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President's Report

Last Weekend

Our 6-4s had an 'enjoyable' game wih St Johns where everyone got over the line. The 6-2s just went down to the Bulls while the 6-1s won the local derby against Colts. Good work all the 6s. Both our 7s have thrived on the continuous footy and just get better every week – the 7-3s had a draw while the 7-1s just got home against Moorebank after an earlier defeat in the season. The 8-3s lost but continue to score points. Next year we work on their defence!! The 8-2s went down by 4 in their last game of the season but did it tough all year with only 9 players – all but 2 of these played every game (15 in total!) so well done 8-2s, we'll see you next year. Thanks to Stonie, Trent and Andrew for looking after the boys. The 9-2s wrapped up the minor premiership by beating Heights – great work boys but remember, the hard work starts now to become 'major' premiers!!. The 10-1s, 12-3s, and 13-2s all cemented their spots in the semis with good wins.

2 of our sides played 'undefeated' teams and put up great performances. Well done 8-1s and 11-1s. Keep playing that style of footy boys and you will reap the rewards by the time you are 16s, 17s, just like our 19s now. Unfortunately our first team into the semis (the 11-3s) went down to Auburn but they get another chance this weekend against Moorebank.

Sunday was a pretty good day. The 15s (age and number of players) put up a gutsy effort against Dragons; the 19s put on one of their best performances of the season to move into outright 2nd (and effectively finish the Bulls' season) while the A grade had a win over Five Dock in what could only be described as a 'sloppy' game.

This weekend

Our focus moves to the semis. 9-2s play to go straight into the grand final; 11-3s; 12-3s and 13-2s play to go into the final. Supporters – please check the draw and get to a game. Unfortunately, all our semis are spread far and wide and all different grounds – pick one and support hard!! Our 3 Sundays sides have the weekend off – it would be good if some of you got to a couple of junior semis and showed your support. Come 1 Sept, you will want them at your Grand final!!!

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Round 14 Results

Team	Opposition	Venue	Result	For	Against
6.4	Johnnies	Delauney	Forfeit		
6.2	Bulls	Ruse Park	Lost	20	30
6.1	Colts	Delauney	Won	44	24
7.3	Auburn Warriors	Delauney	Drew	20	20
7.1	Moorebank	Delauney	Won	26	24
8.3	Moorebank	Hammondville	Lost	28	46
8.2	Colts	Delauney	Lost	16	20
8.1	Johnnies	Delauney	Lost	12	30
9.2	Rhinos	Neptune	Won	28	14
10.1	East Hills	Delauney	Won	24	18
11.3	Auburn Warriors	Neptune	Lost	6	32
11.1	Bankstown Sports	Delauney	Lost	16	30
12.3	Moorebank	Hammondville	Won	18	8
12.1	Johnnies	Jim Begnall	Lost	0	14
13.2	Moorebank	Hammondville	Won	48	0
14.1	Moorebank	Hammondville	Lost	12	22
15.1	Dragons	Smith Park	Lost	8	16
19	Bulls	Smith Park	Won	32	16
A	Five dock	Smith Park	Won	28	8

U/6 Div 4

U/6 Div 2

U/6 Div 1

Under 7's Div 3 Drew 20-20 v Warriors

As the boys and support staff lined up to take their team photos, coach Steve was mentally rehearsing his game plan, for our boys were about to take on the much improved Warriors.

Lined up in their now famous "Brick Wall" stance, the Saints kicked off to get the game started. Not wasting any time were **Billy** the kid, magic **Max, Murray** the mauler and terrifying **Tarley** who lead the way with great hard hitting tackles.

Our first hit-up didn't go to plan with the Warriors copying our ferocious tackling and the Saints dropping the ball. However on our next set **Sam** the steamroller galloped up the middle of the field making 20 meters. This was followed by a great run by foot lose and fancy free dancing **Matthew**, and when speedy-gonz-**Alex** got the ball he left the Warriors in his dust. On the last tackle Terrifying **Tarley** showed that he could attack as well as he could defend, **Tarley** darted out of dummy half, he stepped two Warriors and raced past three more to cross for the first try of the game, conversion was unsuccessful.

As the Warriors took the tap off, the Saints brick wall was ready, **Marcus** the destroyer lived up to his hard hitting reputation teaming up with **Billy** the kid and the steamroller **Sam** to punish the Warriors runners. Great tackling was also shown by magic **Max, Murray** the mauler and speedy **Alex.** Despite this tackling effort the Warriors went over for two trys, the second coming only seconds before the bell. The score at the end of session 1 was Warriors 8 and Saints 4.

