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President's Report

Another week of rain meant no training for the majority of our sides and wash outs for the seniors – they now haven't been on the paddock since 27 May!!! That aside, our bubs in the 6-4s got us off to a good start at home with a 20 all draw against the Tigers – great work boys. The 7-1s had a tough win over St Johns and now sit 3rd on their 'make believe' table – not bad for a side that was supposed to be in 2s!! The 7-3s also won in a close one and now sit in 4th on their table. My opinion – what's the use of playing if we don't keep score. The 8-1s and 11-1s heeded my call from last week for greater effort at home with the 11s snatching a last minute draw with the Bulls that had the rain soaked crowd on their feet. The 8s stayed at 3rd with their good win over Moorebank. Away from home our 9-2s defeated the 2nd placed Bulls to maintain their 'top of the table' position while the 13-2s smashed St Johns to move into clear 3rd and give themselves a chance at a top 2 finish and that all important second bite of the cherry come semi time.

With the forecast for the weekend being good, we hopefully will get a full weekend of footy. On Sunday, both our 19s and A grade have tough games **at home** and both need wins to cement their spots in the semis. It would be great to see some of our younger players and their parents down at the ground supporting our senior teams. There is nothing better than a day at Billy Dee when our big boys are playing. See you there!

Go the Saints

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Round 7 Results

Team	Opposition	Venue	Result	For	Against
6.4	Tigers	Delauney	Drew	20	20
6.2	East Hills	Smith Park	Lost	0	36
6.1	Bankstown Sports	Delauney	Lost	10	40
7.3	Tigers	Roberts Park	Won	20	0
7.1	Johnnies	Delauney	Won	28	20
8.3	Colts	Killara	Lost	0	46
8.2	Chester Hill	Delauney	Lost	16	36
8.1	Moorebank	Delauney	Won	28	10
9.2	Bulls	Ruse Park	Won	28	16
10.1	Bulls	Delauney	Lost	0	44
11.3	Bulls	Ruse Park	Lost	6	32
11.1	Bulls	Delauney	Drew	16	16
12.3	Colts	Killara	Won	24	12
12.1	Moorebank	Hammondville	Lost	0	26
13.2	Johnnies	Roberts Park	Won	44	0
14.1	Bankstown Sports	Folkes	Lost	0	44
15.2	Washout				
19	Washout				
A	Washout				

U/6 Div 4

U/6 Div 2

U/6 Div 1

Under 7's, Div 3 won 20-16 v Greenacre

On any other day you'd be calling for the men in the long white coats, however after weeks of torrential rain, coach Steve was right to show up to the game wearing his snorkel, flippers and carrying his favourite bath toy *"Mr Rubber Ducky".*
Anyhow I digress, on a cold and wet Saturday morning, the Saints under 7's div 3 took the field to face off against the Greenacre Tigers.
Having not played or trained in two weeks the boys were keen to get underway, kicking off in the First session we proved that we were keen, great brick wall defence by **Marcus** the destroyer and **Murray** the mauler forced a mistake by the Tigers. Pouncing onto the ball was **Billy** the kid who quickly passed onto jumping **Josh** who raced away for the opening try of the match, conversion was unsuccessful. The Tigers hit back soon after and at the end of the first session, scores were locked at 4 all.
Tigers kicked off in the second session and taking the ball up hard and fast was magic **Max**, followed by clever running by terrific **Thomas** and speed-star **Alex** got the ball, only great cover defence from the Tigers prevented a try. However from the play the ball excellent lead up work from explosive **Evan** saw dazzling, dancing **Matthew** cross for Saints second try, conversion again unsuccessful.
From the tap off, the Tigers scored again locking the score at 8 all, it looked like it was going to be try for try until the last minutes of the session when Jumping **Josh** crossed for his second try, this time a great conversion by **Murray** saw Saints leading into the final session.
The third and final session was a close one with the Tigers Scoring another edging closer to the front, but the Saints had other ideas, in a great team effort which started from a line breaking run by steamroller **Sam**, next run was by magic **Max** who mesmerized the Tigers with an evasive run, Then terrific **Thomas** showed the way to the try line with another wonderful run which saw **Josh** cross for his third try of the match and when **Thomas** converted and the clock down to the last few minutes, the game was all but won.
The final score was a close 20 to 16 with the Saints running out winners in the end, following the team song and speaking through his snorkel, coach Steve praised the boys for their wonderful efforts, all the boys played well and team awards went to Murray who received the encouragement award whilst 3 try hero Josh narrowly edged out Thomas for the man of the match award.
Go Saints!

