



# HAWK TALK

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## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### WEEKLY WRAP UP

This Sunday from 5pm

### WHITE & RED DINNER

20th July 2012

### SPORTSMANS LUNCH

3rd August 2012

### HAWKS LUNCHEON

17th August 2012

### BENNY ELIAS SHIELD

25th August 2012

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## Soooooper Sunday at TG Millner

Whilst the sun Gods were not as kind as they could have been, the Hawks were treated to a fantastic Sunday of junior football (12 and under) at the hallowed grounds of TG Millner.

It was a spectacular day that started early with photos (some of the kids even managed to remain clean for their photo) and launched into the football with some of our younger teams having the honour of playing on the main field.

And later in the afternoon everyone at TG Millner were given a fantastic treat with the fabulous Saba brother (band name S3) playing a full

repertoire of all your old favourites.

The Bundy Cup Team battled it out with Wenty and by 5pm the Great RR was delivering his usual weekly wrap-up complete with the day's star players.



*Nathan Saba, one third of S3, entertaining the Hawks home crowd.*



*The Weekly Wrap Up at Eastwood Rugby Club*

## Return of the SLINK



Who was the former Hawks Coach and First Grade player, that is now affiliated with another junior rugby league club, that was seen on CCTV hiding in the bushes in the grounds Eastwood Rugby Club??

The Slink has it on good authority that he was trying to avoid a shout he'd already ordered inside the club by ringing his wife to pick him up.

You can't avoid the watching eyes of...THE SLINK!

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The White & Red dinner is just around the corner so make sure you have the babysitter booked.

The dinner is a fast-paced evening with activities happening in all corners throughout the night.

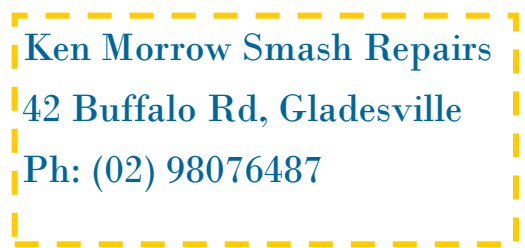
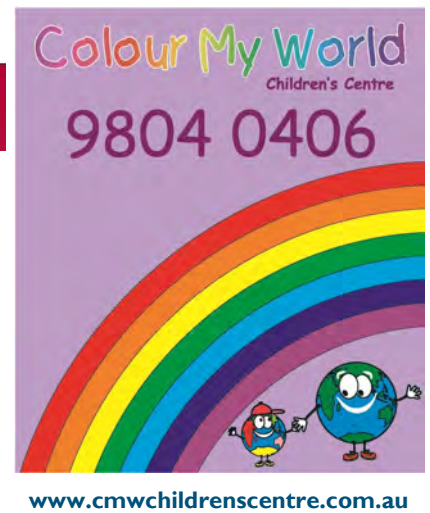
It is the main fundraiser for the Hawks so bring your wallet to buys raffle tickets; or be the last man standing; or bid on an auction item; or throw your gold coins in the bottle toss.

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## Meet a Hawks Family—The Cosgroves



Daniel Cosgrove



Josh Cosgrove

**Belinda, Rod (Cossie), Josh Daniel and Abbey**

**How many players have you got in the Hawks?**

We have 2 players – Josh in the U17s and Daniel in the U16s. Our daughter Abbey was also a Hawkett back in the day when the boys were playing in younger age groups.

**When did the Cosgrove family join the Hawks?**

The Cossies joined the Hawks in 2002 – this is our 10<sup>th</sup> year with the club and still loving it.

**What is one of your fondest moments whilst being a part of the Hawks?**

The kids getting the opportunity to attend State Of Origin and Balmain games as pre-entertainment on the main

playing fields at ANZ and Leichhardt Oval and see North Ryde Hawks on the big screen.

**Have you seen any changes in the Hawks in the years that you have been a part of the club?**

The big move from Kent Road Oval to TG Millner. Don't miss the early morning ground set ups.....but Rod misses the beer tent!!!!