The second session saw the score change again with the Warriors crossing for one try and our boys crossing for two.

The first of our trys was set up from the kick off with menacing **Mason** grinding his way into enemy territory with a great run which was only bought to an end by four Warriors. This was followed by an excellent effort by the NZ dynamo explosive **Evan**, who raced up field. Following that was great running and passing by talented **Tommy**-The-Tank Forrester, giving a magic pass to a flying jack rabbit **Josh**, who broke through tackles and like a fully loaded Camel, carried two Warriors over the line, with **Josh** converting his own try, the Saints were back in the game.

Our second try was another team effort started by a darting strong run by magic **Max**. Next explosive **Evan, Marcus** the destroyer and jumping **Josh** combined to carry the ball up field. Then **Murray** the mauler showed tricky footwork and an explosive turn of speed to catch the Warriors by surprise and race down field. Then, as he has done many times before dazzling, dancing **Matthew** took the ball from dummy half on the last and whilst flirting with the sideline managed to get the ball down just before being pushed out……score at end of session two was Saints 14 and Warriors 12.

The final session was close with the Warriors scoring first to take back the lead, but the Saints hit back with a great team play. First **Billy** the kid ran through the Warriors pack, looking for support he found menacing **Mason** who took another damaging run before being put down. The next run saw the speed-star Alex make a short break before being hit high. From the tap restart came a try to explosive **Evan** who ran through tackles and stepped past the Warriors to race away and score and when he converted his own try, we were ahead 20 to 16.

But to their credit the Warriors never gave up scoring their final try and the equalizer on the buzzer, luckily for us they conversion attempt bounced off the posts and the game finished in a fitting 20 all draw.

In the post match interview coach Steve acknowledged the good effort by all the boys, however he said we needed to work on our tackling.

This weeks encouragement award went to Jumping **Josh** Trevitt, whilst the man of the match award went the way of the marvelous **Murray** the mauler Hardy.

GO Saints……!!

Under 7-1

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U8's D3 Lost 28 – 46 v Moorebank

The boys were down at Hammondville Oval this week to face up against the Rams and in doing so again played some very good football. In not only hanging in there for the majority of the game and continue to play to their potential. Which at times not only threatened the opposition in both attack and defence, but as a result also allowed themselves to be locked in together on the scoreboard at certain times throughout the match. As again the TEAM came very close in causing an upset against a very beatable Rams outfit. That really in the end had a few big boppers that proved very hard to stop and especially close to the try line that was the major difference. ***(Well done everyone and remember to hang in there).***

With this weeks **Man of the Match Award** going to Yaanula Wanigasekara. Who had a very strong game in attack with some very good runs in showing off his blistering speed. In also helping out his team mates in defence. ***Well done Yaanula***

With this weeks tries being awarded to: **Blake Muscat (1), Liam Taufa (4), Bianca Cutrupi (1)** and our successful kicks at conversion going **to Ky Rodereda, Tommy Achram**

U/8 Div 2

U/8 Div 1 Lost 12 – 30 v St Johns

We were home this week against the competition front runners and early rumour had it that they would be playing short due to a virus going through the St Johns, team. However come kick off they ran out with their full side. There was a lot of expectation about us competing for the full 30 minutes this game, despite us being down a player and our boys put in a very good effort that was not reflected in the final score.

We kicked off to commence the game through a deep kick by Ricardo and with Zac and Luke moving up we were putting pressure on the St Johns receiver from the opening whistle. All the boys were working hard in defence with Alex, Bailey, and Luke all putting in big efforts. However it wasn't long into the game that St Johns broke away and scored to take the early lead 0 – 6. Unlike other games against St Johns this season we went straight on the attack from the tap restart with good runs from Zac, Ricardo and Jordan which saw Jordan take advantage of a staggered St Johns line to score our first try and with Jared getting the conversion we were level 6 -6. Despite some good contact and getting a number of players in the tackle, St Johns were able to get several plays on second phase plays which put us on the back foot and towards the end of the third they scored a converted try to take a 6 – 12 lead at the break.

