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CLUB NEWS

President's Report

A successful weekend!! The 10-3s were in the elimination final at home and in a seesawing encounter managed to hang on in a thriller 18-14. Well done boys. The 14s needed to win to force a play off – they too got the bickies. The 19s had to win to secure a top 2 spot by beating St Johns, mission accomplished. And the A grade, decimated with injuries, had to beat a fully fit Bulls to make the 4. They dug extra deep and got the money. Away from the semis the 9-1s, 10-1s, 12-1s and 16s finished their seasons in dead rubbers. Thanks to their staff for looking after the boys.

Then on Tuesday night the 14s gathered with their vast army of supporters to play Cheso. The golden rule of playoffs is have more supporters than the opposition. We outnumbered them 5 to

Results for 13/14 August 2011

Age	Opposition		For	Against
U/6-Div 4	Gala Day			
U/6-Div 2	Gala Day			
U/6-Div 1	Gala Day			
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	Bankstown Sports	Lost	6	30
U/10- Div 3	Moorebank	Won	18	14
U/10- Div 1	Johnnies	Lost	0	54
U/11- Div 2	Season finished			
U/11 Div 1	Season finished			
U/12- Div 1	Bulls	Lost	10	56
U/13- Div 2	Season finished			
U/13- Div 1	Tigers	Lost	22	24
U/14	Moorebank	Won	36	6
U/16	Regents Park	Lost	18	24
U/19	Johnnies	Won	16	14
A Grade	Bulls	Won	30	22

1 and the boys responded by running over them in the 2nd half. Great work team and supporters.

This weekend

We have 5 teams left and the great news is, we can get to every game. Saturday see the 10-3s play their final at Begnell (10am); then head to Neptune and get comfortable because we've got the 13s in their sudden death semi (12.45pm) and the 14s in their semi also (3.15pm). Then to the Diggers.

Sunday we've got 2 in a row at Killara. The 19s play Dragons in the 1 v 2 semi (1.45pm) while the A grade take on Kingsgrove Colts (3pm) in the 3 v 4 elimination final. Plenty of great Saints football so let's get behind the boys and support them.

Go the Saints

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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 Season Completed
U/8 Div 1 - Season Completed
U/9 Div 2 - Season Completed
U/9 Div1 Lost 6-30 v Sports
U/10 Div 3 Won 18-14 v Moorebank
U/10 Div 1 Lost 0-54 v St Johns
U/11Div 2 Season Completed
U/11 Div 1 Season Completed
U/12 Div 1 Lost 56 - 10 v Bankstown Bulls
Well our season has come to a finish with this lost to the Bulls, and we can pack away the footy gear too look towards summer and to many the sound of bat on Ball. Looking back over the season Coach Pete spent tireless hours in the dark & cold teaching our boys new football skills that will help them when they are facing countless larger and harder running man-children, like those encountered here at Ruse Park. The score on the day doesn't matter and where our boys finished on the Table years from now will seem unimportant. For our boys have learnt more about friendship, teamwork and never giving up when life sends them challenges that will help them away from footy. On behalf of the boys I would like to thank the coaching staff for the life skills our boys have gained this year and hope every1 will be back next year for more.

Tries: Sammy x 2.

Goals: Rhys

MOM: Pete, Tim, Jason, Paul and the Under 12's

U/13 Div 2 Season Completed

U/13 Div 1 Lost 22-24 v Greenacre

U/14 Won 36-6 v Moorebank

The last round of the regular season has us at home against Moorebank. It's position 5 versus position 6. On line for us is a chance to force a play off for fourth spot and a shot at the semis.

We start well, play some good field position but bomb a couple of chances with poor ball control. Moorebank have come to play, they have nothing to lose and tested us last time. It takes a little while for our first points but they do come with some simple footy and we pull away to lead 18 nil at half time. The forwards have put in a good effort and control the

middle, having a stronger bench than that we have had since round 1 enables us at last to rotate our props, all four of which put in strong efforts for the whole game. Both second rowers dominate the opposition and play off the front rowers giving us great field position and plenty of attacking options. Kane at lock finds the form that I know is in him and plays a good full game.

After the break we continue to dominate and find the rhythm that we need to control the pace and position of the game. Apart from a mild lapse in the second half the boys really put in and stick to the game plan well, controlling the ball and playing down their end. Moorebank to their credit never give up but they just can't compete with the 16 Saints players. By full time its 36-6 and we sneak into the play offs.

Highlights, kicking six from six goals, Branden and Kane both running into good form at the right end of the season, the success of the 4 front rowers in controlling the middle for the full hour, both Liam and Nathan N adapting well to their positional changes, the good offensive play and defence by both sides of the backline all day. Pikea was Captain today and played like one, leading from the front.

The main highlight - the happy look on all the boys faces as they came off the field.

We are sudden death from here but even though we still don't have our Captain Davo on the field with us, we are still a chance to cause some trouble in the semis. Bring it on.