Under 7-1

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U8's D3 Lost 0 - 46 V Milperra Colts

This week's game saw the boys play at a very cold, wet and rainy Killara Reserve and given the poor weather conditions. It really summed up how the TEAM was going to perform right across the park and during the entire game.

As with limited training session during the last couple of weeks and with the opposition being one of the front runners in this years competition. It all basically game down to how well the TEAM was going to stick together, play well and manage the opposition.

Which saw the Colts run away with the game pretty much from the start to finish and even though the TEAM did hang in their and do their best. They were unfortunately no match for a side that had size and speed to burn right across the paddock***. (Remember boys doing your best no matter what is what makes a difference)…***

With this **weeks Man 0f the Match Award** going to Yaanula Wanigasekara. Who continues to improve each week, got involved from start to finish and never gave up all game. ***Well done Yaanula……***

U/8 Div 2

U/8 Div 1 Won 28 – 10 v Moorebank

We were back at home this week facing Moorebank and after some heavy rain during the week and on game day we were again playing on a wet track. The boys were after some redemption after their last performance at home, and we were frustrated by the lack of preparation due to the weather during the week.

Moorebank won the toss and elected to kick off, which in the conditions was a smart option. The boys were not as daunted by the Moorebank side, despite the size differences and played smart football in the wet. Solid runs from Ricardo, Luke, Zac, Jordan and Bailey were supported by good efforts in defence from Alex, Sean and we were well organised by Jared at the back. We scored early in the first third with Luke barging over from close to the Moorebank line, for a well-deserved try, following his outstanding efforts all year so far and with Ricardo planting the conversion we in front 6 – 0. Towards the end of the third we took advantage of a staggered Moorebank defence line, with Jordan racing away to score a try, which Jared converted to give us the lead 12 -0 and as the rain came down it was a match winning lead after the first 10 minutes.

In previous game against Moorebank Ricardo 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. However Ricardo did a short high kick off that saw Moorebank struggle to fall on the ball. Our defence in the first set was solid and Moorebank failed to get over the advantage line and did not get out of their half, despite the short kick off. Taking advantage of the good field position from the effort in defence, from Trent, Jared, Zac and Luke which lifted all the boys, we were able to put on some good runs with Sean, Ricardo, Jordan and Kaled breaking Moorebank line. We scored a very good try in the conditions, after Kaled passed the ball to Ricardo who somehow got the ball on to Jordan, despite having 2 Moorebank players smother him, who raced away to score another try and with Kaled getting the conversion we were up 18 – 0. Moorebank made some good ground on the restart with some simple plays suited to the conditions but using their big boppers had us in our own half. When we had the ball a loose carry up saw Moorebank get their first try for the score to be 18 – 4. However after a great restart from Zac, followed up by good runs by Ricardo and Kaled, Ricardo barged over to score and with Jordan kicking the conversion we went into the break 24 – 4.

The rain throughout the whole game had worn down the boys enthusiasm and with game essentially in the bag, the boys took the foot of the pedal and coasted home in the last third. Moorebank were determined to put some points on the board and did not play wet weather football, which saw us with the ball and playing basic football. Good efforts from Zac, Alex, Sean and Luke carting the ball up and

ensuring we got to complete our sets. About half way through the session, Moorebank got over for a converted try and took the score to 24 – 10. We grinded our way from the restart and began to control field position and when we got the ball in their half, we took our chance with Sean scoring a good try to round the scoring 28 – 10. The club song sounded loud and proud after the match, which was played in constant rain on a heavy track.

