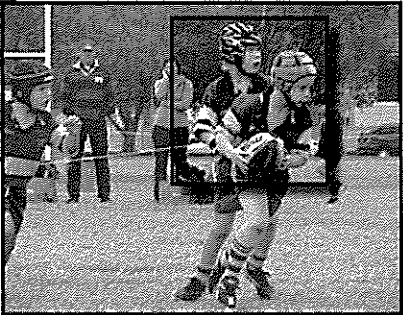




Oatley Rugby Union Club

2006 End of Year Report



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Presidents Report

Though severely rain affected, 2006 has proven to be a most successful year for the Oatley Rugby Club. The season was highlighted by the outstanding U15's team winning the grand final and the successful running of the Southern Districts Mini's Gala.

Lee, Mark and the U6 crew did a fantastic job setting up the fields each week but I am sure it is already in a few minds that next season they get a "sleep in" with 9:10am starts and no setting up! Thanks to all the U6 parents for the tremendous effort.

The Mini's Gala! From the bottom of my heart, well done to all involved. We were the focus of all the Southern Districts clubs and you did the club proud. Arthur your effort through the season culminated in a great event that received rave reviews from ALL the other clubs, The Leader and Hurstville Council. Without this type of dedication from the volunteers, Oatley Rugby Club would not stand out as one of the leading clubs in the area.

When you read through the following pages you will see some outstanding team efforts. The U12's finished third in the SZ competition and won the Eastwood Marist 7's while the U9's and U11's also made the Eastwood Marist grand final. The club salutes the mighty U15's and I have to dedicate a paragraph to this great team, management and wonderful group of parents. Without wanting to single out one individual parent, I do want to thank Alan Horsley for his valued support of the team and the club. Thank you Alan and thanks to Mazda.

The U15's went into the season being rated by everyone in the zone as the team to beat and they deservedly proved everyone right. The success of the boys has been noted by Sydney Juniors and the NSWRU so keep the fitness up over summer and hopefully all the boys will regroup early next year and chase after another title. On top of the SZ Premiership the boys, in their first trip down to Canberra lifted the grand final trophy in the Mazda Canberra 7's tournament. Congratulations should also go to Rod, John, Ema, Ra and Malachai. I could keep going on about the success of the U15's but I will let you read through the report where you will also find quite a few of their names in the representative honours list.

I mentioned a few of the valued volunteers earlier but I would also like to thank Kerry Smart for her tireless effort organizing the canteen, Mick Bradley for helping me with clothing, financials and general organising, Jodie for the excellent reports and putting up with me stressing of taking off to yet another meeting, Ross Williamson, Darren Bradley and Rod Dunn for the last minute call up to referee the Mini's, John Francis for his behind the scenes coordination and Richard Sheahan for his mentoring. I also thank everyone else who assisted in some way during the season. Someone who deserves a special mention is Aaron Malouf. Aaron you have done yourself, your family and the club proud. At the end of last season Aaron and his father came to me asking if Aaron could do some Mini's refereeing this season. It is always hard to find people to ref so internally, I was over the moon. I started to get to know Aaron from the start of this season and quickly realised the dedication he has for the club. Aaron did an outstanding job refereeing, receiving accolades from every visiting club and acknowledgement from the SD referees coordinator. Aaron was also a member of the successful U15's and when he wasn't playing or refereeing you would find him on the field 1 hill cheering on the seniors. Above all, Aaron is a great well balanced young man and I thank you for your commitment.

Thanks to the sponsors without who, our club would not survive so please take note of them and where possible use their services. In particular I would like to thank Maso's, Mazda, Davis Lawyers, Worldwide Online Printing Hurstville and Outlandish Designs for their commitment. It is very much appreciated.

So take your time to read through this report and take pride in the outstanding achievement by so many of the boys with rep honours, game milestones and funny stories about the younger ones building dirt piles! These boys along with the volunteers are the foundation of the great Oatley Rugby Club.

Season 2007 will start 24 weeks so enjoy your summer and the club hopes to see you back next year.

Todd

Juniors Statistics

Under 6's	Matches	2006 Tries	Matches*	Club Total Tries
Tony Pelev	12	14	12	14
Sebastian Mottershead	12	15	12	15
Jack Watson	12	0	12	0
Jarred Christall	12	14	12	14
Connor Molloy	12	10	12	10
Lachlan Keft	12	0	12	0
Justin Cordi	12	0	12	0
Adam Somboli	12	0	12	0
Rangi Sidney	12	0	12	0
Patrick Kossemberg	12	3	12	3
Elisha Rameka	12	0	12	0
Charlie Watson	12	0	12	0
Morgan Knapton	12	0	12	0
David Kammoun	12	10	12	10
Darcy Mullins	12	5	12	5
Harrison Knapton	12	0	12	0

*Matches played does not include any previous seasons played.

Under 7's	Matches	2006 Tries	Goals	Matches	Club Total Tries	Goals
Austin Andrew	12	13	9	44	34	22
Andrew Clarke	12	53	24	26	124	55
Wyatt Gavan	12	2	0	41	7	4
Joaquin Suter	11	10	6	42	22	6
Samuel Tuni	11	6	5	41	10	5
Riley Williamson	12	0	7	26	0	7
Angus Mullins	12	8	8	12	8	8
Riley O'Connor	12	6	6	12	6	6
Mitchell Maude	11	0	0	11	0	0
Declan Carlsson	11	0	0	11	0	0

Under 8's	Matches	2006 Tries	Goals	Matches	Club Total Tries	Goals
Brendan Bottos	11	5	26	41	25	41
Zachary Brown	12	3	0	58 + 23 - 73	12	4
Mytchell Cassidy	9	6	0	39	26	6
Jake Powers	10	1	9	63 - 15 - 78	22	27
Thomas Rice	12	6	0	42	16	4
James Mood	12	2	0	24	3	0
Luke Mihaljevic	12	0	0	12	0	0
Oliver Herbert	7	16	0	7	16	0
Taharangi McWaters	12	2	0	12	2	0
Liam Molloy	12	0	0	12	0	0
Jack Ryan	12	0	0	12	0	0
Matthew Yates	11	1	0	11	1	0
Mataele Taufa	9	15	0	9	15	0

Juniors Statistics

Under 9's	Matches	2006		Club Total		
		Tries	Goals	Matches	Tries	Goals
Nicholas Bennett	13	3	9	48	7	10
Matthew McDonald	12	2	1	76	24	10
Jared McLachlan	12	3	0	76	27	9
Joshua Pele	13	27	7	29	39	13
Jonathon Ryan	10	27	2	60	80	12
Dominic Shade	12	2	0	29	3	4
Alex Sherman	12	6	4	61	40	18
Gabriel Suter	13	5	2	68	39	14
Samuel White	7	0	0	7	0	0
Sydney Malifa	10	0	0	10	0	0
Karaitiana Sa'u	13	10	0	72	28	7
Tony Rumore	13	4	6	13	4	6
Teina Kirikiri	5	1	0	5	1	0
William Andrews	11	0	2	11	0	2
Owen Sivertson	10	0	1	10	0	1
Dane Stephens	11	4	0	11	4	0
Declan Reynolds	12	1	1	12	1	1
Thomas Clarke	10	3	0	10	3	0

Under 10's	Matches	2006		Club Total		
		Tries	Goals	Matches	Tries	Goals
Jack Armstrong	16	1	0	53	20	10
Riley Becker	12	0	0	34	5	1
Jarryd Bradley	14	8	4	79	75	62
Liam Brown	15	2	0	38	21	1
Steven Brown	14	0	0	24	0	0
Cameron Ho	10	0	0	11	0	0
David Jeavons	13	1	0	39	5	1
Matthew Jenkins	14	5	0	14	5	0
Haydn Johannsson	16	6	0	16	6	0
Adam Kammoun	12	4	2	25	21	16
Luke Mrakovcic	16	4	0	16	4	0
James Morris	13	4	1	13	4	1
Macsen Nunn	14	3	0	14	3	0
Evander Pele	8	1	0	20	5	0
Thomas Rawlings	5	1	0	42	24	14
Jacob Rosoqoso	2	0	0	14	3	0
Paki Taufa	14	2	0	22	5	0
Nathan Wylie	12	0	0	12	0	0