St Johns kicked off to start the second third and we were on the receiving end of a big kick and on return across the back we put a foot out which saw us having to do a drop out, our first for the season. Alex did a good drop out and the pick up by the St Johns player on the run at a bouncing ball was a shock to the boys and with a staggered line he went all the way to score another converted try 6 – 18. Unlike previous games this set back did not see us fade away, instead it fired us up and we had a great set from Sean with the restart followed by runs from Luke, Ricardo and Jordan which gave us good field position. We defended this field position with big hits from Ricardo, Trent, Alex and Jared. We took advantage of this period of dominance with Jared getting our second try and with Alex getting the conversion we were 12 – 18 and giving St Johns a run for their money. St Johns went back to a simple game plan of running the three big boppers at us in every set and this final took its toll with the largest player on the field barging over for another converted St Johns try, late in the third to go into the break with a 12 – 24 lead.

At the break the coach continued with the positive message that we were in the game and to stay focused in defence with communication being the key. Alex got us underway with a big kick off, recovered in the in goal by St Johns and with a superb kick chase tackled St Johns just in the field of play. Our defence was on fire, with Alex, Bailey, Luke, Ricardo and Trent all bringing down St Johns big boppers. Zac, and Jordan were putting the receivers under pressure and with Jared cleaning up all the scraps at the back we were frustrating St Johns. We also were working hard in attack and all the boys were putting their hands up to do the hard yards. This was our best third in all our games against St

Johns this season and we were on track to hold them scoreless. However in the last minute of the game St Johns crashed over for a final converted try to round the scoring at 12 – 30, a score which did not reflect the closeness of the actual game.

Sometimes in rugby league the score does not tell the story of the game and this was one such occasion. The boys played well for all except about 2 minutes of this game and our defence in the last third was outstanding with good communication and every one putting their bodies on the line. This game was all about creating the belief that we can compete with the front runner and this game showed that we can. We need to improve on some small areas of our game, get the runner a bit wider and defeat the twin pincher movement of St Johns, which targets the ball receiver and runner, but does leave holes that can be punched through to our advantage. That we need to communicate and move up consistently in defence and that this will create pressure that will lead to errors. A very good effort boys, let's keep the momentum going as we go into the final round and then the semis.

GO THE SAINTS.
Tries: Jared X1, Jordan X1
Goals: Alex X1, Jared X1
Goop Guys M.O.M: Jared
ENC: Bailey
Coach: Alex

U/9 Div 2

U/10 Div 1

U/11-3s

Under 11 Div 1

U12's Div 1

U12's D3 Won 18 – 8 v Moorebank

The boys were on the road again this week to face up against a very improved Rams side that had everything to play for. As with 4th spot on the ladder safely secured by ourselves and with the Rams out of the finals contention. It really required a very dedicated and committed effort by the TEAM to not only prove why they are in this years finals, but more importantly what they need to do next week in ensuring they are still a chance***, (well done boys and congratulations in making this years season playoffs)……***

The first half turned out to be a real arm wrestle between both sides and through some very strong defence, good ball control and exploring opportunities in attack. Allowed the boys to head into the half time break slightly up on the scoreboard at 8points – 6.

The second half also proved to be another real challenge and with both sides competing strongly against each other right across the park. It was very pleasing to see the TEAM continue to play well, keep the opposition from scoring and put another couple of more tries on the board to seal a very well deserved and rewarding victory. ***(Remember boys you are in next weeks finals because you deserve to be. Everything you have done and worked hard for throughout the year starts now). PLAY TUFF AND GOOD LUCK …….***

With this weeks **Man of the Match Award** going to Kassem Maarbani: Who continues to play consistent football week in and week out. Knows what is required and never lets his team mates down. ***Well done Kassem…..***

With this weeks tries being awarded to **Shaun Bailey (1), Sam Holloway (1) Mohamad Arnaout (1) Cooper Ellison (1)** and our successful attempt at conversion going to **Sam Holloway.**

U 13/2 WON 48 – 0 v Moorebank

Our Boys have improved throughout the season and this game marked the end of our normal games. The score is impressive however each of the boys know the teams we need to bet to reach our season long goal of playing in a Grand Final. The great Steve "*Turvey*" Mortimer visited our training on Friday and seemed to echo everything Tim has been saying all year. Our boys need to do it for each other, train like its a GF, don't let anyone intimidate and " a great team will always bet a team of great players".

This Saturday's Semi is a must win and we will need to play our best game yet to defeat the Tigers and move onto a Final.

Tries: 3 x Sammy, 2 x Anthony, Rhys & Hayden, 1 x Riley & Jeremy.

