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President's Report

As we get towards the business end of the season, our focus moves towards semi finals and those sides that can make them. Our 8-1s needed to beat Moorebank to build a little confidence to take into their semis in a couple of weeks – mission accomplished with a good 30-16 win. The 9s had lost a wheel in the last 2 games but managed to get it fixed in the dying seconds of the game when they scored in the corner to steal the 2 points from Bulls. Gotta love that! The 10s! They played out of their skins to beat the Dragons 18-6 and are now a big chance for the semis – I don't need to remind them they have a local derby this weekend so they need to be super pumped again. The 12-1s were back to full strength and flexed that muscle with a comprehensive win over Moorebank. Great work. Unfortunately the 14s got a few bad calls which meant they must keep winning to stay in the 4 – we can do that! Away from home both our 7s continue to play well and it is a real shame there are no semis for these boys. Our 6s all went down but put in good efforts especially the 6-2s who were a bit unlucky to only go down by a try (but I did love their quick play the balls!). The 13s were at Roberts and came from behind to beat the Tigers by 2 – good effort and that win will boost their confidence when they play them again in the semis. Over at Begnell, judging by the score, the 12-3s must have played on an old fashioned mud heap – 4 nil!! When did we last hear of such a score. They tell me it was great defence (not mud) so the boys can take that into the semis. And it must have been the defence because the 8-3s (also at Begnell) were in a 'try-a-thon' going down 44-32. 76 points, 30 minutes! Only JB from the A grade could work that out!!
Sunday saw the 15s try hard, the 19s get out of jail against masquerading Mascot while the A grade put in their best effort of the year to go down by 6 against the 2nd placed Penshurst.

This weekend
Macca's **11-3s** commence their assault on the premiership in the 2 v 3 semi at Neptune (12.40pm kick off). Please make an effort to support the boys – it can't be any closer! The **14s** are at Moorebank at 3.10pm and must win to stay alive. Supporters welcome. On Sunday we have 3 sides at Smith Park??!!#$@!!?. The **19s** must beat the Bulls to stay in the top 2. The Bulls must win to make the 4.This game will a cracker. The A grade play their last local game of the season to finish the day. Be There.

Reminders
If you're a **touch judge/linesman** in U6s to U13s and there is a fight, just watch. You cannot go on the field to break it up. The ref and the ground officials will do that.
If you're a **trainer** in U6s to A grade and there is a fight, just watch. You too are not allowed on. Refs handle the middle.
AND **supporters** – follow the ball and not the ref. Stay positive in your support.

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John Grealy

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Round 12 Results

Team	Opposition	Venue	Result	For	Against
6.4	Auburn Warriors	Delauney	Lost	16	32
6.2	Dragons	Delauney	Lost	12	16
6.1	Tigers	Delauney	Lost	18	36
7.3	Bears	Peter Hislop	Won	32	30
7.1	Johnnies	Delauney	Drew	24	24
8.3	Johnnies	Jim Begnall	Lost	32	44
8.2	Moorebank	Delauney	Lost	24	30
8.1	Moorebank	Delauney	Won	30	16
9.2	Bulls	Delauney	Won	20	16
10.1	Dragons	Delauney	Won	18	6
11.3			BYE		
11.1	Moorebank	Hammondville	Lost	4	24
12.3	Johnnies	Jim Begnall	Lost	0	4
12.1	Moorebank	Delauney	Won	18	6
13.2	Tigers	Roberts Park	Won	20	18
14.1	Johnnies	Jim Begnall	Lost	16	26
15.2	Mascot	Neptune	Lost	10	32
19	Mascot	Neptune	Won	24	22
A	Penshurst	Evatt	Lost	6	12

U/6 Div 4

U/6 Div 2

U/6 Div 1

Under 7's Div 3

Under 7-1

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U8-3 Lost 32 – 44 V St Johns

The boys were at Begnell Oval this week to face up against a St Johns outfit that even though managed to put 44 points on the scoreboard against us. Again it wasn't a true reflection as to how well the TEAM did actually put in and play well.

