

# Open Grade Rugby 2008

## Newsletter No 9



Dear Students and Parents,

### Weekly Quotes

*"A player who just lives to play is generally poorer than the player who has some balance in his life".*

Robbie Deans – Wallaby Coach

### Epping Boys' High School -v- Pennant Hills

**Results:** Won 54-26

**Tries:** Josh, Nick, Luke M, Matt T, Blake, Luke H (3)

**Conversions:** Blake (7)

### Best and Fairest

**3 Points** – Dylan Fricker – outstanding flanker's game – on the ball, some great defence.

**3 Points** – Kieran – strongest running game of season but the highlight was his counter – rucking, and stealing opposition ball.

**2 Point** – Tom – very good at lineout, especially pinching

**1 Point** – Chris – safe, penetrative and fine positional play.

**1 Point** – Luke H – lead well, good service, 3 tries

**1 Point** – Matt T – fine all-round game

**1 Point** – Blake – fine all-round game, 19 points

### Good Points

- Another outstanding start with very good structure.
- Forwards dominated in all aspects.
- Great team effort – forwards provided a great platform and backs finished off with 8 tries.
- Did not negatively respond to niggles.

### Areas of Improvement

- Prevent soft tries

### Epping Boys' High School -v- Homebush

**Results:** Epping won 19-12

**Tries:** Nick, Josh, Matt T

**Conversions:** Blake (2)

### Best and Fairest

**3 Points** – Matt T – outstanding all-round game culminating in winning try in last few minutes.

**2 Points** – Kieran – another courageous and skilful all-round game.

**1 Point** – James – best game of season, did all the simple basics extremely well.

**1 Point** – Sam – well scrummaged, solid all-round game.

### Good Points

- Adapted well to last minute changes due to Dawit and Chris not notifying.
- Great second half defence – great spirit and determination.
- Joe and Geoff did well as last minute replacements and also Matt as prop.
- Good communication.

### Areas of Improvement

- Ball retention and counter rucking – we had to defend for 20 of the 30 minutes in second half.
- Backline defence.
- When going forward in their half, don't run into touch/kick into touch unless try is on.
- Backs run straighter.

## General

Outstanding commitment and spirit – a tough (hard tough) performance!

## Pre season Games

- -v- Carson Graham, Canada - won 24 - 10
- -v- Semiahmoo, Canada - drew 17 -17

## Zone Draw - First Grade/Results

Round	Date	Opposition	Venue	Time	Result
1	9 April	Asquith	EBHS	2.00pm	Won 76 - 5
2	30 April	Randwick	Randwick Boys	1.00pm	Won 22 -12
3	7 May	Normanhurst	EBHS	2.00pm	Won 74 - 7
4	14 May	Ashfield	Ashfield Park	1.00pm	Won 50 -12
5	21 May	Homebush	EBHS	2.00pm	Won 19 -12
6	28 May	Asquith	Asquith Boys	2.00pm	
7	11 June	Randwick	EBHS	2.00pm	
8	18 June	Normanhurst	Normanhurst Boys	2.00pm	
9	25 June	Ashfield	EBHS	2.00pm	
10	2 July	Homebush	Hudson Park	2.00pm	
<b>Semis</b>	<b>23 July</b>		<b>TG Millner</b>	<b>2.00pm</b>	
<b>Final</b>	<b>30 July</b>		<b>TG Millner</b>	<b>2.30pm</b>	

## Waratah Shield

Round 1 -v- St Ives at EBHS – Epping won on forfeit.

Round 2 v Pennant Hills – Epping won 54-26.

Round 3 Play winner of Homebush and Galston. Should be a home game.

## Rugby Presentation Night – Tuesday 19 August at Epping RSL – 7.00pm

**CHS Rugby Carnival** – Week 6, Term 2, starting 3 June. Bye week for zone competition.

### WAR CRY

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BANGALLAR WOLLOGA BIRRIGA HAY  
NANNA GYASKI BONDEOLAY  
HY COOKARAJAH, HY COOKERAY  
EPPING FOREVER,  
HOOP, HOOP HOORAY  
E. P. P. I. N. G. EPPING

Enjoy your rugby

**Bruce Jacob**

26 May 2008