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President's Report

Round 16 of the 'season from hell' continued and there weren't too many highlights. The 7-1s sneaked a draw against the lower rated Bulls while the 10-1s did the same against the lower placed Cheso. The rest of the Saturday boys got beat though the 9-3s did put in a good effort against the super pumped St Johns (who had to win to make the semis) as did the 6-4s with both sides only going down by 2.

Sunday at Delauney was spoiled when the opposition for the 15s and 17s decided to forfeit. Unfortunately no one listens when you suggest that maybe a 5 or more team semi series might keep sides interested for longer. Anyway that aside, the 14-4s enjoyed their day at home with a comprehensive win over Moorebank – with 2 wins in a row coach Marto was that happy he shouted himself McDonalds. The 16s had to win to stay alive but went down to a classy Dundas side – we were in it for a long while but their discipline outlasted ours – season over. Over at Erskineville the 14-2s only played the 2nd half and after giving the comp leaders a 20 or so point start eventually went down by 2 – that effort for both halves and every game and we would have been in the semis.

This weekend our 9-3s are in the 1 v 2 semi while our 10-1s play the Tigers to decide the all important 2nd spot on the ladder. Our Sunday boys all play their last round this weekend and just a reminder, don't get sent off – any suspension will be served at the start of next season. And on Sunday, our 7-1s take part in the prestigious Tommy Bishop Shield, an invite only event for U7s from all over the metro and country areas of NSW. Good luck to the 7s and all our teams.

Go the Saints
John Grealy

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Round 16 Results

TEAM	OPPOSITION	RESULT	FOR	AGAINST
U6 Gold (4)	St Johns	Lost	28	32
U6 Green (3)	Rhinos	Lost	4	36
U6 Blue (1)	Berala Bears	Lost	12	36
U7 White (2)	St Johns	Lost	8	36
U7 Blue (1)	Bulls	Drew	22	22
U8 Green (3)	BYE	BYE		
U8 White (2)	Dragons	Lost	18	36
U8 Blue (1)	Bankstown Sports	Lost	12	40
U9-3	St Johns	Lost	16	18
U9-1	Bankstown Sports	Lost	10	32
U10-3	Season finished			
U10-1	Chester Hill	Drew	6	6
U11-2	Season finished			
U12-1	St Johns	Lost	12	26
U13-1	Bankstown Sports	Lost	0	48
U14-4	Moorebank	Won	50	10
U14-2	Redfern All Blacks	Lost	24	26
U15-3	Redfern All Blacks	WOF		
U16-1	Dundas	Lost	6	40
U17-1	La Perouse	WOF		

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Under 6 Gold ~ Lost 28-32 v St Johns

Under 6 Gold
Man of the Match~Xavius

Under 6.3 Green ~ Lost 4-36 v Revesby Rhinos

Our opponents this week were Revesby Heights Rhinos and if it wasn't for one of their key players, I'm sure the scoreboard would have been pretty even – possibly even a win for our little guys....

They all looked pretty spunky as they arrived for their photos bright and early and after a good warm up they looked confident. All of our boys made such a great effort in their runs this week but we just lacked a little in defence. I'm sure this will be something coach will focus on for this week's training.

Our Encouragement Award went to little Jakey who got over the line in the final moments to secure us 4 points while Caleb was awarded Man of the Match for his consistent tackling and power when running the ball.

Under 6 Green
Encouragement Award~Jake
Man of the Match~Caleb

Under 6 Blue ~ Lost 12-36 v Berala Bears

Under 7 White ~ Lost 8-36 v St Johns

Under 7 Blue ~ Drew 22-22 v Bulls

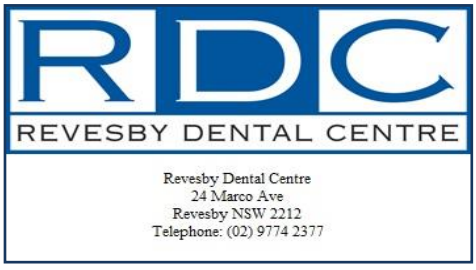
This week's game was a real nail biter. The boys played strong in the first 2 thirds, going into the last with them leading 3 tries and 3 conversions to 1. The boys displayed some strong defence and teamwork managing to score again, however we let Bulls back into the game, allowing them to score another 3 tries. As luck would have it, they missed the last conversion just before full time, therefore leaving the score at a draw.

This week's Man of the Match went to Itula Seve, who made some excellent line breaks, hard tackles and scored 3 tries and a conversion. Itula played extremely well this week and deservedly received this week's award.

Tries: Itula Seve X 3 & Lachie Burke X 1

Goals: Itula Seve, Lachie Burke & Patrick Forrester.

