

Saturday 7 May 2016

Prep Rugby

Newsletter No 3

ISA Round 2

- 13s v All Saintts 11.00am
- 15s v All Saints 11.00am
- 16s v All Saints 12.00pm
- 1st XV v All Saints 1.15pm

At All Saints College

- Under 10s v Waverly 9.00am (H)
- Under 11s v Redfield 10.00am (H)
- Prep 1sts v Mosman 11.00 (A)

Term 2, Week 2, 2016



ISA
Round 2 v All Saints College

Saturday 7th May

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Prep Rugby

Prep 1st XV at Balmoral East

11s at home

10s at home

RUGBY CONVENOR

Senior Rugby Results v Redlands

CCGS 1st XV 52 defeated Redlands 0

CCGS 16s 20 defeated Redlands 14

CCGS 15s 7 lost to Redlands 14

CCGS 13s 10 lost to Redlands 24



Last Saturday all our Senior teams kicked off the new season in great style. Although the weather was a little inclement, the standard and passion demonstrated in all games was very pleasing. The 13s started off their match well taking an early lead through a superb team try. Redlands soon struck back and the teams went to the break even. In the second stanza, the game went from end to end with CCGS just missing several chances to score. Redlands took their chances a little better and ran out the winner in the end. A great start to the season boys with plenty of upside to come.

The 15s played with tremendous determination in their match against a team that has previously won the premiership in this age group. The CCGS boys placed their opponents under immense pressure where they needed to resort to uncontested scrums early in the game. The CCGS boys played with great character and took a well-deserved 7 point lead into the break. Redlands made a few changes and competed well scoring an early try in the second half. The match was evenly contested with end to end running Rugby on display. In the end, Redlands prevailed scoring a late try to run out 7 point winners. Again a great start to the season boys. Work hard at training and the wins are just around the corner.

The 16s match was also a very close affair with two evenly matched teams handling the drizzle conditions well. CCGS always had the game in hand leading from start to finish after scoring some exciting tries. The opposition never gave up, but our 16s held on for a fantastic first up victory. The 1st XV was just too physical and clinical for their opponents. The boys played some very attractive running Rugby after winning the early forward battles. The bonus point fourth try was scored just before half time and to the boys credit they continued to raise the bar in the second half to run out impressive winners 52—0.

This Saturday, we embark on our biggest trip of the season to All Saints College, Bathurst. Buses have been put on so please check departure times. This is our biggest challenge of the year, travelling for four hours in the bus and then playing. We need all players on deck in each team on Saturday. Let's keep up the great work on the road we started last Saturday at home. Good luck all teams.

Travel Uniform

All boys travelling to All Saints Bathurst on Saturday are to wear full school uniform on the bus.

CCGS 1sts XV

CCGS 1st XV 52 defeated Redlands 0

The First XV took to the field full of confidence after a very positive training session on Thursday afternoon. Some good aggressive play from all players saw us score our first try after 9 minutes when Stuart Brown broke away down the right side, Fionn H-F successfully added the conversion. Continued attacking play and good defence saw us extend the lead through 3 more tries to Toby Dickinson, Nic Baines and Jack Wadeley with 3 conversions to go into the break 26:0 up. The half time talk saw us focus on the many positives with comment on the work to be done around our poor passing accuracy and the fact we were giving away too many cheap penalties across the field.

The second half progressed much the same as the first with some excellent aggressive play and good defence, penalties had decreased and again, we crossed the white wash through Will Gornall and the additional points being added by Fionn. Our physicality was showing now and Redlands were starting to drop off tackles and give away penalties at the breakdown, our passing still let us down on more than a few occasions and our exiting from rucks and mauls was problematic but this didn't stop us from adding more tries through Fionn H-F (2) and a second from Jack Wadeley. Fionn added 2 conversions from these allowing us to come out as comprehensive victors. Congratulations to all the boys on a well worked opening game. We still have work to do as highlighted here, but it was an excellent start. We had some good news relating to the injury suffered by one of the Redlands players and our thoughts are with him for a speedy recovery.

Bathurst away this weekend boys. Lets keep the momentum going!