Juniors Statistics

2006

Under 11's	Matches	2005		Club Total		
		Tries	Goals	Matches	Tries	Goals
James Brancourt	7	0	0	64	5	1
Blake Davis	12	0	0	25	4	0
Timothy Dunn	13	3	0	82	9	7
Thomas Egan	8	1	0	39	3	3
Augustine Fidow	10	3	0	10	3	0
Luke Garaty	12	1	0	72	42	13
Lachlan Gooch	10	0	0	22	0	0
Patrick Gooch	12	0	0	24	1	0
Thomas Hohepa	11	4	0	44	14	0
Peter Jeavons	8	0	0	34	1	0
Humze Kammoun	11	8	0	43	35	0
Kyle McLachlan	9	1	0	80	17	5
Thomas McLuckie	11	0	0	11	0	0
Jakov Mihaljevic	12	0	0	26	0	0
Matthew Murray	13	6	7	13	6	7
Samuel Puckett	12	8	0	61	63	0
Hamiora Ruru	7	0	0	46	4	0
Faaope Junior Satiu	11	5	0	46	4	0
Josh Steinhauser	1	1	1	28	5	9
Nicholas Stevens	9	1	0	41	10	16
Milan Volavola	8	0	0	37	10	5
Garth Wallace	11	2	0	11	2	3
Liam Whiteman	13	0	0	55	6	1

Under 12's	Matches	2006		Club Total		
		Tries	Goals	Matches	Tries	Goals
Jonathan Brown	12	7	0	47	35	0
Stephen Crawford	14	8	1	90	64	6
Oliver Cupitt-Osborne	13	8	0	33	24	0
Nathan Doherty	14	2	0	14	2	0
Hayden Farrell	11	1	1	81	27	11
Tuti Haimona	14	17	3	73	39	12
Samuel Kefford	13	4	0	137	77	15
Leone Koro	11	1	0	25	1	0
Tim Nunn	11	0	0	40	0	0
Matthew Rawlings	7	2	0	59	9	0
Matagi Sa'u	13	7	7	87	37	8
Hugh Sivertson	11	0	0	11	0	0
Adam Slattery	12	0	0	12	0	0
Louis Sobb	11	0	0	54	1	0
Jacob Steed	9	1	0	54	5	0
Elijah Suter	14	6	0	101	26	1
Jayden Wilkinson	12	1	0	123	5	19
Igshaan Woods	13	7	0	13	7	0

Juniors Statistics

Under 14's	Matches	2006		Club Total		
		Tries	Goals	Matches	Tries	Goals
Nicholas Boskett	6	0	0	109	6	3
Kyle Bottomley	6	0	0	52	8	0
Rameka Brougham	9	0	0	39	5	0
James Brown	5	0	0	8	0	0
Ryan Copper	9	0	0	138	23	2
Michael Crawford	6	0	0	61	2	0
Assem Ewais	8	3	0	86	16	0
Simon Galluzzo	8	0	0	51	4	0
Adam Garaty	9	0	0	107	0	0
Jarrod Gollins	8	0	0	94	0	0
Luke Grzesiczek	8	0	0	26	0	0
Kevin Hodgson	8	0	0	72	23	11
Ibrahim Kammoun	8	0	2	35	4	2
Zakaria Kammoun	8	0	0	38	0	0
Jake Kefford	8	3	0	147	35	3
Albert Khouri	7	1	1	7	1	1
Tom Mackie	8	0	2	51	3	6
Taia Marsters	5	0	0	22	0	0
Retimana Moko	8	0	0	8	0	0
Rongomai Nukunuku	9	1	2	34	7	2
Elijah Peterson	4	2	2	4	2	2
Alex Pollock	6	0	0	6	0	0
Bruce Satiu	4	7	1	22	22	4
Timothy Smart	9	1	0	155	46	7
Rangi Tagaloa	7	2	1	7	2	1
Sepeloni Taufua	6	1	0	24	2	0

Under 15's	Matches	2006		Club Total		
		Tries	Goals	Matches	Tries	Goals
Nelson Dale	12	2	0	52	31	0
Marcus Heather	12	3	16	69	11	67
David Horsley	12	2	0	128	24	0
Aaron Malouf	12	1	0	119	25	15
Taylor Ringland	10	5	0	69	52	0
James Ritchie	12	4	0	162	39	24
William Tuima	12	7	0	40	41	1
Ben Volavola	12	4	22	43	15	54
Blake Wild	11	2	0	25	9	0
Mason Griffin	12	3	1	12	3	1
China Reweti	11	3	0	11	3	0
Matthew Hanslow	11	4	0	11	4	0
James Spencer	10	2	0	10	2	0
Terence Rameka	11	2	0	11	2	0
Mannessah Watene	12	3	0	12	3	0

Oatley Rugby Club Awards

100 Matches for the Club

Adam Garaty	(U14s)
Elijah Suter	(U12s)

150+ Matches for the Club

Luke Smart	(U16s)	192 games 2005
Robert Sheahan	(U16s)	188 games 2005
Robert Horne	(U16s)	153 games 2005
Peter Francis	(U15s)	160 games 2005
Chris Holland	(U16s)	151 games 2005
James Ritchie	(U15s)	150 games 2006
Tim Smart	(U14s)	150 games 2006

Under 6's Team Awards

Best New Player	Sebastian Mottershead
Best Tackler/Defensive Player	Darcy Mullins
Most Valuable Player	Adam Somboli
Mazda Best and Fairest	Harrison Knapton

Under 7's Team Awards

Most Improved	Wyatt Gavan
Coaches Award	Riley O'Connor
Encouragement Award	Mitchell Maude
Mazda Best and Fairest	Austin Andrew

Under 8's Team Awards

Most Valuable Player	Oliver Herbert
Most Improved	Liam Molloy
Coaches Award	James Mood
Mazda Best and Fairest	Brendon Bottos

Under 9's Team Awards

Most Improved Forward	Tony Rumore
Most Improved Back	Thomas Clark
Most Valuable Player	Jonathon Ryan
Mazda Best and Fairest	Nicholas Bennett

Oatley Rugby Club Awards

Under 10's Team Awards

Best Forward	Adam Kammoun.
Best Back	Luke Mrakovcic.
Most Valuable Player	Jarryd Bradley.
Mazda Best and Fairest	Macsen Nunn

Under 11's Team Awards

Best forward	Tim Dunn
Best back	Matt Murray
Coaches award	Liam Whiteman
Mazda Best and Fairest	Faaope Junior Satiu

Under 12's Team Awards

Best Back	Jonathon Brown
Best Forward	Matagi Sa'u
Coach's Best	Tuti Haimona
Mazda Best & Fairest	Elijah Suter

Under 14's Team Awards

Most Valuable Team Player	Jake Kefford
Best Back	Rongomai Nukunuku
Best Forward	Rangi Tagaloa
Mazda Best & Fairest	Assem Ewais

Under 15's Team Awards

Best Forward	Manessah Watene
Best Back	William Tuima
Most Consistent	Mason Griffen
Mazda Best and Fairest	Ben Volavola

Hall of Fame

Junior Player of the Year

1987	Chris Wing
1988	Martin Allen Ryan Coates
1989	Matthew Battishall
1990	Aaron Curry
1991	Nathan Kjoller
1992	Jonathon Moody
1993	James Horne (U7)
1994	Andrew Norris (U9)
1995	Pauliasi Taumoepeau (U9)

In 1996 Walla and Mini Player Awards introduced

1996	Jonathan Sheahan (U10)
1997	Matthew Macris (U12)
1998	Atelea Vea (U12)
1999	Ben Rowsell (U14)
2000	James Terrey (U14)
2001	Saone Polutele (U16)
2002	Robert Horne (U13)
2003	Afusipa Taumoepeau
2004	Royden Marsh
2005	Robert Horne
2006	Marcus Heather

Junior Clubman of the Year

1995	Alex Leighton
1996	James Lazarus
1997	Andrew Green
1998	Mitchell Termaipi
1999	Mitchell Owen
2000	Matthew Egan
2001	John Francis
2002	Ian Swane
2003	Chris Bernays
2004	Todd Armstrong
2005	Tyler Spitz
2006	Aaron Malouf

Walla Player of the Year

1996	Andrew Moran
1997	Rohan Graham
1998	Steven Kalagurgévic
1999	Christopher McArthur
2000	Emanuel Comino
2001	Sam Kefford
2002	Nathan Doherty
2003	Jarryd Bradley
2004	Jonathon Ryan
2005	Jake Powers
2006	Andrew Clark

Mini Player of the Year

1996	Ryan Bowring
1997	Grant Batty
1998	Robert Horne
1999	Tyler Spitz
2000	Rohan Graham
2001	Timothy Smart
2002	Scott Sorensen
2003	Stephen Crawford
2004	Luke Garaty
2005	Jarryd Bradley
2006	Joshua Pele

