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President's Report

Round 4 provided some mixed results including draws and byes! The 8 Greens and 8 Whites both notched up their first wins of the season, both great efforts with a number of boys scoring their first tries. Excellent. Our 9-1s and 12-1s probably didn't play their best footy but at least went home with a point each by snatching last minute draws. The Stars of Saturday were undoubtedly the U10-1s and 11-2s who both had great victories and are letting all teams know they are semi-final bound. Sunday was a complete wipe out but not without effort. The 14-3s were a bit unlucky not to get their first win of the season, going down by 2. The 14-2s went close to knocking off the leaders while the 15-2s continue to guts it out while waiting for injured players to return. Unfortunately the 16s and 17s had games for the taking but lack of discipline and ball control cost them. I can't stress enough – complete your sets and see what a difference it makes.

Tough love in league policy

Since 2011 the league has introduced the above policy. It applies for U13s to 17s and its aim is to eliminate violence from the game. It also means players are likely to be sent off for what most people would consider minor offences. Unfortunately the refs aren't considering them minor and are marching players. There is no early plea or reductions for clean records which means a player may get suspended for 2 or more weeks. Nothing we can do about it so I recommend we play clean, hard footy and let the other teams end up short.

Go the Saints
John Grealy

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Round 4 Results

Team	Opposition	Result	For	Against
U6 Gold (4)	BYE		BYE	
U6 Green (3)	Chester Hill	Lost	8	20
U6 Blue (1)	Bankstown Sports	Lost	0	40
U7 White (2)	Milperra Colts	Lost	14	30
U7 Blue (1)	BYE		BYE	
U8 Green (3)	St Johns	Won	34	22
U8 White (2)	Moorebank	Won	24	16
U8 Blue (1)	St Johns	Lost	22	28
U9-3	Bass Hill Broncos	Lost	14	18
U9-1	Dragons	Drew	20	20
U10-3	East Hills	Lost	4	40
U10-1	St Johns (2)	Won	32	0
U11-2	Berala Bears	Won	18	12
U12-1	Dragons	Drew	16	16
U13-1	BYE		BYE	
U14-3	Penshurst G	Lost	10	12
U14-2	Carlingford Cougars	Lost	24	34
U15-2	Kogarah Cougars	Lost	14	34
U16-1	Leichhardt Wanderers	Lost	12	16
U17-1	Kingsgrove Colts	Lost	10	16

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Under 6 Gold ~ BYE

Under 6.3 Green ~ Lost 8-20 v Chester Hill

This week was most of our boys first experience of what footy is like in the wet season! There were cold, wet bottoms on the field and umbrella's all around but I kept hearing "I love playing in the rain!" The ball and ground were slippery but I think we can all see the improvement the boys are making week by week.

Some great tackles by Izhak, Harrison, Sebastian and Declan who all helped in keeping the oppositions points down and an awesome try saving tackle by Izhak right on the try line! Well done to Declan who broke through the defensive line twice to score 2 try's and give us our 8 points!

Jake did a great job as 1st receiver in the first third while James, Kai, Leo and Drew all put in great runs showing off the skills they have been learning each week. Caleb really impressed the coach this week with his concentration and focus and received this weeks encouragement award.

I would personally like to thank the families from under 6 green and the other under 6 teams for getting down to the diggers on Saturday afternoon for the raffles and in our colours.... The club was very impressed! Another great night had by all!

Good luck next week boys :o)

Under 6 Blue ~ Lost 0-40 v Bankstown Sports

MOM Daniel Maric

Game 4 didn't bring the boys from 6 Blue much luck, the weather was cold the rain never stopped but neither did the boys we lost 40-0 to Bankstown Sports but the boys never stopped they worked as a team, and they played boys bigger then most 9 year olds but they still tried as hard and ran as fast as they could, better luck next week boys keep up the good work.

Under 6 Blue

Man of the Match

Daniel

Joshua Dunn earns the Under 8 Green's team award after their strong win over St. John's in the rain on our home turf. Well done.

