

# Saints

NEWSLETTER NO. 1 – OCTOBER 2005



## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Welcome to our new players and parents for season 2005/06 and welcome back our existing players and parents as well.

Thank you to all coaches, managers, umpires and scorers who have taken on these roles, especially those that are new to the sport of baseball. I hope you all enjoy it!

Thank you also to Jonathan Burnett ([findnearest.com.au](http://findnearest.com.au)) for developing our new On-Line Registration System.

This will improve the club's registration processes in the future.

Macquarie Saints will be fielding a record number of teams again this year, 31 Junior and 8 Senior teams. We have a record number of Under 7's, with 9 teams in total, all playing at ELS Hall Park in our very own "in-house" competition. After 3 Rounds of Tee-Ball it's quite apparent that these little stars of the future are going to have a very enjoyable year.



## Try Baseball

Once again 'Try Baseball' was a great success. We had 210 children participate over those two beautiful Saturday afternoons in July, making it the most successful one we have ever had. A big thank you must go to all the parents, coaches, junior and senior players who helped, as it would not have been possible without you.



## Ryde Hawks Representatives

On behalf of Macquarie Saints Baseball Club, I would like to congratulate all the Saints players that made Ryde Hawks Representative teams for this coming summer season. To have 19 players (10 in Representative and 9 in Development) make it into Rep ball is a magnificent achievement. Never before has Macquarie Saints had so many players in the Hawks U16's, U14's and U12's - a reflection of the strength in our junior grades. The reps are:

### Under 16 Development

Matt Hollings

### Under 14 Representative

Ollie Bromley, Ryan Falconer, Daniel Holten, Alex Latham, Jonathan Nicoll and Beau Sorbello.

Ryan Falconer and Beau Sorbello were also selected in the U14 NSW Winter Development Program and were also part of the team that participated in the 2005 Beijing International Series in China. Ryan has also been selected to represent NSW Baseball in the U14 National Championships to be held in Queensland in January 2006.

### Under 14 Development

Jack Forbes, Chris Nicoll, Alex Peck, Jake Wilkins and Jack Young

### Under 12 Representative

Jarrold Heal, Ryan McLachlan, Karl Stuart and Dale Williamson

### Under 12 Development

Ivan Chen, Jun Kamiariso and Latham McGrath.

## Girl Power!

A big congratulations as well to our 3 female representatives who were selected in the Australian Womens and Girls Baseball team to participate in the 5<sup>th</sup> World Series games in Florida, USA. They are: Rhea Cambourn, Louisa Scott and Miranda Scott – all currently playing with our Macquarie 14A teams. Good Luck Girls!!!



## Pioneer Park

At last the tractors appeared and work finally commenced on our home ground through the winter. As well as repairing the ground subsidence, Ryde City Council has also laid new turf and installed new fencing along the western end of the park. The ground


will be available for our Senior players when the Winter 2006 season commences. We have also submitted an application to the Department of Sport and Recreation, through its Capital Works Programme, for a grant to build a new fencing and dug-out facility on Diamond 3 (the north eastern corner). Once complete, the ground will offer much improved comfort for our players, visitors and spectators.

**The Transformation:**  
(July 2005)



(October 2005)



 **Christmas Party and Parents Tee-Ball Gala Day**  
Yes, that's right boys and girls, mums and dads, our annual Parents Tee-Ball Gala Day will be followed by our Macquarie Saints Christmas Party again this year at: **Waterloo Park on Sunday the 27<sup>th</sup> November.**

Games will commence at 10.00am with our very special guest of honour arriving at about 4.00pm to deliver his gifts for the boys and girls. Last year, more than 160 children received some special treats, bounced around in the jumping castle, participated in sack races, tug-o-war

and many other activities. Details will be distributed by your team managers in the coming weeks. Don't miss out on this memorable event!



 **Macquarie Saints Dinner Dance**

Another event that everyone needs to be aware of is our Annual Dinner Dance that has brought many of our parents together to really "let their hair down" and enjoy an evening with friends in late February, as our season draws to a close.

