ST CHRISTOPHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

River Road Express

Weekend of 10th & 11th of August,

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President's Report

We had 3 of our Saturday sides in 'must win' games last weekend. The 11s were up against St Johns and eventually wore them down to win 28-22 – now for the Bulls in the final. The 13-3s were trying to reverse a semi defeat to Moorebank and looked a totally different team to run out commanding winners and advance to the GF. Well done. Unfortunately our 9-1s went down in their semi to Cheso after leading 18-12 with 3 minutes to go – unlucky. Thanks Steve, Nerissa, Shane and Mick for the season. All our minis finished their commitments for the season with 6 of the 9 teams having great victories. Well done 6B, 7W, 7B and all the 8s. Thanks to all our coaches, managers and trainers for looking after the boys all season. Now for the footy trip!!

Sunday and the main game was the 19s who had to win to force a playoff. Unfortunately (and unbelievably), the top 3 sides all got beat so their hard fought victory was in vain. The 14s, 15s and 16s all put in good efforts to finish their seasons. Thanks to all the staff. The A Reserve travelled to Five Dock and had a few 'local' hurdles placed in their way but managed to still run out big winners and snare the minor premiership.

This weekend

Saturday has 3 grand finals and a final. First stop is Terry Lamb for the 11s in the final. Cheer them into the GF and then head to Belmore for '3 in a row'. The 12s open at 3pm followed by the 13-3s at 4pm and then the 13-2s at 5.15pm. Get there early, wear your colours and head to the railway end of the main stand – we sit together and make noise. Sunday is easy. The A reserve play Renown (for the first time this year) in the major semi (3pm at Begnell Oval). The winner goes straight into the GF and the winner's district gets to host the Grand final – the last thing we want is to have to head to Kogarah for a GF so let's get there and make sure they win this one.

Go the Saints
John Grealy

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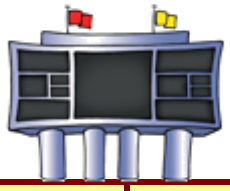

Team	Opposition	Venue	Result	For	Against
6 Gold	Bulls	Ruse Park	Lost	8	28
6 White	Sports	Ruse Park	Lost	28	34
6 Blue	Colts	Ruse Park	Won	26	20
7 Green	Broncos	Killara Reserve	Lost	8	28
7 White	Bulls	Killara Reserve	Won	32	22
7 Blue	Moorebank	Killara Reserve	Won	34	22
8 Green	Tigers	Roberts Park	Won	44	18
8 White	Bulls	Roberts Park	Won	18	12
8 Blue	Chester Hill	Roberts Park	Won	28	24
U9-3	Season finished				
U9-1	Chester Hill - SF	Steve Folkes	Lost	18	24
U10-2	Season finished				
U11-1	St Johns - SF	Steve Folkes	Won	28	22
U12-2	Week off - GF				
U13-3	Moorebank-Final	Hammondville	Won	24	8
U13-2	Week off - GF				
U14-2	Zetland	Roberts Park	Lost	24	28
U15-1	Dragons	Clemton Park	Lost	6	20
U16-1	Mascot	Mascot Oval	Lost	12	56
U19-2	Bulls	Ruse Park	Won	14	6
A Res	Five Dock	Five Dock Park	Won	40	10
A	Broncos	Middleton Park	Lost	Forfeit	

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Under 6 Gold ~ Lost 8-28 v Bulls

Under 6 White ~ Lost 28-34 v Sports

Under 6 Blue ~ Won 26-20 v Milperra Colts

The last round took us to Ruse Park. It was a sunny morning and the boys arrived excited and ready to play their last game of the season. We played Colts last week (due to wash out rounds being played) and won. So we wanted to prove again this week that it was not a fluke. There was no way it was a fluke with the boys showing what they could really do. Each player in our team is confident in their individual roles, but as a team they pull together and help their mates. This was shown when Colts' biggest player took 4 or 5 of our boys over for a try and the boys never gave up, holding on to the end. A huge cheer was heard from the parents on the sideline. We still need to practice on tackling the legs, but the passion is there.

This game saw players tackle better than ever, go straighter and hold onto the ball better than ever. It is such a pity the season has come to an end.

A special thank you goes to Eddie's dad for the great pie night after the last training session. All gold coin donations went directly to the club. Thank you.

MOM – Eddie, Thomas, Patrick, Max, Kristian, Rhys, Zac, Lachlan, Riley & Lucas.

Under 7 Green ~ Lost 8-28 v Broncos

Under 7 White ~ Won 32-22 v Bulls

Another washout game played this week and it was again the Bankstown Bulls we faced. They were short and only managed to field 6 players including one monster of a 7 year old. We had a full strength side with Daniel Luca showing the Saints spirit and playing after being bedridden all week. A big mention to Patrick who showed loads of courage in his defence and this set the tone for the rest of the game. Some Big strong runs from Damon, Ahmed, Lachlan and Taj which set the platform for Marcus, And Ziggy (Ahmed) to weave their magic through the Bulls' defence to score a couple of brilliant tries. Bulls fought back each time and showed us that footy is not all about scoring but putting your head down and tackling hard. Some text book tackles from Raishy saw them turn the ball over and allow Daniel, Luca and Zac to use their pace and score a couple of late tries. What a great season we had and would have to say we would be one of the most improved sides at the club this year. Well done boys you should be proud of your efforts this year as all the coaching staff and parents are I'm sure. Hope to see you all in 2014.

