



## Presidents Report 2003/04 Summer Season

Well, season 2003/2004 is under way and a big thank you to all coaches, managers, umpires and scorers that have taken on these roles, especially those that are new to the sport of baseball. Hope you all enjoy it!

Although there have only been a few games played, it's quite apparent from the results thus far, that Macquarie Saints are going to have a great year.

Thank you again to **Greater Union** for supplying movie passes for our weekly player awards.

### Ryde-Hornsby Reps

After 3 months of 'winter development' and baseball tournaments, congratulations must go to the following players for being selected to represent Ryde-Hornsby this summer:

**U10's:** Ivan Chen, Karl Stuart, Matthew Annetta, Lizzy Symons and Michael Mirabito.

**U11's:** Ben Cambourn, Christopher Nicoll, Jack Young, Jake Wilkins, Jordan Sorbello and Ryan McLachlan.

**U12's:** Alex Peck, Alex Latham, Beau Sorbello, Daniel Bugeja, Daniel Holten, Dean Butler, Jonathan Nicoll, Lachlan McLean, Nathan Lumb, Ollie Bromley, Ryan Falconer and Sravan Anne. Well done to all!

### Web-Site

Our very own Macquarie Saints web-site [www.saints.asn.au](http://www.saints.asn.au) will be up and running by the 25<sup>th</sup> of October. The latest information, club news and links to draws, results and standings can be downloaded to keep everyone informed on what's happening. Many thanks to Bruce Piper and his company **KEEP IN TOUCH** for putting it all together. For any personal internet or web page needs, you can email Bruce: [bruce@kit.net.au](mailto:bruce@kit.net.au) or visit his web-site [www.kit.net.au](http://www.kit.net.au)



### Pioneer Park

As you may have noticed the fencing work at Pioneer Park has been complete to enable our senior teams to play on it again. If anyone is looking for some light entertainment on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon, come and watch our E grade and/or F grade play, as they boast many of our junior coaches. The next home games are on Saturday the 1<sup>st</sup> November from 1.30pm for E grade and Sunday the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November from 1.30pm for F grade. A special thank you to Raffaele Civitella, Mark Harris, Brenton Cooper, Tom Fischer and Frank Young for assisting with the finishing touches to the ground on a Sunday afternoon.

### Structural Engineer-Required (Waterloo Park)

The club has put in a grant to The Department of Sport and Recreation for upgrading the existing fencing at Waterloo Park, Marsfield. Ryde Council has asked us for an Engineer's

Certificate for the new facility we would like to have built. If there is anyone within the club that is a qualified Structural Engineer or knows someone that is and is willing to help, it would be really appreciated.

Please contact me, email: [sorby@tpg.com.au](mailto:sorby@tpg.com.au) or Mobile: 0419 899 099.

### Parents T-ball Gala Day

Our annual Parents T-ball Gala Day will be held on Sunday the 16<sup>th</sup> of November. To all those parents that sit on the side line and think that what their children are playing is easy, then this is for you. Come and join in on a fun-filled day and let your kids watch *you* for a change- (see flyer attached for more details) or email [sorby@tpg.com.au](mailto:sorby@tpg.com.au)

### Macquarie Saints End of Season Dinner Dance

Saturday Night-21<sup>st</sup> of February 2004. Put this date into your diaries now! It promises to be *one night* to remember. Stay tuned for more information in future news letters.

### Fashions in the "out-field"

Thanks to Robert Taylor and his company **Fuzzy Logik**, our new season's club supporters shirts are now available for purchase. We have cool/dry(moisture-transfer), NON-IRON, UV-rated polo shirts, ideal for those hot summer days, available in Navy, White and Grey in adult sizes for only \$35.00 each. We also have grey, 'Saints' cotton T-shirts in smaller sizes for the children, for only \$15.00, ideal for training or just wearing them *proudly*. All these can be purchased from the canteen, while stocks last.

