ST CHRISTOPHERS JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE CLUB

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President's Report

I hoped you all enjoyed your Easter break. Results wise, round 2 of the season was not a great one with only 4 of our sides saluting. That aside, it was great to see the 'babies' (our U6 Gold) get a win at home crossing for 7 tries in the process. And with the opposition (St Johns) having the same gear supplier as us, their shorts were just as baggy!! We then had to wait a while until the 9-3s got the money against Greenacre with the final score line a bit flattering to the opposition – we never looked like losing. The 7 Blues and 11-2s both went close but just couldn't get the points.

Sunday saw our sides spread from Birchgrove to Blakehurst to Greenacre then out to Liverpool – all in a 2 hour window so needless to say no supporter saw more than 1 game. The 14-2s had a good win over Renown to get their first points of the season. Well done. With the 16s having a forfeit in R1 and only 1 trial, they were itching to get on and everyone was just as itchy to see them. They didn't disappoint and also gave Renown a beating. Both our 15s and 17s deserve a special mention. Though beaten, both put in great efforts with the 17s fielding 12 and the 15s just 10! However neither side would contemplate forfeiting and put in herculean efforts to nearly snatch wins! Both teams did the Club and themselves proud.

This weekend we have Saturday and Sunday games, both big days. We have 4 Saints sides playing on the Sunday so I urge all our Saturday boys to come and watch some Sunday footy. All the teams can use your support and Grant and Tim have promised to have the slurpee machine operating!!! **Any Saints U6 to U13 player in club colours on Sunday will only pay $2 for a slurpee**!!! Slurpee Sunday, how good's that.

Go the Saints

John Grealy

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Round 2 Results

Team	Opposition	Result	For	Against
U6 Gold (4)	St Johns	Won	28	16
U6 Green (3)	BYE	Bye		
U6 Blue (1)	St Johns	Lost	4	32
U7 White (2)	Bankstown Sports	Lost	4	24
U7 Blue (1)	Bankstown Sports	Lost	20	24
U8 Green (3)	BYE	Bye		
U8 White (2)	Berala Bears	Lost	4	54
U8 Blue (1)	Bankstown Sports	Lost	20	38
U9-3	Tigers 1	Won	22	14
U9-1	Bankstown Sports	Lost	12	36
U10-3	Bankstown Sports	Lost	12	30
U10-1	Chester Hill	Lost	6	12
U11-2	Bankstown Sports	Lost	6	14
U12-1	Bulls	Lost	0	34
U13-1	Bankstown Sports	Lost	4	52
U14-3	Five Dock RSL	Lost	16	46
U14-2	Renown	Won	42	6
U15-2	Hurstville	Lost	18	24
U16-1	Renown	Won	28	12
u17-1	All Saints	Lost	22	40

Under 6 Blue Man of the Match - Dylan

Under 6 Gold ~ Won 28-16 v St Johns

Under 6.3 Green ~ BYE

Under 6 Blue ~ Lost 4-32 v St Johns

6 Blues lost 32-4 but not without a fight, with Tyler, Alexander, Joshua and Dylan trying hard to keep St. John's out of our half, Khoda and Daniel held back to try catch the ones that did get past. Darcy, Michael and Rory also helped keep them away. All the boys had a few good runs but we just couldn't get the points.

Dylan scored himself man of the match as he made a break in the defence line and set up a try, and Daniel was the one who got it over the line.
Happy Easter Everyone!

Under 7 White ~ Lost 4-24 v Sports

MOM - Aaron Klem

A slightly wet and windy day for our first home game of the season against Bankstown Sports. Sports started by scoring from the kick off and showing early on they had some fast runners. Saints came close to scoring from the tap, following a big run by Jake and Cooper swerving through the middle of the defense. Jake again took the run and was stopped by a try saving tackle. A minute later Jake made a try saving tackle at the other end. It was not enough, the attack was strong and Sports crossed for their second try. Rhys had the tap start and made a great run but didn't keep away from the snakes and was tackled into touch! Zac then stepped up and showed urgent defense making three consecutive tackles and turning over the ball. Zac then had the first run and made great metres up the middle followed by a charging run from Aaron who crashed over the line to score.

