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President's Report

Once again the weekend brought a mixed bag in our quest for semi spots. The 10-3s claimed their spot with a hard fought win over 2nd placed St Johns to prove to themselves and their supporters they can go further. The 9-1s could only manage a draw which means they are now only playing for pride on the weekend. The 14s got over run in the last 10 minutes which means they can now only hope for a play off. The A grade also gave away a lead to go down to Moorebank and blow their chance at clear 2nd. Out of the semi race, both the 11s finished their seasons with wins while the 13-2s departed with a tough one against Berala. Thanks to all the staff involved with these sides.

The highlight on Saturday was the 19s. With the 2 best sides in the comp playing for the minor premiership, every footy tragic in the area had gathered at the ground. And what a game!! Big hits, good tries and a fast pace. And we won - well done boys.

This weekend

On Saturday all roads should lead to Bill Delauney. The 10-3s are our first team to play a semi this season and are in the 3v4 at home. The 14s are also at home a bit later in the day. There are no second chances for either of these sides. **All you sides who have finished and didn't make semis should get there to support the boys and see what semis are about**. Similarly the A grade must win on Sunday to get back into the 4. They're doing it tough with injuries but I'm hoping their Saints spirit will lift them. They're at Steve Folkes at 1.30pm on Sunday. Go the Saints

Vale Marj Smith

Marj passed away last Thursday at 84 years of age. For those that follow the history of our Club, Marj was the wife of Ron, our first Club secretary in 1965 and our first life member. Their son Peter is a 10 year player and was a member of our first team. Both Ron and Marj were instrumental in the forming of our Club so that made Marj the 1st 'first lady'. And for those mums out there that think it's tough doing 20 minutes in the canteen on a Saturday, Marj's main task was to hand sew the numbers and crests onto our jersies!! Our condolences to Ron, Pete and their families.

Results for 30/31 July 2011

Age	Opposition		For	Against
U/6-Div 4	Moorebank			
U/6-Div 2	Bears			
U/6-Div 1	Moorebank			
U/7- Div 3	Season finished			
U/7- Div 2	Season finished			
U/7- Div 1	Season finished			
U/8- Div1	Season finished			
U/9- Div2	Season finished			
U/9- Div 1	Tigers	Drew	24	24
U/10- Div 3	Johnnies	Won	18	14
U/10- Div 1	Chester Hill	Lost	0	18
U/11- Div 2	Bears	Won	28	0
U/11 Div 1	Chester Hill	Won	12	10
U/12- Div 1	Dragons	Lost	6	36
U/13- Div 2	Bears	Lost	0	62
U/13– Div 1	Bankstown Sports	Lost	10	52
U/14	Tigers	Lost	22	26
U/16	BYE	BYE		
U/19	Dragons	Won	20	12
A Grade	Moorebank	Lost	22	26

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U/6 Div 4 - Season Completed

U/6 Div2 - Season Completed

U/6 Div 1 - Season Completed

U/7 Div 3 - Season Completed

U/7 Div 2 - Season Completed

U/7 Div 1 Lost 30-34 v Chester Hill

What a cracker of a game. This was one of the best games of mini's footy for the year and we were unlucky to go down to the competition leaders. After yet another round washout we were drawn to play Chester Hill at Terry Lamb, with us requiring a win to make the finals, it brought out the best in our boys. The ground was very heavy despite a good week of weather, which showed how much rain we had the previous week.

The boys showed up very determined to earn their place in the finals and this showed throughout the whole game. We kicked off to commence game with a deep kick from Jared and the first few tackles set the scene, with Riccardo taking it to the big bopper in Chester Hill in some great one on one tackles. All the boys got moving up on the bigger players, with Sean, Jordan and Trent making great tackles. When we got the ball, Zac, Alex, Jared and Kaled all making good runs. About halfway through the third which we were dominating in terms of field position Trent scored a smart try from dummy half which Jared converted to give us the lead 6 – 0. On the restart Chester Hill used their big boppers one after the other to drive us back and then they scored a converted try to draw level at 6 -6. We took the restart and had them under pressure with us going close to scoring another try, with Riccardo tackled just short of the line on the last and continuing to dominate field position. The boys went into the break on a high and the coach ensured that the focus was on the game and not to get too excited.