### Uniform Pool

We have had some request for pre-loved Saints playing tops. If there are any families that have uniforms that are too small for any of their children to wear and are laying at the bottom of the draw waiting for the moths to dine on them, the club would really appreciate the donation. Please contact Anne Sorbello on Mobile 0407 231090 or email: [sorby@tpg.com.au](mailto:sorby@tpg.com.au)

### Club Bar-B-Que and Twilight U7's Game

To celebrate the arrival of Daylight Savings, our first U7 twilight game will be held on Friday the 31<sup>st</sup> of October beginning at 6.00pm until 7.00pm, between World Series finalists, Yankees, versus the All-star Cardinals team in what promises to be an absolute thriller. This will be followed by a free sausage sizzle for any member, parent or child, of Macquarie Saints. Just bring your own salads, picnic hamper and of course, **BEVERAGES**, for adults as well as children. Bring on "Friday Night Frolics".

See you around the Diamonds,

Tony Sorbello  
President

## U/7 Cardinals

The Cardinals are a new team for 2003, with mostly new players, but a couple of 'old hands' from last year's Phillies. The season has started well, with everyone showing lots of enthusiasm and a great sense of fun. First match was against the Yankees with Cameron, Alexander (Bear), Lauren and Michael Savignano showing great batting style, while Fiona and Michael Chand displayed some great fielding. Michela had heaps of fun with the bat and as pitcher, which earned her the Best All Rounder. Game 2 against the Atlanta Braves (sky blue) saw some terrific fielding from Fiona, which was matched the following week against the Boston Red Socks (white) by Alexander. It was also a milestone for Alexandra, who got her first out – something she wasn't able to achieve for the Phillies. During the school holiday, Coach Dave learned a few more ways for the team to associate animals with fielding and some valuable pointers for batting style. As a result, the first training session after the holidays had the whole team back into the spirit of T Ball so that match 4 against the Atlanta Braves (navy blue) was a great display of batting and fielding. It was hard to pick who would get the Coach's award, but Jessica's excellent fielding was the winner.

## U7 Atlanta Braves (Sky)

The season has started well for the Sky Braves this year. The big sluggers, Michael, Nathan and Sarah have been hitting the ball out of the ball park. We have also seen some great fielding by the all rounders, Ben, Amie, Rachel and Joseph. Natalia's and Max's batting skills have been improving considerably, with particularly good batting during round 4. The team is eagerly waiting for the return of Rebecca to the team following a bout of the chicken pox.

## U8 Monsters (Piper)

**Macquarie vs Stealers**

**13 September**

**Win 19-10**

The first game of the season saw a comprehensive win for the "Monsters". Everyone played together as a team despite only meeting each other for the first time a few days before.

Standout performance from player of the match William who took two exceptional catches at pitcher. Congratulations also to Sam L and Chris who managed home runs. Well done to Jack, Sarah, Brianna, Dean, Anna and Georgia who all made valuable contributions during the match.

## Macquarie vs Macquarie Saints (Fischer)

**20 September**

**Win 18-17**

A solid performance from the team to snatch victory in the last innings against quality opposition.

Player of the match was Anna who showed great determination in putting her body on the line to save a certain home run. A strong combination of Dean and William on pitcher/1<sup>st</sup> base saw many high quality plays and Sam L and Brianna combined well for outfield plays. Sebastian scored two home runs in his first game and Chris, Jack, Sam L and Georgia all displayed excellent

base running. Sarah demonstrated nerves of steel as our catcher in the second innings. A super effort by the whole team.

## Macquarie vs Epping Eastwood

**27 September**

**Loss 19-20**

A narrow loss on a blustery day which saw the bases being blown across the field and the ball being blown off the tee. The team did a fantastic job given the conditions.

Player of the match was Georgia for her stoic batting display in tough, unyielding conditions. Sam L and Brianna also had a great batting day. Sam G showed great determination in his base running, managing to make it home despite more pressing matters. Anna and Sarah displayed their usual high fielding abilities and Chris, William, Dean and Sebastian all had significant contributions to the game.

I would also like to thank the families of this team...every family has happily donated their time so far during the season to fulfil at least one of the many duties required to make every Saturday a fun time for the team....THANKS.

Jenni Bonnett – Manager U8s Monsters (Piper).

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## U/8 Latham – Go Girls

The Go Girls team consists of some girls who have returned to playing T-ball and others who are new to the game. The newcomers have fitted in well to our team and the old hands are improving dramatically. A fantastic start to the season, well done girls!

## Macquarie v Concord

**13 Sept 2003**

**Loss - 22-17**

Big hits by Concord put our fielding to the test.