Under 7 White ~ Lost 14-30 v Milperra Colts

Under 7 Blue ~ BYE

Under 8 Green ~ Won 34-22 v St Johns

Under 8 White ~ Won 24-16 v Moorebank

After playing some tough sides over the first 3 rounds, it was nice to finally play a side that we could match up against, so Moorebank it was. The boys put in a great performance and leading the way in defence was Patrick Delinicolis. A big ask as it was his first game of the year after breaking his arm a couple of months ago. Mark Bishara's runs we're inspirational, at times carrying 3 and 4 defenders on his back. Big shouts out to Lucas Cassar (our captain this week) and Taj Stapleton for putting in at both ends with big courageous hits and some neat evasive runs. We did let in a couple of soft tries late in the second half and no doubt we will be working on that this week. To all the boys keep up the good work, train hard this week and let's see if we can go back to back wins.

MOM Patrick Delinicolis

Tries: Lucas Cassar (2) Mark Bishara's (1) Taj Stapleton (1)

Goals: Mark Bishara, Lucas Cassar, Taj Stapleton, Damon Taufa

Under 8 Blue ~ Lost 22-28 v St Johns

Geez it was cold today. The wind and the rain and the miserable conditions illustrated the way we played...no tackling, no urgency and dumb mistakes. I don't want to sound negative but we sound like a broken record. Every week Grant reinforces to our lads 3 goals ;

1. Tackle
2. Tackle, and
3. More of 1. and 2.

But once again, it isn't sinking in. We train every Tuesday and Thursday by tackling and tackling and tackling. Using our shoulders and not our hands. But when Saturday comes and the game is on, we are caught out playing touch footy or blokes too afraid to tackle the opposition.

We can score, we know that. We lost again today 22-28 and nearly had it in the dying stages. But dumb mistakes by not playing the ball correctly, or knocking it on during the play the ball are simple things that should've been left in Under 6s...not now.

Our boys need to demonstrate their urgency on the field. Do we want to win, of course we do. Then show it on the field. We need quicker play the balls to get across the advantage line, backing up our runners in case of an off-load, playing the ball as quickly as possible to get up the other end and to score.

Congratulations to the SAFI twins who were the outstanding performers today with their tackling and running. And James was deservedly the Man-of-the-Match.

Tries were scored by Cody, Adrian, Jack and Zac. Conversions by Jack, Zac and Matt.

Next boys, let's make a difference."

Evening ya'all.

Wazzaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaaa

Under 9.3 ~ Lost 14-18 v Bass Hill Broncos

Under 9.1 ~ Drew 20-20 v Dragons

Under 10.1 ~ Won 32-0 v St Johns (2)

Good win boys. Great to see us being more consistent. In a game that saw us beat St Johns 2, 32-0 it was good to see that we didn't take our foot off the pedal and let the opposition score any easy points. Our defence stayed solid and our attack looked impressive.

All the forwards ran hard and straight and made many busts up the field which led to our backs scoring most of the points on the back of the forwards hard work. Zac Pound had a blinder at 5/8 and his work in attack and defence was extremely busy which led to him getting man of the match. Henri learnt that if he ran hard with the ball the other team struggled to tackle him.

Ricardo, Foz, Luke and Zac C all made good runs in the forwards, while Kaled, Jack, Jared and Trent made plenty of meters in the backs.

In defence, the tackle count was pretty even with most of the boys except Luke who consistently makes close to 20 tackles a game.

Zac Pound, Ricardo, Zac C and Foz all defended well and a special mention must go to Bailey on the wing, for a top defensive effort with his excellent tackling technique. Our centres, Kaled, Trent & Jared were like a brick wall and their work with the wingers definitely helped to keep our line from being crossed.

Tries	Goals
Kaled Arnaout 2	Kaled Arnaout 1
Jared Kennedy 1	Jared Kennedy 1
Jack Martin 1	Thomas Ravel 1
Richardo Oloapu 1	Zac Pound 1
Zac Pound 1	

MOM- Zac Pound
Encouragement award – Henri Carrera

Kids, make sure you get your SLUSHY before this man gets them all!