Chester Hill kicked off to recommence the game and Sean showed some great urgency to cover the kick off, and then we saw some great runs from Luke, Sean and Jared which created the opportunity for Kaled to make a great break to score a try converted by Bailey to regain the lead 12 -6. After some hard work in defence we held Chester Hill out with some desperate work in defence and had to work the ball out of own half. Chester Hill got the ball in our half and converted this field position into points with another converted try after again reverting to their big boppers 12 -12. However we got a try on restart with Bailey making a great run and then Jordan putting on the big run and side step to score for us which Trent converted to give us an 18- 12 lead with 4 minutes to go in the third. Our defence forced an early error in the next set with great work by Bailey, Jared and Kaled. This saw us with the ball in reasonable field position and after some good early runs Alex broke the line with a very aggressive charge and when in open space did not look back to score a try which Kaled converted to give us the lead 24 – 12. The boys struggled occasionally with the size of the Chester Hill forwards and despite this never stopped trying in defence. After a repeat set following a penalty Chester Hill scored another converted try for 24 – 18. We went close to scoring again from dummy half but the ref ruled a knock on over the line. The Chester Hill coach was very animated during the break and they appeared to be looking over their shoulders with some trepidation as the mighty Saints were on a roll. Riccardo made a great kick off for us and this led to an error from Chester Hill and we look like being in place to finish out the game. However the boys got too adventurous early in the tackle and handed back possession and we struggled to set the line and this provided an opportunity for Chester Hill to go all way down field and score a try to reduce our lead to 24 – 22. We had the ball back and Riccardo, Bailey, Luke and Zac all made great runs taking the ball up fearlessly. In defence, with Trent pulling off the tackle of the season taking the legs from a big bopper in full flight and also Jared, Sean and Jordan were everywhere. However the game had become more even and Chester Hill used a combination of size and skill to score another converted try just over half way through the last third to take the lead for the first time at 24 - 28. In a normal game Chester Hill would have changed the tempo and ground out the win, but our boys had something else in mind, never die wondering about what if? From the restart Sean, Kaled and Riccardo made huge meters and then in answer to the supporters call Jared put it on to score a try which Riccardo converted to give us the lead 30- 28 with just over 2 minutes to play. On restart Chester Hill seemed to keep the ball alive and when we thought we had stopped the phase the pass somehow got out the back and combined with an effective charge by the big bopper created an opportunity for them to score a converted try out wide with our boys dragged over the line to lead 30 -34 with seconds remain. We sprinted up to take the restart and we had them going back with Kaled and finally Jared was pulled down attempting to score again. The teams walked off the field to a standing ovation in recognition of an outstanding game of football and this was truly a game that we did not deserve to lose. The boys never stopped trying and worked very hard for the full game, but in the end the work in defence against the big Chester Hill forwards took its toll. We had more opportunities and dominated the field position for much of the game and over the last 3 or 4 games showed how good a footy team we are. This was our last game for the season, which had several interruptions due to the wash out rounds and we were unlucky that some these occurred before or after the bye for us. The boys can be proud of their efforts for the season and thank the Coach, Trainers, Managers and all the parents, grandparents and other supporters for the positive way in which they cheered them on. We may have one more game together if the proposed mini rule changes are tested in game conditions. To all our other teams still playing good luck and wear the colours with pride.

Go the Saints.