Highlights were Eryn's tag on 3<sup>rd</sup> and Georgia's enthusiasm in the field.

## Macquarie v Gladesville

20 Sept 2003

Draw – 26-26

Highlights were Sophia's great stops as pitcher, Nell's throws from the outfield, Rhiannon's 2 tags and Kirsten's big hit to get 2 runners home.

## Macquarie v Five Dock

27 Sept 2003

Win – 25-24

Cold and windy day and a great achievement with 8 players. Highlights were Anna L's 3 tags on 2<sup>nd</sup> base, Lizzy's safe hits all game, Sarah's speed as catcher and Anna M's running between bases and all round play.

## Peck U8's

### Macquarie vs Greenaway

13 September 2003

Loss - 19/21

The Peck Under 8's show a lot of potential, with improvements in understanding the rules evident in the second and third rounds. All players showed great teamwork as well as some sound individual performances. Congratulations to Bianca who won the Player of the Week Award and scored some movie tickets.

Bianca demonstrated excellent hitting skills, running between the bases and when playing pit stop was able to tag some opponents, preventing them scoring runs. The game ball went to Joshua, with some good fielding in the centre. James O, Damien, Nathan and Jared all batted well. Nathan also played well at short stop. Alex, Zoe and James S were great runners between bases. All players also scored at least one run.

### Macquarie vs Stealers

20 September 2003

Loss 11/12

A very close game this week. It's amazing the difference a week makes with the team all showing big improvements particularly in their fielding skills. Joshua at centre and Bianca at first base were a great team working together well to get a number of opponents out. This fine effort earned Joshua the "Player of the Week" award. Nathan, Jared, James O and James S each scored 2 runs whilst Joshua, Damien and Zoë scored 1 run each. Alex also did good fielding and played well at back stop where managed to tag opponents. James O won the game ball for his good batting and quick running between the bases.

### Macquarie vs Kissing Point Blue

27 September 2003

Loss 16/22

We met a team of big hitters this week, which challenged our fielding skills. James O demonstrated good thinking when fielding by backing up at bases when other players were retrieving the ball. He also scored 3 runs. This earned him the Player of the Week award. Alex, Zoe and Damien also showed good skills in the field. Bianca, Joshua and Alex also scored runs and Bianca made an excellent tag. The game ball was awarded to Alex for his great efforts in the field and running.



"I think it's called a scale,  
but mom calls it a @#\$% liar!"

## McCrohans Under 9

At the time of the school break the kids are going well with a 3-0 record. Its great to see improvement in players like Lakshya Bhatt . Madison Vagg has been outstanding with the bat, while newcomers Johnny Boyle, Zack Mac, and Chris Moscato haven't missed a beat since joining the team. Sean Cossins, Tom Jones and Alex Sghabe continue to field their positions like old veterans. Pudge McCrohan loves his job anchoring the team from behind the plate, and Joel Olivieri, Luke Turner and Johnny Nightingale are ready to unleash their wrath on the rest of the division. Watch Out!!!

## Under 10 South

### Round 1, 13 September

#### Macquarie 10 Sth v Five Dock

Loss 2-4

It was a sunny spring day, the first game of the season. We started well with everyone getting use to the speed of the zooka. Both teams played well, unfortunately we didn't have anyone on base when we did our good hits whereas Five Dock did so we lagged behind in the runs.

Good batting by Sam, Eu Jin and Eu Kin kept us going. Adam made base and ended up being the first runner of the season home. We did well even with only eight players. The player of the match was decided right up to the last minute but changed when the game was ended by Linden performing a beautiful un-assisted triple play on third base, securing him as player of the match. A good start to the season.

### Round 2, 20 September

#### Macquarie 10 Sth v Nth Ryde

Win 8-2

A slow start to the game, there still seems a few nerves about the zooka. We eventually started getting on base with Matthew, Daniel and Doug getting hits. Eu Kin tried out catching and did a

good job stopping the ball. It was hard to decide the player of the match, there were some good plays like an almost home run when Nth Ryde overthrew the ball but it was eventually decided when Katrina did this huge hit right over third base getting almost three bases and bringing two runners home.