2003/04 – Abba Night

2004/05 - Happy Days

2005/06 - stay tuned

Details will follow in the next issue of the Saints Newsletter.



**STOP THE PRESS! BREAKING NEWS!**  
Congratulations to our G1 Seniors team on winning their first game in the PCBL. Last Saturday at Majors Bay, this team, represented by mostly parents from some of our juniors, defeated Concord in an absolute thriller, 16-15. Well done team!

Good luck to everyone for 2005/06.  
Tony Sorbello  
Club President

## **THE THREE AMIGOS** aka **THE THREE SAINTS COACHES!!!**

Photographed below are Mark Ironfield, Nick Klujin and Stirling Baker (all Macquarie Saints Coaches) celebrating in style as members of the Bronze Medal winning Macquarie University Baseball Team at the recent Australian University Games. The team put in a great effort dropping only one game prior to the finals.

These guys were also part of the Gold Medal winning team for Macquarie University at the Eastern University Games held in Tamworth last July.

Well done guys - your teams will be very proud of you!!!



## **TEAM REPORTS:**

### **U/7 Red - Danos**

**Round 1 Date: 10.9.05**

**Game: U7 Red V's U7 Green**

**Result Score: Draw**

Nine excited boys and girls gathered at ELS Hall Park for their very first game of T-Ball. All were pleased with the team colour \* RED! Shirts and caps were put on and the team was ready to do battle. The Greens batted first which gave the kids a chance to learn about the field positions. Then it was our turn to bat. The kids did extremely well for their first game with everyone making it back to home base at least once and trying out different fielding positions.

The awards were as follows:

Great fielding: Ben Lawrence

Great batting: Bailee Danos Deluca

Great all-round play: Antony De Araujo

**Round 2 Date: 17.9.05**

**Game: U7 Red V's U7 Maroon**

**Result Score: Draw**

The team was strengthened by the addition of Jacob Sinclair fresh from a tonsillectomy and new member Jessica Lister. All the team played very well and showed they were getting the hang of the game.

The awards were as follows:

Great fielding: Jessica Lister

Great batting: Mia Bayliss

Great all-round play: Jacob Sinclair

### **U/7 Kilby**

The Under 7 Kilby's have had a very successful start to the season with fantastic results. They have quickly picked up the game and are all enthusiastic to learn more and improve their skills. Simon, Jack, Nicholas and Grant have been great batting, Madison, Kendall, Max and Charlie are outstanding in the field, whilst Harrison and Jordan have been "very strong" all rounders. They are very eager at training and have decided that they still want to train through the school holidays. We have seen so much improvement and they are all excited about the "BIG GAME" each week.



## U/7 Wells

**Round 1 Date: 10.9.05**

First game of the season saw some strong batting and fielding from Daniel. Rachael stood up to the "T" with bat in hand and provided the team with some solid batting. The game proved to be a tight match but Finn gave the team some encouragement with very courageous batting.

**Round 2 Date: 17.9.05**

The team recovered well from the first week. Brittany and Max came to the game on a mission. They produced some fine performances in the field as well as in batting however, the opposing team proved to be too strong on the day.

**Round 3 Date: 24.9.05**

In game three the team is beginning to work together like a well oiled machine. Improvements in fielding and batting are showing with some encouraging improvements from Becky, Jake and Matthew. The team is showing signs of things to come for game four and the rest of the season.

## U/7 Cross

Tom, Hugh, Thomas, Dominic, Ben, Lochlan, Jordan, Joshua, Michael and Alexander have had a great start to the 2005 T ball season.

All the parents were very impressed by the tagging of runners, in and out fielding, base hits and many home runs. Our boys certainly embraced the spirit of the game and things are looking very promising for the coming weeks.

Our first two players of the match were Ben Peppitt and Thomas Easy.

Well done boys.

## U/8 North Jeffery

**Round 1 Date: 10.9.05**

**Game: U8 North Jeffery V's Steelers**

**Result Score: Win 12-11**

The team played well together after only two training sessions, our practice as under 7's paying off. We have four new players this year and they showed great promise and enthusiasm, Mitchell winning best all-round player on his first game. It was a close tight match which kept

everyone on their toes, great fielding paid off for a final win.