Phil Eades (Coach)



CCGS 16s

CCGS 16s 20 defeated Redlands 14 (Tries: Mare. Goals: Stimpson, Hicken)

This match promised to be a very tough encounter. CCGS kicked off and applied early pressure. The match however, became a stop-start affair due to the handling errors caused by some big tackles and a slippery ball. After the initial 10 minutes CCGS started to take charge through some fine forwards play, enabling the backs to launch a number of attacks. A splendid kick from Harry Hughes caught a flying Oliver Hicken on the chest for Oliver to run through unchecked to the try line for CCGS's first try. The try was converted by Mikai Mare taking the score to 7-7. CCGS continued to dominate proceedings with the forwards displaying great mobility and skill. The work of forwards such as Tim Scarr and James Stimpson was first class. Strong runs from James Bishop kept the pressure on. From some very good lead up play Tim Bennett took the ball up in the centres. The forward joined in and James Stimpson placed the ball over the line in an excellent passage of play for CCGS's second try. The conversion attempt was successful making the score 14-14. Mikai Mare increased the CCGS lead before halftime with a fine penalty goal giving CCGS a half time lead of 17-14.

The second half was a disjointed affair. Redlands made most of the play through their well organised lineout. Most of the half was played inside CCGS's half. Redlands elected to kick rather than run the ball. Some excellent fullback work from James Bishop relieved the pressure for CCGS. In the last 10 minutes of the match Redlands had a majority of the possession and launched many attacks at the CCGS line. Our defence in this passage was very sound indeed. Late on in the second half a penalty was awarded to CCGS and Mikai Mare converted the penalty to take the score to 20-4.

Paul Daly (Manager)



CCGS 15s

CCGS 15s 7 Redlands 12 (Tries: Incoll Goal: Fleetwood)

Well what a game to start the season. The first half saw our boys displaying a very skilful game of Rugby, a number of multiple phase plays and a commitment to our game plan. Forward busting it up and then hitting it out the backs. Our same way, same way, same way pattern had the opposition in disarray from the outset. The forward pack was led by our captains Patrick and Rory who busted the opposition up the middle. This full team on attack resulted in a well-earned try mid-way in the first half. The support play in the first half was sound by the boys and was our main focus for Saturday's game. We led 7—nil at half time and had most of the possession due to the commitment to back one another up. I spoke to the boys about their commitment to each other at half time and they didn't let CCGS down but unfortunately our fitness did. The opposition called for uncontested scrums and made several positional changes which unsettled our team. In the second half we saw a more physical opposition and unfortunately they were able to put on two tries and win the game.

Our boys should not be disappointed but rather take heart from making such a positive start. There is room for improvement in our team, as there is in every team. Rugby is a team sport and is great fun when you come off and know that you have played hard. However, it is essential to practice moves and game plans if you wish to win. This means having everyone at training so that you can practice them.

It was a great start but the season has only just begun. I look forward to watching this team develop their skill sets and implement these on the park with greater accuracy and efficiency. I look forward to critiquing each of the boys in a hope this will improve their understanding of rugby and how to plays this great game better.

Great start boys. Bring it on.

Bil Kensey (Coach)



CCGS 13s

CCGS 13s 10 Redlands 22

(Tries: Stewart 2)



This was a spirited start from a team that has displayed great chemistry, culture and spirit. The team truly has the characteristics of a team well advanced of their 13 years. We had a great start on Saturday, winning the first scrum and causing the opposition to call uncontested scrums for the remainder. This was followed up by a powerful run from Noah to score out wide. From here we lost our way a little and failed to make our tackles. Moving forward, this will be a major focus for the team. The opposition outplayed us at the breakdown purely through numbers and low body height. We went in at the break 17-5 down.

The second half saw a much better approach from the side. The boys improved their tackling and put genuine pressure on the Redlands side. We were unlucky not to score on multiple occasions and it was only terrific cover defence that stopped us. After a lengthy team build up, from deep in our half. Noah went in for another try. We really looked like we could get over the top from here, but we ran out of puff and were unlucky on a few occasions. Redlands went in for a late try, which didn't flatter the boys on the scoreboard.

Tom and I are looking forward to a big match in Bathurst on Saturday.

Blake Berczelly (Coach)

CCGS Prep 1st XV

Loss to Kinross

On Saturday we had our first game of the season against Kinross who drove all the way from Orange to play us. It was a rainy morning and we enjoyed playing most of the game in the wet and actually held the slippery ball quite well. Although we allowed Kinross to score a soft try very early, we did defend strongly for most of the first half. River Wright and Alex Simos, who was playing his first game, tackled really well and moved off the line quickly. We went to half time with some positive things to talk about, including a great try to Alex. We also had to discuss some things we needed to work on. The team was able to pull off some cool plays in the second half. Alex Pulbrook did some good kicks in play and Jonah Watman made a fantastic tackle off a scrum. Matt Banovich made a determined cover tackle at full back that we will not forget for a long time! Kinross had a few very strong ball runners who took advantage of tiring defence as the game went on. Even though we lost we had a great time and our players had their first game of rugby, all say they loved it! We are looking forward to a great year ahead!

