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CLUB NEWS

From the President

The rain eventually stopped and we got back on the park. Vella's Vultures (6-1s) showed the break hadn't effected them with a spirited, nail biting win over Greenacre 22-20. The bad news continued for Greenacre with Mayoh's Maniacs (8-1s) and Maccas 12s both taking the points at Roberts Park - there aren't many better sounds than our song belting out of Roberts! Back home the 13s opened their account for the season with an action packed win over Dragons - there's plenty more boys. Heta's A grade were under lights at Terry Lamb and easily accounted for Cheso with a big win. Stars of Sunday were Eggy's entertaining 15s who got the cash against Sports. Well done.

Saints make the grade

Congratulations to 'our boy' Corey Hughes. Corey's long first grade career with the Dogs was finally rewarded with a City firsts jumper as hooker - and didn't he go well. We currently have a number of boys in Canterbury's development squads. James Togagae, Tapa Paulo, Jeremy Fuller and Jonathon Calamia in the 14s while

Andrew Warner, Mark Harb and Big Willy Faanoi are in the 15s - well done boys, the tradition continues.

Go the Saints

John Grealy

Happy Mothers Day to all of our footy mums. Thanks for bringing us to training, screaming like banshees at our games and patching up our wounds after the games.



Have a great day on Sunday, even if you're not at the footy.



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RESULTS ROUND 2 GAMES LAST WEEK: 03/05 & 04/05/08					
Age	Opposition		For		Against
6 Div 2	Chester Hill	L	4	-	30
6 Div 1	Greenacre	W	22	-	20
7 Div 2	Bye			-	
7 Div 3	Moorebank	L	10	-	26
8 Div 1	Greenacre	W	12	-	4
8 Div 3	Greenacre	L	6	-	14
9 Div 1	Chester Hill	L	28	-	36
10 Div 2	East Hills	L	4	-	38
10 Div 1	Revesby Heights	W	34	-	0
11 Div 1	Dragons	L	6	-	24
12 Div 2	Greenacre	W	52	-	0
13 Div 1	Dragons	W	41	-	18
14 Div 1	East Hills	L	0		54
U/15	Bankstown Sports Y	W	48		12
A Grade	Chester Hill	W	50	-	0



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U6 Div 2 –Lost 4-30 Chester Hill

After receiving another forfeit from Padstow, we were able to play a friendly against Chester Hill to get a second game for the season. The boys competed well at various stages of the match and kept trying against their highly rated, more experienced opponents. It was good to see all the boys getting involved. Sam, Nathan and Brodie tackled well, and there were some good covering tackle attempts. Many of the tries allowed came late in the tackle count. Good runs with the footy were made by Leon, Klayton and Sam. Highlight of the match was a tackle busting run by Sam which led to his first career try. There are great signs that the boys will continue to improve with experience as the season progresses.

Tries - Sam

Subway award - William

Encouragement award- Ben

MAN OF THE MATCH- SAM

U6 Div 1 Won 22-20 Greenacre

After a three week break the boys came out firing. All our hard work tackling at training paid off and the boys tackled their hearts out. Aiden D made three of the best tackles I have seen from a kid his size well done. We got a couple of early tries which put us in front and Big Aiden converted another goal which gave us the edge. All the boys were very excited as they sensed victory but it got pretty close as we slipped and let in a couple of quick tries. Special mention to Riley who made a great try saving tackle right on the line. We saw some great runs turned in to tries from Aiden A, Kaled, Lachlan and Jacob. This was our first win of the comp and all the boys deserved it as they all put in 100%.it was great to hear the u6s sing the saints song which, for was some their first time, hopefully many more to come. Great win boys we are proud of you.

Tries Aiden A 2, Kaled, Lachlan, Jacob.

Goals Aiden A

MOM. Aiden Davidson.

Encouragement. Aiden Aboulhaf

U7 Div 2 Bye

U7 Div 3 Lost 10-26

U8 Div 1 Won 12-4 Greenacre

Well after two weeks off the boys were pumped and eager to get on the field. Their coach and the parents were pretty excited to be back too. The team settled into play pretty quickly with Zack putting the first points on the board. Brad had another ripper of a game earning him his second Man of the Match honours for this season. Their extra work in defence at training is really starting to show, holding out the opposition and only allowing them to score one try for the entire match. Michael showed his pace and stepped around the tigers defence to score our second try. Bodie also showed his strong command around the field with some awesome runs. Stuart led the attack right from the start attracting four defenders each time he touched the ball. Luke is really bringing out the best in the boys and they are off to a great start this season. Keep it up boys and bring on Round 4.