**Round 3, 27 September**  
**Macquarie 10 Sth v Gladsville**  
**Win 16-3**

A windy day with patches of rain. The ball was curving with each gust of wind but everyone managed to hit it. Everybody did well and managed to get home a least once. It was a great effort considering again we played with only eight players. They all did well with their stealing of bases, a novelty this year giving them incentive to get home. Also, good training for the catchers (Eu Kin, Sam and Daniel) stopping them throwing to second and also with removing their masks. They're all coming along well. There were three players in line for player of the match but finally it went to Daniel for his two line drives past third base and almost to the end of the field and his fielding at second getting an out. A resounding and well earned win with the team working well together. Not bad considering half the team is new this year.

**Under 10 A's**

The 10A's have started enthusiastically in our first season of live ball. There is no shortage of volunteers for pitching duties. We have had 5 pitchers in the 2 games played thus far. While we have yet to register a win, there is a good spirit within the team. The teamwork is improving and it's good to see the support the players provide each other. In the field, there have been some snappy throws and a few great catches already.

Michael Mirabito has started the season with a star performance as pitcher and who will forget THAT catch in centre field?! In Latham McGrath, we have a catcher with good hands & reflexes. Karl Stuart is very reliable at 1<sup>st</sup> base. Jaydon Whybro has a great arm from short stop and has had several successful stints as pitcher. Ivan Chen's athleticism at 2<sup>nd</sup> base, together with good speed from Kieran Li and Kathleen Tay covers anything in right field. Sam Condon, Matthew Annetta, and Edward Armstrong give us good cover in left field. Brendan Tully has already had a few good hits and is another of our pitchers.

Thanks to our parents who have helped with much of the background work – scoring, umpiring, pitch count and most importantly, cheering. Please make sure you bring your voices along each game to support your team!



**Under 10 South (3)**

It's been a great start for this team made up of a mix of first season and experienced players who are playing for their first time as a team. Some strong batting won us our first two games with a particularly memorable hit from Brian. Although a loss on our third game (4-6) we saw some fabulous fielding with a great out at home plate by Nicola (catcher) from a terrific throw from Nicholas (short stop). Coach's award for this game, though, went to Tom for a well-caught fly ball at third base and great listening to coach's instructions. Keep up the good work U10 South (3)!

Gaye Braiding,  
Coach.

*A builder was going through a house he had just built with the woman who owned it. She was telling him what colour to paint each room.*

*They went into the first room and she said "I want this room to be painted a light blue." The builder went to the front door and yelled "GREEN SIDE UP!"*

*When he went back into the house, she told him that the next room was to be bright red. The builder went to the front door and yelled "GREEN SIDE UP!"*

*When he went back into the house, she told him that the next room was to be tan. The builder went to the front door and yelled "GREEN SIDE UP!"*

*When he came back, the lady was pretty curious, so she asked him "I keep telling you colours, but you go out the front and yell greenside up; whats that for?"*

*The builder said, "Oh don't worry about that, I got a couple of blondes laying the turf out front."*

**Under 11A**

**Round 1- BYE.**

**V Rangers**  
**Round 2- 20/09/03**  
**Win 6-4**

AT LAST, A WIN!!!!

We went to Rofe Park determined that this would be the day that Rangers would meet their destiny. And so it was. Our batting was indeed our strength, scoring 6 runs in the first dig. Thomas Gough lead the way, 3 RBI in the first dig, and 2 RBI in the 4<sup>th</sup>, which included a great hit to right field for a HOME RUN. James Vlazny, played well (3 RBI), hitting a great 3 bagger for himself in the process, as did Jake Wilkins (2 RBI) with a strong pitching display and a nice catch at 2<sup>nd</sup> Base for another out. As Rangers were gradually clawing their way back into the game, Chris Nicoll came on as pitcher to close. A memorable out was made by our short-stop Jack Young, with a great pick-up and "bullet-like" throw to Jack Forbes at 1<sup>st</sup> base. Chris threw 11 strikes out

of 15 pitches to earn our best player's award together with Thomas Gough.  
It was our first ever win against Rangers in 3 seasons of baseball and celebrate we did.