As not only was this arguable the best performance the TEAM has put together so far this year, but as a result during the first two thirds of the game the boys did manage to match the opposition try for try with some great counter attack in evening out the sores during this period. With the only real difference separating both sides apart was who in the end would receive the majority of the ball. Which unfortaunalty ended up in the oppositions favour going into the final third period, ***(well done everyone and again you made us all very proud)……..***

With this weeks **Man of the Match Award** going to Blake Dimovski: Who was always there in both attack and defence helping out his team mates. Played strong all day and as a result scored a top try whilst catching the opposition off guard. ***Well done Blake……***

With this week tries being awarded to: **Liam Taufa (4), Blake Dimovski (1) Tommy Achram (1)** and our successful kicks at goal going to: **Liam Taufa, Ky Rodoreda, Blake Dimovski, Tommy Achram**

U/8 Div 2

U/8 Div 1 Won 30 – 16 V Moorebank

We were back at home this week facing Moorebank and the boys were looking to put their season back on track after last week's encounter.

Moorebank won the toss and elected to kick off, which in mini footy is a smart option. The boys were not as daunted by the Moorebank side, despite the size differences and played smart football. Solid runs from Jared, Kaled, Ricardo, Jordan and Sean were supported by good efforts in defence from Trent, Zac and Bailey. We scored early in the first third with Ricardo barging over after going through the Moorebank line, for a well-deserved try, and with Bailey planting the conversion we were in front 6 – 0. On the tap restart our defence tackled the Moorebank player out and we were on the attack again, which saw Kaled score and convert to extend our lead to 12 -0. Moorebank got a penalty in the next set and as so often is the case in rugby league the opposition scores after getting a repeat set and reduced our lead to 12 – 6. The boys fired up after some dubious refereeing decisions and ended the third on a high note with Jordan scoring our third try, which Jared converted on the bell for a lead of 18 – 6 at the break.

In previous games against Moorebank this season Ricardo had almost kicked the ball dead from a kick off and as he lined up to kick off, the Moorebank players to a man all started to move back but to no avail as the booming kick bounced just before the try line and skidded straight out the back. We were now looking at getting the ball back from a Moorebank drop kick, however we made an error on the return and Moorebank had the ball back. After another penalty for a high tackle Moorebank took advantage of a staggered defence line and a missed knock on to score and were back in the game at 18 – 10. We worked hard in defence for the rest of third with good work by Trent, Bailey, Alex, Luke and Jared working together to stop the Moorebank runners. When we had the ball Zac, Jordan and Ricardo all made good

runs. Despite our best efforts in attack we could not get any more points in this third, but more importantly we stopped Moorebank from scoring. We went into the break leading 18 – 10 and the rhythm of the game had been broken by some questionable decisions by the referee.

Moorebank kicked off to start the third and despite being asked to cover the side lines during the break by the coach, the ball went out and Moorebank were on the attack in good field position. Taking advantage of the good field position and despite some good efforts in defence by Trent, Luke, Zac and Klaed Moorebank got over for a converted try to reduce the lead to 18 - 16. The boys seemed to snap out of their reverie stage after this and following the tap restart by Bailey, Ricardo scored and with Alex slotting the extras we were back in front by more than a converted try at 24 -16. The boys worked hard in attack with Alex, Bailey, Sean and Ricardo all making big runs and gaining meters. Our defence was back and moving up and despite Moorebank getting some second phase plays from off loads, we were able to shut down their attacking raids. Late in the third Trent scooted away on the last to score and with Zac converting we rounded out the scoring at 30 -16.

This game was impacted by poor refereeing which interrupted the flow and affected the quality of the game. As has been the case in most of our games this season, the boys compete very well for twenty of the thirty minutes each week and in this game we went from leading 18 – 4 to 18 -16 in around a ten minute period from part way through the second third too early in the last third. We then got back into the game to run out comfortable winners on the scoreboard. As the season draws to a close we need to be playing consistently for the full game and the challenge in the final rounds will be to achieve this going into the semis. As we were the last mini game at home this week, the boys got to sing the song in the middle of the field as the field was converted to mod format. The boys now commence preparation for our next game against the competition leaders and we look forward to the challenge.

GO THE SAINTS.