Overall this was a return to our normal style of footy, however we need to ensure that we play with consistency for the full 30 minutes and also turn up focused each week. There were some entertaining moments during the game, including Kaled getting away with a blatant strip in a one on one tackle, much to the merriment of the crowd and the boys. Also there were some good individual moments, which were a highlight on such a miserable weather day, with Trent and the front rower from Moorebank, having several moments of a growl along as they tried to psyche each other out. Good work boys and by playing to the conditions we put in a solid performance in this match.

GO THE SAINTS.

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

U/9 Div 2 -

U/10 Div 1 Lost 44-0 v Bankstown Bulls

On a wet day down at Bill Delauney, it was evident that the boys did not want to play. Saturdays game was one of our worst games all year seeing us lose 44 -0. Poor attitude was what brought our down fall with many boys not even attempting to tackle, yet preferred to watch the Bulls players run past them. Thought not all was bad. Lock forward Dane showed plenty of heart for the entire game, putting his body on the line not only in attack but defence.

Better attitudes on game day and at training are needed to ensure that we are still contenders for the semi finals!

U/11-3s

Under 11 Div 1 Drew 16-16 v Bull's

What a great game to watch!! It went down to the wire with us scoring on the bell thanks to Josh, to make it 16 all. Unfortunately, we missed the goal and the win. The boy's handling was absolutely fantastic with our ball players, Christian , Callum and Kueva giving great service throughout the game. It was great to see our forwards, especially Jordan, Noah, Isaac and Cameron running the ball up hard at much bigger boys. The outside back were willing to throw the ball around in atrocious conditions and Lachlan, Vincent, and Billy made some nice darting runs down the side line. The boy's defence was a lot stronger this week and Blake, Jack and Ryan were very reliable in this department throughout the game. It was a pity we missed the goal and had to share the points with the Bulls. Oh well, that's footy.

MOM : Jordan Raish
Tries :Noah, Josh and Cameron
Goals: Lachlan and Jordan

U12's D3 Won 24 – 12 v Milperra Colts

This weeks round of football saw the boys down at Killara Reserve to take on a Colts side. That were feeling reasonably confident having beaten us the first time we had played against each other back in round two.

The game started of fairly even for both sides and given the wet and soggy conditions the key to a victory was obviously ball control and the usage of the ball. As the TEAM managed to score a couple of good tries that allowed them to go into the half time break up 8points – 6. Though there was really nothing separating both teams during this period.

The second half continued to work in the teams favour and as a result they were able to keep the opposition at bay. Continue to post more points on the board which allowed the team to not only take full control of the game, but also turn a first game loss into a second game win that now takes the boys to three wins on the trot***(remember boys you need to keep it going as consistency and momentum work together)……***

With this week's **Man of the Match Award** going to Sam Holloway. Who continues to improve each week, tackled everything that moved and was rewarded with a hard earned try right on half time that set the teams foundation for the second half.***Well done Sam….***

With this weeks tries being awarded to: **Shaun Bailey (1), Sam Holloway (1), Michael Tanveski (1), Ryan Solo (2)** and our successful attempts at conversion going to **Jack Barnes, Sebastian Unwin.**

U12-1

U13/2 WON 44 – 0 v St Johns

Conditions were terrible at the neutral ground of Roberts Park, and with parents and onlookers huddled under the awning our boys ran out into constant rain. The Coach was pleased that they started well and from the outset our forwards gave Adam runners both sides. We had worked on this at training and Adam looked in control with Nath, Adbul, Liam, Jayden and Kieran running Reds and Blues and making good yards. The Hit n' Stick practice also showed immediate improvements with Luke, Anthony, Adam and Lachlan sticking in defence like supa glue.

