



# West's Junior Rugby Club

## Mini Newsletter



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### Time flies!

The end of season is fast approaching. Mark your diary with the following important dates.

#### 1. Wednesday July 30 – Team Photos

Team photos will be taken during your usual training time. Players should wear their game shorts and socks. All Team Managers are to organise rugby jerseys for the night and distribute to players on the night. Further details will be provided next week.

#### 2. Sunday August 17 - End of Season Gala Day

Mark your diary for this is fun finale to the season. It is still in the planning stages but we do know the following.

- ⊕ Tournament will be at TG Milner Rugby Field, Eastwood.
- ⊕ All Eastwood District teams will compete in the tournament.
- ⊕ Each team will play about 3 or 4 games each
- ⊕ Every player will receive a "prize".

#### 3. Saturday September 13 – Presentation Day

Presentation Day will be held at the Concord Community Centre on the afternoon of September 13. All Team Managers should liaise with Phil McCrea (Club Secretary) to confirm correct player details for trophies. Phil's email address is [pmccrea@bigpond.net.au](mailto:pmccrea@bigpond.net.au)

### The Great 2008 Presentation Day Raffle

West Juniors have acquired a number of great items (including a Waratahs Jersey signed by the 2008 team!) and they will all be up for grabs in the Great 2008 Presentation Day raffle. All proceeds of the raffle will go towards purchasing some much needed gear for the club - including new jerseys for some age groups and training gear.

The more money we raise, the more we can buy!

We are **keen to hear from anybody that might like to donate an item to the Club as a prize in the raffle.** We want to get as many prizes as possible to give more people the chance to win. Please let the coach or manager of your team know if you have something you would like to contribute.

The managers of all teams will be provided with raffle tickets in the next few weeks, please help by selling your tickets to family, friends and work mates and contribute to the future development of West's Juniors.

### West's U8's take the SFS

The Wallabies Rewards Programme offers opportunities for junior rugby clubs to rub shoulders with the QANTAS Wallabies. West's Juniors Rugby Club applied for any one of our minis teams to play a demonstration game at any one of the Wallabies/Australia A Sydney matches.

NSWRU selected our U8's to play at the Australia A v. NZ Maoris game held Sunday July 6.

The 8's played a combined team of 9's and 10's from Camden. The boys and their supporters had a HUGE time and did us proud. Below are some pictures of the boys' big day out.



The boys all lined up and ready to go!



Carter Dombkin wins the lineout and looks to hand off.



James Yates finds himself at the bottom of the ruck!

## Reports from Redfiled Gala Day – June 28

### Under 9's

The U9s played Hawkesbury, Dural Blue and Rooty Hill at the gala day. They were all tough opponents but the Pirates played with a lot of spirit. Thanks especially to Teau and Max, our U8 super subs who helped out in game 2 and Teau in game 3. Game 2 in particular was a great game of football played in a good spirit by both teams. There were great runs by Nick, Maclean, Connor, Xavier, Matt and Teau. Great defence also inspired by Max's sensational tackling, with great efforts by Liam, Tim, Daniel and Lucas, and a try saving tackle by Ryan. There were a number of standout performances but man of the series was Xavier, who just gets better every week. Bon voyage to Connor Smith who leaves the U9s and Oz, for Dubai

### Under 8's

A beautiful sunny day, a soft pitch and three games of rugby to play – rugby nirvana!! The drive to Dural WAS worth it. The U8's played Hills, Epping Gold and Rooty Hill. Our boys had their first experience of playing without the Coach on the field with them. There is lots of opportunity for improvement as the boys develop their independent play. Watching our coaches left on the sideline for the first time ever was VERY amusing. We had never played Hills and Rooty Hill before. Both teams were particularly tough, well drilled and very physical. There were some great tries scored by Maxi and Teau. Our big forwards are proving quite effective at gaining yards for the team. And all the boys did well in the tackling department. Our man of the series was Maxi – for his tenacious defence.



## Round 11 Games

Team	Opposition	Ground & Address	Field	Time
Under 6	Beecroft Green	Marsfield Park, Vimiera Road Marsfield (Map 173, K15)	Walla 1	8.30am
Under 7	Redfield	Marsfield Park, Vimiera Road Marsfield (Map 173, K15)	Walla 1	9.50am
Under 8	Dural	Kingsdene Reserve, Westminster Ave, Carlingford (Map 191, P5)	Field 1	8.30am
Under 9	Ryde	Ryde Park, Corner Blaxland Road and Princes Street, Ryde (Map 213, M2)	Minis	10.00am

## Samsung Try of the Week

Entries into the "Try of the Week" competition are open until 31 August. So get videoing! All details can be found at the following website.

<http://www.nswrugby.com.au/SamsungDevelopmentRugby/TheSamsungRugbyProgram/SamsungTryoftheWeek.aspx>

## West's Wonders!

This week's Wonder is Tony Doyle – the manager of our under 9's. Tony has a true rugby heritage, which includes being an accredited senior rugby referee. He certainly is an asset to our club – thanks Tony!

**Tony Doyle, Under 9's Manager and Dad to Matthew in the 9's**  
Here's Tony refereeing one of the 9's games.



## Did you play Rugby as kid?

First rugby game was U12s for St Pats Strathfield, misselected as full back (later played hooker) against Joeys. Can only recall being trampled underfoot lots, as they scored try after try.

## Funniest Sporting Moment?

Probably first time I refed a senior women's game - 'come on men'.

## Favourite Cartoon Character?

Daffy Duck.

## Favourite snack from the Club Canteen?

We've only been home once this season, but the 'works' from the bar b q was pretty good.

## For fun

- ☺ Why did the rugby ball quit the team?  
It was tired of being kicked around.
- ☺ Why can't you play rugby in the jungle?  
Because of the cheetahs.

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