Tries: Ricardo X2, Jordan X1, Kaled X1, Trent X1
Goals: Alex X1, Bailey X1, Jared X1, Kaled X1, Zac X1
Goop Guys M.O.M: Trent
ENC: Zac
Coaches Award: Luke

U/9 Div 2

U/10 Div 1 Won 18-6 v Dragons

Sunny Saturday Afternoon. Bill Delauney Reserve. Do or Die match. Against Dragons.

What more could you ask for?

In our biggest game of the season the boys played what would have to be the best game they've ever played. From Kick off to full time the boys knew what was required of them and they didn't disappoint. I wouldn't say we started badly, just a flatter start than needed saw Dragons cross for the first 4 pointer of the game and when the conversion was completed this grew to 6 - 0. From that moment on the game was all ours! The boys stepped up another level and proceeded to dominate. Defense was outstanding with every player giving it there all and putting there bodies on the line. Meihana Nelson took the ball forward all game and made plenty of metres allowing the rest of the boys to take advantage of field position. Jon Pengue played his best game of the year leading the boys around the park perfectly and steered the ship so to say at a level greater than many other 10 year old boys. Late in the first half of the back of our set move, Malakai Manoa passed the ball out the back to Lachlan Maric who then got a great offload to Lachlan McAlpine sweeping around the back to finally score in the corner. The score was 6 - 6 at half time.

After a speech at half time the boys were more than excited to get back out there and rip in once again. After a discussion from Coach and Trainer, Reily Dundas was moved into the forwards to allow Malakai to have a break. But due to his devastating runs and the large amount of metres he made up the middle Coach and Trainer rethought this and this saw Riley play the entire second half in the forwards where he

continued his rampage. 2 half field efforts from Meihana Nelson and Lachlan McAlpine saw us go 2 converted tries ahead and saw the game finish up 18 - 6.

The win saw us jump Dragons on the ladder and go from 5th to 4th and with one more win sees us go into the semi finals for the first time ever for these boys!

Tries: Lachlan McAlpine x 2, Meihana Nelson
Goals: Aidan Davidson, Nathan Bishara, Lachlan McAlpine

U11-3s - BYE

Under 11 Div 1

U12s Div 1 Won 18-6 v Moorebank W

These two teams had met twice before and the score was even with one win each. This was going to be a big game, our boys were playing to restore pride after their loss to them a few weeks back and Moorebank were playing to leap frog us into the top four of the comp.

After a week's suspension, Christian led the way for the forwards with some big hit ups, making up for the time he had lost off the field. Tino showed some great form, moving forward and slicing through the middle of the opposition. Stuart showed his potential with a cameo halfback role throughout several plays, producing some great offloads. The boys were on fire this week, with their defence really showing it has improved. But there is much more improvement needed if we are to really shake up the top side, St Johns this week.

The boys were not scared to pass the ball around and if they could only find some consistency in both attack and defence they would be real contenders come finals time. Sometimes a lack of energy really hurts them and against the big sides this will be our down fall. The team scored 3 tries this week through, Tino, Michael and Josh with all tries converted by Bodie, Peter and Ryan Dunn. The boys managed to keep the opposition scoreless until the last minute when they went over for a converted try to make it 18-6. It is only 2 weeks away from the playoffs and with a some focus and hard work there is no reason why they cannot make it all the way to the Grand Final. Good luck boys, and GO THE MIGHTY SAINTS!!!!

WIN 18-6

Tries: Michael, Tino and Josh
Goals: Bodie, Peter and Ryan D

MOM: Stuart Higham

U12s D3 Lost 0 – 4 V St Johns

The boys were away this week at Begnell Oval to face a very unpredictable Eagles side that not only had the boys on the ropes for the entire game, but again just proved how easy it is to win a game of football when you really want to***.(Remember boys the WILL must be stronger than the SKILL)….***

The first half proved quite a battle for both sides and with the Eagles enjoying the majority of the ball with a number of consecutive sets in attack. It was only a matter of time that something would finally give in allowing them to not only post the first points in the match and as a result enter the half time break up 4points – nil, but also the only points for the entire game.

