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C L U B N E W S

From the President

With the Saturday boys washed out again (we've now played 7 out of a possible 11) it was up to the Sunday sides to provide our weekend's entertainment at home.

The 14s opened with a lack lustre 1st half before Coach Riddell brought out a few home truths in a rousing half time address. The boys responded and went past Dragons for a 30-22 victory to keep their semi hopes alive.

Eggy's enigmatic 15s were on song and really put it to the 2nd placed Dragons team. With 2 minutes to go it was 12 all and a sporting god would have said, "that's a fair result" but unfortunately they scored and took our point. I hope the boys now realise they can match any side in this competition and now step up to take their spot in the semis.

With East Hills only bringing 14 players and 3 supporters to their A grade game (they must have known we were keen to avenge our first round defeat), our boys took

control early and regained their rightful spot on top of the ladder. Berala this week boys, they reckon they've got your measure - let's step it up a gear.

Thanks to Macca and Barney from the Under 12s who put in a big effort at the BBQ on Sunday. And while on the under 12s, Jaydn McGregor is representing Sydney South West in the NSWPSA championships at Inverell next week. Good luck and see if you can get a State jersey like Dad's public service one!!

Hopes high

With plenty of space in the newsletter, the teams have submitted a mid year review of their performances to date and hopes for the rest of the season. Club records show we have won 5 premierships on 3 occasions - 1985, 1989 and 1991. I am pleased to report we are aiming to create club history with 6 of our teams aiming for premierships.

Go the Saints

John Grealy



- Dining Room**
- Drive-in Bottle Shop**
- Gaming Room**
- Wednesday Badge Draw**
- Thursday Lingerie**
- Friday Joker Jackpot: \$2,700**
- Drawn at 6:30
- Saturday Meat Tray Raffles**
- Drawn 3 - 5

178 The River Road, Revesby.

RESULTS ROUND 9 GAMES LAST WEEK: 15/06/08


Age	Opposition		For		Against
6 Div 2					
6 Div 1					
7 Div 2					
7 Div 3					
8 Div 1					
8 Div 3					
9 Div 1					
10 Div 2					
10 Div 1					
11 Div 1					
12 Div 2					
13 Div 1					
14 Div 1	St George Dragons	W	30	-	22
U/15	St George Dragons	L	18	-	24
A Grade	East Hills	W	26	-	12



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U6 Div 2

U/6 age group is a non competitive.

Under 6 Division 1

Our boys are progressing well this season and most importantly are all enjoying there footy.

At the beginning of the season we started of a little bit flat and confused which is to be expected at this level, however all the boys have matured a lot and have all improved greatly

They all seem to understand the fundamentals of the game and all try so hard to get the points on the board.

During the trials we started quite well winning every trial game giving the boys some confidence against some pretty soft opposition. Once the comp started it was a different ball game as we were playing some tougher teams in our local comp. The boys lost some early games and we trained hard and implemented some new tackling drills and some fun games which I think brought the boys together and realized they had to work as a team. Their hard work has paid off giving us a couple of great wins and some enjoyable under 6 footy.

Our smaller boys like Zac, Callum and Jon are becoming a lot more confident and they are getting more involved which is great to see. Aiden A, Aiden d and Jacob are having a strong season and scoring some great tries. Joshua and Lachlan for their first year are playing well and really love their footy. Reilly and Kade are improving every week and love getting involved.

All in all the boys are developing well, our attacking game is great, all the boys support each other and are passing well, sometimes with two or three offloads after the first runner which is great to see. Hopefully we can improve our awareness of field position and tackle count and especially that dreaded sideline which the boys seem to be drawn to.

Defensively we were pretty ordinary at the start but seem a lot more confident now. Improvement is required on our one on one tackling.

We have implemented a kicking coach in Liam Davidson who is now assisting the kids at training to improve their goal kicking skills as the two points is proving to be so valuable

in some close games. The boys seem to enjoy kicking for goal and are all improving.

Good luck for the rest of the season boys, train hard, play hard and most of all enjoy your footy.

U7 Div 2

Currently 2nd, 5 team semi, 6 rounds to go

U7 Div 3

Currently 8th, 5 team semi, 6 rounds to go

Coach Poppy and his trainers have the boys working on their basic skills and making sure they are enjoying their football. Though with only 1 win and a draw against their name, the side has tested a couple of the leaders and continue to improve. Watch for a late run!!

U8 Div 1

Currently 2nd, 4 team semi, 7 rounds to go

With the 2008 footy season well under way, the boys have settled into their roles really well. What is so great about this team is there are no particular stand outs, yes we have some great runners and some great forwards and even a sneaky little dummy half but they all work so well together which makes this team a force to be reckon with. We are lucky to have picked up an extra player this year, which has taken the pressure off the boys when one man down. Last year the boys made it to the semis with just the eight players, which by the end of the season took its toll, they were so exhausted having to win 5 consecutive games just to make the playoffs. This year is a different story for the team, they were undefeated up until round 7 where they met the competition leaders, Berala. They are currently running out right second on the ladder and they have great potential to take it all the way. Luke and Glen are doing a great job and the boys really work well with them, they have the boys working on basic skills such as their footwork, agility drills, their fitness levels and they have also learnt some new plays and they are really concentrating on their defence this year. Keep an eye out for this team there is some real talent. They are all really keen to get back into some footy action this week . Good Luck Boys for the rest of the season!!!!