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Under 7 Blue ~ Won 34-22 v Moorebank

Under 8 Green ~ Won 44-18 v Tigers

Under 8 White ~ Won 18-12 v Bulls

In our last competition game of the year, we played Bankstown Bulls at Roberts Park. It was great way to finish the season with a win, considering this team had convincingly beat us earlier this year, 34-0.

Bulls scored the opening points with a converted try to take the lead 6-0. We hit straight back to level the scores at 6-all at the first break.

We were so determined to win and this was as a result of our defensive and attacking efforts. In the second third, each team scored a try each and the scores were level again at 12-all.

In the last third, Alex scored a good try out wide, which was converted. This took us to an 18-12 lead with only 4 minutes left of play. We defended very well to hold on and win the game.

Our best performers were Alex, Murray, Josh, and, Youssef. It was a very good team performance and every player contributed in some way to the win.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone well and thank all of the parents. Special thanks also, to Murray and of course, Anthony who trained the boys during the week and prepared the boys well for our games during the season.

Best wishes for 2014 and I hope to see all of our players back for next year.

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Under 8 Blue ~ Won 28-24 v Chester Hill

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Under 9.1 ~ Lost 18-24 v Chester Hill
SEMI FINAL

This week we were in the elimination semi-final against Chester Hill and the game provided the same close tight contest that has occurred between the sides over the season. We got the game underway with a deep kick off by Ricardo and with a good kick chase we had control of the field position early in the game. We got an early lead with Jared scoring a good try and with Ricardo getting the conversion we were up 6 – 0. The game went back and forth for a while and then following a charge the Chester Hill big bopper, combined with second phase play they scored a converted try to draw level 6 – 6. We then headed in the final third of the half and we had Chester Hill under the pump, however we just could not convert this pressure into points, despite having several repeat sets and at half time the scores were level.

Chester Hill came out very determined in the second half and it was not long into the half when Chester Hill barged over via their big bopper and with the conversion they were in front at 6 – 12. However our boys continued to battle away and it was not long till Jordan scored a good long range try and with Alex calmly slotting the conversion it was game on at 12 – 12. Not long after this we got a repeat set from a penalty and following a strong tap restart by Alex, who broke the Chester Hill line, Ricardo stormed over through several Chester Hill players to score a try and with Jared converting we were in front 18 – 12 with about six minutes to go. However following a mix up on the kick-off return Chester Hill got the ball back in our half and they converted this opportunity into points and with the conversion it was 18 – 18 as the clock wound down. Just as the game looked like going into extra time the temptation to try a miracle pick up on a last tackle kick from Chester Hill saw them have the ball for the last set and they again converted this opportunity into points scoring and converting as the bell sounded to take the semi-final 18 - 24.

We were the better football side in this game, however like in a number of games this season, our failure to convert pressure into points ended up hurting us in the end. The boys all put in great efforts and despite being behind on the scoreboard at the end of the game, they definitely can be proud of the way that they played. From the boys a big thank you to the club committee members John Grealy, Trevor and JD amongst others, who were at the game supporting the boys in this semi. The club committee devotes so much time and effort to running our great club and always manage to get to the important games to support the teams.

Although our season has come to a close, we would like to wish the teams still playing good luck for the rest of the season and encourage supporters to get to the finals as we have sides in grand finals in the 12's and 13's. Our A reserves are also on track to be a force in the business end of the season and have played some great footy this year.

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Goals: Alex, Jared, Ricardo

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Under 11.1 ~ Won 28-22 v St Johns
SEMI FINAL

After a bye in the last round the boys were fairly relaxed at training this week, especially after they got the good news that they would be facing St Johns who beat Bulls in the last round to push Greenacre out of the semis.

With an eye on the weather the battle plan was to contain St Johns' big unit in the first half and to contain their half/five eighth for the whole game, and to their credit the boys did that. After an initial speedy try to a St Johns winger round our flank, the team settled into the fight and gradually worked to get the lead back. A couple of silly errors off kick offs gifting possession to the enemy didn't help but we made it to half time, I think the scores were level.

After half time it really turned into a slug fest, we didn't seem to have much ball and the fitness we had in reserve, which we were going to use to run them down, was instead used up in defence, great defence, defence that in the end won us the game. Scoring went tit for tat, we missed a conversion, and when St Johns had a chance to go 2 ahead they also missed theirs, thank you footy Gods.

With the score level the last eight or so minutes felt like an eternity, they pounded our line, and our desperate defence, although suffering a casualty, held. We graft our way down field and pin them in their end, but, a few tired tackles inflict not only penalties but a rotation of our half off the field – wrong place wrong time.