Goals: 1 x Riley & Jeremy.

14s Div 1

Under 15's Div 1

U/19 –

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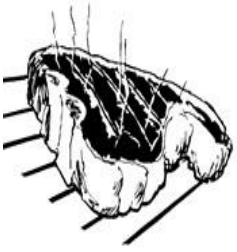
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U/6 Div 2	9.00	Colts	Bill Delauney
U/6 Div 1	9.00	Sports	Steve Folkes
U/7 Div 3	9.40	East Hills	Bill Delauney
U/7 Div 1	10.20	Greenacre	Roberts Park
U/8 Div 3	11.00	Colts	Bill Delauney
U/8 Div 2		Season Completed	
U/8 Div 1	10.20	Sports	Bill Delauney
U/9 Div 2	11.50	Colts	Neptune
U/10 Div 1	9.40	Bulls	Ruse Park
U/11 Div 3	11.50	Moorebank	Peter Hislop
U/11 Div 1	12.10	Bulls	Ruse Park
U/12 Div 3	12.10	Greenacre	Hammondville
U/12 Div 1	12.10	Dragons	Clemton Park
U/13 Div 2	12.00	Greenacre	Terry Lamb
U/14 Div 1	1.20	Sports	Bill Delauney
Sunday Games		**Sun 5th August**	
U/15 Div 1		Forfeit	
U/19 Div 1		Bye	
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St Christopher's Cricket Club

REGISTRATION DAYS

It's not long now until we get warmer weather and the crack of leather on willow……..

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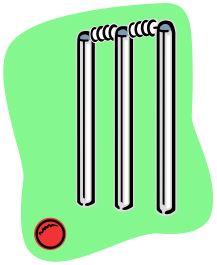

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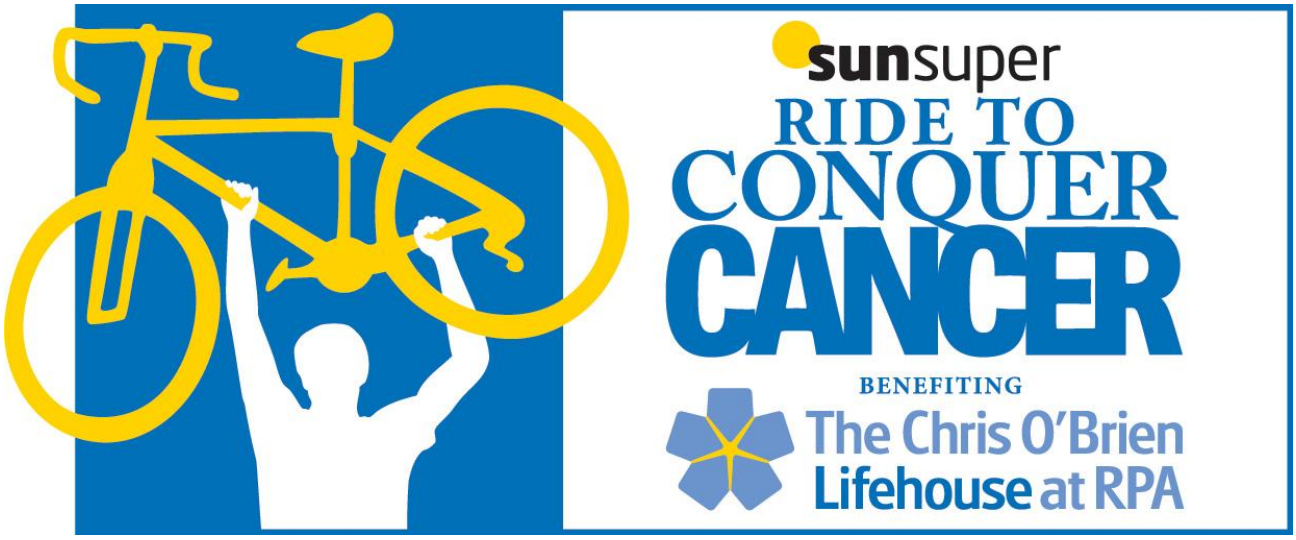

Ride to Conquer Cancer!

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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has set a personal fundraising goal of $2500. To help him reach this goal, visit conquercancer.org.au to make a donation online, or call 1300 33 RIDE.

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For information about the Sunsuper Ride to Conquer Cancer benefiting The Chris O'Brien Lifehouse at RPA, please contact:

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