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Photos



Pictures of the Newlands game on the Ponoke Facebook page – you don't need a Facebook signon.



See

<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=77873&id=66791844390&l=408fef2585>

And the Wests Jaguars game has photos at



<http://www.facebook.com/album.php?aid=79249&id=66791844390&l=82a797d0c0>

Next Game, Cancellations, etc

May 30th v Ponoke Tornadoes, Kilbirnie # 1 1000am. Please be there by 0930am.

Note that cancellations are on 2ZB (1035am) and The Breeze from 730am.

With 20 in the squad I will need to give two players a half game for two weeks in a row, so please ensure the kids understand that when this happens the next 2 weeks will be full games. This week (30th May) this is not necessary as James, Terry and DJ are not available.



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Note For Parents

It's really important that if your child has a first half only game that you stay at the ground for the 2nd half. Against Wests Jaguars we got down to no reserves left as people had left at halftime. Please stay, be part of the team, and support the team. I'd appreciate knowing in advance if you cannot stay.

Sorry but if anyone doesn't stay without letting me know in advance it will be a half game next game. It is not fair on the rest of the team to leave like this.

Season To Date

04 April v Wests Jaguars Won 14-10 POD–Jordan (warm up game)

11 April No game

18 April v Poneke Thunderbolts Won by Default

26 April v Marist St Pats Hurricanes Won by 50-15 POD – James

02 May v Johnsonville Panthers Lost by 17-7 POD – Jaziah

09 May v Ories Cancelled

16 May v Newlands Won by 34-15 POD – Ryan

23 May v Wests Jaguars Lost by 24-17 POD – Lucy

30 May v Poneke Tornadoes

At 23 rd May	Played	5
	Won	3
	Lost	2
	Points For	108
	Points Against	71

Points Ladder

Competition games only – does not include first game against Wests Jaguars.

Name	Tries	Conversions	Points
Nathan	6	5	40
Jaziah	4	4	28
Ryan	3		15
Isaac	2		10
Campbell	1		5
Lucy	1		5
Kailash	1		5



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Some Scores From Other Teams

Johnsonville Panthers beat Wellington 30-24 (Wellingtons first loss on 23 May). Wests Pumas beat Newlands 61-0. Johnsonville Panthers beat Ories 85-0. Wests Pumas beat Marist 34-17, Wests Lions beat Ories 90-0. Ponoke Thunderbolts beat Ories. Wests Lions beat Ponoke Tornadoes.

Game Review:

16 May 2009 v Newlands 10:00am at Newlands Park

Player of the day	Ryan
Commended	Javaughn
Score	Ponoke 34 Newlands 15
Points scorers	Nathan 3T, 1C, Ryan 1T, Isaac 1T, Kailash 1T, Jaziah 1C
Half games	Isaac, Shawn, Tony, Terry, Campbell, Kailash, James, Kyle
Not Available	Emma, Sapati

23 May 2009 v Wests Jaguars 10:00am at Ian Galloway Park

Player of the day	Lucy
Commended	Emma
Score	Ponoke 17 Wests Jaguars 24
Points scorers	Nathan 1T, 1C, Lucy 1T, Jaziah 1T
Half games	Terry, DJ, Ryan, Jaziah, Nathan, Richard, Emma, Liam
Not Available	Luke (sick)

V Newlands

Although this wasn't our best performance we were always in charge. Newlands tried hard and scored 2 good tries within a few minutes of halftime. They were competitive at the breakdown, but the second half saw us spend most of the game in the Newlands 22.

Our passing was exceptional at times. We made were able to find space, but still suffered from a few players cutting back inside. We were unlucky to have got over the Newlands line on three occasions, but each time finding that a forward pass or knockon prevented the try.

V Wests Jaguars



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For everyone in the team today, their individual performances were very very good. The whole team lifted their tackling, and also their running and passing was really good.

This was a game we should have won easily. But while individual performances were excellent, the team play was lacking. Again, we showed a reluctance to complete for the tackle ball. Many times we saw our players tackled, place the ball well, but no support players. We didn't clean out at all well, and Wests just stepped over and took ball at will.