### **V Thornleigh**

**Round 3 - 27/09/03**

#### **Draw 5-5**

Our first game at home saw us get off to a slow start. It was 1-1 all after the first innings thanks to Thomas Gough batting Jack Forbes in after Jack's great hit to centre field to get himself on base. Jack Young struck 2 batters out in the first dig to keep the scores at 1-1 all. Jake Wilkins pitched well with 3 strike-outs as did Jordan Sorbello with 2 strike outs when he closed in the last dig. Lizzy Symons made her debut as catcher and had great game behind the plate in the last as well. We were 2-5 down with the bottom of the innings still to play, when Ben Cambourn hit a great 2 bagger to centre field to bring Thomas Gough home. Ryan McLachlan, who had a solid game as catcher for the first 3 innings, came to the plate and hit a screaming 2 bagger to centre field to score Jack Young home. We scored 3 runs in the last innings to tie the game and deny Thornleigh their first ever win against us.



### **Under 11B STRIKERZ**

Firstly we have named our team the Strikerz. Yes that is a 'z'. And strike we did. We played a terrific and fun opener this week against Concord. Bill Furness opened the season pitching with a win to his credit and set the standard and pace for the team. Josh Brown relieved in the second dig and kept the pace alive defensively. Our bats were superb with great hits by Robbie Williams, Callam Rolls, Jack Rungie, Jesse Knowles, Josh Brown and Jason Condon. Some good fielding closed the third dig empty for Concord to secure the win of 14-9. A fantastic start.

#### **Week 2**

A superb game debut for more of our up and coming pitchers. This weeks game starter was Jack Rungie who commenced his start with three strike outs. Following was Callam Rolls who kept the pressure on the batters. Hitting was our strongest for the day with Robert Wells and Jack Rungie securing home at their at bat. Our fielding secured a third out in the second dig by a sensational relay from left field by Nicholas Coaldrake, Jesse Knowles, and Robert Williams to put out the runner at home. Well done everyone and player of the match Jack Rungie.

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A loss this week with lots of red in the score book. Just one of those games but good to have it all in one game. Another debut with excellent pitching by Kento Kamiaraiso and Nicholas Coaldrake. A single handed double play by Mario Restelli helped pick up the fields attention which won him

player of the match. Some good bat connections by Jessie Knowles and Robert Wells. We'll be back in the zone for our next match.

Rob

### **U12A (1)**

**Minard V's Greenway (8)**

**13/09/03**

#### **Win 9 – 7**

We are essentially a new Team to Macquarie Saints. The Team is made up of new Coaches, Manager, Umpire & many associated helpers. This is as well as a mixture of new players and players from last years Mac Saints U11's. We have received a very warm welcome to the Club and a great deal of assistance as we settle in & find our way. This has been very much appreciated by us all, especially me.

What great new Coaches we have in Jim & Matt Minard. They have worked hard in the pre-season preparing the Team for our 1<sup>st</sup> game in A Grade. We faced this game with a great deal of trepidation as the reputation of the Greenway Teams preceded them.

As the score indicates this was a close hard fought game with neither Team giving an inch. To their credit our Team "stuck to the game plan" & followed the Coaches instructions. All our players concentrated & worked hard particularly in the field. Greenway led early but we pegged them back & finished on top with a well-deserved win. This win showed what good teamwork and application could achieve.

Sravan Anne had a fabulous game in the field, covered much ground in the in-field, cut off many ground balls, backed up very well and deservedly received the Coaches Award for Great All-round Play. Ryan Falconer, as our opening Pitcher, had a strong game on the mound and kept the opposition batters very honest. Alex Goode was a main Catcher today & catch well he did giving our pitchers very strong support. Dean Butler also worked very hard in the field and was very active at Short Stop. The catch of the day certainly went to Eric Vlahos who took a screamer at Right Field & this catch may well have changed the game our way.

All the players played strongly today & deserve praise. Keep up the good work as you are forming in to a formidable Team.

Thanks to all the parents for the vocal support. Keep encouraging.

**Minard V's Rangers**

**20/09/03**

#### **Draw 10 – 10**

We travelled to Rofe Park, Hornsby Heights to play Rangers and the players were all in very high spirits following last weeks first-up win. The players had also heard that our opposition wasn't strong & were looking forward to an easy win. How wrong we were.