**What is the best thing about being a Mighty Hawks?**

Being a HAWK is the best thing. We think it's the best club in the Balmain district. It's a family orientated club. Which encourages the kids to give their best and have fun through the many activities the club has

organized eg. Benji Day.

Josh and Daniel are renowned for being two tough and hard working characters on the playing field. They lead by example and leave everything they have on the field each week.

They have also been known to often give a little too much and end up at the 'Cosgrove Wing' of RNS. Daniel was the Gary Webster Player of The Year winner in 2011.

**HAWKS HAWKS MIGHTY HAWKS.**

## U6 Reds Out of the Mud

Home again for Round 12 we were upgraded from MUD field to MOD field, and pleased to host our Maroon Rhino friends. Those boys have some big units and provided a challenge for both attack and defence. It took courage to run into the Rhinos defence. Both Captain **Alan** and **James** stood tall and pushed them off. Tries were difficult to have. **Alex**, **Jack** and **Maxx** each made many strong forward runs that have seen them score against other teams but Rhinos were all over them today.

'Misunderestimation' was this coach's mistake. Calling dummy half runs that did not work wasted three opportunities and left us behind in the first period. Shame, shame and shame.

Second period was encouraging. Avid readers of this column will recall a common story of talented players, building their confidence and skills, and putting in the hard work but not quite getting the tries that they've earned. Away since Round 4, this week we welcomed back **Tylah**. We are ecstatic to report that **Tylah** scored her first competition try and she got close another couple of times.

Even **Ivan** struggled to penetrate. His best try came from a clever run which straightening up to blast through Rhinos' defence.

Great teamwork in the final period saw **Ivan** score again. A big part of this teamwork was based on **James'** work at dummy half, providing quick

clean ball for the runners. Everyone was talking about **James'** fabulous cover tackle, on a bigger, older boy and at the same place as that of another great JB. Spooky.

Thank you for all the great cheering from the White and Red supporters.

Tries: **Ivan** (3), **Tylah** (1)  
Goals: **Ivan**

Captain: **Alan**, Most Valued Players **James** (3) **Alan** (2) **Tylah** (1)

Quote of the week "I know we can beat these guys, if we score more tries" Tylah Pincheira.

**Richard Copnall, Coach**

"I know we can beat these guys if we score more tries."  
Tylah Pincheira

# U6 Whites Leave Wanderers Wondering



**Walking back after scoring another try.**

This week saw the teams having pre-game photos at TG Millner. The U6 Whites had their photos taken and were then full of energy and ready for action.

Our Captain for the day Elijah got proceedings underway against Leichhardt Wanderers Whites with a brilliant kick off, which saw the ball bouncing backwards straight into his awaiting arms.

He then ran around the awaiting Wanderers just to be brought

down short. Samuel wasn't far from the play and was passed the ball to score our first try. The team then seemed to pull off try after try, leaving the Wanderers wondering what was

happening.

Brandon Thomas pulled off several brilliant tackles, there was one in particular that stood out as the best of the day. It saw him tackling the Wanderers player around the waist and pulling him down on top of him self, it was just like a real professional.

Patrick Toms again made several great dashes up the field inching closer to the try line. Brock thought he had scored his 1<sup>st</sup> try

of the season, causing his mum to get over excited, only to realise he put the ball down on the wrong line.

Our usual stars, Elijah, Brandon, Samuel and Isaac were unstoppable. "The Player of the Game" was **Lachlan Rutherford** for his great defending during the game.

Thank you again to our loyal supporters and cheer-squad for your enthusiasm toward the team and for turning up this weekend.

Thank you to the Robinson's for supplying the team with oranges.

Try scorers: **Isaac Biondi** (4), **Elijah Chahine** (3), **Samuel Bell** (3), **Brandon Thomas** (1) and **Levi Locantro** (1)

**Alex Robinson (Coach)**

# U8 Reds Fearless in Face of Enfield Attack



**Hawks defending against relentless attack.**

The U8s Reds put on a fine attacking performance on Sunday but the Enfield Federals were in good form and in the face of their relentless attack, our defence needed to be a lot stronger.