Junior Goalkicker of the Year

1996	Dean Owsnett
1997	Ben Rowsell
1998	James Horne
1999	Daniel Malouf
2000	Robert Sheahan
2001	Robert Sheahan
2002	Robert Sheahan
2003	Robert Sheahan
2004	Robert Sheahan
2005	Josh Ewan
2006	Ben Volavola

Junior Supporter of the Year

1997	Helen Green
1998	John Francis
1999	Ross Bernays
2000	Kerry Smart
2001	David Clulow
2002	Chris Howard Valentin Howard
2003	David and Kerry Lavelle
2004	Annabelle Sheahan Juliette Sheahan Tim Smart
2005	Annabelle Sheahan Juliette Sheahan Tim Smart

Oatley Junior Rugby Club Honours

Southern Districts Under 12's

Matagi Sa'u
Jonathon Brown
Stephen Crawford
Elijah Suter
Sam Kefford
Igshan Woods

Sydney East PSSA

Matagi Sa'u (captain)
Jonathon Brown
Stephen Crawford

Sydney Southwest PSSA

Stephen Crawford

Southern Districts Under 14's

Assem Ewais
Elijah Peterson
Timothy Smart

Southern Districts Under 15's

Marcus Heather
Matthew Hanslow
Manessah Watene
Nelson Dale
David Horsley
Taylor Ringland
Ben Volavola
- Blake Wild
William Tuima
+ Anthony Kirby
China Reweti
- Peter Woollett

Southern Zone Under 15's

Marcus Heather
Matthew Hanslow
Manessah Watene
Nelson Dale
David Horsley
Taylor Ringland
Ben Volavola
William Tuima
China Reweti
Anthony Kirby

Under 15's Sydney Rep Side

China Reweti
Marcus Heather (Shadow Player)
Nelson Dale (Shadow Player)
Ben Volavola (Shadow Player)

Under 15's NSW Sides

(1st ever - to play Queensland 1st Oct)

China Reweti
Ben Volavola

Under 6's Report

After the first training session I think Mark and I had wondered what we got ourselves into (that was on top of the dozen beers I drank that night)! But we soon realised that we had a very special team. Our formidable force soon grew to a team of 16 wonderful players, all of which brought their own skills, knowledge and talent. The under 6's showed great signs for the future of Oatley Rugby. It was a pleasure to coach the kids and I wish each child all the best for there Rugby future.

Cheers Lee Knapton & Mark Somboli

Tony Pelev (five eight) - Tries 14

This was Tony's first year and a great success it was. It looks like we have another David Campese coming up the ranks. Tony's pace was exceptional and along with his magic side step made it difficult for the opposition to contain him. Tony was one of our leading try scorers. His defence was excellent and we look forward to his return next year.

Sebastian Mottershead (half back) - Tries 15

Another one of our fast men, most probably the fastest. A great player to have on our team and a real team player. Sebastian's defence is second to none and his try scoring ability made him a very valuable team member. Without his try scoring contributions we would still be running around the park. Thanks Sebastian see you next year!

Jack (Pommy) Watson (forward) - Tries 0

This was also Jack's first year. What an improvement from the first training session. We were unable to pull a jumper on him to begin with but with some persistence Jack was running the ball straight and hard by the end of the year, His defence is coming along and will be a valuable player when he returns next year. Well done Jack!

Jarred Christall (centre) - Tries 14

Jarred was elusive from the beginning of the year. His energy was far greater than mine and Mark's put together. Jarred would run all day, weather it was sideways, backwards, forwards he was always running. Once we encouraged him to run forward he was unstoppable, and contributed to a lot of our tries. See you next year Jarred and bring your little brother. Thanks for all your running!

Connor Molloy (line out jumper) - Tries 10

Connor came with great confidence and ball skills, this was transparent on the field. His running and passing ability was exceptional. Connor's backing up and support play to other players was great to watch. I'm sure we have another Wallaby under our wings. Look forward to seeing you next year. Awesome work Connor!

Lachlan Keft (forward) - Tries 0

Lachlan is one of our players who returns from last year. Lachlan has improved in leaps and bounds. Lachlan is a keen runner of the ball and his defence was exceptional. A real team player and enjoys a good game and playing with his mates. Unfortunately Lachlan injured his knee in the first Gala Day and was unable to play the second week. A rest over the off season and I'm sure Lachlan will be back bigger and better next year. Well done Lachlan!

Justin Cordi (hooker) - Tries 0

We welcome Justin to his first year at Rugby. Justin brought with him a great amount of enthusiasm and energy in which he released on the field. Justin was a member of our Building Dirt Pile Team and in the beginning of the year was busy building dirt/grass piles, but with time and guidance Justin was an excellent defender and really got the idea of running the ball. I'm sure with some off season training Justin will be a valuable member of the team next year. Thanks for a great season Justin.

Under 6's Report (continued)

Adam Somboli (Centre) - Tries 12

This was also Adam's second year. Adam returned with all his skills and knowledge from last year. His tackling and defence was awesome to watch. When we told Adam to tackle he literally took it upon himself to do just that and wiped the opposition out. Adam was a great runner and try scorer, you would quite often find Adam playing chicken with the side line. I am sure when we finally get to play tackle rugby, Adam will get his own back. Good luck in the under 7's next year. Good stuff Adam!

Rangi Sidney (Prop) - Tries 0

This was Rangi's first year. Rangi started the season with little experience however with some encouragement and confidence by the end of the season Rangi's involvement was excellent. A real team player and enjoyed all aspects of the game. Rangi was a crucial part of our scrum and with out his force it would not of been the same. I look forward to seeing Rangi back next year now having one year of Rugby under his belt. Excellent rugby Rangi!

Patrick Kossemberg (Fullback) - Tries 3

We welcome Patrick to his first year of Rugby. Patrick brought with him his own skills and knowledge of the game. He used all these skills and knowledge on the field and was our number 1 fullback. You would quite often find Patrick make that vital tackle in which the opposition had broken through our defence. Also a keen ball runner and had a great side step. See you back here next year. Good work Patrick!

Elisha Rameka (prop) - Tries 3

Also Elisha's first year. Elisha showed great enthusiasm and was also a vital member of our scrum. He was our tight head prop. Towards the end of the season Elisha made some great tackles and loved to run the ball. A real team player and I am sure he will be back next year to test the scrums. Well done Elisha!

Charlie Watson (Yet to be determined) - Tries 0

Charlie was the youngest member of our team. Charlie was captain of the tackling team. The only problem was that Charlie would tackle anyone and everyone even the coaches. If Charlie wasn't tackling he would be found halfway up the hill playing with the cars. (dad was busy talking) I'm sure with this years experience Charlie will be back to do it all again next year. See you soon Charlie!

Morgan Knapton (Captain Building Dirt/Grass Piles) - Tries 0

Morgan was another young member of our team. Yes the captain of the Building Dirt/Grass Piles. Morgan was quite often found on the 20m line making plans to build the biggest pile of dirt/grass (whatever he could find). If he wasn't building piles he could be found with a Witches Hat on his head being the team clown. I am sure he will be back next year. Well done Morgan!

David Kammoun (Outside Centre) - Tries 10

This was David's second year and it showed on the field. David had great ball skills and his backup play was superb. David would always be there in support. His defence was excellent. David is an all round player and a great team player. I am sure he will be back to join the under 7's next year. Good work David!

Darcy Mullins (Flanker) - Tries 5

This was Darcy's first year. Darcy started a couple of games late but not in his head, he was there from day 1, switched on. He was like a robot tackled every attacker in sight. Darcy showed great running skills and steps like no other. Darcy would be there at 8 am every Saturday boots taped, head and ears taped up, boots checked, head gear on ready to go. His first try conversion nearly brought the house down with a great big cheer from his Dad. Well done mate!

Harrison Knapton (Flanker) - Tries 10

We welcomed Harrison back for his second year of rugby. Harrison was a keen runner of the ball. Harrison made many yards up the middle and down the line and made the way for plenty of tries. A great defender and a valuable team member. Our goal at the start of the year was to achieve Harrison first try. Unfortunately it didn't come how-ever there is always next year. Good persistence Harrison!

Under 7's Report

This year has been a real development year for the boys. I have got to know Austin, Andrew, Wyatt, Sam, Riley Williamson and Joquain so much better as sportsmen in their second year, all these boys have really improved and as their chosen sport becomes more physical, I have no doubt these boys will look after their mates and always try their hardest.

Then we had Declan, Mitchell, Riley O'Connor and Angus join this year. Each boy brought a special skill and attribute to the team. These boys achieved so much in their first year. Good boys, and full of spirit and skill, we will have a formidable team going into the tackle ranks next year.