As the second half was again a reflection of the first and even though the TEAM did enjoy the use of the ball in attack this time round. It didn't really count for much as to the opposition's credit they did manage

to continue to stop our attacking sets from crossing over and hold onto their narrow lead to cause an upset win. ***(Boys we needed to stick to our own game plan and not the oppositions)…….***

With this weeks **Man of the Match** going to; Patrick Kotasaris. Who continues to improve with his defence each week and as result not only shut down the opposition on a number of occasions, but also had some solid runs in attack. ***Well done Patrick..***

U 13/2 WON 20 - 18v Greenacre Tigers

This game had everything and the Tigers came to play. For only the second time this season we had all hands on deck, with a bench of 6. The Coach's hair was turning gray watching the boys start slow and allowing their big boys to run and off load, making 60 - 80 metres per set of tackles. We had to defend our line for repetitive sets and by half time we were behind. By injecting fresh players, spirited runs from Jeremy and Anthony and menacing tackles from Rhys, Luke and Jonah we started to claw the lead back.

The intensity lifted and the crowd could feel the game turn when we scored close to the end to snatch the lead. Tigers' poor discipline gave us a penalty on the bell and Luke cleverly kicked out to avoid the confrontation. Instead of shaking hands the Tigers players showed their poor sportsmanship with cheap shots and abuse against our boys. The Coach gathered the boys into a Saints Huddle and with some encouraging words lifted their spirits so we will take even more confidence into our next game with them in the 1st Semi.

Congratulations Boys, terrific Win!!

Tries: Luke, Jack, Jeremy & Mohammad.
Goal: 2 x Luke.

14s Div 1

Under 15's Div 1

U/19 – Won 24-22

A Res - v Penshurst Lost 12-6

This game was a tough encounter, playing against equal first placed Penshust. We won the toss, kicked off and started belting the opposition right from the start, we had carried on from the week before, and our defence was great. Both sides controlled the ball well, completing their sets and getting in good kicks, waiting for the opposition to make the first error, the game went from one end of the field to the other and Saints defence just wouldn't crack. Penshurst threw everything at us and we managed to hold them until the 33rd minute before they crossed our line, this came after we made a couple of errors in our 1/4 to give Penshurst repeat sets and we held them for 22 tackles before they strolled past a couple of weary defenders to score under the posts. at half time the score was 0-6 and i thought we were in a good position to cause an upset. this Penshurst team are scoring around 30 pts per game and have the best defence conceding only 12 pts per game, they are also the only team to defeat competition heavy weights Eaglevale and now we had an opportunity to win this game.

The 2nd half Penshurst kicked off and we dropped the ball on the 3rd tackle to give Penshurst good field position to attack us but again our defence proved too strong, our next 2 sets we made 2 more errors and were under the pump but we refused to give in, Penshurst defence was good also and we scored our only try from a kick in the 49th minute to Dave Psaroudis. Nathan Sellings converted and the score was 6-6 with 20 to go and light rain was falling making the conditions greasy.

The game went from end to end, Penshurst defensively, were getting the better of us and we could not get to their 1/4 to mount an attack, we tried for repeat sets but the Penshurst fullback cleaned up every kick and caught every high ball to get them out of trouble and in the 62nd minute Penshurst crossed for their 2nd try and converted to lead 6-12 and that was the final score. We played our hearts out today and our players were clapped from the field by the Penshurst crowd for their efforts. We have lost 6 games this year by 10 pts or less and if we could have turned 3 of them into wins we would be in 4th spot and if we had played all year like we have the last 2 weeks we would have easily won those 3 required games.

There was so many good players in today's game that it's hard to pick the three award winners but my three selections were 3pts Dave Psaroudis, 2pts Graham Mcfarlane, 1 pt Nathan Sellings. Next week we play Five Dock at Smith park at 3.00pm, this is our 2nd last game of the year with our last game likely to be played at Campbelltown this will be your last chance to support us locally, I hope to see you there - Crackers.