Under 8 Div 3 Mid Year Report

Currently 4th, 4 team semi, 7 rounds to go

Brock 05's team is enjoying their football as they head towards the second half of the 2008 season. The opposition teams have proved to be very competitive and this is helping to develop the boys skills. The team is improving all the time and it is great to see some combinations developing. We had three (3) soccer converts join our team this year and they have adapted well to the Rugby League code.

After eight (8) rounds of football, the boys are presently sitting in fourth (4) position with three (3) wins, one (1) draw and three (3) losses. They have been very competitive in the games lost, have never thrown the towel in and played hard to the end. They have scored 136 points for, with 118 points against.

They need to continue to work hard at training and listen to their coach and trainer to ensure a good run home to entrench themselves in a semi-finals berth.

Brock Askeff (Coach) and Nathan Sellings (Trainer), both from our St Christopher's A Grade side are doing a tremendous job in their first year of running a mini-team and the team has benefited from their knowledge of the game.

Finally, thanks to the strong core of parents who support this team, we know the boys enjoy your encouragement.

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U9 Div. 1.

Currently 6th, 5 team semi, 8 rounds to go

U10 Div 1

Currently 1st, 4 team semi, 9 rounds to go

U10 Div. 2

Currently 8th, 4 team semi, 8 rounds to go

The 10 2's have improved as a team since the beginning of the year and proven to be competitive in every game. Having not enough players has hampered us at times, but with one new signing Brendan Cushway (who has yet to play) at least we now have the opportunity for some bench rotation.

In the games to date we've often gone into half time well behind on the score board, but then resumed play to win the second half convincingly, so we'll need to work on controlling the first half better in the second round.

Despite not being well placed on the ladder at this stage of the competition it is quite possible that a good second round will see this team in semi's contention.
Good luck boys.

U11 Div 1

Currently 5th, 4 team semi, 9 rounds to go

U12 Div 2

Currently equal 1st, 5 team semi, 7 rounds to go

U13 Div 1

Currently 6th, 5 team semi, 8 rounds to go.

The boys didn't realise the jump from mod to

international football was so big and that showed in our first couple of games. Coach Rozairo has since worked on that and we now have 2 wins and a draw under our belt - and really that should be 4 wins but some dumb footy cost us those points. We are currently stuck in a wet weather/bye loop but the boys have continued to train each night on their fitness which shows their commitment is good. The best thing about the break is that it has helped Josh, Tamati, Stump and Tom get over their injuries - with only 15, we need every man on deck! If the boys play to their abilities and concentrate on basic, mistake free football (just like they did against St Johns) we will make the semis - from there, who knows!!!!

Newsflash: Dragons have folded and 2 of their boys have joined our team - welcome Brandon and Kirk - that 'who knows' is looking heaps better!!

U14 Div 1

Currently 5th, 4 team semi, 9 rounds to go

U15

Currently 6th, 5 team semi, 8 rounds to go

A Grade

Currently equal 1st, 4 team semi, 9 rounds to go

The team is a mixture of long term Saints players and 7 new faces. Coach Heta and coaching consultant Mort have the side in equal 1st place with 7 wins and 2 losses from the 9 games played. The boys are aiming for a top 2 position in the semis and thinking the greatest opposition will come from St Johns (who have beaten us once) and Berala (who are on record that they are coming for us). Once in the semis, we want the premierships - simple as that!

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Calender of Important Dates

- 25 July - St. Christophers Ball (lock it in)

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	Retail	#	Discount Price
Saints Jacket	\$55		\$50
Saints umbrella - <i>new</i>	\$30		\$25
Saints cap - <i>new</i>	\$17		\$15

Extra discounts for this weekend only:
Saints Pack A = \$60 for Saints jacket and cap
Saints Pack B = \$80 for Saints jacket, cap & umbrella

Supporters shirts and stubby holders are coming soon...

WEEKLY WINNERS

Meat Trays: Bernie Temple & Andrew (a pub patron)

\$50 Meat Baron Voucher: Peter Waring

Field Set-up: Under 6 Div 2
Field Clean-up: Under 12 Div 2

Canteen Duties: All teams for 60 minutes BEFORE your game.

BBQ Duties: All teams for 60 minutes BEFORE your game.

Joker Draw Raffle Revesby Pacific Hotel Friday: 20/06/08	5.30pm to 7.00pm U/15's
Meat Tray Raffles Revesby Pacific Hotel Saturday: 21/06/08 Join the winners list.	3:00 pm to 5.00pm U/10 Div 1's Wear your club colours.

NEXT WEEKS GAMES: ROUND 10

Games: Saturday 21st June 2008

6 Div2	9.30	Regents Park	Bill Delauney Reserve
6 Div 1	10.10	East Hills	Bill Delauney Reserve
7 Div 2	11.30	St Johns	Bill Delauney Reserve
7 Div 3	10.50	Berala Bears	Bill Delauney Reserve
8 Div 1	12.10	St Johns	Begnell Oval
8 Div 3	12.10	Moorebank	Bill Delauney Reserve
9 Div 1	12.50	St Johns	Bill Delauney Reserve
10 Div 2	1.40	Padstow Panthers	Bill Delauney Reserve
10 Div 1	1.00	Dragons	Clenton Park
11 Div 1	1.00	Greenacre	Roberts Park
12 Div 2	2.30	East Hills	Bill Delauney Reserve
13 Div 1	Bye	Bye	Bye
U/15	5:00	Berala Bears	Bankst'n Football Centre
A Grade	7:30	Berala Bears	Bankst'n Football Centre

Games: Sunday 22nd June 2008

14 Div 1	10:00	St. Johns	Begnell Oval
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