Tries: Trent, Kaled, Jordan, Alex & Jared
Goals: Bailey, Jared, Trent, Kaled & Riccrado
Goop Guys MOM: Luke
Coach's award: Zac
ENC: Bailey & Kaled

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U/ 8 Div 1 - Season Completed

U/9 Div 2 .- Season Completed

U/9 Div1 Drew 24-24 v Greenacre

U/10 Div 3 Won 18-14 v St Johns

Hard Work Pays Off
We couldn't be more proud of our boys, is wasn't that long ago when St John's beat us by 40 points. To turn it around and win by 4 in a close and nerve racking encounter. Without doubt our home team crowd helped get the boys fired up to win their most important game of the year.
Overall a great team effort, Vincent was on fire leading the way in the both half's with solid barnstorming runs, leading to our 1st try scored by Corey from dummy half and scoring his very own. Daniel and Camille again led the way with strong metres up the middle, Camille's golden boot continues to shine, whist Captain Jordan R controlled the game well and lead the boys around the park.

Jarred and JD inspired the team in defence, resulting in a JD special scoring a crucial winning try. Ben, Jordan T and Mark continue to work for each other and the team in defence. Eddie and Reece put on some good runs helping the teams go forward. Another special mention goes to Corey, for a kid his side he has no fear and takes on the big boys, go get them Corey!
Well we made the semi's, a result six weeks ago we would have thought impossible, but the team worked hard for each other and they all learnt 1 crucial thing DEFENCE WINS GAMES! Keep it going boys, your two games closer to making the grand final!

Final score
St Christopher's 18-St John's 14

Tries = Corey, JD & Vincent

Goals = Camille x2, JD x1

U/10 Div 1 Lost 0-18 v Chester Hill

U/11Div 2 Won 28-0 v Berala

This week's final round of football saw the boy's head down to Peter Hislop and take on a spirited Berala Bears side who were trying desperately hard for their first win of the season. To also include that a win for us today was not negotiable in ensuring our final game of the year would see the TEAM not only go out with a win, but more importantly being able to finish the season on a high and with some "***restored pride", (Always remember boy's who you are and where you come from)……***

The first half of the game saw both sides contesting for the ball resulting in an even amount of possession and through some strong score line defence and clever scoring opportunies up the middle of the park in attack. Saw the TEAM head into the half time break with a 10 – 0 points lead.

The second half started off the same as the first with the game now becoming a bit of a tight arm wrestle. Which resulted in the boy's needing to improve their attack by passing the ball around with a lot more confidence and in doing so. Allowed some very good tries being scored not only through several sets of hands, but also the ability to continue to gain good metres. To also mention that the boy's last tackle effort in their kick and chase also had the opposition on the back foot. In not only paving the way for a very comfortable win in the end, but also making each of their attacking sets a force to be reckoned with, ***(Well done boy's and that's what clever football is all about)…..***

With this weeks tries being awarded to, Aaron Karnold, (3), Mohamed Arnaout, (1) Michael Tanveski, (1). With our successful kicks of goal going to, Ryan Dunn, (1) Cooper Ellison, (1) James Mc Kenna, (1) Joel Williams, (1).

We would also like to add a very special ***"THANK YOU"*** to our Super Coach Bryan Hannigan and Head Trainer Paul Ellison for their valuable time and effort each week. In not only getting the boy's onto the field and ready to play, but also their ability in passing on their own knowledge and experience to everyone involved. In also saying a very big ***"THANK YOU"*** to all the parents who assisted throughout the year where ever required.

With a very special ***"THANK YOU"*** to all the boys on their hard earned commitment and dedication. To also include boy's what we spoke about after this week's game**,** ***(Winners Never Quit)…..***

U/11 Div 1 Won 12-10 v Chester Hill

U/12 Div 1 Lost 6 - 36 v Dragons
Our boys were up against it from the kick off and without any ball were hardly in the game during the 1st half. For most of this season the boys have been slow starters in their games, and don't start playing till the 2nd half. At half time we were down 0 - 32. But a motivated speech from the Coach had them playing out of their skins when they returned. The courage of Bodie & Lachlan, playing up from the 11's, brought the best out in the boys and you could see the momentum shift. A smart kick and chase from Luke pinned them down in their quarter, then a gang tackle by half our Team forced a held in goal. We recovered the ball, with a quick great try to Jonah then converted by Luke. So at full time we had won the 2nd half 6 - 4. Next week will be our last game for this season, so show the coaching staff and parents what you have learnt this season.

