ST CHRISTOPHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

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President's Report

PREMIERS!! Congratulations to the Coach Whyte and the boys from the U12s who were crowned PREMIERS last weekend with a brilliant 30-6 victory over a massive Chester Hill side. It truly was a 'David and Goliath' struggle but as we keep telling you kids, the skills we pump into you will eventually pay off, no matter the size of the opponent. They paid off for the 12s with any chance of a victory for Cheso squashed when their giant was man-handled by our smallest player!! Read the write up inside. Victory was sweet!!

But it wasn't all good news on Saturday. Unfortunately, both our 13s went down in their grand finals but when we consider the traumas we had getting these 2 sides on the park (with minimum numbers and U12s filling in) to make the grand finals in both divisions was a fantastic effort. Both teams did the Club proud and both games could have easily gone either way. To Macca, Marto and the teams, your day will come. And just to end Saturday on a bad note, our 11s were beaten in their final. They started well but dozed off for 10 minutes before half time and that was all the Bulls needed to secure an un-catchable lead. Never the less, it was a great year for the 11s (in the top grade) and this side will be one to watch when they get older.

Sunday saw the A reserve in battle with Renown for a place in the grand final. They started strong and never really let Renown into the game to run out convincing winners 39-18. We're now off to Belmore on **Saturday 31 Aug** at 7pm.

This weekend! Catch up on the things you have to do because next weekend we're at Belmore for 1 game only. **The A Reserve grand final at 7pm**. And I will be reminding you during next week!!

Go the Saints
John Grealy

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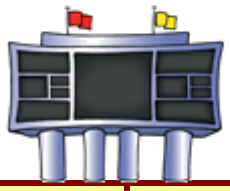
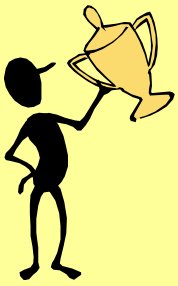
Round 18 Results



Team	Opposition	Venue	Result	For	Against
U11-1	Bankstown Bulls	Terry Lamb Complex	Lost	12	30
U12-2	Chester Hill	Belmore Oval	Won	30	6
U13-3	Bankstown Bulls	Belmore Oval	Lost	16	24
U13-2	Milperra-GF	Belmore Oval	Lost	12	24
A Res	Renown United	Begnall Oval	Won	39	18

Presentation Days



Senior Presentation

Saturday 26th October

At Panania Diggers from 7.00pm

Junior Presentation

'Family Fun Day'

Saturday 2nd November

At Bill Delauney Reserve from 1.00pm

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Under 11.1 ~ FINAL ~ Lost 12-30 v Bankstown Bulls

Under 12.2 ~ PREMIERS

Under 12.2 ~ GRAND FINAL ~ Won 30-6 v Chester Hill

Grand Final 2013 for the Under 12's was held on the 17/8/13 at Belmore Oval. Nerves were high as we were facing Chester Hill, the only team this year to defeat us. One of the greatest motivational talks from the Coach got the boys started. Then future club legend Jeremy Fuller spoke to the kids about commitment & defence. We are lucky to have Darren Senter's son as part of our playing group. Darren reinforced the message our Coach Scott Whyte has been saying all year. "We play for each other, we defend for each other & we work for each other." After this the Captain pulled the boys into a huddle and had the final say, "LET'S PLAY FOOTY."

The game started in our favour and we put pressure on them early, with some outstanding ball running from our forwards. With a change of direction and catching the opposition napping a great ball out wide and we were off down the sideline heading towards the try line. It seemed too easy, we scored within the next set and the crowd went wild. We scored our second try, and seemed to become complacent. We then dropped the ball and allowed our opposition in. No one panicked, no one got flustered and the boys knew what they had to do and boy, did they deliver. From that point on no one was taking this game from us and to sum it up with what our boys had to do, was Lachlan Jordan. He expressed this the best possible way, with 2 of the greatest try saving tackles you could have in a Grand Final. To describe them would be similar to the tackle that John Sattler made against Todd Byrne in the 2003 NRL Grand Final between the Panthers & the Roosters. If you don't know Lachlan Jordan, he is one of our smallest kids, but he has the biggest heart of any man I know. The opposition had 2 main players, but the one that saved their season was a definite "Man Child." Lachlan tackled him both times as he had a clean path to the try line and after the second tackle, even the "Man Childs" spirits were broken. The second half was no different and we just kept doing our plays and finishing our sets. To be brutally honest it became quite a blur to me as I was enjoying the moment with the team. To sum up, every kid stood up and performed above and beyond any of the Coaching staff's expectations. The final score was fitting at 30-6 and it felt great to sing the song and have our crowd there clapping us on. Thank you to all who came and for the Parents and Families that have been there supporting the Coach, Trainers and Management, thank you.