Under 8 Green ~ BYE



Under 8 White ~ Lost 18-36 v Dragons

Up against the Dragons this week and a good contest it was. The boys looked a little off in the warm up and I thought they may have carried this into the game. We started well and our defence was strong, holding them out a few times with a scoreless 1st ¼. They then put their big unit on and he did intimidate our boys a little scoring a couple of easy tries. To our credit they fought back and Ben Pittman used some good vision and zipped through a few defenders and scored in the corner. Some solid runs from Damon Taufa, Marcus Khoury and Zac Maarbani kept the dragons on their toes. We were down by 12 at half time and the key was to contain their big guy with numbers in tackles. The 2nd half didn't start out all that great. From their kick off, their big fella ran up quick and the ball bounced straight into his arms and he went onto score an easy 4 pointer. Once again we fought back with a great try from Logan Collinet running approx 40mtrs. We continued to force them into errors which gave us some good field advantage. On their 10mtr line Taj Stapleton took the ball as 1st receiver and barged over the line carrying about 3 dragons with him and almost knocking the post over, well done mate. Special mention to Harrison Holmes who took a big hit with a text book tackle, he went down hard but took it in his stride. Great effort all-round boys and it's nice to see you converting all your goals. Well done.

MOM: Taj Stapleton

Tries: Ben Pittman, Logan Collinet and Taj Stapleton

Goals: Ben Logan and Taj

Under 8 Blue ~ Lost 12-40 v Bankstown Sports

C.O.M.M.I.T.M.E.N.T.

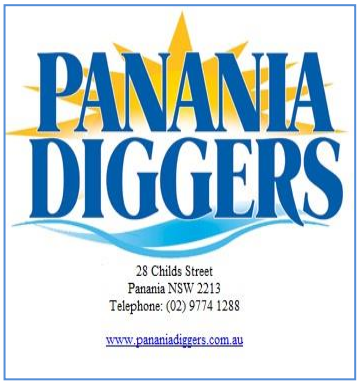
What does this word mean? Passion. Dedication. Devotion. Blood. Sweat. Tears.

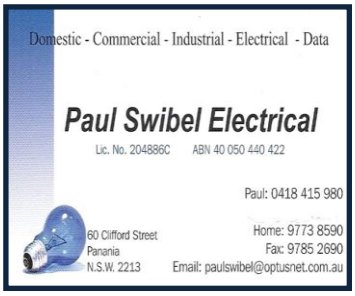
This word can define our game this week and probably our season as a whole. Some weeks we come out to play footy. Other weeks, we come out to play ine dirt with our heads stuck in the sand pit. Our lack of training, lack of enthusiasm, lack of tackling and our lack of linework is the epitome of commitment and lack of it on the field. Grant set the goal for the game with a prize at the end of the rainbow, McDonalds.... if we won. But that's all it was, a dream.

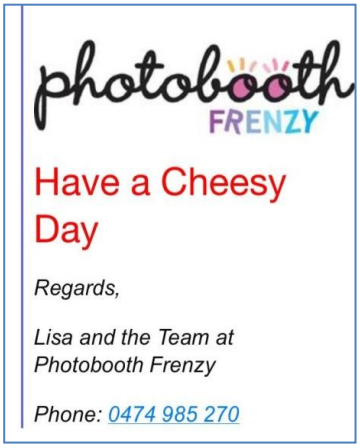
There was only one bright spark and that was our third quarter which we won on the paddock, and the scoreboard. The rest is nothing but a blur and something we'd rather forget. It was 0-12 at quarter time, 6-28 halftime, 12-28 at the end of the 3rd and finally 12-40.

Congratulations to the Safi twins. Adrian got 2 tries and each got a goal. Our Man of the Match went to Matty and of course, Adrian.

We have 2 games to go lads. Let's finish it off in style. Make the effort at training and prove it to yourselves that you can do it on the field as a Team.







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Under 9.3 ~ Lost 16-18 v St Johns

Under 9.1 ~ Lost 10-32 v Bankstown Sports

Under 10.1 ~ Drew 6-6 v Chester Hill

Under 12.1 ~ Lost 12-26 v St Johns

Under 13.1 ~ Lost 0-48 v Bankstown Sports

A very disappointing effort after the improved efforts the boys had been putting in of late. There was a real lack of commitment in the way the boys played and only went into the plays half hearted like they were intimidated before the game.

Isaac and Vince got themselves involved form the start with their hit ups while Billy also tried hard from the back, Josh was non-stop showing size does not matter putting his body on the line, leading the way showing many of the other players up. Let's try to finish on a big note this week boys.

Under 14.4 ~ Won 50-10 v Moorebank

Last Sunday we played at home against Moorebank which in the end was a comfortable win for our boys to the tune of 50 points to 10. This now makes it two wins in a row and our third win of the season.

The boys got off to a flying start by scoring three quick tries in the first ten minutes to take a 16 to nil lead. From then on we were always in control. It appears that the opposition had lost a lot of players from last year and had no answer to our attack or defence. The score was 22-4 at half time.

We carried on from where we left off in the first half and scored 28 points to 6 and really played like a team that was focused on winning. We have really improved and if we can retain the same players for next year then we can go further.