**Round 2 Date: 17.9.05**

**Game: U8 Jeffrey V's Thornleigh**

**Result Score: Win 22-16**

A cold windy morning for our first home match. Buoyed by our win last week our fielding continued to improve. Once we stopped batting to the pitcher our score ran on and William won best batter for his great performance.



**Round 3 Date: 24.9.05**

**Game: U8 Jeffrey V's U8 Nicoll**

**Result Score: Loss 10-16**

After a fantastic training session during the week we were ready for anything – except the Macquarie Umpire! We started by batting to the pitcher again – got to work on that boys! But after both teams settled down it was a fast played game with some great fielding, Luke winning best fielder. However in the end their better batting paid off on the day.

## U/8 North Nicoll

**Round 1 Date: 10.9.05**

**Bye**

**Round 2 Date: 17.9.05**

**Game: U8 Nicoll V's Thornleigh**

**Result Score: Win 19-15**

What a start to the season, after a bye in round 1. The team played well, combining to get all important outs and running well around the bases.

Some of the highlights were:

- Amie's great base running and consistent hitting
- Rachel getting the batter runner out at 1<sup>st</sup> catching a throw from Sarah at pitcher
- Cassie's fielding and great running
- Trent's power hitting with a home run and a double
- Max's great hitting and running
- Michael's powerful hitting
- Sarah tagging out two runners at 2<sup>nd</sup> base and great throw to Rachel at 1<sup>st</sup> to get the batter out

- Sam's great start to baseball – great hits and running
- Gerard's powerful hitting and positive comments supporting his team mates
- Ben's great hitting and running
- Daniel's great start to baseball with a great hit

**Round 3 Date: 24.9.05**

**Game: U8 Nicoll V's U8 Jeffrey**

**Result Score: Win 16-10**

What a great game!

Some of the highlights were:

- Gerard's great fielding and tagging the runner at 3<sup>rd</sup>
- Sam's great concentration and great base running
- Sarah's speed around the bases and great throw to Amie at 1<sup>st</sup> to get the batter out
- Michael's base running, adding to the team's runs
- Max's powerful hitting and the great play at 3<sup>rd</sup> to get the runner out
- Trent's power hitting with a home run and great fielding at pitcher
- Cassie's fielding on 3<sup>rd</sup> and an ever improving hitting game
- Rachel's great fielding of ground balls, nothing gets past Rachel!
- Amie's great out on first, catching a throw from Sarah and great base running

## U/8 Rubie

**Round 1 Date: 10.9.05**

**Game: U8 Rubie V's Balmain**

**Result Score: Loss 14-8**

What a great first game. Andrew tried hard as catcher, as did Amos on third base. Emma T, Emma C, Bradley and Jake scored runs for the team and Ed and Tadhg batted very well. Zoe did some fabulous base running and Peter hit a nice home run. Well done team.

Award: Andrew Edmondson: Great Effort, first ever game.

**Round 2 Date: 17.9.05**

**Game: U8 Rubie V's Concord**

**Result Score: Win 17-10**

We were really playing as a team after only 2 weeks. Concord put up a good fight, however our running to first base was superb, all the practice had paid off. Fast play at first base and a home run clinched the game for us. Well done everyone!

Award: Bradley Lanesman: Batting

**Round 3 Date: 24.9.05**

**Game: U8 Rubie V's North Ryde**

**Result Score: Draw 11 all**

The team worked really well as a team to achieve a great result. The parents also proved they were a great team. We arrived to find no pitch and no umpire. Ali rose to the occasion to umpire her first match, parents helped set up the pitch working things out as they went along, and parents worked together to help with scoring.

Tadhg Houze won the player of the match.

## U/8 Kane

**Round 1 Date: 10.9.05**

**Game: U8 Kane V's Steelers No. 1**

**Result Score: Win 26-9**

**Round 2 Date: 17.9.05**

**Game: U8 Kane V's Steelers No. 2**

**Result Score: Win 19-15**

**Round 3 Date: 24.9.05**

**Game: U8 Kane V's Concord**

**Result Score: Loss 29-13**

Our team is blending in well. We have a mixture of players with previous experience and almost an equal number of new recruits to the great game of baseball (t-ball).

