



# RHS RUGBY NEWSLETTER

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### Junior Boys Green vs Junior Boys Gold: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> May

Last Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> was the game the Junior boys really look forward to, when they get to play each other - Green vs Gold. The match was played in great spirits with both teams looking to attack all the time and this made for an entertaining game with some great tries scored. Green managed to get on top early but Gold did come back and scored some well-constructed tries with the final score being 36-12.

The game was also used as a trial for the Under 15s and the squad for the Marlborough Boys College Exchange will be picked after this week's game.



*Thanks to Sara Sorenson for these photos.*





## RHS Girls Tens

The Girls Gold played Christchurch Girls High School, going down 36-17. Despite the score, it was a really even game, the difference being CGHS being better at flicking it out wide. Lots of room for improvement next time.

## RHS 2<sup>nd</sup> XV vs Hurunui



A significant size difference, too many infringements and cold hands contributed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> XV's first loss in the Combined Country U18 competition. In a game rescheduled to Tuesday evening, our boys battled valiantly up front but some poor first up tackling of the bigger lads meant Hurunui stretched out to an unachievable lead. All the opposition tries were strong forward efforts but there was no lack of effort by our boys to 'muscle up' as best they could.

We responded with two very good tries; firstly a planned blindside move finished well by Kerran Jenkins, after Brendan Maw as given space by Number 8, Andrew McDonald. The second try late in the game was an example of what might have been. After the ball went through a number of hands, Caleb Wunderink set up Ben Wicksteed to run 50 metres to score. This topped off a very good game by Wicksteed, who impressed many to be Player of the Day. Patrick McCallum's sideline drop kick converted but there was no time left to continue this comeback.

**Final score 27-12.**

## RHS 2<sup>nd</sup> XV vs Ellesmere

Just a day after the bruising encounter with Hurunui, the 2<sup>nd</sup> Xv began its defence of the Midweek Senior Boys competition with a disappointing loss. A combined side of 1<sup>st</sup> XV bench boys, uninjured 2<sup>nd</sup> XV and Under 16 Club boys had not spent enough time together. The uncoordinated approach saw easy tries scored against and easy opportunities missed.

After a poor start, there was a passage where the Rangiora team looked to dominate and two tries before after half time, and a third soon after meant they were in front. "I was confident at this stage" said Kelvin Eder, coach, "but a lack of desire to battle to the end with some tired bodies meant Ellesmere finished stronger. It was encouraging to see young lads like Cam Lynskey, Deaven Clarkson and Kyle Williams contribute with enthusiasm and poise beyond their age."

Rhys Smith tried hard to bring the team together and direct play. His efforts saw him selected as Player of the Day. He and Jordy Gray showed their good individual skills at times that have earned them their spot in the 1<sup>st</sup> XV squad. Brendan Maw tried hard in the unfamiliar position of fullback.

**Final score 29-19.**

## 1<sup>st</sup> XV Dinner

On Saturday night nearly 230 people gathered in the Ohoka Hall for the RHS 1<sup>st</sup> XV 2014 annual Dinner and Auction. Guests were privileged to listen to Sir Richard Hadlee share some of his sporting experiences and lessons learnt from his time as an elite sportsman.

Spit Roast provided a delicious meal, and auctioneer Richard Leech from Rural Livestock Ltd ensured that the auction was lively and fruitful.

*Right: 1<sup>st</sup> XV do the haka to thank Sir Richard Hadlee*



RHS 1<sup>st</sup> XV would like to thank everyone who supported this evening, all the family and friends who attended, the businesses and individuals who donated auction and raffle prizes, the team's sponsors, and all those who helped with the organisation, set-up and clean-up. It was a highly successful evening for the 1<sup>st</sup> XV, raising significant funds towards the costs of participating in a Press Cup season.

*Left: Auctioneer Richard Leech from Rural Livestock Ltd getting a good price for the autographed cricket bat and Wizards jersey donated by Sir Richard.*



**Thanks again RHS Rugby supporters, and we hope to see you all again next year.**

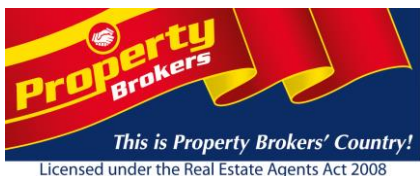
A special thank you to the businesses of the Cook Islands who have put together an amazing Cook Island holiday package. More on this will be in an upcoming issue.

*Right: Kathryn Bailey, the successful bidder for the Cook Island holiday, dances on stage with Cook Island scholarship players Travel Tuaputa, Thomas Harrison and Davey Mato*



## GAMES THIS WEEKEND

The 1<sup>st</sup> travel to Nelson to play Waimea in Round Seven of the Press Cup, kick-off 12 noon. The Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> XV play Springston/Southbridge at Springston, kick-off 1.30 p.m..



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## RHS 1<sup>st</sup> XV Player Profile: Cameron Dyer



Name	Cameron Dyer
Year	13
House	Rutherford
Preferred Position	Flanker
Previous Club	Saracens
Most memorable Rugby moment	Every game I have played in the RHS 1 <sup>st</sup> XV, and especially getting my cap
Favourite Food	Pork wraps
Favourite Music	Miguel, Kendrick Lamar, 2 Pac, Biggie
Other sports played	Touch rugby and basketball
Interests and Hobbies	Guitar, gym and music

### **BURNHAM LIVE-IN RUGBY COACHING SCHOOL 14 - 17 JULY 2014**

The Cantabrian Rugby Football Club is holding its annual live in coaching school at Burnham Camp 14 – 17 July 2014 for boys 16 and a half to eighteen years of age and invites nominations from clubs/schools/unions for eligible boys to attend. There is no cost. An interesting and varied programme is planned with both NZRFU and CRFU staff coaches conducting training and two matches will be played during the four days. Boys nominated must be able to live in a team environment during the school. Nominations close Wednesday **18 June 2014**

**If you are interested in being nominated for this, please talk to your Coach.**

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