ISA Round 8

Saturday 25th July

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At Home

Prep Rugby

Prep 1sts and 10s at Home
11s at Warrawee
9s at Rushcutters Bay

Rugby Presentation Night

Wednesday 2nd September
CCGS Hall (old Pac).
Prep at 6.00pm. Seniors at 7.00pm.

Under 14s v All Saints’ 10.30 pm
Under 16s v All Saints’ 11.30 am
1st XV v All Saints’ 12.45 pm

Under 9s v SGS Edgecliff 9.00 (A)
Under 10s v SGS 9.00 (H)
Under 11s IPSHA 7s 9.30 (A)
Prep 1sts v SGS 11.00 (H)
Senior Rugby Results v St Andrew’s

CCGS 1st XV 19 defeated St Andrew’s 5
CCGS 16s 19 defeated St Andrew’s 10
CCGS 15s 20 defeated by St Andrew’s 24
CCGS 14s Cancelled

Last Saturday, only three of our Senior teams were able to play at Sydney University against St. Andrew’s Cathedral School due to the weather affected ground. Unfortunately, the 14s fixture was washed out. The 15s kicked off first and looked to dominate their rivals after defeating them at home earlier in the season. The CCGS boys established a good lead at half time after several excellent tries were scored. In the second half St. Andrews threw the ball wide at every opportunity to their speedy outside backs and it certainly paid dividends for them. The clawed their way back into the game through back to back tries to put them in range with only minutes to spare. Once again St. Andrews spread the ball wide and after several CCGS missed tackles, planted the ball down to steal the victory. Bad luck Boys.

The 16s was a hard slog with two determined opponents locking horns and not giving an inch. After tries were scored by both teams, St. Andrews held a slender lead in the games with only minutes to go. The CCGS Boys toiled hard and were rewarded with a late try to steal the game and the valuable match points. The 1st XV match was much anticipated after St. Andrews took the points at CCGS earlier in the year. Our boys were determined to reverse the result and started the match strongly scoring three exciting tries. Unfortunately, just before half time the referee strained his hamstring and couldn’t continue the match. After a reshuffling of match officials, the flow of the match was badly affected in the second half. St. Andrews had much of the play and were rewarded with a good try. CCGS didn’t play their best in attack when given opportunities, but the defence held firm as they hung on to win 19 points to 5. This Saturday we host our final home games for 2015 against All Saints College, Bathurst. Hopefully, we are blessed with fine weather this weekend and I look forward to a big home crowd to cheer on the Boys in their matches.
CCGS 1sts XV

CCGS 19 defeated St Andrew’s 5
(Tries: McGuiness, Kernan, Dickinson. Goals: Henderson-Foley 2)

What a first half! Out of the box the boys jumped and within minutes had the Andrew’s boys in damage control. The forwards blustered their way all over their opposition and the backs gave a really good account of themselves as well scoring two of the three tries.

The second half was a completely different game. Only try saving defence came to our rescue, as we were on our line more often than not. The game was saved. Ill-discipline and poor choices need to be reigned in and fixed for the next four games. Just do it - if you want it.

CCGS Under 16

CCGS 16s 19 defeated St Andrew’s 10

This was game of first for a number of our players. Both Declan Tancred and Harry Luke scored their first try for the team. Also, we down props who had overseas duties. A number of backs played in the Forwards - Matt Geddes and Luke Thomson - who quitted themselves extremely well against a big mobile opposition. The first half turned out to be a torrid affair. Both sets of forwards wanting supremacy and backs attacking and defending equally well. Good discipline helped our cause. A try each by half time.

The second half showed some cracks in our discipline, however our attack proved to be better than their defence with two tries to one scored. Yes, the score-line was in our favour and yes the team played better than last term. So, where is the improvement going to come from? Practise will tell. A great start to the term and the run to the Finals. Well done boys.
This was an important game for us. A win here placed us outright 3rd, however things didn’t play out the way we would have liked. We were 2 players short and this impacted heavily on the overall team’s performance. Whilst the 3 boys (Matt Geddes, Nick Finn and Harrison Mogg) did a fabulous job, it was hard to get the motivational impact we needed for this game. All players must let the coaching staff know if they will be playing before the Thursday training session.