We started the season with two solid wins. The first against Steelers No. 1 at Wahroonga with a 26-9 scoreline in our favour and a second win against Steelers No. 2 at ELS with a scoreline of 19-15. However our third game was against the very skilled and experienced Concord team at their home ground and we suffered a fairly substantial 29-13 defeat. However there were a number of positives to be taken from this game, a game in which the team progressively became more positive and efficient in the fielding which assisted in stemming Concord's initial momentum.

All of the players have blended together to form a very structured and harmonious group of enthusiastic t-ball players.

Nicholas Jackson hit a home run with loaded bases in our first game which was not officially scored as it was at the top of the 4<sup>th</sup> with the bottom innings not being played.

However, the team was buoyed by such an exciting play during the course of the game.

The team played a very controlled and solid game against Steelers No. 2 at our home ground of ELS. All of the players performed very well with Patrick Gough getting two outs on first base.

In our third game against Concord Samantha Lyne made three courageous saves at 2<sup>nd</sup> base with the ball actually hitting her on two of these occasions.

The team is progressing well with all the players continuing to learn the skills and finesse of the game of baseball, but most importantly enjoying themselves at every moment, including training and the game.

The parents have been very helpful during training and more particularly on game day.

The team looks forward to resuming playing after the school holiday break and continuing with the competition and the enjoyment of the game.



### **U/10 A Francis**

**Round 1 Date: 10.9.05**

**Game: U10 A Francis V's North Ryde**

**Result Score: Loss 2-3**

Beep, Beep, Beep. Not for these boys and girls, it's live ball for us.

What a great start to the season! Having never pitched before, Georgia casually strolled to the mound to begin the game. There's the wind up and **whack** ..... she's hit the first batter! Shake it off and on with the game.

Growing in confidence, our defence played superbly making crucial outs and closing the opposition down. Congratulations to Jack and Harry on showing superb style on the mound with some great pitching. Some fantastic work in the field by Harry and Sean kept us in the hunt for the points. In the batters box, Conor, Kate, Brie and Sam all made good on their pre season form with some great hitting. Well done guys! We'll get 'em next time.

**Round 2 Date: 17.9.05**

**Game: U10 A Francis V's Five Dock**

**Result Score: Loss 1-10**

Full of enthusiasm, we turned up for our first home game of the season. Our opposition sized us up as we looked very impressive in the warm up. Game on and another rookie pitcher, this time William made his debut. In an outstanding display, William managed to retire the first three batters of the lineup unassisted. Late in the second innings, a line drive to third was swooped upon by Jack who, in true major league style, got up, dusted himself off and sent a bullet throw to first base to retire the runner in a "Hall of Fame" play. Our batting was hampered by the presence of a strong wind today, but solid form in the box was seen by Liam and Stephen. Undeterred by our slow start to the season, the team is fired up and hungry for its first win. With this kind of determination .... **look out!!!**



### **U/10 A Peck**

**Round 1 Date: 9.9.05**

**Game: U10 A Peck V's U10 McCrohan**

**Result Score: Win 6-3**

The real winner was Macquarie Saints, the game was played in great spirit with a big supporters roll out, from both teams.

Josh H received player of the match for an all round effort. I expected the team to be a bit rusty for the 1<sup>st</sup> game back – but was pleasantly surprised to find the kids came out firing! Bianca S, Zoe P and Lauren W, all completed winter development this year and it showed in the game, catching and throwing fantastic. Forest F came out with some huge hits, well done Forest. Lauren S and Pedro were excellent at hitting and base running. Anna was hurt on 2<sup>nd</sup> base but came back to hit well.

**Round 2 Date: 16.9.05**

**Game: U10 A Peck V's North Ryde**

**Result Score: Loss 15-10**

A big thanks to Tony Sorbello for coaching the next 2 games while Coach Peck was away.

What an exciting game! Lots of hits and home runs by both teams ensured a close match with North Ryde just pipping us at the post. All kids hit the ball and Josh hit a great home run. Fielding was also good by all players. Player of the match was Anna.