We lead 6 –4 after the 1<sup>st</sup> Innings with strong batting from Ryan Falconer, Sravan Anne, Nathan Lumb and Ollie Bromley. Ryan

was also pitching well but very “tight” Umpiring saw no runs scored in the 2<sup>nd</sup> Innings. The 3<sup>rd</sup> Innings was a shock to us with more “tight” Umpiring resulting in no runs to us & a walk fest helped see six home for Rangers. We were now down 6 – 10. The player’s heads went down & all was doom & gloom. Jim Minard gave the players a pep talk & out we went to bat for the 4<sup>th</sup>. Chris Civitella hit well & was safe at 1<sup>st</sup>. Nathan Lumb came up to bat and a great ground ball hit screamed past Left Field to get Chris home and Nathan off like a rabbit. The whole Team were on the feet yelling encouragement to Nathan as he came across home plate for his & our 1<sup>st</sup> homer of the season. The Team spirits were lifted & they began to believe in themselves again. Down 8-10 & in with a chance.

More good hitting, particularly by Ollie, 2 runners home, good fielding by the players, particularly by Dean who also took a great catch and good pitching by Daniel Goode, saw us keep Rangers scoreless in the 5<sup>th</sup> to give us a 10 all Draw. Lucky?

A lesson learnt. Never under estimate your opposition.

Jim gave 2 awards today. Dean Butler for Great Fielding & Nathan Lumb for Great Batting.

### **Minard V’s Steelers**

**26/09/03**

#### **Draw 13-2**

Something very new & special for the players. A night game & a home game as well.

And the spectators ! Not only did we have our own loyal & very encouraging spectators but we were cheered on by quite a crowd made up mainly of players & parents from the Mac Saints U12A (6) Team. Thank you very much to all. The encouragement was greatly appreciated.

Some serious training during the week saw the players approach this game more focused if not a little nervous.

The nerves showed a little in the 1<sup>st</sup> Innings which kept us scoreless despite some good batting especially by Daniel Goode but good pitching by Ryan Falconer didn’t let the Steelers in to the game.

The second Innings saw good batting again particularly good hits from Alex Goode & Nathan Lumb. Great work in the field by all players saw us leading 4-1 at the bottom of the 2<sup>nd</sup>.

Daniel Goode came to the plate for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Innings & showed great skill to keep Steelers to 1 run but the Steelers also fielded well to keep us to 1 run also.

Ollie Bromley who had taken over the Catching duties from the 3<sup>rd</sup> Innings, continued his good catching in the 4<sup>th</sup> & his great flat throws from home to 2<sup>nd</sup> were a treat to watch. Adam Marsh, who is always solid in the field, took a very good catch & great fielding of a ground ball saw him complete a double play. Our batting, especially from Ollie, was very good & this coupled with good base running saw us end the innings ahead 9 – 2.

Lachlan McLean, always keen & alert whether fielding or batting let his bat speak during the 5<sup>th</sup> innings with one of his best hits so far this season. Well done and more of those please Lockie ! This coupled with a 3 bagger from Nathan saw us get 4 home.

Another good fielding display helped us keep Steelers scoreless to finish 11 – 2.

I couldn’t finish without mentioning Eric Vlahos’ batting tonight. Eric hit solidly 3 times & though he was run out each time at 1<sup>st</sup> base got a runner home each time. Well done Eric.

Chris Lumb Manager



### **UNDER 12 A’S (6)**

This team is undefeated after 4 rounds and are starting to come together as a team. Against Rangers, Miranda concussed their Coach (Ryde Hornsby’s President) with a foul line drive, which is always helpful. Alex P was required to catch the whole game for his first catching experience and Daniel B in his first outing with Macquarie Saints smashed a great hit.

Our Friday night game against the Steelers featured Elise taking a fine tag out at 2<sup>nd</sup>,

Daniel H snagging some great balls at SS and we scored our first home run for the season. Our Coach abandoned us for our game against the might of Greenway, where the two Jons carved them up with the bat. Saints led the game throughout to post another impressive win.

We had an early start game against Concord which showed in the teams general lethargy, however Alex L pitched himself out of trouble and Damian competently finished the pitching duties, while Beau showed aggressive batting and base running.

This has been an encouraging start to our season and all members are showing great commitment and team spirit with their games. Steve and Bernie are doing a fabulous job coaching the kids with John Collins support as home game umpire invaluable and Barb Holten taking on the huge responsibility of scoring. Many thanks to you all.

Narelle Scott  
Manager

It has been difficult losing 4 of our players at weekly training because of their Rep. commitments, but hopefully this situation has resolved itself satisfactorily so that the team as a whole can get organised into some serious club training.