In the game we gave the opposition too much possession and some poor tackling gave them the points they scored. We should have won this game but “white line fever” cost us 2 certain tries. This said there are still many positives to take away from this game. Our forward pack is as strong as any in the comp. We need to get more depth when hitting the line. Each time we did this we busted the opposition wide open. Support play was excellent across the park and with good structure to our phases and back line play. We had a new look backline and it takes a while to adjust to each other’s playing styles and abilities but I am certain it will pay off. The fractured nature of this season has not been helpful. I would like to publicly acknowledge the dedication of this team’s stalwarts who will start training themselves even when I have been away or held up.

St Andrews were lucky to get away with a win. We fought hard right through to the end scoring a last minute try to secure a bonus point. Well done boys You should be proud of the success and achievements you have made already this season. It is not over but I think you should all realise how very proud I am to be part of this team.
Prep Rugby Corner…Round 7

Results for July 18
Under 9s  CCGS defeated Barker 54 – 20

Unfortunately the first round after the holidays was predominately washed out and or snowed out! The Under 9s were able to play here at CCGS and they recorded an excellent win against Barker College. While the fixtures for the 10s and 11s were cancelled in Sydney the squads played a well spirited match against each other. Hopefully the four quarters they played will hold them in good stead heading into this weekend’s fixtures.

Best of luck to all teams.
Mr McLoughlin

CCGS Under 9

CCGS Under 9s 54 defeated Barker 20
(Tries: McHugh 7, Tripolone. Goals: Murray 5, McHugh 2)
What a game, what a performance………what a WIN!!! The entire Mighty Nines team can be very proud of their efforts on Saturday against a team that had beaten them previously by a score of 36-10. That’s a 60 point improvement! Right from the start, the team were on their game. The warm up was enthusiastic and focussed with a strong emphasis on the skills practised at training. Once the game started, the team was led from the front by determined captain Casper Mudge and the equally determined Mr Mudge at the back. The Nines kicked off and the Barker runner was slammed by the younger Mudge. This encouraged the team to respond to the chant of ‘Green Wall’ and the team never looked back.
The CGGS ruck led by Isaac Wasiliev and Flynn Jones and supported by Ethan Oscar Fort and Bilson-Atanassoff presented lots of clean ball for the runners out wide and Max Murray, Harry Atherton and Maison Patrick all made strong bursts. However, the star of the show in the first half was Jack McHugh as he stepped, swerved and sprinted away for four slashing tries. They were all converted by Murray and with the Green Wall remaining strong, the Mighty Nines led by the impressive score line of 28-7 at the break. At oranges, coaches Dunstan and Mudge stressed the importance of maintaining the wall and an aggressive ruck and this was followed through beautifully. Many outstanding tackles were made but none better than the pile driving effort by Mudge that put a rampaging opponent over the sideline with the try line beckoning. In attack, Jones, Murray and Tripolone all made strong bursts while Tom Potts and Lachlan made valuable contributions in attack and defence. And who should score the next three tries? Yes, the human tornado, McHugh, who also converted two of them! However, a real highlight was the beautifully timed pass he gave to Lucca Phillips who burst away and was unlucky not to score. The final word came from Tripolone. Following a quick penalty tap, he charged over out wide to score his maiden CCGS try and make the final score a resounding 54-20 in the Mighty Nines favour. Once again what a performance, what a win! You did the school proud boys!

Best and Fairest (based on merit and a policy of sharing points around);
3 points – Jack McHugh
2 points – Mikey Tripolone, Maison Patrick
1 point – Oscar Fort, Tom Potts
Central Coast Grammar School Rugby
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Saturday 28 July.

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Under 9s v SGS Edgecliff at Weigall 2 Rushcutters Bay 9.00am
Under 10s v SGS St Ives on CCGS 3 9.00am
Under 11s IPSHA 7s at Knox Grammar School 9.30am Ground TBA
Prep 1sts v SGS Edgecliff on CCGS 3 11.00am

SGS Weigall Rushcutters Bay

Knox Grammar School
TBA