Sometimes I need to remind myself that the club is run by volunteers. So many people put so much of their time into ensuring all the boys benefit from, and enjoy their team experience; these are some of the memories our boys will look back on when they grow up. We as a team have so many people to thank this year. Todd and Arthur put so much time into our boys to ensure they enjoyed their Rugby; it really was an amazing organizational effort by them to hold such a great Gala day. Ross refereed so many of our games in such a good spirit. Kerry who always ensured the canteen was working like clockwork which is important in raising funds so the fees can be kept down, Jodie for producing the news letter ...our keepsakes for the boys. Thanks to all of our mums and Dads who helped whenever asked, especially on the gala day. Thanks too to the Parents who helped at training. Thanks to the , parents, grandparents and friends who encouraged the boys. Ben and Sandii; special thanks to you and Declan too for all the organization and stats recording throughout the year.

Now to the boys: What a great Year! Congratulations to all of you, you are all important members of this team. I sincerely hope you all come back and become good mates throughout the years. It was a year punctuated by rain but still the boys improved, in particular their understanding of positional play in defence was superb. One of the highlights of the year was when the boys beat the dads in a tight game of mud footy; believe me the dads were sore for days. An excellent achievement towards the end of the year of understanding a straight defensive line ...players talking to each other to fill in holes, a very rewarding sight for all of us who helped coach this task all year. Next year brings many challenges and hopefully fun, laughter and good times.

Congratulations to all the boys, for their graduation from Walla Rugby. I hope the mums and dads cope with the onset of tackle next year and that the boys keep up their great attitude and develop their friendships and enjoyment of the game.

Thank you Boys
Danny



Under 7's Report [continued]

Austin Andrew

Games: 12 Tries: 13 Goals: 9

A joy to have around, a joy to coach and a joy to watch. Austin has such natural attacking ability ...sidesteps, in-and-away, swerve. There is no team that Austen hasn't bamboozled. I am looking forward to seeing Austin at half next year. Austin is Mr. 100%, never had an off game and always gave his best. A perpetual smile and very well behaved boy. Can't wait to see you take on the opposition next year.

Declan Carlsson

Games: 11 Tries: - Goals: -

One of my best memories of the year was the Gala day when we were playing Rockdale; Declan got the ball just inside the oppositions half and all of a sudden a gap opened up and he sped through it, only just tagged about 5 metres before the line. Great finish to the year. Declan is an important part of the team and we hope he enjoyed his year.

Andrew Clark

Games: 12 Tries: 53 Goals: 24

Taking off my parents hat for a while ...Andrew is a gifted player. One of the fastest players in the competition, elusive and very hard to stop. Andrew also improved his understanding of the game this year with his positional play, especially in defence. As well as his many tries, he saved plenty by running players down and defending his side line staunchly. Andrew should do well next year; I can't see many teams coping with his speed if he runs at the gaps. Thanks for all your effort this year Andrew.

Wyatt Gavan

Games: 12 Tries: 2 Goals: -

One of the season's great improvers. Wyatt is a fast player with a natural ability to defend. Sometimes resembling a heat seeking missile, he chases and chases and usually tags his target. I was very pleased to see how much Wyatt improved this year, especially with his concentration and carrying out of instructions on the field. Wyatt is a player with pace and determination, one of our natural forwards, I look forward to "letting him loose" next year.

Mitchell Maude

Games: 11 Tries: - Goals: -

Mitchell is the man we needed. I doubt I have ever had a bigger smile on my face the day he turned up to register for the club. Mitchell has what all Rugby sides need if they want to compete in the tackle ranks, size, then size and more size!! Mitchell showed improvement this year, he was great to have around, he loves having a chat about any sport. I always looked forward to his update on the Swans at training. I am sure he will be suited to the tackling game next year. The team looks forward to seeing you back next year Mitchell.

Angus Mullins

Games: 12 Tries: 8 Goals: 8

Another of our first year players. Angus is a fast player who loves getting involved in the game. He attacks and defends well. Angus ended up securing the wing for us in defence towards the end of the year which helped us do so well in the Gala day. Angus has a good pass and I am sure he will develop into an organizer in the side. Angus is an important part of our team and we are hoping to see him back next year.

Under 7's Report [continued]

Riley O'Connor

Games: 12 Tries: 6 Goals: 6

Riley's first season was a gem! A pleasure to coach, great natured and gifted with natural ability, Riley settled in early. Riley is very determined defence player and also loved running with the ball. I hope you enjoyed the year as much as I enjoyed coaching you. A tall fast boy with a positive outlook and a great team player. We are looking forward to seeing you develop as a player over the coming years.

Joquain Suter

Games: 11 Tries: 10 Goals: 6

Joquain is a very important, experienced member of the side. Displaying a non-flustered attitude, he had the ability to follow instruction and do what the side needed. Joquain's attack blossomed as the year went on, developing a great swerve and seeming to add pace. Joquain is a strongly built boy who should also be suited very well to the tackle game. Joquain had a good year, gifted with a calm head and developing good attacking skills. We all hope you join us for the "real" game next year.

Samuel Tunj

Games: 11 Tries: 6 Goals: 5

The wait is almost over, next year we get to see Sam tackle! Even in the tag version of the game, Sam displayed determined, persistent defence. Defence has always been a strong point of Sam's game and I feel he will be suited to the more physical game. Sam also improved throughout the year and seemed to enjoy his Rugby. Hopefully with Sam and Mitchell in the front row next year we will dominate most contests. A stoic defensive player and a hard runner, we look forward to playing with you again next year.

Riley Williamson

Games: 12 Tries: - Goals: 7

As last year, Riley "golden boots" Williamson was a pleasure to coach. His good nature and determination saw him improve remarkably throughout the season. In particular Riley has become an excellent kicker. I can't remember him missing one kick all year; he obviously put a lot of time and effort into practicing this skill. Riley is also an excellent defensive player would could always be relied upon to try his best. A courageous player who always plays above his weight, thanks for the contribution to the side Riley, we look forward to seeing you pack down next year.



Under 8's Report

The rugby this season followed the same pattern as their games, in that they started off slowly and got better as the year went on. All the boys applied themselves to training and learnt a lot of new skills. I was the proudest coach in Rugby when in their second last game, being 21 points down after 5 minutes, the team, for the first time this year, started to play phase rugby. They hit the ball up low, dropped and presented, two cleaned out, one bridged and the next picked and ran, for several phases in a row. Needless to say, playing like that they came back and won the game. The backs needn't feel left out either as several times through the season our modified drift defence left the opposition jammed up against the sideline.

The established players from last year provided a solid core with their understanding of the game. Thomas Rice and Brendon Bottos excelled in the centres. Thomas, the tackling demon, playing with more finesse in attack and Brendon playing more the power game with the ball in hand. Together they complimented each other and made life very difficult for the opposition backs. Jake Powers missed a few games, but came back just as strong, and taking some inspiration from Josh Holmes, came back to the halfback position where he could play as an extra forward if required as well as use his leadership to run the forwards and backs.

Mytchell Cassidy also missed a few games in the middle of the season and improved his game when he returned to the forwards. He was able to drive a maul of 7 or 8 boys wherever he wanted, and stopped a few of the opposition forward drives. Zachary Brown also contributed to the game plan by being the go to man for those penalties close to the line and also to move up and shut down their drives from penalties. James Mood has been an absolute revelation this year with his enthusiasm for the game. He attacks everything and everyone with fearless abandon. If ever there is a future No.7, he is it.

Matthew Yates started this year playing well above his weight and tackling the bigger boys well and showing his speed around the ground. He continued this during the season playing halfback and winger, coming to grips with both positions. Jack Ryan played hooker all year and was one of the players who got in there and did the hard work in the mauls and around the ground. His application to training showed in the improvement in his game throughout the year.

Taharangi McWaters (Taha) started the year playing well above the skill level shown by the other boys. His tackling and mobility around the field was outstanding. Liam Molloy started slowly but by the end of the year was a tackling demon and one of our 'ball carriers' due to his willingness to hit the ball up hard and go to ground. Luke Mihaljevic played throughout the season as Halfback, hooker, lock, prop and winger. He is a very good player that I could always rely on, demonstrating this during the year with above average ability in all facets of play.

Mataela Taufa (another of those Taufa boys, luckily for us, showed off some of the best individual skills I have seen during the year. He played on the wing all year, always trying to get in the forwards, showing exceptional leg drive skills to score tries. He made what was probably the best tackle of the season, in the last game, to stop a certain try. Finally, Oliver Herbert was the most outstanding attacking player on the field. With an inch of room, he is through and gone. Playing on the wing, every second week, he would have scored the most tries this season easily. He would have saved that many as well with his cover defence.