This Team shows great potential and with hard work, improving skills and baseball knowledge will set themselves on the path to attaining their personal goals.

Steve Sims  
Coach

## **U/14 B**

### **Round 1, 13 September**

#### **Macquarie 9 v Balmain 3**

For a team of first year U/14s playing a well-seasoned Balmain side, we did an absolutely brilliant job. With only nine players everyone had a full game, and played to their best. Jake was strong on the mound, pitching well and also getting some great catches, and plays to first base. Tim did a great job behind the plate, and then as second pitcher. James covered first base brilliantly, and also had a go at catcher, where he was in his element, keeping the team tight. Matt at short-stop made some great pick-ups and outs at first base.

The Balmain pitchers found our strike zone difficult, being so much smaller in stature, but we still managed to get bat on ball, with Daniel La Rocca getting 2 great outfield hits. The new players Daniel Gray, Domenic and Brett all got on base, batting and fielding well. Keep it up boys. Thanks to Nick from 14Cs for playing with us.

MVP award - Daniel La Rocca for his batting.

### **Round 2, 20 September**

#### **Thornleigh 5 v Macquarie 10**

We had to borrow 3 players for this game, Nick, Simon and Toby from 14Cs, and they played really well, helping us to win another game. The Thornleigh pitcher was struggling a bit, but when we could hit we did, and moved everyone around the bases really well. Everyone got bat on ball, and our base running and stealing is really coming on. Matt, James, Daniel, Tim and Jake all batted really well, with Jake even putting a dent in the coaches car for good measure! Next time I'll park even further away. It's good to see the new players also getting a hit. Go Brett! Our fielding today was superb, with some big hits going outfield, handled well by Brett, and Domenic. Matt at short-stop got two fantastic catches one after the other, earning him the MVP award for today.

### **Round 3, 27 September**

#### **Macquarie 7 v Five Dock GTHO 7**

Today we welcomed Lucas Fischer-Johnson back to the team, from last season, luckily, as this was a very competitive and hard game. It looked like we were going to go down with most of the Five Dock team towering over us. You could see they were very experienced, trying out some tricky plays against us, but we held our own, and managed really well to end the game with a draw.

The highlights of the game belong to Lucas, who hit two beautiful outfield hits, the first one going into deep right-field. He

gets to third and the base coach sends him home, where unfortunately he was out with a tag. (We could have done with that run, too! ;) Never mind, that's all part of the excitement of the game.) Our outfielders were really busy, with some huge hits from the opposition. I have to congratulate the whole team on a fantastic game against these huge, more experienced kids. If not for some bad luck at bat in the last inning, with runners on base, we would have won. Better luck next time!  
MVP award goes to Lucas today, for his batting and fielding at third base.







# Macquarie Saints Parents' T-Ball Gala Day

Don't miss out on this highly-contested annual social event - no previous experience required, but loads of laughs and good times guaranteed!

*Includes a free Bar-B-Q lunch, fantastic prizes and a complimentary raffle ticket for all registered gala day players.*

Date: *Sunday 16 November 2003*

Time: *10.00am for a 10.30am start!*

Place: *Pioneer Park, Marsfield*

Registration: *\$10 per position (2 people can share a registration, but only one is allowed to play at any one time)*

- **Minimum of 9, maximum of 12 players per team**
- **Teams must consist of a min 60 - 40% ratio of men to women**
  - **Players must be parents of junior players**
- **Registrations can be individual, group or whole teams.**

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**NB.** Registration will only be accepted if accompanied by registration fee.

**Please return names and registration fees in an envelope to the results sheet slot at**

**Pioneer Park Canteen ASAP**

**but no later than 12 midday Saturday 15/11/03!**

# Macquarie Saints Parents' T-Ball Gala Day

## Rules:

- Minimum of 9, maximum of 12 players per team
  - T-ball stand and bat used
  - 30 min games
  - 4 runs, or 3 out = side away
  - 1 strike and player is out
  - Teams must consist of a min 60 - 40% ratio of men to women
  - No sliding: penalty is an automatic out
  - Ball hit over the cones on the full is a Home Run
  - Players must be parents of junior players
- Gala Day committee reserves the right to mix teams to spread experience



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