Tries – Zack Newson (1) Michael (1)

Goals – Stuart, Brad

MOM – Brad Kilpatrick

Encouragement award – Michael Fahd

U8 Div 3–Lost 14-6v Greenacre,

Finally the boys got back on the park after a few wet weekends and were keen to have a game against a Greenacre side that had some good form on the board. We kicked off first and showed some strong defence in the opening exchanges. After a few sets each and some solid defence from both sides, the boys relaxed a little and with a few dropped balls, saw Greenacre post first points to lead 6-0. The team regrouped which saw some determined runs from Alec, James and Joel, whilst Angelo, Cooper and Dylan scooted wide on several occasions only to be cut down not far from the try line. Aaron at first receiver, and Shaun at dummy half (being their first times in these positions) helped steer the team around the park. The play continued up and down the field and with only a few minutes to go in the first half, Greenacre scored another try, 0-10. The boys were reminded at half-time of working a little harder in defence and to keep away from the sidelines when in attack (the later being something that we have to work a little harder on at training). The boys received the ball from the kick-off and made some in-roads right from the first set. They started to

dominate the second half and at times had Greenacre on the back peddle. Whilst aiming up in defence and putting pressure on the opposition, Shaun managed to scoot away from dummy half and score a determined try. The try was converted by James and it was game on, 6-10. The boys continued playing strong and were nearly rewarded with another try, when Angelo made a great bust, only to be denied when penalized for a double-movement. With only minutes to go we let Greenacre in for another try to go down 6-14. We might have lost the game, but the boys continue to improve each week and are showing great skills in getting the ball away when tackled, and supporting each other with two and three in defence. A little more luck in our games and training hard will see a few more wins this year.

GOOPGUYS M.O.M – Shaun

Tries – Shaun

Goal - James

U9 Div. 1 Lost 28-36 Chester Hill

The weather demons of the last 2 weeks came back to haunt us on Saturday. We lacked focus at training during the week and also in the warm up. As a result we were 3 tries down after very little time had passed and struggled for the rest of the match to keep in touch with them. Our attack was generally pretty good and it is good to see Kyle, Peter and Jack starting to form a solid combination around the halves. The forwards were much better organized after simplifying their patterns meaning there was less crowding around the first receiver. It was good to see Joel's return to the club celebrated with a try from his first touch. Unfortunately our defence as a unit was not up to scratch and we paid the price. If it had not been for the scrambling defence of Luke, Rhys, Riley out wide, and the man of the match performance from Jack, then the score would have been higher. All of the boys are capable of tackling as they showed in the last 2 games. We gave them at least 3 soft tries. They just need to get their minds back on the job. Next week is another week.

Tries Rhys x 2, Luke x 2, Joel x 1

Goals Luke, Kyle, Joel, Nathan

Man of the Match Jack Ryan

Encouragement Awards Riley Nagle, Rhys Harrington

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U10 Div 1 Won 34-0 Revesby Heights

The boys were all prepared and fired up for the local boy's battle. Our aim for the game was to keep Heighties from scoring and they succeeded. There was plenty of tackling with Tom and Fatu topping the tackle count. All the boys were taking the ball up which was good to see. Boys we need to work more on our planned moves. Good team work.

Tries Devant - 1, Josua - 2, Fatu - 1, Waael - 1, Steele - 1.

Goals Paul, Liam, Waael, Junior and Fatu.

MOM-Paul, B&F Waael.

U10 Div. 2 Lost 4-38 East Hills

The boys went off to a slow start, but the second half was alot better with the score being 12-4. Tui once again scored our try with Brandon and Thomas doing plenty of tackles. Thanks again to the under 9's giving us Rhys Harrington and Joel Lovett to help us out and the boys had a great impact. Lets move up together in defence boys.

MOM: Brandon

Encouragement Award: Mitchell Wilson

U11 Div 1 Lost 6-24 Dragons

Up against last years Minor premiers & playing only our 2nd game for the year with a 2nd round bye and 2 washouts it was hard to know how the boys would go. As the boys knew when playing these large teams it's most important to dominate "field position", this we did for most of the first half. A half time score of 12 - 6 against.

The Second half the boys tried hard, although this wasn't enough with Dragons scoring 2 more tries albeit on the last tackle. Showed good defence for 5 tackles & fell off on the last.