At half time Coach made some positional changes to give boys a chance in some different roles and we were running comfortable at 24 - 0. When St Johns did show a committed attack late in the 2nd half our united wall of defence made our line impenetrable. Five sets back to back from St Johns in our quarter was still not enough to penetrate our defence. Strong hits from Jonah, Jack and Rhys stopped them in their tracks. Our defence has been consistently improving each game and will trouble the bigger boys in upcoming games. Joel & Julian backed up well and ran hard when they got the chance. Riley and Moey immediately injected themselves into the game when they came on. And when needed Sammy showed his defence is as good as his speed in attack.

Overall a great game where the boys had the chance to try what we have worked on at training, including Scrums where we will trouble plenty with our speed out wide. See you all at training Wednesday.

Tries: 2 x Jonah & Luke, 1 x Rhys, Jack, Kieran, Anthony & Sammy.
Goals: Nathan, Jayden, Rhys & Jack.

U/14s Div 1 – Lost against Sports 44-0

This week the boys were facing a tough game up against the undefeated premiership leaders at Steve Folkes. In very poor conditions for both teams the boys started out strong giving 100% in attack and defence. They were very impressive holding out the attack of the undefeated premiership leaders but once they crossed the try line it went all down hill from there. The boys seem to give up all hope and Sports ran in another 3 tries before halftime.
The second half started with a forward pass which planted sports down in our attacking zone and as much as the team tried in defence, we couldn't hold them out.
The boys worked hard in defence and in particular a great defensive game by Scotty, Cocky and Sniggs who tackled everything and anything, (Cocky even tackled Max whilst trying to tackle one of the Sports players), without this we would have been beaten by plenty more.
Good effort, keep your heads high!!!.

U15's - Washed Out

U/19 – Washed Out

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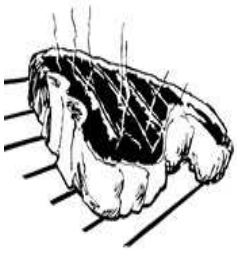
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This Weeks Games Sat 16th June

U/6 Div 4	9.00	Sports	Steve Folkes Res
U/6 Div 2	9.00	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb Res
U/6 Div 1	9.40	Bulls	Ruse Park
U/7 Div 3	9.40	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval
U/7 Div 1	9.40	Moorebank	Hammondville Oval
U/8 Div 3		BYE	
U/8 Div 2	10.20	St Johns	Begnall Oval
U/8 Div 1	10.20	St Johns	BegnallOval
U/9 Div 2	9.00	Revesby Heights	Bill Delauney Res
U/10 Div 1	9.50	St Johns	Bill Delauney Res
U/11 Div 3	10.40	Berala	Bill Delauney Res
U/11 Div 1	11.10	Greenacre	Roberts Park
U/12 Div 3	11.30	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Res
U/12 Div 1	12.20	St Johns	Bill Delauney Res
U/13 Div 2	Forfeit	Bulls	
U/14 Div 1	1.10	Berala	Bill Delauney Res
Sunday Games		**17th June**	
U/15 Div 1	1.00	La Perouse	Yarra Oval
U/19 Div 1	12.30	South Eastern	Bill Delauney Res
A Res	1.50	Eaglevale	Bill Delauney Res

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Payments and team nominations to Ken Slattery asap.

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Poker Tournament

4th August – Revesby Pacific Hotel

Raffle Winners

$50 Meat Baron voucher – Dennis (pub patron)

Meat Trays – Max (U/12-3's) and Chris (pub patron)

Joker Jackpot – **$1,810** drawn 6:30 Friday at Revesby Pacific Hotel

Raffle Roster

Friday 22/6, Joker Draw raffle at Revesby Pacific Hotel from 5:30 – 7:00, **Under 15's**
Saturday 23/6:
(a) Revesby Pacific Hotel, Meat Tray raffles from 3:30 – 5:30, **Under 11's**
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