



RHS RUGBY NEWSLETTER

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Press Cup Game 4: vs Burnside High School Saturday 17th May



Burnside HS have made a great start to their 2014 Press Cup campaign and the team knew that this would be a tough assignment. Preparations were good despite a couple of key injuries and the Rangiora started brightly with a tidy opening sequence of play in front of an expectant home crowd. Burnside showed their class by patiently absorbing the pressure and striking quickly once they gained possession of the ball. In a period of about 10 minutes they had scored three tries and held a commanding 19-0 lead. Poor tackle technique and lapses in concentration were exploited by a strong running Burnside outfit.

The second half was all Rangiora with Burnside defending bravely and happy to concede penalties at the breakdown in order to slow the flow of Rangiora ball. Opportunities were created but snuffed out by good defence and at times poor decisions. An early try gave hope of chasing down the 19 points and several kickable penalties were turned down in pursuit of a second try but common sense prevailed and Scott Allin added to the scoring with 3 points to put Rangiora within two scores of the opposition. The elusive next try wasn't forthcoming despite getting agonisingly close.



With the final play of the game a break by Cam Dyer resulted in wing Harry Retallick-Brown scoring a well-deserved try. This was converted by Allin and gained a consolation bonus point for Rangiora.

Final score: Rangiora 13 Burnside 19

R.J. Preston Player of the Day: Craig Stockwell

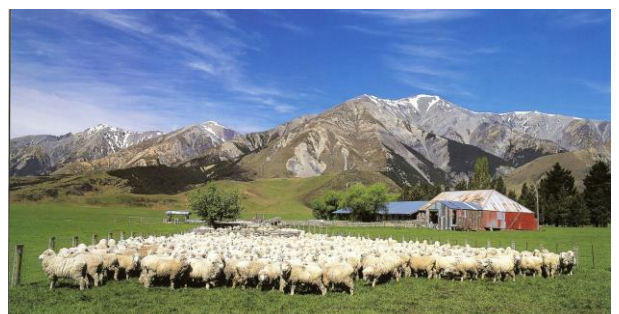
Principals Pin: Thomas Harrison

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You Make the Call

During the recent school holidays, three RHS Rugby players Justin Paulsen, Caleb Wunderink and Brianna James, did the CRFU You Make the Call refereeing course. To complete this qualification and attain 10 credits towards NCEA Level 3, these students now have to hand in a workbook and referee matches before undertaking a field assessment on their refereeing.

All three refereed at the recent Cantabrians Fun Day for Years 4/5 Primary Schools at Ilam Fields, and this weekend Justin and Brianna are refereeing U11.5 games. The feedback from CRFU on all three has been extremely positive.

SATURDAY 2ND XV vs Tinwald-Celtic on Saturday 17th May

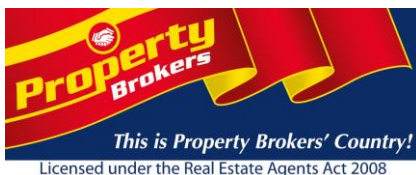
A slow start, a couple of well-constructed tries and a late defensive lapse had the 2nd XV trailing by 14 points at half time. A frustrating penalty count and poor tackling were significant contributors to this score line. It was already looking like a Jekyll and Hyde day but more was yet to come. Another try after half time gave Tinwald-Celtic a 21 point lead and had the supporters wondering if their long journey south was worthwhile.

However for this team this just creates the challenge and a good try to Jack Howe immediately after gave them the confidence they obviously needed. A spectacular 15 minute spell of four tries late in the second half gave the 2nd XV the lead to the disbelief of the Tinwald side. Kerran Jenkins conversion put Rangiora High 8 points ahead, so the late try by the combined side was not enough. Three of these late tries were counter attacks from well in their own half, and just reward for the passing drills they had endured during the week.

Coach Kelvin Eder said "It was a first half that an elephant would want to forget, but it was followed by memorable result as we pulled another rabbit out of the hat to win." Harley Robinson provided impact off the bench at No.8, while fellow forwards Jayden Pearce and Andrew McDonald were tireless to the end. Patrick McCallum grew in confidence throughout the game as playmaker, and Kerran Jenkins added stability in the backline attack. Ben Wicksteed, Bailey Mechen and Callum Henderson were the team's best defenders and enjoyed more space in the second half.

Final score: RHS 39

Tinwald/Celtic 36.



RHS MIDWEEK RUGBY



After rain and wet grounds forced the cancellation of all but one Girls Tens game last Wednesday 14th, the CRFU Midweek competition finally got underway on Wednesday 21st. With both the 2nd XV and Girls 1st XV competing in the annual College Day tournament, this left the two Junior Boys teams. Gold had a home game against Aranui, winning 47-5, while Green travelled into Papanui High School where they put up a good performance against an extremely big and fast Papanui side who won against Green 66-0.



2nd XV Quiz Night

Monday night saw a crowd of nearly 100 gather at Monteiths for the 2nd XV Quiz Night. With such a good turnout, the competition was always going to be a good one. However, a team of RHS teachers calling themselves Shed meets Science dominated from the start, and ended up winning with an unprecedented 99 points. Second place went to Tuahiwi Taniwha, and third place to Standing Room Only. Several 2nd XV boys hosted the evening and sold raffle tickets. Overall just over \$1500 was raised to assist with the inaugural year of a RHS U18 side in the Saturday competition. A

huge thank you to all the parents who supported this event through putting in teams and/or donating items for the raffle and silent auction.

Also, thanks to the following local businesses for their generous donations of vouchers:



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GAMES THIS WEEK

The 1st play St Andrew's College at StAC, kick-off 2.45 p.m. while the Saturday 2nd XV have a home game at RHS against MC Combined, kick-off 2.00 p.m. Next Tuesday, the Saturday 2nd XV play Hurunui at Mandeville, kick-off 7.00 p.m.

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1st XV Dinner

This is now only next Saturday 31st. We are very excited to have confirmed as guest speaker **Sir Richard Hadlee**. If you would like to purchase a ticket for this annual event, please contact Sarah on 0274 306 153.

We also have some fantastic auction and raffle prizes, including:

- a holiday for two to the Cook Islands, comprising \$1600 flights, resort accommodation at Edgewater Resort in a beachfront deluxe room for 2 for (7) nights , tropical breakfast included, and a package of local tours including Captain Tama's BBQ Lagoon Cruise, a cultural evening and a day trip to the beautiful Aitutaki. Worth approximately \$6000.
- \$2000 of MediaWorks radio advertising
- art work from local artists Sandra Duncan and Clare Wilcox
- signed Crusaders jerseys and covered stand tickets for upcoming Crusaders games

RHS 1st XV Player Profile: Ethan McDuff



Name	Ethan McDuff
Year	13
House	Lydiard
Preferred Position	Fullback
Previous Club	Woodend/Amberley
Rugby player you admire & why	Aaron Smith and Ben Smith, because they are just magical to watch. And they play for the Highlanders.
Most memorable Rugby moment	Scoring a hat-trick in a North Canterbury game and in the Christchurch Boys High School Easter tournament last year.
Favourite Food	Sushi, chicken wraps and pizza
Other sports played	Basketball, touch, social netball
Interests/hobbies	Eating, hanging with friends, watching sports