Harrison Betts (C) and Oscar Lindsay



CCGS Under 11s

CCGS 83 - Sydney Grammar 7

(**Tries:** Deacon 3, Mare 2, Reiss, Medcalf, Nicholson, Hingerty, Gleeson, Radford, Moroney, Owens. **Goals:** Burns, Deacon, Gleeson)

The Under 11s started the season in what can only be described as a complete performance by the team.

We started the match strongly. Aiden Deacon registered our first try in the 2nd minute and we proceeded to score 12 more tries during the course of the match. The CCGS forwards dominated the physical contest at the ruck and maul with James Power, Shamus Betts, Nick Moroney, Paddy Hingerty all relentless in defence. Forcing turnovers and winning the ball at the ruck. I was pleased to see some real aggressive power running from our bigger forwards; Bowen Pursehouse, Will Funnel, Jonty Gleeson, Michael Reiss, Logan Radford, Zac Nicholson and Aiden Deacon, who at times, were just unstoppable in attack. Aiden crossed over for three tries in another dominant display.

When our big forwards weren't hitting up, our backs and loose forwards were going forward with some slick ball movement and strong running of their own. Harrison McGarry controlled the ruck area efficiently at half and cleared the ball cleanly all game. With our dominance of the ruck, maul and set pieces, we were able to create a lot of space wide of the ruck. Our centres, Noah Owens and Darcy Medcalf created havoc, and were like human missiles when engaged punching more holes into the Sydney grammar defence (and both scoring a try each). Combing well with Eva Warden, our Fullback Luca Mare also found himself on the end of a couple of seeping back lines moves and got across two nice tries. Late in the game, Nick Moroney capped off an exciting match with brilliant touch down after some good lead up work from Harro.

This season we have added 8 new players to the squad with 6 making their debut on Saturday. Thanks to Ben Wilson, Jonty Gleeson, Eva Warden, James Power, Noah Owens and Zac Nicholson who all played tremendously well in their first competition game. Congratulations to Jonty, Zac and Noah who all got onto the scoresheet with outstanding tries! Ben and Eva were dynamic in attack and defence with Ben making the 'tackle' of the game when shutting down a Sydney Grammar raid.

Toby Burns was in everything and controlled the game well again at fly half. With many tries being scored out wide toby also kicked an admirable 7/9 and Aiden knocked over a couple of nice goals when Toby was off the field.

The desire, commitment, support and involvement from all the players throughout the game was exceptional. All in all, probably our best team performance yet against a Sydney Grammar side that never gave up.

We have Redfield this week at home and based on last season's match up, I know will be a much tighter and tougher game. See you next week.

Jason McGarry (Coach)



CCGS Under 10s

CCGS 7 - St Aloysius 48

Welcome to Joel for this first ever game of rugby. Congratulations Joel.

Thanks to Oscar, Mason and Harry for playing in new positions due to late changes to the squad.

On the harbour on Sydney's Lower North Shore Primrose Park is a great location for schoolboy rugby. On Saturday it was warm and humid with a bit of rain making conditions challenging for all. This did not dampen the enthusiasm of the Grammar players and supporters, even when the score became lopsided.

The first away game for the year found our guys out of their comfort zone in the first half, St Aloysius should be complemented on their application of basic rugby principles that enabled them to secure possession, move the ball away from the ruck zone and put players in space, inevitably scoring tries. This half was limited to tackling practice for Grammar with Max, Casper and Flynn making several solid shoulder tackles.

After the break Grammar found some inner strength and contested for the ball at the tackle zone and in the loose to keep the score to two tries to one. It was good to see the boys have an opportunity to run with the ball—Lucca, Harry, Mason, Max and others never gave up. Mikey got serious with the ball under his arm and ran hard at the line, resulting in our first try for the year!

Congratulations Mikey.

Thanks to Athertons for the half time fruit.

This week the emphasis will be on clearing out rucks.

Steve Mudge (Coach)



Central Coast Grammar School Rugby
ISA Rd 2 v All Saints College
Saturday 7th May.



| CCGS Team | Opponent | Venue | Time |
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| 1 st XV | All Saints 1 st XV | All Saints College Watson Field | 1.15pm |
| 16 s | All Saints 16s | All Saints College Watson Field | 12.00pm |
| 15s | All Saints 15s | All Saints College Watson Field | 11.00am |
| 13 s | All Saints 13s | All Saints College Edgell Field | 11.00am |