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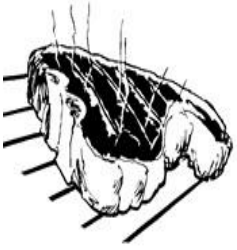
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U/6 Div 2	9.40	Bulls	Ruse Park
U/6 Div 1	9.40	Milperra Colts	Bill Delauney
U/7 Div 3	10.20	Warriors	Bill Delauney
U/7 Div 1	11.00	Moorebank	Bill Delauney
U/8 Div 3	11.00	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval
U/8 Div 2	11.40	Milperra Colts	Bill Delauney
U/8 Div 1	12.20	St Johns	Bill Delauney
U/9 Div 2	1.30	Rhinos	Neptune Park
U/10 Div 1	1.10	East Hills	Bill Delauney
U/11 Div 3	12.40	Warriors	Neptune Park
U/11 Div 1	2.00	Sports	Bill Delauney
U/12 Div 3	12.30	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval
U/12 Div 1	2.20	St Johns	Begnall Oval
U/13 Div 2	2.10	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval
U/14 Div 1	3.10	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval
Sunday Games		**29th July**	
U/15 Div 1	11.20	Dragons	Smith Park
U/19 Div 1	1.45	Bulls	Smith Park
A Res	3.00	Five Dock RSL	Smith Park

St Christopher's Cricket Club

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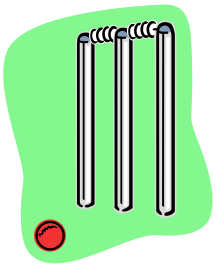

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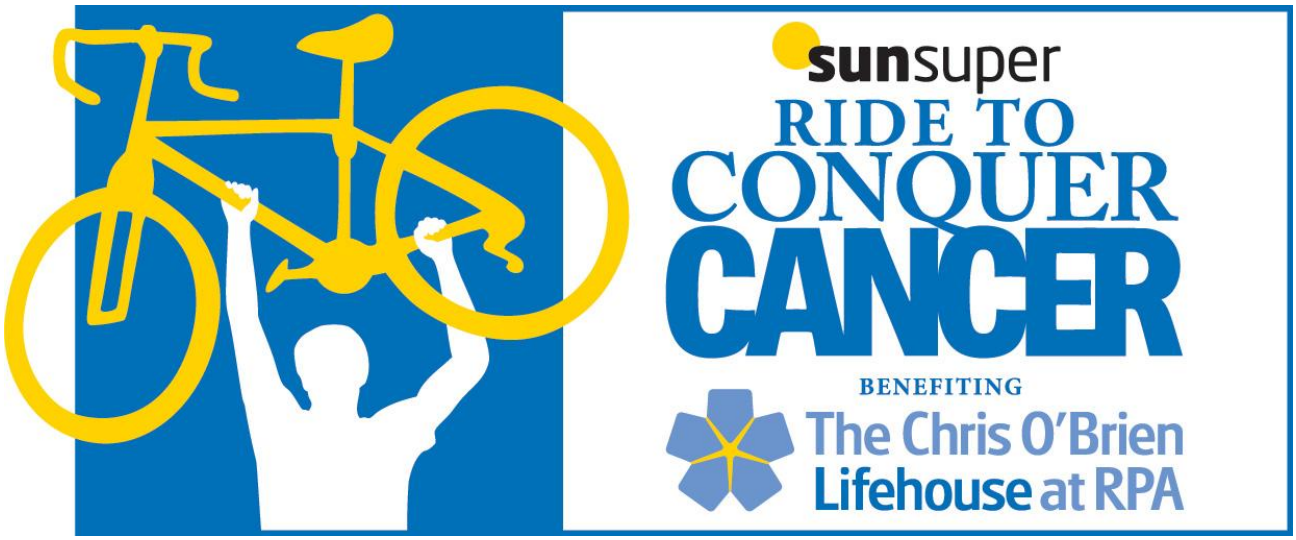

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Dave Harrington has committed to conquering cancer by participating in **The Sunsuper Ride to Conquer Cancer® benefiting The Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA**. **He** will join thousands of other men and women in a history-making ride on 13 and 14 October 2012. **Dave** will take part in a 200km two-day ride throughout New South Wales' scenic countryside with a night of camping. Riders will support breakthrough research and the discovery of new cancer therapies at The Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA.

One in two Australians will be diagnosed with cancer in their lifetime. **Dave** is rallying for the cause and cycling in The Sunsuper Ride to Conquer Cancer benefiting The Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA, because "I have recently lost an aunt and have had numerous other relatives and good friends succumb to this disease. I also have other relatives and friends currently battling against cancer. In the scheme of things 200km in 2 days is a small struggle compared to what they are going through. We all need to believe that the money raised through this great event will benefit those affected by cancer."

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Saturday 28/7:

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