Alexander started off the next third by making a nice run through and around the defense, followed by great runs from Aaron and Max. Aaron continued to show great defense with a try saving tackle turning over the ball, however we lost possession on the first run. Sports came at us hard again and Aaron made yet another try saving tackle but we couldn't keep them out and they scored their third try of the match. From the tap, Zac was hit with a high tackle, but showed he was tough and was straight back on his feet making another strong run. Ethan stepped in, made a nice side stepping run up the middle, followed by Alexander who also used a step or two to beat some of the defense. Max then made another exciting run around the defense to be stopped short. Aaron ran from dummy half and was pushed into touch inches from the line! Sports responded but our defense held tight, with Kristian, Cooper and Zac making some great tackles. Zac picked up a dropped ball and made good metres, passing to Alexander who flicked it on ' Joey Johns ' style to Aaron, who again came close to scoring. The strong defense was hard to break, but Max broke away following a couple of hand off's but the last tackler pulled him down. More great defense followed, with Jake and Christopher making text book tackles, but we couldn't keep the opposition out and Sports crossed for another try. A tap start from Kristian who was hit hard by the defense and got injured, but he showed his strength and stayed on the field to continue the battle and finish off the middle third. Cont.....

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Under 7 White ~ Lost 4-24 v Sports cont.....

The final third and Cooper made a huge kick off that any first grade kicker would be proud of! Unfortunately our defense was too bunched and Sports picked up and scored a great length of the field individual try. Alexander had the tap start and was tackled hard but this didn't phase him and he was back on his feet in no time and ready to go. Rhys made a great run side stepping two would-be tacklers before being caught by the full back. Alexander made a great run followed by Ethan, Christopher and Zac (who almost scored but was pushed into touch). Strong defense followed with Alexander and Aaron combining to bring down Sports, Aaron continued making another try saving tackle. This was followed by a forward pass from both teams, but Sports were able to convert our error into points.

Close to full time and our boys were still giving it 100%, Cooper made an awesome run from the tap start, followed by Rhys who straightened up the attack breaking two tackles, the defense however was very strong and Jake was unlucky to be stopped short of the line. Kristian made the final run of the match, but the strong defense did not give in and he was stopped short. Full time and another loss with some further work needed by our boys on our defensive line, however the boys kept their heads up and never gave in against a bigger and faster team.

Under 7 Blue ~ Lost 20-24 v Sports

Another fantastic team effort!! We are all starting to come together well as a team. This was a game where we not only scored six tries, but we displayed brilliant try saving tackles, great ball movement and skills throughout the team with some outstanding individual performances too!!

Keep up the great work boys, everything we are learning at training is starting to show on the field.

A big congratulations to **Lucas Pengue** who deservedly received the team's Man of the Match award for this week. Well Done Lucas!!

Under 8 Green - BYE

Under 8 White Lost 4-54 v Berala Bears

This week the boys played the Berala Bears away and what a nail biter it was. Warm up was enthusiastic and the boys were keen for another hit out. Berala were a much bigger side and every time they got the ball they seemed to punish our sideline defence and cross the line. I lost count but they must have put on 30 points in the first half, but to the boys credit they kept tackling and trying hard. The second half was pretty much the same but we did seem to have more possession and this led to Raishy (our captain this week) going over for his 1st try of the season. They went upstairs to the video ref and fortunately for us, they can't rule on a fwd pass. TRY… the Saint's crowd went wild.

Some big solid runs from Zac Marbaani, Mark Bishara, Logan Collinet and Lucas Cassar with Harrison Holmes once again showing us all how to tackle properly and put your body on the line. Big effort boys and I'm really proud of the way you kept your heads high and took on those big boppers. If we can get our defensive structures right and tighten up our sideline defence, the points will come.

MOM: Harrison Holmes

Under 8 Blue ~ Lost 20-38 v Sports

It was a game I would like to say "We came. We played. We kicked some..." but I can't. Our boys never turned up to play.

Despite training well and improving all the time, our boys did not tackle and bunched up that a blanket could be thrown over them all. And the amount of times our boys ran over the sideline did not help our game.

Each and every one of us needs to focus and concentrate and to do the simple things that our coach teaches us. It is a team effort and we won't win games until we start playing like a team. We have a good bunch of football players...we just need to prove it out there on the field.

Hayden was our Man of the Match but solid performances were put in by Mitchell (1 x try), Jack (2 x tries) and Daniel (1 x try).