U/14 Semi Final Playoff Won 24-16 v Chester Hill

On a cool night we face Chester Hill, this years big improvers for 4th spot, if 4th spot was decided on for and against we wouldn't be here, but we are. Teams 2 3 4 & 5 are only separated by 2 competition points, not bad after 15 games of footy. Having played them twice this year and lost both the boys knew exactly what needed to be done to win the one that counts.

We get under way and after a dour start sprinkled with spilled ball both teams settle into the battle. Chesos have the early field

position but the defence holds and eventually we push them away from our tryline. They in turn cope with us quite well and the first half becomes a grind as ball control improves and all the bodies out there warm to the contact. Chesos get first points and convert (some people close to that conversion reckon the kick missed by 4 feet, the ref spotted it but as both touchies raised their flags he couldn't overrule). We strike back and we go to half time at 6 all.

In the huddle at half time I knew we were in it, the boys were still fresh and they knew they were getting on top. The battle resumes. Chesos score to go up by six after some lazy edge defence is punished. It doesn't take long for Saints to strike back and even it up. A great individual try by Dean and a terrific conversion put us up by six. At this stage of proceedings the boys up the ante, a glut of possession and good field position allow us to chew up time and put constant pressure on Chesos who are just starting to realise what's involved in semi final football.

Looking for a heartbreaker the field goal attempt hits the post, rebounds, and gifts us with a repeat set. We score under the post, convert and go up by 12 with less than 8 remaining. Saints hang tough and although Chesos do score out wide with 2 remaining they fail to convert and we win by 8.

Highlights - Branden's tackle early in the match on Simon, hurling him over the sideline (that really set the tone for us in defence). The great work by all the forwards for the whole night, either carting it up, or defending shoulder to shoulder. Liam's work in defence and two clever tries. The maturity starting to emerge in Deans game. The wholehearted effort put in by all the boys, each and every one of them, for the whole of the game. The belief they have in each other. Lowlights - Chesos putting on the biff after the siren.

U/16 Lost 18-24 v Regents Park

U/19 Won 16-14 v St Johns

A Grade Won 30-22 v Bulls

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St Christopher's Cricket Club

Not long until we get the warm weather and the crack of leather on willow

Main registration days for season 2011/12

Saturday 20th August

**Panania Shopping Centre,
Cnr Tower and Anderson St
9am to 12.00 noon**



Junior teams from Mini's to Under 16's and Seniors
boys and girls welcome

Season starts Saturday 10th September

A copy of a birth certificate is required for new players.

Additional info: Brett Court 0414 980 860

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Promote Your Business with St. Christopher's
Rugby League

St. Christopher's offers a unique opportunity for suitable businesses to promote their products and services through sponsorship of our Club.

We offer our sponsors a range of promotion including:

- **Advertising in the Club's weekly newsletter (distributed to all Club members)**
- **Sponsor banner displayed during games at our home ground**
- **Note - two unique banner spaces will soon be available at the half way shed**
- **Advertising on our Club web site**
- **Sponsor sign in our Club House**
- **Special events held at Sponsor premises**
- **Use of Sponsor goods and services for Club activities**
- **Use of Sponsor goods and services by Club members for domestic and commercial activities.**

Other suggestions are welcome.....

Download the Sponsors Pack from the Saints website <

<http://www.stchristophers.com.au/sponsors.htm>>; (go to the Sponsors tab)

Saints Supporters

Wear your club colours to our games
and when visiting our sponsors.

Saints gear is on sale this weekend:

Caps, shirts, jackets,

Key rings, stubby holders.

Package deals available - check it out.

Panania Diggers Meat Tray Raffles Saturday	U/6 4.30-5.30
Joker Draw Raffle Revesby Pacific Hotel Friday:	U/16's 5.30pm to 7.00pm
Meat Tray Raffles Revesby Pacific Hotel Saturday: Join the winners list.	U/11 4.30-5.30

WEEKLY WINNERS

Meat Trays:-

\$50 Meat Baron Voucher: Gary Wise

Diggers Raffles—Club Patrons



all new
Revesby Pacific Hotel

Dining Room

Drive-in Bottle Shop

Gaming Room

Wednesday Badge Draw

Thursday & Friday Lingerie

Friday Joker Jackpot: \$3650

Drawn at 6:30

Saturday Meat Tray Raffles

Drawn 3 - 5

178 The River Road, Revesby.

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Field Set-up

Field Clean-up:

Canteen Duties:

BBQ Duties:

THIS WEEKS GAMES:

Games: Saturday 20th Aug, 2011

Teams	Times	Club	Venue
U/6- Div 4		Season	Complete
U/6- Div 2		Season	Complete
U/6- Div 1		Season	Complete
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		Season	Complete
U/10- Div 3	10.00	St Johns	Begnall Oval
U/10- Div 1		Season	Complete
U/11- Div 2		Season	Complete
U/11- Div 1		Season	Complete
U/12- Div 1		Season	Complete
U/13- Div 2		Season	Complete
U/13- Div 1	12.45	Moorebank	Neptune
U/14	3.15	Dragons	Neptune

Games: Sunday 21st Aug 2011

U/16		Season	Complete
U/19	1.45	Dragons	Killara Res
A Grade	3.00	Kingsgrove Colts	Killara Res



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