One of our stars was our Man of the Match Nathan who not only threw himself into the defence but also managed to get the impossible pass away when he looked all but tackled.

Tony was key in making us valuable metres and amid chants of "give it to Finn!" our resident gentle giant. Finn made some fine runs carrying many players on his back.

Tyson put in his usual fine performance and was rewarded with two tries. Cameron and Charlie M also had brilliant games as did Charlie A who is showing a good ability to read the game and respond accordingly.

Jay and Luke were brilliant in attack and were unlucky not to

score a few points of their own. Our other pocket rockets Jai and Rory were not shy when it came to running into some very solid boys.

Not to be outdone, Ryan continues to develop into a great little footballer and Bronson, always the little terrier, was never out of the face of the Enfield attack.

A big focus on defence this week boys. We'll get the Federals next time!

**Narelle Randell, Manager**

## U8 Whites Have the Best Game of the Season

Today the boys played Concord-Burwood and we had our best game of the season with plenty of tries being scored.

The boys had been working at running onto the ball at second receiver and we've

made some great progress there. The whole team also did a wonderful job of getting on side quickly and coming in to make tackles super fast.

I am proud of the whole team and they were a pleasure to watch. Well done to every-

one, especially to Ramone for his first try today and Charlie, our player of the day, for his awesome defence and running attacks.

**Greg Erofeyeff, Coach**

*“Come on boys, show us that last weekend was just a momentary lapse in concentration!!”*

## U10s Get a Wake-Up Call

Our Mighty U10s have been looking a little lacklustre in the last few weeks and this weekend's loss was a wake-up call that more focus is required to continue winning games.

The good news is, it probably happened at just the right time in the season as we now head into a tough few games with PCYC and Strathfield Raiders and a BYE in between.

The key take aways from the game are that tackles stop tries and goals result in points. We performed poorly at both on the weekend.

There were some brilliant performances of course, Luke continues to be a charging machine and was unlucky not

to be rewarded with a try after running 3/4 of the field to the try line.

Man of the Match Lachlan had a cracking game and took some serious body blows as he ran up the ball in attack and threw himself into some fantastic tackles.

Regan also played a great game and is proving to be a very valuable, very consistent player. Not to mention a boot that can send a ball to the moon.

James also put in a great effort and his speed was required on a couple of occasions to bring down some runaway try scorers.

James' efforts resulted in today's two tries.

Each and every player put in their own effort but combined it was not up to the standard we set for ourselves in the first half of the season.

We can only hope that this loss will spur our team of champions to put in a greater effort this weekend as we face PCYC.

PCYC is a strong team that we have not played yet. With the opportunity to take out the minor premiership any losses from hereon will hurt and result in THAT title being given to Leichhardt Juniors who are hot on our tails.

Come on boys, show us that last week was just a momentary lapse in concentration!!

## Hawks in Development Squad

These are some of the Mighty Hawks who were selected to be a part of the Balmain District U14s Development Squad.

Each player was observed

over 6 rounds and selected to be a part of a development squad. This is a huge achievement, congratulations to Josh, Zac, Robbie and Tom!



## U12 Reds 52 Defeated PCYC 6



**Zac Murray puts on four points.**

It's always hard to know exactly where to start with games like these. However I will start pre game where the Hawks were down three players due to school holidays and ill health. We would have started with only eleven players on the field if not for the 12 Whites. **Tyson Edwards, Will Spackman** and **Jordan Misshawi** all backed up for the Reds after all played a full game for their own side finishing right before our kick-off. All three boys were involved and had great games and we can't thank you boys enough! Thanks also to Dennis and all the 12 Whites for your support this season.

It was a good win by the Hawks as the score would suggest but the best aspect from the coaches perspective was the continuation of last week's effort in playing as a team. In a high scoring game such as this it is easy to get swept up in the moment and play a little selfish but the boys did well and played good structured footy.