With only minutes to play the positional changes imposed by the send off stick, the boys don't lose any rhythm at all, no drop in intensity, no hesitation creeps in at all, they just work their way downfield for one last crack at the enemy's line, and, bugger me, the Gods smile on us again, we get a penalty right on their line, a quick tap on instinct, and were in, crowd goes wild.

Kick the conversion, siren goes and we are through, we win a tough encounter by 6 and the boys learn how tough they can be when they want/need to be. Well done boys, a milestone game and a team great effort. Bring on the Bulls.

Under 12.2 ~ Week off

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Under 13.3 ~ Won 24-8 v Moorebank ~ FINAL

We played Moorebank in the preliminary final at Hammondville Oval. It was an impressive team performance by our boys which now sees us through to the Grand Final against Bankstown Bulls which will be played at Belmore Sports Ground on Saturday 17 August.

Moorebank were first to score. A converted try after 5 minutes meant they took a 6-0 lead. We hit back with two tries which weren't converted. This took us to an 8-6 half-time lead. The second half was tight and both sides defended well. Midway through we scored a converted try to take a 14-6 lead. The boys lifted and there was nothing going to stop them. We then scored a further two tries and kicked one goal, to advance to the grand final.

Every player contributed to a real team performance. We defended well and gave ourselves every opportunity to be in good attacking position. The coach was really happy with the boys' performance and we need to play our best and defend well if we are to beat the Bulls in the grand final. We need to train hard this week and fully implement our game plan. Come on boys give it all you've got.

Go the the Saints!!!!

Player of the match: Sebastian
Tries: Reda X 2, Sebastian, Kassem & Cooper 1 each Goals: Jack X 2

Under 12.2 ~ Week off

Finals Action for this weekend 17th & 18th August

Saturday 17th August

11.50am ~ 11.1's St Christophers v Bulls @ Terry Lamb Complex for the preliminary final.

Then travel to Belmore Oval for the Grand-final-athon!

3.00pm ~ 12.2's St Christophers v Chester Hill

4.00pm ~ 13.3's St Christophers v Bulls

5.15pm ~ 13.2's St Christophers v Milperra

We need a huge crowd to cheer on the boys so get there early, wear plenty of maroon and gold and we'll all sit together in the stand (railway end)

Finish at the Diggers from 7pm.

Sunday 18th August

3.00pm ~ A Res St Christophers v Renown @ Begnell Oval for a Semi-final.

Under 14.2 ~ Lost 24-28 v Zetland

Did not get the result we wanted but it was not for lack of effort. Down 18-10 at ½ time the boys dug deep and clawed back to take the lead 24-22 with 5 minutes to go. Unfortunately fatigue got to us in the last couple of minutes and we allowed a try on the bell to go down 28-22. Boys good to see that everything we were missing last week we found this week and even though we lost it was a great effort .

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Under 15.1 ~ Lost 6-20 v Dragons

We started this game really well. Our defence was great and we were evenly matched. It was 0-0 at half time, however both sides were making plenty of silly errors and it was evident whoever could hold onto the ball would win. Sadly it wasn't going to be us. There was one bright moment in the second half with Fatu scoring a try off a lovely play by Josh. Then after the ref denied a brilliant 40-20 by Steele (Yes – the video footage shows a clear 40-20) the tide turned against us and St George ran away with the game. Thanks for another season boys and see you next year!

Under 16.1 ~ Lost 12-56 v Mascot

Under 19.2 ~ Won 14-6 v Bulls

A Reserve ~ Won 40-10 v Five Dock

A Grade ~ Lost Forfeit

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This Week's Games

Saturday 17th August			
6 Gold	*Season finished*		
6 White			
6 Blue			
7 Green			
7 White			
7 Blue			
8 Green			
8 White			
8 Blue			
U9-3			
U9-1			
U10-2			
U11-1 - Final	11.50	Bulls	Terry Lamb Complex
U12-2 - GF	3.00	Chester Hill	Belmore Oval
U13-3 – GF	4.00	Bulls	Belmore Oval
U13-2 - GF	5.15	Milperra Colts	Belmore Oval
Sunday 18th August			
U14-2	*Season finished*		
U15-1			
U16-1			
U19-2			
A Res - SF	3.00	Renown	Begnell Oval
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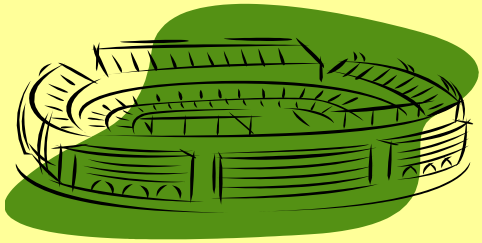

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Saturday 10 August	**Woolworths Revesby**	**9.00 – 12.00**
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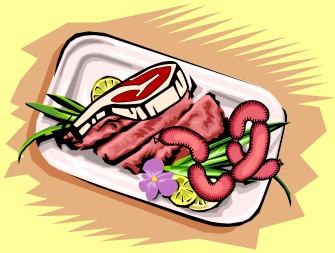

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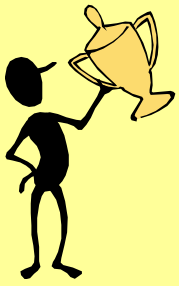

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