**Round 3 Date: 23.9.05**

**Game: U10 A Peck V's Concord**

**Result Score: Win 16-5**

Another great game with lots of good hitting by the whole team including home runs by Bianca and Lauren S. Bianca also made a great slide to get home on another occasion. Good fielding by Pedro and Lauren S and Josh performed well at catcher. Player of the match was Pedro. Anna was strong in the field as always.

With 2 wins and 1 loss Macquarie U10 Peck are looking good - 2<sup>nd</sup> on the table. Go the Pecky's

## **U/12 B Macfarlane**

**Round 1 Date: 10.9.05**

**Game: U12 B Macfarlane V's Gladesville**

**Result Score: Loss 10-11**

1st game of the season and first game of baseball for Lucy, Amber, Madelene and Patrick. For Brian, Craig, Madelene and Jonathon, it was back to live baseball after zookas 2 or 3 years ago and then there are the regulars like Katrina, Lachlan, Matt and Nick. And then there is the mysterious William, registered, but nowhere to be seen - our secret weapon?

Matt was on the mound 1st and pitched well, but just couldn't nail down enough of those much needed strikes with his pitching to really scare Gladesville. Nick had some good plays at 2nd with a much needed out at 1st. But he suffered the same problem on the mound during the second dig.

With Nick retired hurt, Lachlan sacrificed his opportunity to be catcher and took the ball from the coach to finish the game off for 1 1/2 innings. This left Craig behind the plate for the full 3 innings of the game. With a number of

hits including a couple of beauties from Lachlan and lots of walks from the Ravens, we were 10-10 going into the bottom of the 3rd with us back in the field defending our position. Unfortunately, Gladesville got the winning run and called it quits.

It may have been a loss, but we had a good start and everybody had a good time, with Amber putting her dancing skills to good use by jumping out of the way each time a ball was pitched her way. This certainly didn't help their pitcher, as she walked each at bat.

Awards to Craig for going back to catch for a 3rd innings on a warm Sept morning and to Lachlan for his pitching and great batting.

**Round 2 Date: 17.9.05**

**Game: U12 B Macfarlane V's Kissing Point**

**Result Score: Win 12-6**

Down at Waterloo early, with Kissing Point ready to give us a run for our Money. Lucy commented that Kissing Point looked tough and well prepared. Matt was on the mound 1st and pitched very well and took us right to his pitching limit of 50 balls. Although there were some hits, there was also 2 K2's and he took an excellent catch during the 3rd innings while he was at 1st.

Jonathon had his 1st pitching assignment for the season and held his own, also taking 2 strikeouts. Lachlan showed us his superb catching skills, taking many great blocks and holding runners on third. Our base running and batting training paid off, with a huge improvement in both areas. Kissing point never really got in the game and our guys hammered home the advantage scoring multiple runs in every innings. It was great to get our first win under our belts.

Awards to Matt for great pitching and fielding and Jonathon.

**Round 3 Date: 24.9.05**

**Game: U12 B Macfarlane V's Five Dock Falcons**

**Result Score: Loss 15-1**

The falcon's rolled out their secret weapon, a swarm of flying ants. It took a lot of mental toughness to ignore them and focus on the game at hand. This game turned into a struggle with 2 of our experienced players away and a strong opposition team. Jonathon pitched gallantly giving up 5 hits, none of which could be converted to outs. Nick, Patrick, Lucy managed to get some hits off the Falcons, but these just didn't get converted to runs on the board. Madelene took on her 1st pitching assignment and now she knows that the strike zone is just a small target. However, she is keen to keep working at it. That's the sort

of enthusiasm we need. And when Madelene ran out of pitches, Katrina came in for the last 2 outs with just a short pitching assignment. Well done Katrina. And we'll be expecting more of both these girls as the season progresses. At the end of the game the umpire remarked on the fact that the Saints kept trying right 'til the end. It was fantastic to see everyone trying so hard. It was also evident that people were taking on the coaching and applying what they have been learning; no more evident in Craig's catching and overall base running.

Awards to Madelene for her 1st time at pitching and Patrick for a couple of hits.