I think everyone had a great game out there on Sunday which is always great to see. Especially in front of a home crowd in the curtain raiser for the main game, I

know the Hawks appreciated the support of the crowd and enjoyed the rare experience greatly.

It's hard to pick stand outs in such an action packed game and I would like to congratulate **All the Hawks** for their tremendous defence on Sunday! A special mention must go to a great covering tackle by **Shannon Condon** and **Billy Flynn** 'cousins in arms' that put stop to an almost certain try early in the second half which showed some real commitment that they can be proud of.

**Jack Beale** on the back of his great defence last game went one better this week taking out our man of the match award in his best game this year. In particular for his strong runs late in the halves, Jack showed how hard he can be to stop once he gets involved. It was great to see a bit of the old **Jett Allen** back this week showing how devastating he is at only a fraction of his potential fitness with a few great runs and his usual intimidating defence.

**Jack Bell** had another great game this week and showed his quick thinking setting up a great try for **Hamish Nicol** down the short blind side. Our number three

**Eddie Frankish** was a real crowd pleaser this week showing his lightning speed across the length of the field running off some beautiful passing by **Shannon Condon**, Eddie's running is always pretty to watch and had the crowd on their feet several times throughout the day. **Zac Murray** also showed some good pace out there along with some clever thinking in another solid performance. **Anthony El-Koura** had his best game since round three with his strong running and even stronger defence.

With plenty of tries on the board there were plenty of kicks to be taken and we saw some great conversions from out wide by **Jack Beale, Shannon Condon** and **Hamish Nicol** and also a good captain's knock by **Max Strawbridge** converting his own try.

I am extremely proud of the boy's current form! Their **effort, enthusiasm and team work** over the past two weeks has been outstanding and I hope will continue for the rest of the season . . .

Congratulations Hawks, well done!!!

Match day Captain: Max Strawbridge

Man of the Match: Jack Beale

Tries: Zac Murray 2  
Eddie Frankish 2  
Billy Flynn 3  
Hamish Nicol 2  
Max Strawbridge

Conversions:  
Zac Murray  
Jack Beale  
Shannon Condon  
Hamish Nicol  
Max Strawbridge  
Eddie Frankish

**Dave Murray, Coach**

# Bundy Cup—United We Stand



**United Halfback Rex Johnson, out for the season with a ruptured**

Burwood North Ryde United came from behind and almost pulled off an amazing win against a strong Mounties team.

After scoring the first try of the match United fell asleep and let Mounties score six quick tries to lead 32 – 4 after 20 minutes.

It looked like Mounties would

go on and score over a hundred points but United showed great grit and determination as they fought back and slowly chipped away at the lead.

With 8 minutes to go United did the impossible as they somehow nosed ahead 38 - 36. The fairy tale however didn't eventuate as Mounties scored late, then took over 2 minutes to kick the goal which meant United had no chance to get the ball back.

Best for United was big red headed forward Jarrad Szczudlo who made his return from injury. Matthew Mulcahy and Connor Toia were also creative in the halves and Joe Flint and Beau Bovis worked tirelessly.

Unfortunately new United half back Rex Johnson suffered a season ending leg injury and was taken to hospital during the game.

A big thanks to the United supporters who cheered the team on during the game. We hope to see you back at TG Millner in two weeks time when United play Auburn.



Mounties 42 defeated Burwood North Ryde United 38

Tries – Blake McLean 2, Matthew Reupena 2, Connor Toia, Hamilton Hughes & Ali Musri

Goals – Matthew Mulcahy 4, Rex Johnson

**Aaron Zammit, Coach**



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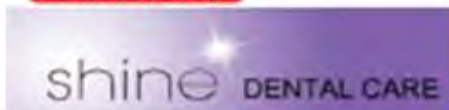


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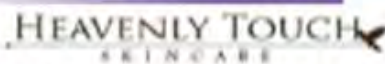
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