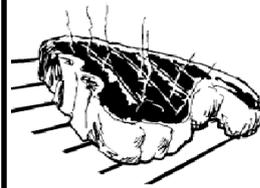
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U11- Div 3 Won 50-0 Revesby Heights

Wow what a great start to the season boys we had our first win in two years. The boys played well from the start and continued throughout the game. We welcome two new players in our side Jarrad Bryant and Tommy Ward both played well. Our forwards ran well with the ball in attack with Tui off loading to the backs where tries were scored. But boys we did drop the ball about three times from the kick off we will have to work on that. **Tries** scored by Harbs, Tui Scott 3, Donnie 2, Paul 2, Sniggs, **Goals** Dravet, Donnie, Harbs, Scott, Tommy. Boys lets keep up the good work and hope that this is the start of many more wins Well Done!

U11- Div 1 Lost 10-12 Greenacre

Unfortunately not the start to the season we were looking for going down to a very enthusiastic Greenacre side 10 points to 12. After scoring the first try, our game plan went down the drain and Greenacre began to assert some authority and started to dominate our attack with some solid defence. From there on it was all down hill and it showed in everything we tried. Our defence was soft with them making plenty of metres around the ruck. Fortunately for us there were some great performances and positives to come out of the game. Joey gave a great performance leading the team across the field as well as making some solid tackles. Man of the match Adam Ayshan put in a blinder of a game from the fullback position always making plenty of metres with his deceptive change of pace and neat little step. Steele, Josh R and Fatu tried hard all game. Hopefully this loss will give the boys the wake up call that they desperately needed. Its not a matter of just turning up and winning anymore.

Tries Fatu x 1, Josh N x 1

Goals Luke A

U12- Div 1 Lost 4-34 Chester Hill

Up against Chester Hill @ Terry Lamb was always going to be a good test round 1. This made harder due 6 regulars away on holidays giving us only 9 Boys. Big thanks to the under 11's allowing 4 players to play up giving us 13. Chesso scored Twice early from some jersey grabbing defence out wide making it 8 nil. After some good go forward from the forwards (which the forwards did well when we had the ball) we gained some much needed field position & started pressuring their line. We scored late in the half pegging it back to 8

- 4. After the restart & 50 seconds on the clock going to the break a try down was ok. A knock on the third tackle gave Chesso the ball again 30m out. The boys then defended hard for 5 tackles only to let Chesso in the corner on the last 12 - 4. The second half was a case of don't stop trying & keep up you effort. Lack of TEAMWORK in defence, to much jersey grabbing allowed Chesso to run away winners.

This game will give much needed fitness to some & we welcome the boys back from holidays. Thanks again to the U11's for showing the spirit of St Christophers & playing up for the 12's.

Tries: Toby

Players Player: Toby

U13- Div 2 Won 60-0 Chester Hill

The boys had a big win first up although we were not up against an opposition that were able to test us in any way, but the boys stuck to their game plan and just worried about getting our side of things right. The forwards easily dominated the Chesso pack with Mahde and Andrew playing strongly and Babs doing some good work out of dummy half on the back of quick play the balls. While the backs looked like scoring each time they had the ball with Alex running in 4 tries and Jaydn controlling the backs from five eight on top of kicking 9 from 9 goals. It was good effort from everyone, just hope we get more competition next game

TRIES: A.Mellor x4, B.Samuel x2, J.McGregor x2, A.Masima, M.Kheir

GOALS: J.McGregor 9/9, J.Grove 1/1

U14- Div 1

U16's

U19's Won 16-4 Bankstown Bulls

Poor handling from both sides prevented this game from being a great spectacle, but we will take the 2 pts just the same. I wasn't expecting any miracles when I think how our seasons been so far. One week we had a side then we didn't then we did and that is how we have limped along so far, no ball work sessions, hardly any fitness and it certainly showed on the paddock. But to the players credit they did defend well keeping the opposition to only 4 pts and that took the bulls 45 minutes to post that. We only had 13 men and ended up borrowing 2 from the u/16s to give us a couple of reserves. A special thanks to Taylor and will for helping us out. We only had 7 forwards and play-

ers had to fill in other positions to cover us, we had centres in the 2nd row Props on the wing 5/8 at hooker and vice versa and to the guys credit they really put in wherever they played. We were led well by our props James Martin and John Horwood who was voted players player John had a busy game topping the tackle count (24) and the hitups (13) he was well supported in defence by our skipper Tommy Wilson with 20 tackles and 12 hitups. Omar at fullback had a great game under the high ball and solid as a brick wall in defence, Justin D'Astoli also played well. We have a 2 week break now and will hopefully be able to attend to our fitness and ball work in this period to prepare us for our next game, Marc Walsh a former "A" Grader has the job of getting them fit and honing their skills. Marc joined us this week and the boys and I appreciate the time he is giving us, thanks mate. Try scorers Hoani, T.Quine and K.Miranda
Goals Omar Kasseem 2/3

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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: 17/04/09	5.30pm to 7.00pm Under 23's
Meat Tray Raffles Revesby Pacific Hotel Saturday: 18/04/09 Join the winners list.	3:00 pm to 5.00pm Under 6's Wear your club colours.

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 2

Games: Saturday 3rd May 2009

U6-Red	9:00	Greenacre	Bill Delauney
U6-Black	9:40	Moorebank	Bill Delauney
U7-Div 2		Bye	
U7-Div 1	10:20	Moorebank	Bill Delauney
U8-Div 4	11:00	St Johns	Begnell Oval
U8-Div 1	10:20	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb Complex
U9-Div 1	12:20	St Johns	Begnell Oval
U10-Div 1	11:00	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney
U11-Div 3	11:50	East Hills	Bill Delauney
U11-Div 1	1:10	St Johns	Begnell Oval
U12-Div 1	12:40	Bankstown Spts	Steve Folks Reserve
U13-Div 2	12:40	Berala	Bill Delauney
U14 Div 1	1:50	Berala	Bill Delauney
U23's	3:00	Cronulla Caringbah	Marton Park, Kurnell
A Grade	6.00	Moorebank	Crest Stadium

Games: Sunday 3rd May, 2009

U16's	11:15	Bankstown Spts	Steve Folks Reserve
U19's	1:45	St Johns	Begnell Oval



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