Under 9.3 ~ Won 22-14 v Greenacre

Under 9.1 ~ Lost 12-36 v Sports

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Under 10.1 ~ Lost 6-12 v Chester Hill

This week we played Chester Hill, the team that knocked us out of the semis last year. It was a game that we truly wanted to win, but lost 12-6 in a close encounter that saw neither team dominate. We played solid football but needed to show more mongrel in both attack and defence and a bit more urgency when necessary.

In the first half Zac Pound was everywhere in defence and showed how we should defend, while Kaled, Foz, Richardo and Jared all tried hard in attack. Kaled scored a very good individual try that kept us in the game and Thomas converted.

The second half was a very even contest and we had our chances to even the game with Jared going over the line, only for the try to be disallowed for a double movement. With Zac Pound off the field Trent stood up in defence with some great tackles. It was a tough match with plenty of injury time out and as we were getting on top the clock beat us.

Under 10.3 ~ Lost 12-30 v Sports

We had prepared well and although we are still trialling player positions we were ready to take on Sports with both of us looking for our first win. We gave Sports the early possession with pushed passes and running too close to the sidelines. We did not want to touch their big/and or fast blokes and they scored 2 early tries. Harry & Saadi worked hard in defence and Bianca "Miss Reliable", who was our only legs tackler, stopped all down the left hand side with the support of Jake. Ky also worked hard in defence putting his body on the line on many occasions.

After last week's poor kicking off we worked hard on this at training & now we have a specialist kicker in Jarred Torbey. Unfortunately he got plenty of practise in the game and gave us great field position when we chased the kick. With Jarrod Field back at dummy half we hit our straps and with some great lead up work Torbey scored and kicked the goal. This lifted the team and we backed it up scoring a try in the next 6 from the kick off leading 12-8.

In the second half we did not want to move up or tackle, the coach's ONLY half time instructions. We gave our big blokes a well deserved rest and the team came up with their own game plan of kicking early and not completing our sets? It was all one way traffic and they scored 5 unanswered tries. Thanks to our new stats man Paul Torbey, the stats showed we only had the ball for 4 sets in the 2nd half, kicking twice on tackle 4 and knocking on tackle 3 with pushed passes. Jarrod Field topped the tackle count in the 2nd half with 7 which is great improvement, but we work on our front-on tackles if we want to get any ball and their big speed men just kept going around and through us.

The game did show our attack is ready to fire, but we need to spread out, move up and tackle for 6 to get the ball. I am not sure we have a mystery coach telling the team to kick it on the 4th tackle or they cannot count, but we need to ensure we hold it for 6 tackles as there is still a lot of work to do on our defence, so we need to minimise the amount of tackling we need to do! Zac did another superb job at first receiver and is developing well, pulling off a great one on one tackle to pin them in their own half. We now just need team players who are prepared to move up and tackle! Existing players are encouraged to apply these positions.

Tries – Jarred Torbey, Saadi Goals – Jarred Torbey & Jarrod Field

MOM – Harry Defensive Award - Saadi

Under 11.2 ~ Lost 6-14 v Sports

We only completed 2 of our 8 sets in the first half. With only half completed in the 2nd. Thomas topped the tackle count and with good attack was our man of the match. We lost the ball half of the time in the first half however some great tackles were made by Michael.

Second half the defence was better and had a few attempts of scoring but nothing got on the board. Christian scored and converted for the second week in a row. Can he make it a hat trick next week?

Remember boys we need more than one in the tackle to bring the big boys down.

Under 12.1 ~ Lost 0-34 v Bulls

Under 13.1 ~ Lost 4-52 v Sports

Under 14.3 ~ Lost 16-46 v Five Dock RSL

Our boys played Five Dock RSL at Birchgrove oval. The final score was not a true reflection of the match, as our boys really put up a very gutsy performance and always tried really hard to stay in the match.

The opposition got off to a 16-0 lead. We got back into the game with two quick tries and one conversion to bring the scores closer to 16-10. That was as close as we got to them. Silly errors, dropped ball and missed tackles gave the opposition a 22-10 lead at half-time. We got off to a bad start in the second half and they advanced to a 28-10 lead. From that point on, we really could not compete as they used their outside backs to pile on three further tries. With a few minutes left of play we crossed over near the post to make the score **16-46.** A highlight of our defence was the hard tackle made by Riley which knocked the opposing player to the turf. That was a great tackle!!