Under 8's Report (continued)

The parents of the boys are to be thanked and congratulated for their patience and understanding throughout the year. They understand that it's all about the boys having fun and learning to play safely and competently. The example they set from the side is always a credit to them and the behaviour of their boys confirms this. I would not have been able to coach as freely or as effectively without the help of the parents who would volunteer to assist at training immediately.

Kate Cassidy who did a great job managing the boys and keeping all the parents informed of all that was happening, Vince Bottos and Greg Ryan helped all year, and are as amazed as I am at how hard the boys can hit that ball up and clean out. Also helping during the season were Richard Rice, Matthew Mood and David Yates.

The boys started the year slowly, mainly because I bit off more than they could chew, and improved throughout the year to a point where, in my opinion, they are one of the best sides in the competition. Amongst them are some brilliant natural talents with all players having the ability to further their rugby career in future years. Next year should bring even more success their way as we will build on our efforts from this year and take the game to the opposition and start to prepare for the progression to the under 10's the following year.

Arthur Brown



Under 9's Report

I think it's fair to say that the boys had a very good season and I'm pleased with the effort each boy has put in and proud of their individual and team achievements. Every boy in the team improved as the year progressed and culminated in their best football at the back-end of the season for the tournaments.

I am satisfied that each boy not only developed their individual skills but also their ability to work as a team. They developed a toughness and determination that allowed them to mix it with the best sides – and beat them – and importantly learnt a true self-belief in what they are capable of doing. Congratulations to each of the boys on their individual achievements and team results.

Highlights throughout the year:

- Played 27 games - 17 Wins, 9 losses, 1 draw
- Scored 560 points (98 Tries and 35 conversions) and conceded 373 points.
- Achieved a win against arch rival Sylvania (Oatley had never beaten them previously)
- Achieved a draw against Burraneer Blue. (They had always beaten us previously)
- SD Gala Day. Having played as one team all season we were required to field 2 teams for the event. The teams finished commendably in 4th and 7th places, from 12 participating teams.
- Grand finalists in the Marist 7-a-side Tournament losing by only one try in the final.

William, Tony, Declan, Thomas, Sydney and Sam – All newcomers to rugby and each had to learn the game from scratch and had a lot to learn in a rain-shortened season. Each boy persisted with each week's training and games, and completed the season with new skills, confidence and many memorable moments. By season's end, they can rightly call themselves "rugby players" and good players at that.

William progressed steadily during the season and it all fell into place by the gala days. Made the effort to get more involved during each game and gained very valuable experience. By season's end showed enormous improvements in the mauls, his ball retention ability and effectiveness in the tackles, pulling off some beauties late in the season.

Tony a bit of a natural, although his season was a bit interrupted by illness. Absolutely loves the game and this showed through in his determined charges up field and bustling defence, which resulted in 4 good tries for his first-up year. Tony will be even much better next year for the valuable experience gained this season.

Declan our smallest guy in the team showed lots of courage in taking on the bigger guys in attacking runs and defence all season. Gradually improved his skills and confidence throughout the year. Finished the final game of the season with his first try and it was a ripper, using unstoppable determination, dragging three defenders over the line with him. Pretty good for a boy that weighs less than your lunch box.

Thomas also one of the smallest guys on the paddock. His game started coming together from about the middle of the season where he combined his new skills and confidence with wonderful determination, resulting in a high work rate in defence and attack. His greater involvement and self-belief rewarded him with 3 tough and well earned tries, by the end of the season.

Sydney, the smiling assassin. It didn't matter what he was doing on the field; tackling, rucking mauling or tacking the ball up, he always had a huge smile on his face and obviously really enjoying the game. His skills and understanding of the game developed well as the season progressed as did his confidence, showing high level of involvement in the mauls and some blistering solo runs up field.

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Jonathon – A great finisher who makes a habit of long runs each game, resulting in 27 tries for this season. Not his biggest year for scoring tries but what he didn't score in tries, he saved twice over through deft and fearless cover tackling. Another outstanding year, has developed more team skills and begun to develop as the team's Captain.

Nicholas started the season with new found belief and enthusiasm and lifted his involvement and positive contribution in the forwards. In particular his excellent clean-out work, support of the ball carrier and support in the mauls, set up try opportunities for the team and earned 3 tries to himself. Showed much improved strong one-on-one tackling.

Karaitiana is the "crankshaft" in the forwards engine, providing the serious power up front to inspire all of the other forwards. Solid defender and super effort in the mauls. Trademark determined drives forward, many breaks and barnstorming runs, resulting in 10 tries and setting up many tries for his team mates.

Gabriel the tiger of the forward pack. Ferocious in the rucks and mauls, fearless tackler in open play. Huge determination rewarding him plenty of ball and 5 good forward's tries. Has developed a good offload this season which usually provided supporting players with try scoring chances.

Teina migrated from Canterbury Rugby. A great recruit who gave the extra muscle in the pack and go forward for the team. Provided many strong solo charges up field and was hard to stop when he got up a head of wind. Was safe in defence and in the rucks and mauls.

Dominic powerful in the mauls showing great strength ripping possession from the opposition and driving right through the middle of many mauls. Not uncommon to see Dom come out the other side with the ball resulting in 2 tries. Increased determination this year and developed more self-belief and toughness.

Dane is our utility man. He can run, step, tackle, pass, kick, ruck, maul and superb at the clean-out. Has all the skills and fortunately for us, he can play in any position. A great "team man" willing to do whatever job is required to support his team's effort and results. He is a wonderful asset to the team and finished the season with 4 tries against his name.

Alex made steady progress in his general abilities as the season moved on. Made huge improvements in his one-on-one defence and also learnt to use the sideline well in defence. Supported the forwards well in the mauls when needed. Finished the last game of the season with a flurry of slick long distance tries to amass 6 tries for the year.

Matthew developed his half-back skills through the season cementing himself permanently into the half-back role. Very good kicker of the ball and has become one of the team's recognised all-round kickers. Highlights of Matthew's season are indelible visions in my mind of many superb diving cover tackles saving certain tries. Matthew also scored 2 good tries himself.

Owen played most of his season in the backs before moving into the engine room for the gala days and tournaments. Owen thrived with the greater demand in the forwards and his abilities and confidence benefited from a lot more involvement. Owen will be a regular feature in the forwards next year where he can utilise his skills and experience more.

Jared has also developed all of the skills and he can play any position for the team. Our Mr Versatile. A very good runner of the ball with a bit of room, makes good ground and can offload well. A reliable defender, especially one-on-one out wide. Another great team man, always first to put his hand up several times to play for the other team when they were short, just to make a game of it for all the boys. Contributed to the team results with 3 tries.

Under 9's Report [...continued]

Joshua matured significantly as the season progressed and showed great prowess with long weaving and penetrating runs throughout each game and culminating in 27 tries. Vastly improved general tackling, one-on-one defence and kicking skills. Josh also kicked 7 try conversions. Stand out performer in the Marist 7-a-side tournament being voted by the Marist organisers as Grand Final Man of the Match.

Personally, it's been a pleasure coaching the boys and I've really enjoyed putting the time in and seeing the boys develop and the results emanate through their performance each week. By the end of the season each boy had developed markedly and each is a far better player and team member than at the start of the season. This made it extremely difficult to separate the boys for awards this year although each was worthy for individual efforts and improvements. Congratulations to this year's award winners;

Nicholas Bennett - Most Improved Forward
Thomas Clark - Most Improved Back
Tony Rumore - Most Improved "Newcomer"
Joshua Pele - The Mums and Dads, Mazda, Best and Fairest Player (As voted by the Mums & Dads)

Many thanks to Glenn and Vince as the official management team and all the other fathers who chipped in each week helping during the training drills and on game days.

Thank you to all parents for your support throughout the season and giving your confidence in Glenn, Vince and me developing your boys. Additional hearty thank you for each parents help washing the footy jumpers, half-time oranges, full time snakes and canteen. Special thanks for each parent's help hosting the Southern Districts Junior Gala Day, which was a very successful event and was praised by many parents who visited our home ground for being well run and organised.

On behalf of the U9s team management and parents, thank you to the juniors committee (Todd, Arthur, Jodie, John, Kerry, Richard, Mick) for all your hard and often unseen work "that makes it all happen" usually smoothly, and all the junior boys who volunteer to referee our games each week and in my opinion, do the best job of any junior's club.