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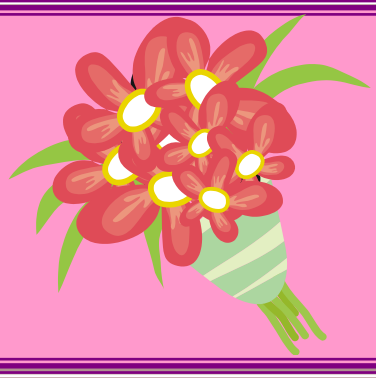
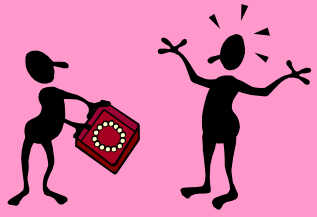


Wishing all our Mums a Happy Mother's Day this Sunday.



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Under 10.3 ~ Lost 4-40 v East Hills

After being on a high all week after our 1st win, we took on the East Hills who are the undefeated competition leaders. As their ONLY 10's team, they proved too strong in defence and attack. Our work and commitment in defence has greatly improved and we did well to hold them to 2 tries in the first half with great efforts from Bianca, Harry, Jarred Torbey, PJ and Saadi. We struggled to get out of our own half and had very limited opportunities on the back of some good runs from Bianca, Harry, Jarred Torbey, Ky, Liam and Saadi.

In the second half we grew tired and lost confidence. We never really got into our groove in attack and the same players kept chopping us down as we were not running wide enough or being turned back inside by their well drilled defence. We knocked on a couple of times giving them good field position on which they were able to capitalise and they kicked 6 from 7 to really extend the score. Liam was able to force his way over for a try on the final bell using good speed and strength to score out wide.

We only completed 2 sets in attack and although the effort and commitment was there in defence, our technique was poor and MUST improve if we want to be there at the business end of the season. We will also need to learn to use the ball and our speed ball better out wide to take on the line rather than getting turned back into the ruck by would be defenders.

TRIES – Liam

Player of the Match – Bianca Defensive AWARD - PJ

Under 11.2 ~ Won 18-12 v Berala Bears

Under 12.1 ~ Drew 16-16 v Dragons

Under 13.1 ~ BYE

Under 14.3 ~ Lost 10-12 v Penshurst G

Our boys played Penshurst RSL at Killara oval in which can be described as a tough and thrilling game of football which went right down to the wire. This is by far our best performance of the season thus far. We defended very well and in attack we always looked like scoring but, things broke down with wrong options. We trailed 4-6 at half-time and were in with a chance. We took a 10-6 lead, and, the opposition hit the lead soon after with a converted try to lead 12-10. It was a great team performance and hopefully this is the start of better things to come.

Player of the match : Zack
Scorers: Zack and Cooper 1 try each. Jack 1 goal.

Under 14.2 ~ Lost 24-34 v Carlingford Cougars

We had never faced this team before and they were sitting on the top of the table. The boys were understandably nervous particularly since at least 3 of the opposition boys looked like they drove themselves to the game.

However, the boys surprised themselves and played really well. At ½ time we were only down 6-12. With a bit more tackling practise, commitment and belief the boys have shown they can beat any team. It was only a few too many mistakes that cost us this game. Good games from Jayden K., Patrick and Josh.

Under 15.2 ~ Lost 14-34 v Kogarah Cougars

Started the game off under the pump allowing Kogarah to score in the first 2 minutes. We let another 2 soft tries in and we were down 14 nil. We got our act together with a try to Elisha and then another to Abdul. We kicked both goals and it was 14-12. 30 sec from ½ time Liam kicked a pressure kick from 40 out and we went in at ½ time 14 all and right in the game . 1/2 time was the worst thing for us and the best thing for them - their coach pointed out that we only had 12 men and that we were weak out wide. With most of the ball and luck going Kogarah's way they put on 4 quick tries and the game was over. Boys, we will hopefully get 13 on the field next week and with a bit of luck, which has deserted us this season, we will get a win. Elisha and Izak had outstanding games and were well supported by Luke, Liam and Jeremy.