With only one round remaining, although we can't make the semi's our boys are determined to make it three in a row and end the season on a winning note.
Go the Saints!!!!

Tries: Reda X 2, Riley X 2, Jayden, Samir, Allen, Sebastian, Harrison X1 try each: Jack: 7 goals

Under 14.4 ~ Won 20-16 v Bondi (Round 15)

Our boys travelled out to the picturesque Waverley Oval near Bondi beach to play against Bondi United. This was always expected to be a closely contested game but we were confident that we should have a good chance of coming away with a win.

We got off to good start after Reda dashed 20 metres to score a try beside the posts and the conversion was successful, our lead was 6-0 after 5 minutes of play. Our lead was extended further with a good team try four minutes later. The try was scored out-wide by Jayden. This took us to a 10-0 lead and we were looking good. Then silly errors and wrong options put us in bad field position. The opposition kept working away and hit back with a try to reduce our lead to 10-6. Just three minutes before half-time the opposition made a break down the blind side of the field and their player only had the fullback to beat. Reda tackled him high. One of their players pushed our fullback then a scuffle broke out between two players. The Referee was quick to control the matter, otherwise it could have led to an all in brawl. After things were settled down, two players were dismissed from the field for punching. Half time 10-6 our way.

The second half was played in good spirit by both teams. The opposition were first to score and the scores were level at 10 all, with 18 minutes left on the clock. We then got ourselves into good field position, which laid the foundation 5 minutes later for a try to Samir out-wide. The try was converted which meant that we had a 16-10 lead with 13 minutes to go. Errors cost us again and the opposition once again replied with a converted try and the score was level again at 16 all. We then worked hard and tackled well, which forced the opposition into an error. This was followed by a penalty. Cooper decided to take the quick tap and not go for the two points. With persistence this led to a scoot from Reda to score again, we then went to 20-16 lead, five minutes were left on the clock. We held on grimly despite the opposition having good field position. We were able to record our second win of the year.

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Under 14.2 ~ Lost 24-26 v Redfern All Blacks

Having to face Redfern in their own back yard is always a difficult task but when you're down on numbers, having to depend on the 13s to play up to make a team it certainly makes it tougher. The game couldn't have started worse with Redfern scoring off the kick off then again the following set. The boy's minds weren't on the job and it was like we were doing everything in slow motion and after being down 22 nil at half time it looked like we were going to be on the end of a hiding. After some inspirational words at half time the boys came out a different team, we managed to put some pressure on Redfern and started running harder and it was only really time that beat us in the end. Josh led by example all game, while Pat got the team rolling eating up the metres at dummy half which allowed Bob, Jayden and Tino to create inroads into Redfern. On the back of that the boys played some entertaining footy with Luke coming up with a freaky bat back to set up a try and Moey with some evasive running. A big thanks to Vince, Kuev and Cam for playing up to give us the numbers we needed, let's keep it going this week boys.

Under 15.3 ~ WOF

Under 16.1 ~ Lost 6-40 v Dundas

Under 17.1 ~ WOF

This Week's Games

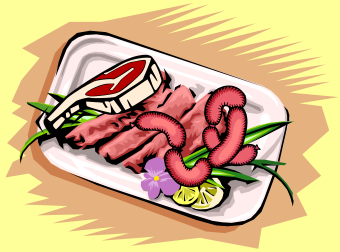
Saturday 9th August			
TEAM	TIME	OPPOSITION	VENUE
U6 Gold (4)	9.00	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Res
U6 Green (3)	9.00	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve
U6 Blue (1)	9.45	St Johns	Bill Delauney Res
U7 White (2)	10.30	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Res
U7 Blue (1)	9.45	Dragons	Lance Hutchinson
U8 Green (3)	1.15	Rhinos	Bill Delauney Res
U8 White (2)	11.15	Bulls	Bill Delauney Res
U8 Blue (1)	12.15	Tigers	Bill Delauney Res
U9-3	11.30	Semi Bass Hill	Smith Park
U9-1	12.15	Chester Hill	Terry Lamb Complex
U10-3		Season finished	
U10-1	2.15	Tigers	Bill Delauney Res
U11-2		Season finished	
U12-1	12.50	Bulls	Ruse Park
U13-1	3.05	St Johns	Bill Delauney Res
Sunday 10th August			
U14-4	11.30	Arncliffe	Killara Reserve
U14-2	12.35	Concord	Killara Reserve
U15-3	2.30	Enfield	Cooke Park
U16-1	2.45	South Eastern	Killara Reserve
U17-1	10.15	Concord	Killara Reserve

Raffle Roster

Friday 8th August:

Joker Draw raffle at Revesby Pacific Hotel from 5:30-7:00 ~ **Under 14.2's.**

Saturday 9th August



- (a) Revesby Pacific Hotel ~ Meat Tray raffles from 3:30-5:30 ~ **Under 10.1's.**
- (b) Panania Diggers ~ Meat Tray raffles from 3:30-5:30 ~ **Under 7's All.**

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