Thanks for a wonderful season.

Cheers, ... Jim



Under 10's Report

Stepping up to the 12 a side game and facing the best in the Southern Zone was always going to be a challenge having lost 4 of our most consistent players from last year's under 9's. We were fortunate to get 8 new recruits and it will only be a matter of time before we are up there in the play-offs as they have all improved their rugby skills this year and the combinations are starting to form.

ADAM KAMMOUN: Started the season playing with his big brother in the 11's and this experience showed in many facets of his game particularly in defence, although his overhead offloads at the ruck were also outstanding.

CAMERON HO: First full year of Rugby saw Cameron as a flying winger for much of the season but a switch to hooker brought out the best in his play and his clean outs at the breakdown put some of our beefier forwards to shame

DAVID JEAVONS: Played above his weight and never stopped tackling and ripping in at the mauls. Can play 10's again next year, hope he comes up with us.

EVANDER PELE: Very strong defensive player who has a copybook round the legs style. Went missing for our last few games.

HAYDN JOHANNSSON: New to rugby and straight to the rep team with his punishing defence and aggressive running which had everyone scared, including a few team mates at training and the odd father on the tackling bags

JACK ARMSTRONG: Smart runner with the ball and has lifted his defensive workrate to be one of the first to the breakdown.

JACOB ROSOQOSOQO: Plate glass 1 vs Jacob 0, Steal last Tim Tam from Older Bro 1 vs Jacob 0. A bad year for injuries but the 2 games he played showed he has still got the tackling style we need for next year.

JAMES MORRIS: New to rugby but has seen older brother play and moves fast for a big man. Always involved in the heavy stuff and can kick goals too.

JARRYD BRADLEY: Never say die attitude lifts his team mates and his jinking runs and kicks in general play caused opposition plenty of grief.

LIAM BROWN: Deceptively fast for his size and able to slide through the defence or crash through if needs be. Strong one on one defender. Also made rep team.

LUKE MRAKOVIC: Can and did play just about anywhere with great skills in attack and defence particularly ripping the ball. Rewarded by inclusion in rep team.

MACSEN NUNN: Played half most games and showed the forwards up on many occasions with his clean outs and tackling. Also good with ball in hand.

MATTHEW JENKINS: Fastest in the team helps but the enthusiasm got Matt to the ball on many chases from kick offs to drop outs. Cover defence specialist.

MORGAN LATIMER: Quickly learnt in his first year of rugby how to use that classic forward build and always made good ground in heavy traffic. Not afraid of the hard work in the rucks and mauls.

NATHAN WYLIE: Took to rugby straight away and pulled off many good tackles in defence and was always in there at the breakdown.

PAKI TAUFA: Used his fend very effectively this year to break the opposition line and maintained the high defensive standard he set last year

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RILEY BECKER: RB hit his straps in attack with some fine straight running and offloads. Ripped and mauled with controlled aggression.

STEVEN BROWN: Never far from the action and tenacious in the maul never letting go. Made some incisive runs up the blind and offloaded skillfully.

TOM RAWLINGS: Elusive runner and ferocious defender, alas had to return to NZ after round 6. Wish him well.

With our last game shifted to The Green (as Evatt was hosting the Minis Gala Day) we were playing 5th placed Clovelly Blue and Coach Craig put it out that if we won he'd shout Macca's Happy Meals all round.

This seemed a safe bet as we'd only won one game to date and even some of the players were confident he wouldn't have to shout. What most had overlooked was this was the first time we had all our players on deck and with the added incentive of Macca's they all played close to their potential, defending strongly and cleaning out as a pack, while the backs had many line movements of chain passing not previously seen. The final result was a 31-10 win to the Green and Golds.

This last game was also memorable for the noise created by the Oatley mothers cheer squad which had been waiting all season to let it rip. Rebecca Jeavon's ululations were truly amazing. (Don't know how the voice fared at choir next day)

I commented that Matthew Wiley looks like a professional when he had us pose for the team photos after the game. No wonder as he is a professional photographer and thanks Matthew for getting copies to all the team.

Finally thanks to Craig Brown for all your efforts with the boys this year and look forward to seeing everyone next year or at touch in the summer.

Yours in Rugby
Mick Bradley



Under 11's Report

Oatley Under 11's had another successful year, highlighted by qualifying for the finals and being runner up in the Eastwood Marist sevens. What should have been a more successful season was spoilt by the breaks caused by wet weather and school holidays. The team played its best rugby up until the July break and couldn't recapture that form after that.

Special thanks must go to the following parents for their help on game day setting up fields, running water etc. Peter Garaty, Alan Brancourt, Dan Steinhauser, Ivan Mihaljevic and Clive Puckett. A special thanks to Geoff Gooch who stepped in to the managerial role and relieved a lot of pressure on game day for Rod and I.

James Brancourt

Second rower. A big improver this year. Always worked hard in the tight stuff and missed out on the accolades he deserves.

Tim Dunn

Hooker. One of the most consistent players in the team. Tim was one of the best close-in defenders in the team rarely missing a tackle and has now become a strong ball runner.

Luke Garaty

Outside centre. Luke is one of the best centres in our division and is always dangerous in attack.

Humze Kammoun

Prop. Humze continues to be an outstanding player in his position. His powerful runs and defence always had the opposition intimidated.

Sam Puckett

Winger. Another great season from Sam who could be relied on to run us out of trouble or score a spectacular try..

Nicholas Stevens

Half back/ centre. Showed great commitment for the team by playing for the club after playing for his school earlier in the day.

Liam Whiteman

Established himself in the all important half back position with great distribution and communication.

Blake Davis

A fantastic season from Blake who at fullback. Despite his size, showed tremendous courage and is respected by his team mates.

Junior Satiu

Junior's presence in the scrum ensured that Oatley had the strongest scrum in the competition. His strong running was rewarded with 5 tries for the season.

Josh Steinhauser

Josh became versatile this year covering second row, No 8 and five eighth. He also found time to be one of the team's goal kickers.

Milan Volavola

A great example of a hard working forward. If a mistake was made, Milan would make sure that it was corrected which set a great example for the rest of the team.

Under 11's Report (continued)

Thomas Egan

Flanker. Another member of the dominant Oatley forwards. Never misses a tackle and can't wait to get his hands on the ball and terrorise opposition defences.

Thomas Hohepa

Loose forward. Thomas had his best season yet, as can be seen by the number of votes he received in the player's player award.

Peter Jeavons

Peter's rugby improved again this year. He became a team player and his screams of encouragement fired up everyone at training and during the games.

Kyle McLachlan

Despite his size, Kyle has found his niche as a loose forward. He's never afraid to take on bigger players and gives nothing less than 100%.

Hami Ruru

Prop. Hami was having a great season until the break and then appendicitis put an early end to it. He is developing into an outstanding forward.

Lachlan Gooch

Winger. Despite limited game time, he never let his team down and always waited for his chance to play without complaint.

Patrick Gooch

Lachlan has slowly developed into his rugby. He has the potential to be a great player as his positional play improves. Is the fastest player in the team.

Jakov Mihaljevic

Loose forward. Jakov's second season of rugby saw his game improve dramatically. He plays mistake free aggressive rugby and will be a key player in coming seasons.

Augustine Fidow

A great acquisition from rugby league, he certainly made his mark with strong aggressive running in defence and attack. His try against Canterbury was memorable.

Thomas McLuckie

Winger. Thomas went from novice to expert in his first season of rugby. Loved nothing more than running with the ball and was unlucky not to score any number of tries.

Matt Murray

It's hard to believe that this was Matt's first season. He is an elusive hard running centre who scored six tries, including one in his first game, and was our leading goalscorer.

Garth Wallace

Another in his first year of rugby, Garth's a quick learner and his size made him an outstanding second-rower. He quickly became an important part of a dominant pack.

I also think it's important to acknowledge the players that attracted votes in the player's player awards. The vote was close and all deserve recognition: Humze Kammoun, Thomas Hohepa, Kyle McLachlan, Sam Puckett, Blake Davis and Junior Satiu.

See you all in 2007

Rod Dunn and Tim Whiteman

Under 12's Report

The U12s had another strong year with plenty of player development, team improvement and maturity. 4 new players to the team fitted in really well and friendships developed and firmed during the season. On the paddock the boys came a creditable 3rd in the competition and it was terrific to see them have success in winning the Eastwood Marist 7-a-side tournament.

After having a wealth of players last year, we only had 18 this year which dropped to 17 when Matt Rawlings went back to NZ half way through the season. With only this many there was a need for commitment from the boys and their parents to get to every game. The boys responded with Oatley not ever having to play with less than the 15 required on the paddock.