### **U/14 B Harris & Luczynski**

**Round 1 Date: 10.9.05**

**Game: Bye**

**Round 2 Date: 17.9.05**

**Game: U14 B Harris & Luczynski V's Concord**  
**Result Score: Loss 1-13**

**Round 3 Date: 24.9.05**

**Game: U14 B Harris & Luczynski V's Balmain**  
**Result Score: Win 12-9**

After 3 rounds (only 2 games), every player has shown improvement in one or more facets of the game. The last win against Balmain was a particularly fine one because heading into the top of the last innings we were 9-6 behind. Our batters hit well and stole bases at every opportunity and we bagged 6 runs. The bottom of the innings was over in what seemed like an instant and then the realisation dawned on the players that they had won a very hard-fought game.

Special mention should go to:

Alex Goode	catching and enthusiasm;
Lachlan Gordon	catching and base running;
Connor Hale	pitching and in-fielding;
Andrew Harris	batting and in-fielding;
Harry Jenkins	batting and out-fielding;
Damian La Rocca	batting and out-fielding;
Andrew Luczynski	pitching and batting;
Adam Marsh	catching and in-fielding;
Jacqui Osborne	batting and out-fielding;
Anthony Rossi	batting and out-fielding;
Eric Vlahos	pitching and in-fielding.

I am confident that this season will be an enjoyable one for both players and spectators and that there will be more wins than losses.

### **U/14 C Wells Strikerz**

**Round 1 Date: 10.9.05**

**Game: U14 C Wells Strikerz V's Macquarie**  
**Result Score: Win 10-7**

A rusty start to the season with lots standing out that we need to both learn and practice with new rules. Not to mention that we need to remember bits of the game from last year. All that said we have lots to be excited and commend players on. On the mound this week, Kento Kamairiaso, Jason Condon, and Jack Rungie who all did a fabulous job at the new distance. We had a great competitive game of baseball for our first match of the season. Jason Condon and Jack Rungie had big hits for a triple each and a good single hit to Robbie Williams. Player of the game was Lizzy Symons for her great work at backstop, a huge double, outfield play with a 9-3 to end the game, not to forget a nicely laid down bunt. We'll be back in the Strikerz of things next week.

**Round 2 Date: 17.9.05**

**Game: U14 C Wells Strikerz V's Concord**  
**Result Score: Win 17-4**

A significant improvement in the field this week. We executed our first pick-off at first base trapping a runner into a run down. This was accomplished by Kento Kamairiaso, Jack Rungie, and Jade Cantori with back-up coming in from the field. We saw two put outs at first from a dropped third strike, with rocket arm Lizzy chucking out the runner to Kento and Robert Wells at first. On the mound this week were Jade Cantori, Jack Rungie, and Kento Kamairiaso who all struck out 5 and only walked two this week. A great job. We had no errors in the field or running errors this week. A home run by Josh Brown culminated our batting. Concord held our batting to only 5 hits, but had difficulty in getting the ball over the plate and unfortunately walked 14. Players of the week went to Josh Brown for great fielding and his home run smash. Keep hitting those wiffle balls in the back yard.

**Round 3 Date: 24.9.05**

**Game: U14 C Wells Strikerz V's Epping Eastwood**  
**Result Score: Win 16-7**

It was lord of the flies at George Kendall this week, a big difference from the dust storm from our previous visit. A good game on our part even with a couple of errors in the field. Our strength in pitching keeps us in good standing. Two new pitchers hit the mound this week starting with Robert Wells and Dominic So. We also saw a return of



Jade Cantori and Jack Rungie. Great work by our backstops of Robbie Williams and Lizzy Symons kept the ball on track. Robbie had a catcher caught stealing to Jason Condon at second base, a first of these for the season. Our batting is improving, with this week a home run by Jason Condon. Tim Wilson had his first game this week and smashed a triple bagger to right field. Dominic So is on the mark this week with the bat and had two hits. Two hits by Jack Rungie and one for Jade Cantori kept us moving around the bases. This week's player of the game went to Jason Condon for his great fielding and stupendous home run smash.



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