Try: Jonah
Goal : Luke

U/13 Div 2 Lost 0-62 v Berala

Tough end to a tough season. Great effort from the boys that showed up for the last round of the season against the hard hitting Berala Bears. With the bears having seven subs and none to be heard of for Saints little was going to stop them. The boys did well in the first half to hold them out with only

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three tries in the first 20 minutes and they took some big hits along with it. With a little breather at half time they went back on trying to defend their line but with a few fast runs down the side line saw the Bears steam ahead to mercy us just before full time. The boys never gave up considering we only had 12 on the field and never gave up all season. They deserve a pat on their back for their persistence and great effort.

U/13 Div 1 Lost 10-52 V Sports

U/14 Lost 26-22 v Greenacre

Round 17. We travel to the home of football and face Greenacre. After beating the Dragons two weeks ago and getting a bye the boys are keen to play some footy. We start well and play good simple tough footy. An early try followed by another smart one takes us up 12 nil. There's an old saying that you only play as well as the opposition lets you, and we do very well to control the game, frustrating Greenacre by defending very well in the middle. By half time we are up 18-8 and the boys know they can go on with it.

In the second half we again control the game quite well and spend a large amount of time in their red zone. But we don't convert time in possession and field position into points. On four occasions we fail to deliver the knockout blow and Greenacre hang in there. The score with 15 to go is 18-8. Then it becomes 18-14, then we go ahead 22-14. The last seven minutes become frantic as both teams lose composure and control, the tigers score through a defensive lapse and get within two with only minutes remaining.

A couple of errors by us gift Greenacre with good field position, and in the dying seconds they score out wide to win. The boys are gutted. As was every Saints person at the match. I'm writing this immediately after the game having a beer, I can't be critical of the boys, they just gave it their all today, every single one of them.

Both the props, second rowers and lock played the full game without a single interchange. The smaller kids in the team played with very big hearts. Everyone gave it their all. At no stage did anyone give up. I'm not going to offer any excuses for our season this far, yes we have had a bad run of injuries and yes lady luck has turned her back on us in bounce of the ball decisions this year, but, the simple fact is that these kids, week in and week out, keep turning up to play with and for each other against much bigger stronger opponents, teams that have double the number of reserves that we field each week. And each week they make me proud to be lucky enough to be their coach.

Well done boys, our season is not over yet.

U/16 BYE
U/19 Won 20-12 v Dragons

A Grade Lost 22-26 v Moorebank

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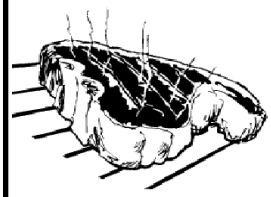

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THIS WEEKS GAMES:

Games: Saturday 13th Aug, 2011

Teams	Times	Club	Venue
U/6- Div 4		Gala Day	Peter Hislop
U/6- Div 2		Gala Day	Peter Hislop
U/6- Div 1		Gala Day	Peter Hislop
U/7- Div 3		Season	Complete
U/7- Div 2		Season	Complete
U/7- Div 1		Season	Complete
U/8- Div 1		Season	Complete
U/9- Div 2		Season	Complete
U/9- Div 1	9.00	Bankstown Sports	Delauney
U/10- Div 3	9.50	Moorebank	Delauney
U/10- Div 1		Johnnies	Jim Begnall
U/11- Div 2		Season finished	
U/11- Div 1		Season finished	
U/12- Div 1	2.00	Bulls	Bankstown Footy Centre
U/13- Div 2		Season finished	
U/13- Div 1	1.50	Tigers	Roberts Park
U/14	1.50	Moorebank	Delauney

Games: Saturday 14th Aug 2011

U/16	2.00	Regents Park	Guilfoyle
U/19	1.15	Johnnies	Terry Lamb
A Grade	1.30	Bulls	Folkes

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