A number of changes were made in the forwards as Alex came on board as coach, trying to fit player physique to suit positions. As Alex states "To build a strong building you must begin with a strong foundation." This was the plan of attack for the forwards this year, back to basics, nice and simple the way it should be. To play in the forwards it takes a special type of player, it's not for everyone, but for those that have what it takes; it's tribal, it's crazy and it takes sense, that includes no sense as well. The boys worked very hard this year to compete. At this age boys develop at different stages, some will mature sooner and some will mature later, we must be later, so to make up the difference the boys put in where they could, fitness, technique, heart, courage and pride.

There were many changes in the backs as well with combinations finally working towards the end of the competition. The backs had to learn how to trust each other in defence so they could mark up the opposition. The kicking game starts to be a significant play at this age and learning when and where to kick is just starting to become habit. The attack needed space and angles to run, ball security when tackled and to act like forwards when needed. This was a developmental year and we are hoping that next year we can build on what was learnt this year.

The U12 Oatley for 2006 were:

Jonathon Brown: A great runner with the ball, Jonno scored many tries that broke down the opposition and lifted our confidence. A terrific tackler as well, he has a huge future as he is probably the best outside back in this age competition. A Southern districts rep and part of the winning Sydney East PSSA side.

Stephen Crawford: You never know what Steve will do next, as he is a talented individual both in attack and defence. Playing at flyhalf & halfback, he confounds the opposition with his desperate play more often than not resulting in clever play that gives the team forward momentum. Steve is also a Southern districts rep and played for Sydney Southwest in the PSSA.

Oliver Cupitt-Osborne: First time thrown into the forwards after playing wing previously, Oliver's game developed to become a terrific back rower. His pace and step came to the forefront as he split the opposition time and time again. His defence was good as was his set plays. A vital part of the team and a real team player.

Nathan Doherty: Playing up a grade and small for his age, Nathan played fullback and wing against much larger opposition. He did this with so much courage, and was able to learn quickly so that he was a very important part of the team. As he grows he will get only better and if playing in his own age group, the experience he gained would probably make him a standout.

Hayden Farrell: Hayden was a great improver this year. He was our back-up for any position in the backs as well as having to help out in the forwards a couple of games. He mostly played wing and fullback and showed maturity and rugby sense with a reliable kicking game from these positions.

Under 12's Report [continued]

Tuti Haimona: Tuti came from the backs into flanker where his ability to pinch the ball from the opposition and his additional pace realised many breaks and scoring chances. He stepped up to a new level, trained hard, played hard and developed his game play for Tuti to have his best year in combining individual talent with team play. Deservedly we won player of the tournament in Eastwood 7s.

Sam Kefford: Sam was most reliable at half, ensuring no breaks were made by the opposition around the scrum base, and providing good service and support to the backline. During the finals he moved to inside centre where he shone, making several breaks, was strong in defence and set up his outside players. Another Southern districts rep.

Leone Koro: Leon, had a year to remember, trained hard every training, and has started to become the rock our scrum is built on, picked up cleaning out very well, he tackled soundly but his pick and drives at the back end of the season; metre eaters. Solid stuff Leon.

Matthew Rawlings: Matthew was a great player and was sorely missed when leaving for NZ halfway through the season. His attitude and playing ability had rubbed off on others to improve their games. Matt was a Southern districts rep.

Tim Nunn: Another player who puts the team first, from his first game this year, he showed more confidence, his tackling, cleaning out and his reading the game improved. Finished the year up as hooker, a goal he set at the start of the year. Mission complete. Great work

Matagi Sa'u: Whilst Jonathon was our inspiration out wide, it was Matagi, our Bulldozer with eyes, in the middle that provided the team with forward momentum. Probably the best forward in the competition he punches holes in everything he does, running, tackling, driving, even kicking for goal. A great team player Matagi also led Sydney East as captain, winning the PSSA rugby tournament. And 3rd year running as Southern Districts rep forward of the year. A real powerhouse!

Hugh Silvertsen: New player this year, Hugh played on the wing. Slowly he gained confidence to get more involved and seemed to enjoy the game more. We can't have a team without players and as he gets more experience, I'm sure he'll further improve. Well done Hugh!

Adam Slattery: Also a new player, Adam always played with a smile on his face. If it wasn't enough to join an experienced rugby team, he had to join the firebrand forwards. He never gave up, never let the team down through lack of commitment and learned a lot playing his best games during the finals. A real trier. Well done Adam.

Louis Sobb: Louie, as we call him, started the year at hooker, and finished the year on the flank. A team player who does all of the unseen work, he cleans out, he drives, tackles, runs, it's off his hard work that others benefit. Always puts the team first, flexible and will only get better. Great stuff Louie.

Jacob Steed: Jake's game continued to improve as his confidence improved. He showed with the ball in hand and a bit of space that he is a dynamic runner. A good year finished disappointingly with a collarbone break via an illegal tackle just before the finals. Showing true team spirit Jake turned up to watch all the remaining games.

Elijah Suter: Elijah was our captain, and his play had all the qualities expected from a captain. He led the team with awesome defence and hard running attack busting through the opposition. Everyone, including our best players, looked to Elijah's example. His hard but fair play was the catalyst for the growth of the team throughout the year especially as he filled many positions in the forwards as required. Elijah also played as a Southern districts rep.

Under 12's Report [continued]

Jayden Wilkinson: Jayden has a special talent. He listens, learns and carries out instructions. Changing to the back row, Jayden continued to be most reliable in all facets of the game, strong with ball in hand, and hard when tackling, well on his way to becoming a forwards forward. Always learning, always getting better, and always ends up having played another terrific year.

Igshan Woods: Iggy was new to the team but had played U12s last year. This experience helped the team to learn how to play hard as Iggy showed the physical side of tackling. He would run hard too and made the centre/flyhalf area a tight aggressive, but fair, area for the opposition to venture in to. His example was taken on by others and his own game grew as he learnt the abilities of the others around him. Another Southern districts rep.

Thanks to Robert Woods for taking on management of the side. A special thanks to Alex Suter who co-coached with myself and who brought his youthful looks, his definitely fitter body, his exuberance and knowledge. And thank you to the parents for their help throughout the season. But mostly thanks must go to the boys for trying hard all year, showing maturity and friendship, and making coaching enjoyable. As Alex said, it was a great year, much was taught and much was learnt, not only by the boys but by the coaches and the parents, and to be apart of this has been a honour, everything I had hoped for and more.

Coaches: Brian & Alex

Under 14's Report

Season 2006 was a very frustrating year for the Under 14's when you take into consideration that only nine (9) of the scheduled fourteen (14) matches were played due to wet weather, teams pulling out from the competition early in the year, disrupted training, byes, etc. Add to this a high injury and illness toll and it then became very difficult for the boys to maintain their motivation and enthusiasm at a consistent level throughout the year.

However even in such a short season, the main highlight was easily the upset win over the 2005 premiers, when the boys played some of the most inspirational rugby I had seen in my years associated with the team. If only the boys had been able to produce this form on a weekly basis, then they would have been a much more competitive outfit and given the more fancied teams a run for their money.

Results aside, it is important that the boys acknowledge the time and effort put in by the coaching staff during the year led by Phill Gollins. A passionate rugby enthusiast, Phill along with assistant coach Bruce Smart, continually provided a positive and informative approach to the game as well as an interesting variety of drills at training. Thanks should also go to the following fathers, Wayne, Henare, Sio and big Pete, who continually helped out at training and on game days.

Other high points of the season saw Tim Smart play his 150th match, whilst Adam Garaty notched up his 100th match in the Oatley colours. Southern district representative honours went to Assem Ewais, Elijah Peterson and Tim Smart.

After such a difficult year we hope the boys are able to maintain their passion for the game and we look forward to seeing them back next year for a more successful season.

Peter Garaty - Manager

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Nicholas Boskett – Nick added some much needed size to the forward pack this season. Improving with every game during the year, which was unfortunately limited by school rugby commitments, Nick continually produced a positive effort in all aspects of the game.

Kyle Bottomley – Kyle was the giant of the side who made his presence on the field felt especially in the lineouts and attack from set plays. Unfortunately his season was hampered by a niggling injury which saw him take the field on only a handful of occasions.

Rameka Brougham – Rameka is the side's specialist half whose experience and options at both set and broken plays set up many attacking opportunities for his outside backs during the year. His defence and running in general play were solid attributes of his game.