We had some outstanding efforts such as Kyle's great hands to score our try, Toby's great pressure on the last tackle forcing a mistake, Brandon's 18 crunching tackles in only 1/2 a game, The Liam Low/Harry High tackle on the Dragons big man showing what good TEAMWORK & technique can do, giving us plenty to build on for this week. Boys keep training hard and having fun with

the game we all love. Go the Saints

Tries: Kyle

Goals: Kyle

Man of the Match: Toby Reardon

EA: Nathan Harrison

U12 Div 2 Won 52-0 Greenacre

By the time the whistle blew on the weekend the boys were just about jumping out of their skins. We had to weather an early attacking raid on our tryline but with solid defence which rocked Greenacre and had them hurting we gained the accendancy and it was all one way traffic from there. One of the most pleasing thing about the game was that the boys stuck to their game plan and even thoe we could have ran one out and get through the middle of them , we gave the ball plenty of air and scored tries out wide. Daniel.R and Jaydn were outstanding in their first games of the year with Mahde and Lucas combing well in the fowards and Ben setting up the backs well but just needs to work on his goal kicking. Everyone really played well and should be wrapped with their efforts. **TRIES:**

J.McGregor 2, J.Grove 2, B.Albovhlaf,

D.Jimonez, T.Annakin, A.Mellor,

A.Michaels, L.Roche

GOALS: J.Grove, D.Russell, J.McGregor,

B.Abovhalf, A.Mellor, A.Michaels **MOM:**

L.Roche

U13 Div 1 Won 41-18

Our supporters were worried the 2 weeks off may have hurt us and after being down 6 nil in the first minute, they were thinking they were right! - luckily the boys had other ideas. Coach Rozario was keen the boys tighten up the ruck, work from marker and complete their sets and these 3 goals were achieved for the majority of the match. What happens? We run in 8 tries against a much bigger team to chalk up our first victory of the season.

Though we still have room for improvement, this was a great team effort with every one of our 14 having a go and doing their job. Keep up the good work.

Tries: Tamati 2, Josh 2, Stump, Alex & Tom

Goals: Josh 6

Field goals: Tamati 1

Man of the Match: Smokin Joe Tataha

Players Player: Josh 'the man' Maea

U14 Div 1 .Lost 0-54 East Hills

Lost the game even before a ball was kicked. Hope you learn from this loss, the game is played as much in your head as it is on the field. Remember boys listen, learn, practice and make sure you have the right attitude.

MOM: Mark Kennedy

U15 Won 48-12 Bankstown Sports

After what was a slow start we ended up playing some good football in the second half racking up some points. First half saw our defence again tested near the line with tries being given up to easy. Boys we must learn - commit low and knock them sideways as we always are giving away size. Jarrod took up the defence well whilst he was on and continues to lead us off our defensive line. Lets all get with him now!! First half completion rate was 5 from 11 and the second half completion rate was 10 from 14 and really shows us what controlling the football can achieved.

The second half saw us stick closer to our game plan with good results. "The Waggy set" proved very successful when executed, and this was the first week we had tried it. Well done boys. Mark Harb carted the ball up well and was rewarded with a try after off-loading and then backing up to receive the ball to score.

Davo was given instructions to follow the forwards all day which he did and was rewarded with a try. Warner played his best game since the comp started running wider and inside with great effect. He has shaken his hand injury now and I am sure he will continue to improve. Omar made sure he put himself in the right spot at the right time and was also rewarded with a try. Well done.

Two very testing weeks with St Johns and Bankstown coming up and with some self belief and commitment then I am sure we will fare well against the more favoured sides.

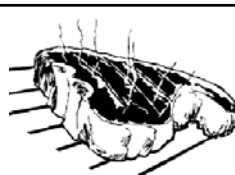
Trys: Wilson, Harby, Davo & Omar

Goals: James

A Grade Won 50-0 Chester Hill



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NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 5

Games: Saturday 10th May 2008

6 Div2	10.00	Revesby Heights	Neptune Park
6 Div 1	9.30	Dragons	Bill Delauney Reserve
7 Div 2	10.50	Moorebank B	Hammondville Oval
7 Div 3	10.10	Brothers	Bill Delauney Reserve
8 Div 1	12.00	Revesby Heights	Neptune Park
8 Div 3	11.20	Revesby Heights	Neptune Park
9 Div 1	10.50	Bankstown Sports	Bill Delauney Reserve
10 Div 2	11.40	Berala Y	Bill Delauney Reserve
10 Div 1	BYE	BYE	BYE
11 Div 1	12.30	St Johns	Bill Delauney Reserve
12 Div 2	1.20	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Reserve
13 Div 1	2.20	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Reserve

Games: Sunday 11th May 2008

14 Div 1	10.00	Chester Hill	Bill Delauney Reserve
U/15	12.30	St Johns	Bill Delauney Reserve
A Grade	3.00	Greenacre	Bill Delauney Reserve



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