Tries: Elisha x 1 & Abdul x 1 Goals Liam x 2 & Izak x 1

Under 16.1 ~ Lost 12-16 v Leichhardt Wanderers

This week the boys took on a pumped up Leichhardt Wanderers outfit. The boys took the paddock overflowing with confidence after solid wins in the previous 2 weeks and we looked to continue that streak with Aseri Raikalevu and Aaron Gilbert crossing for tries in the first half, converted by our skipper, Steele, to see us up 12-0 at half time. A dust up between one of our boys and the opposition 5/8 just before half time resulted in the two being sent off, leaving it a 12 v 12 match in the second half. Unfortunately, the boys did not lift to maintain their lead and went back to playing a bash up, one off the ruck style of footy. Structure went out the window and panic flew in. Leichardt capitalised by scoring 2 tries, leaving them behind 12-10. With 1:30 remaining and the boys defending down the opposition end, an ugly win seemed inevitable. Unfortunately the Rugby League gods did not see it that way and a break away from Leichardt's fullback saw them cross the line with seconds remaining.

A sore loss for the boys but some valuable lessons learned. Looking forward to see a solid bounce back next week.

Tries, Aseri Raikalevu and Aaron Gilbert. Goals, Steele Brown, 2.

Under 17.1 ~ Lost 10-16 v Kingsgrove Colts

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This Week's Games

Saturday 10th May			
U6 Gold (4)	9.00	Bulls	Ruse Park
U6 Green (3)	9.00	Bass Hill Broncos	Middleton Park
U6 Blue (1)	10.30	Moorebank	Hammondville
U7 White (2)	9.00	East Hills	Bill Delauney Res
U7 Blue (1)	11.15	Tigers	Roberts Park
U8 Green (3)	9.00	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve
U8 White (2)	9.45	Dragons	Bill Delauney Res
U8 Blue (1)	10.45	Bulls	Bill Delauney Res
U9-3	11.45	Bulls	Bill Delauney Res
U9-1	12.35	St Johns	Bill Delauney Res
U10-3	1.25	Milperra Colts	Bill Delauney Res
U10-1		BYE	
U11-2	1.45	Tigers 2	Roberts Park
U12-1	3.00	Bankstown Sports	Steve Folkes Res
U13-1	12.40	Milperra Colts	Killara Reserve
Sunday 11th May			
U14-3		Win on Forfeit	
U14-2	10.00	Redfern All Blacks	Coogee Oval
U15-2	11.05	Enfield Federals	Roberts Park
U16-1	1.10	Clovelly Crocodiles	Waverley Oval
u17-1	12.30	La Perouse	Mascot Oval

Bulldogs Harold Matthews

Congratulations to Fatu Togagae and Scott Hannigan from our Under 16.1's who have just completed the Harold Matthews season with the Bulldogs. Fatu played front row forward, scoring 6 tries and Scott played hooker, scoring 2 tries.

The team made it to the final 4 four playing Newcastle last week in the preliminary final. Unfortunately the boys went down 16-10 in a very close game. The grand final will be played this weekend between Newcastle and Penrith at Leichhardt Oval.

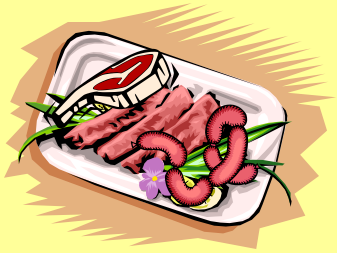
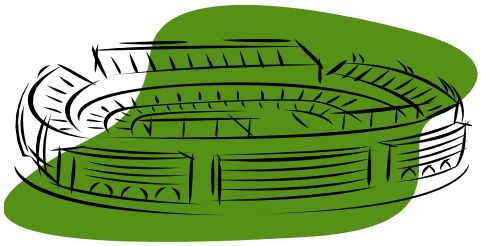
Raffle Roster

Friday 9th May:

Joker Draw raffle at Revesby Pacific Hotel from 5:30-7:00 ~ **Under 17's.**

Saturday 10th May

- (a) Revesby Pacific Hotel ~ Meat Tray raffles from 3:30-5:30 ~ **Under 13's.**



- (b) Panania Diggers ~ Meat Tray raffles from 3:30-5:30 ~ **Under 9.1's.**