James Brown – James returned to the side this year after having a break in the 2005 season. He too only managed a handful of games but showed good improvement on the wing in attack and especially in defence.

Ryan Copper – Ryan had an uncanny ability of consistently stripping the ball and producing turnovers in close plays. Ryan once again set the example for the forwards in both attack and defence and never let up the pressure on the opposing packs.

Michael Crawford – Unfortunately for Michael, 2006 was another year disrupted by injury and illness, which saw him on the field a limited number of times. A very strong defensive winger or fullback, Michael always showed good speed and elusive running in attack.

Under 14's Report (continued)

Assem Ewais – A very determined player with the ball in his hands close to the line, Assem was almost unstoppable whenever he got near the try line. His uncompromising rock solid defence and strong running were a feature of his play during the year.

Simon Galluzzo – Simon played a year up in his age group this year, such was his enthusiasm for the game of rugby. At home in the front row, Simon could be relied upon to give a whole hearted effort each time he took the field.

Adam Garaty – Season 2006 saw Adam celebrate his 100th match for Oatley. Playing in the front row and always looking to improve his game, Adam thrived on the work in close, at set plays and in the rucks and mauls.

Jarrold Gollins – Jarrold was always keen to take on the opposition in attack and provided aggressive and punishing defence at the rucks and mauls. A very determined player who enjoyed getting involved in the thick of the action each week.

Luke Grzesiczek – Currently in his second year of rugby Luke started to take on a more versatile roll in the back row and line outs this year. He was enthusiastic in his approach to the game and we look forward to him further developing his skills next season.

Kevin Hodgson – Another returning player this year, Kevin is a natural runner of the ball with considerable pace who alternated between the centre and wing positions. His improvement in defence was a feature of his play this year.

Ibrahim Kammoun – Ibrahim was another player to play up in his age group this year and provided a utility roll in the centre, wing or fullback. He was consistently looking for any half chances in attack and provided good support play.

Zakaria Kammoun – Zak's season in the front row improved as he got more matches under his belt. He showed plenty of commitment and consistency in defence and was always keen to support in attack and run the ball.

Jake Kefford – A very versatile and clever player who slotted into the fly half position this year. Jake's general rugby skills, speed and absolutely rock solid defence once again proved Jake to be one of the most valuable members of this year's team.

Albert Khouri – As a new recruit to the side, Albert's speed and kicking capabilities were a valuable asset to the team this year. A very determined and powerful runner when in possession Albert settled into the fullback position with great success.

Tom Mackie – A feature of Tom's play on the wing was his ability cut down attacking raids out wide and taking on much larger opponents in attack. He was always ready to put his body on the line when called upon.

Taia Marsters – Another of our players who had his season interrupted by injury and illness, Taia was always keen to put in a wholehearted effort when he did make in on the field. Playing in the back row he consistently put in solid efforts in attack and defence.

Retimama Moko – A very keen and enthusiastic convert to the game, Mana found a home on the wing in his first year of rugby. Always keen to get involved in the action he showed good pace in attack and anticipation in cover defending.

Rongomai Nukunuku – Rongomai had a very successful season in the centres this year, which saw him further develop his strong and powerful attacking flair and rock solid defence. Always putting in a concerted effort he led the backline by example.

Under 14's Report (continued)

Elijah Peterson – A late inclusion during the season Eli quickly slotted into the backline and produced some very encouraging results. An elusive attacking player with good speed and competence in defence, Eli proved a real asset to the team.

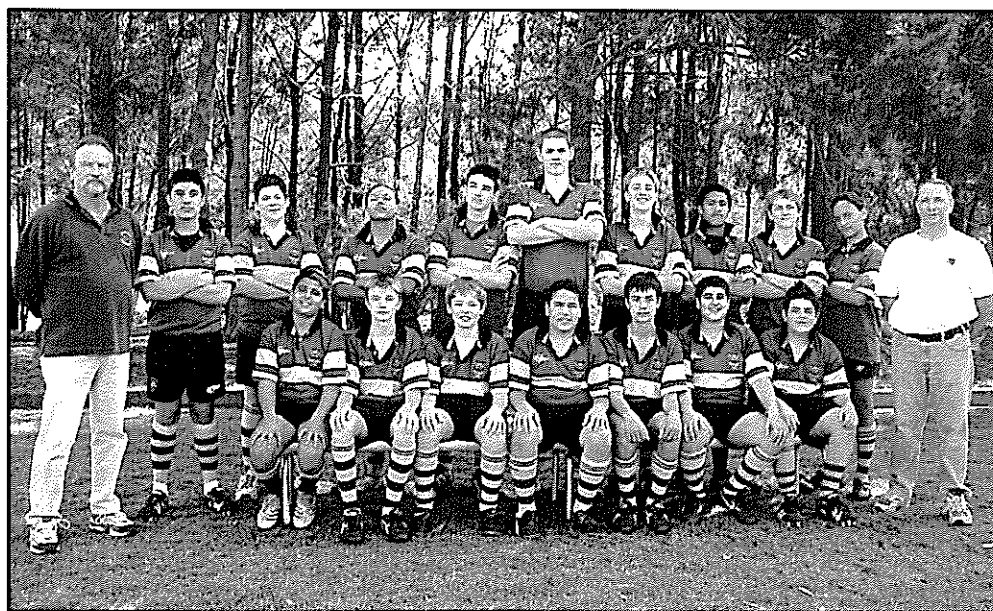
Alex Pollock – A new convert to rugby, Alex showed continual improvement at training and on match days as he came to terms with the fundamentals of the game, playing on the wing. The more matches under his belt will see him develop as a capable player.

Bruce Satiu – Undoubtedly one of our most explosive attacking players, Bruce had his season cut short with a major injury whilst on rep duties. His lethal speed, elusive running and punishing defence, was sadly missed by the team in the later part of the season.

Timothy Smart – Tim is always a dangerous player with the ball in his hand at broken play and is a very reliable defender. His lineout jumping was a feature of his game this year, which saw him pass the 150 game mark for Oatley. The well respected veteran of the side.

Rangi Tagaloa - A new recruit to rugby, Rangi immediately found a home in the forwards and thrived on the workload. A damaging runner with the ball and a punishing defender, Rangi improved and lead by example with each match. A very encouraging first season.

Sepeloni Taufa – Sep is a competent winger who is always looking to support his inside players. He can always be called upon to put in a solid performance in attack and defence and enjoys getting the ball over the try line.



Under 15's Report

What a year this has been for the U15's. Coming into this year's comp, we were seen to be the favourites; an expectation that we all, both parents and players were determined to live up to.

This year we were very fortunate to have a number of new players who all brought something special to the team; and it was a delight to have them on board.

There was an excitement in the air when we first met for our first training. There were new families added to the fold so it meant a lot of (Public Relations) PR work between families by yours truly! Something that I thoroughly enjoyed doing as this enabled me to get to know the parents on a more personal level.

Although the comp started off with a great win against Menai, we were literally flooded out by several weeks of rain. Of the 14 rounds that we were scheduled to play, we only played 10. Not only was this frustrating for the boys, it was as equally frustrating for the parents.

Eventually we did get around to playing our games and fortunately for us, we completed our rounds unbeaten. Despite the victory, we were struck with injuries that kept 2 of our valuable players out for most of the season, Jack Lauricella and Taylor Ringland.

As finals approached, the U15 Oatley Squad knew that they had to deliver. Coaches Rod Ringland and John Malouf hired the services of two well-known players in their own right, brothers Ra and Micah Watene, who worked on the boy's fitness. The result was a victory over Canterbury, which made us the Grand Final winners for 2006.

To add to our victory, a team of 12 players from the Oatley U15 team participated in what was our first ever Canberra Mazda 7's in Canberra. Whilst the idea was to go and enjoy ourselves, we returned to Sydney as the U15 victors. It was a sweet surprise to say the least; and everyone that was there thoroughly enjoyed themselves.

This year has been brilliant. I have had the honour of managing 24 15 year olds and with that made new friends with their parents. I choose not to take all the accolades because our success was a team effort. Without the support of great coaching staff and wonderful parents, we would not have achieved what it is that we did this year.

I would also like to take this time to congratulate the following boys for making the selection into the U15 Sydney team ie. China Reweti (member of the 1st 15 squad), Shadow Players - Nelson Dale, Marcus Heather and Ben Volavola. Well-done boys. And a job well-done to China Reweti and Ben Volavola for making it into the first ever New South Wales U15 Squad. You have both done us proud.

To the U15 Oatley boys and their families, thanks again for a memorable year. We hope to see you all next year.

God bless always
Eric Volavola





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