Overall it was a great improvement from last game in which we were comprehensively beaten by a team that should have been playing in a higher division. I am referring to our 8-78 loss to Greenacre at Bill Delauney Reserve. Let's all work hard at training and have some good combinations going, then we can become a competitive side. We also need parent support at games, and, **all** players to attend training both times each week.

Our best performers were Reda, Cooper and Jack. Kassem and Zack also tried really hard.
Scorers: Reda X2 tries, Cooper 1 try. Jack 2 Goals.

Under 14.2 ~ Won 42-6 v Renown

The boys played a lot better this week scoring some good tries and showing desperate defence. Good games by the halves Luke and Jaidin, moving us around the field. Our forwards ran hard and our backs made full use of the width of the field. Our new boys, Jake and Bob, made some strong runs and showed great involvement in defence.

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Under 15.2~Lost 18-24 v Hurstville United

Starting the season with 16 players we thought we would be well covered for any injuries that may hit us. Well after one round we found that this was not the case, losing 5 players to injury and 1 overseas. We went into this game with 10 and were lucky to have 10 finishing. The game started off as we expected with Hurstville taking advantage of the 3 man overlap and scoring 4 tries out wide within the first 20 minutes to go to an 18 - nil lead with things looking very grim. We suddenly got some ball and after some probing runs Elisha scored just before ½ time and Liam kicked the goal. We went in at ½ time down 18 to 6 with the feeling we had the better of the last 5 minutes of the first ½ and that with a bit of ball we could be competitive.
The second ½ started badly with Hurstville scoring another soft try out wide to go to a 24 to 6 lead. The boys regrouped and played simple no mistake football. Elisha got another try and we kicked the goal and it was 24-12. With 3 to go Elisha scored his third for the game and it was 24-18 and suddenly we were all over the opposition and finishing on top and looking for a draw. Unfortunately time beat us and we went down 24-18. This was a great effort by all the 10 boys who got on the field - special mention to Liam who lead by example, Adam and Abdul who had strong games up the middle and Elisha who never stopped looking for the ball and scored 3 good tries .We will have another 1 or 2 games before we get 13 on the field again but once we get a full team we will be very competitive.
Tries Elisha x 3 Goals Liam x 3

Under 16.1 ~ Won 28-12 v Renown

Under 17.1 ~ Lost 4-22 v All Saints

Raffle Roster

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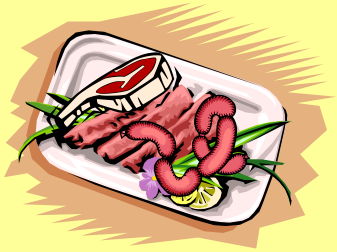
Saturday 26th April



- (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 ~ **All Under 7's.**

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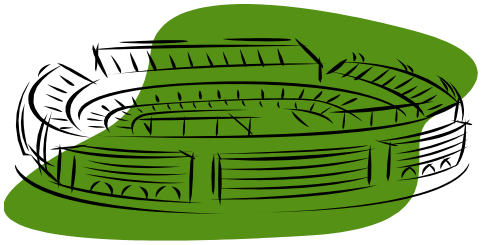
Saturday 26th April			
U6 Gold (4)	9.00	Moorebank	Hammondville
U6 Green (3)	9.45	Moorebank	Hammondville
U6 Blue (1)	9.45	Tigers	Roberts Park
U7 White (2)	10.30	Bulls	Ruse Park
U7 Blue (1)	9.00	St Johns	Bill Delauney Res
U8 Green (3)	9.45	Rhinos	Smith Park
U8 White (2)	9.45	Tigers	Bill Delauney Res
U8 Blue (1)	9.45	Tigers	Bill Delauney Res
U9-3	10.30	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes Res
U9-1	10.45	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Res
U10-3	11.35	St Johns	Bill Delauney Res
U10-1	12.25	Tigers	Bill Delauney Res
U11-2	1.15	Bulls	Bill Delauney Res
U12-1	2.05	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Res
U13-1	2.55	St Johns	Bill Delauney Res
Sunday 27th April			
U14-3	10.00	Berala Bears	Peter Hislop
U14-2	10.30	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Res
U15-2	11.35	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Res
U16-1	12.40	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Res
U17-1	2.00	Bulls	Bill Delauney Res