MOM: Lachlan Jordan

Tries: Jarrad Crawford, Lachlan Jordan x 2, Kueva Lynch, Cameron Riley, Blake Wylie.

Goals: Lachlan Jordan, Kueva Lynch, Camille Sleiman.

BUT THE BIGGEST THANK YOU GOES TO THE BOYS - BRING ON 2014.

JARRAD CRAWFORD, ISAAC EVANS, JOSHUA FULLER, DEAN GAZILAS, CHRISTIAN LAIDLER, KUEVA LYNCH(C), JESSE MALACHLAN, VINCENT QUINTAL, JORDAN RAISH, CAMERON RILEY, BILLY RYAN, ZAC SENTER, CAMILLE SLEIMAN, JACK TITMUSS, CALLUM WHYTE, BLAKE WYLIE

Under 13.3 ~ GRAND FINAL ~ Lost 16-24 v Bankstown Bulls

We played in the Grand Final against Bankstown Bulls at Belmore sports ground. It was seen by many as a great game of footy and our boys never gave up and did put up a good fight.

The Bulls raced to a 10-0 lead after 15 minutes of play. We pulled their lead back with a converted try to Michael. The boys lifted and went to half-time trailing 10-6.

The second half saw us come close to scoring a couple times. The Bulls got the ball back and their big forward (No.15), ran 60 metres to score. They scored again a few minutes later and the same player scored. The score was 18-6. We hit back five minutes later with a converted try to Reda and we reduced the deficit to 18-12. We then came close again only to drop the ball. The Bulls scored a converted try to lead 24-12. In the final moments we scored again, which meant the final score was 24-16.

I believe we should all be proud of our boys and they should all hold their heads up high!!

I wish everyone well and thank players, parents, spectators, the Club and coaching staff for a successful season considering that at the start of the season we were struggling to form this team.

Scorers: Reda x2 tries, Michael 1 try. Jack 2 goals.

Under 13.2 ~ GRAND FINAL ~ Lost 12-24 v Milperra Colts

It wasn't the result we were after but the boys should hold their heads high for the effort they put in for the game and the whole season and next year we will try to go that one better. The game started well with Ryan D. scoring out wide after a ball was allowed to bounce on the last, Colts hit back scoring off a smart kick and the game stayed pretty even from then on. We were able to score a few minutes before half time and should have taken an 8-6 lead to the break but a mistake of the kick off gave Colts one last chance of the scrum and they were able to score to make it 12-8 at half time. We locked the game up with a try right after the break but then mistakes started to creep into our game and we gave Colts too much ball in our half. They were able to crash over for a dubious try but we managed to get one last shot at their try line before giving them a penalty and with a bad missed tackle they were able to run the length for a try. The score didn't really indicate the closeness in the game with all our tries out wide and Colts' near the post giving them an advantage; but that's how grand finals work. You make your own luck and the ball needs to bounce your way. Everyone played well with Christian and Karim standouts in the forwards. Well done to everyone and I hope to see you back next year.

A Reserve ~ FINAL ~ Won 39-18 v Renown United

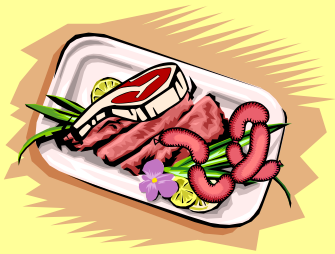
The Maroon and Gold Army @ Belmore

Thank-you to all our fantastic club members who came out to give their support to the boys on Saturday and Sunday in their various finals matches.

Last Game of the Season

Sunday 1st September			
Team		Opposition	Venue
A Res	GRAND FINAL	To be decided	BelmoreOval

Raffle Winners



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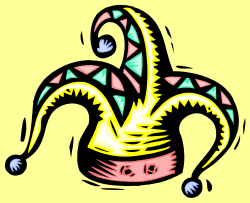

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