We also fell apart when refereeing decisions went against us. Whether the referee was right or not is irrelevant on the field, the decision is made. There was some clear disappointment with some players on the field at some decisions that went against us (and for us on the sideline!). As players the kids will need to understand that apparent bad decisions are a fact of life, how we overcome them is what is important. Not giving the ball to the opposition at turnovers, ensuring we play the game hard, fast and fair, and ensuring that passing and support is done well, will see us overcome opponents no matter what decisions go against us.

Player Reviews

	V Newlands	V Wests Jaguars
Jordan	A very good game. Good passing from the scrum, and some very strong running. Tackling was strong. Overall a very strong game today.	Again played well. Tackling was very good. Continuing to work hard on attack.
James	Into everything today. As well has some great tackling, did a lot of hard work in the mauls.	Some superb tackles today. Tackle technique is excellent.
Luke	Excellent flankers game today. Took an intercept straight off the halfbacks pass. Continually hassled the Newlands first 5 and a lot of their attack stopped right there.	Did Not Play.
Lucy	Enjoyed the game today with some storming runs. Tackling also good. Passing was a problem!	<p>Exceptional performance today. Outstanding player on the field. Led the</p>



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	V Newlands	V Wests Jaguars
		forwards by example, tackled well, mauled well, and had some dynamic attacking runs.
Javaughn	A really good performance today. Some excellent running and also made some really good tackles.	Tried hard today in the miserable conditions. Had some good runs, tackled well in his first game at flanker.
Sapati	Did Not Play	A really top game today. Tackled and ran well. Also mauled well.
Nathan	Had a bit of extra space today with Newlands defensive lines not quite in place. Scored some good tries, and made a number of tackle turnovers.	Very good tackling and running today. Found the Ian Galloway mudpack a bit difficult but as always turned in an excellent performance.
Jaziah	As always into everything. Tackled strongly today, ran strongly. Very good competing for loose ball.	Another who found the mud not to his liking. Tackled well, good passing today.
Shaun	Developing into a strong player. Runs hard on attack, mauls strongly. Tackling today was good.	Very good performance today. Made some crashing runs and provided good support to Lucy.
Isaac	Played game at pace today and was sharp on both attack and defence.	Tried hard today and was especially impressive in defence.
Emma	Did Not Play.	One of Emmas best today. She tackled hard and also had some good runs. Passing was also very good today.
Richard	Tried hard all day today, had some good runs, was also strong in mauls.	Richard tackled well today. He was strong in the mauls when tackled.
Campbell	Played a great attacking game today. Tackling was also good. Did good work in mauls and also tried hard with cleanouts in rucks.	Quiet today. Mauled well, ran well with the few opportunities he had. Good running off back of scrum.
DJ	Very strong performance today. Fending has become a strong point. Also tackled	Another strong running game with very good fending. Tackling was also



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	V Newlands	V Wests Jaguars
	hard today.	very strong today.
Ryan	 <p>Dynamite today. Produced many strong runs, broke tackles, and also made tackles well.</p>	Showed a lot of strength today in the maul, tackled well and made some charging runs.
Kyle	On the burst today, Kyle is developing into a strong running back who proves a handful for opponents to stop,	Very strong running today, impressed with his taking on players. Tackling good today.
Terry	Developing a good fend and made some very strong runs. Determined in the tackle.	Again making strong use of the fend. Tackling was very good today.
Kailash	Kailash is playing some excellent determined rugby. His tackling is excellent and his ball running and speed off the scrum is very good.	A very honest and hard game today. Puts a lot of effort into the game and is mastering the flanker position really well.
Tony	Mauling today was excellent, tackling very good. Made some barraging runs today.	Again a hard working effort, with some very good mauling.
Liam	Putting in a ton of effort and is playing well. Some good runs today.	Coming to grips with the game rapidly now. Did some good running and looking for the support player.

Player Profile

Hey parents Need player profiles. Apologies to Liam and James who sat down with me and did a profile, I then had a disk crash and lost what we had done. Check out an earlier newsletter for the profile questions.

Training

Note that attitude at training is one of the measures I use in the choice of players for end of season club awards.

Jag Parag will be running some fitness training.

We will continue working on the basics and adding to the skillset with the mauling and rucking that we are learning. We will also continue to develop new skills, cleanouts –



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blowovers. We will encourage the backs to begin to experiment with push passes, dummy passes and stepping.

We are going to learn and emphasize at training that the game can be played fast. In the past we've suffered through holding back on gathering loose ball, holding on in tackles and also on letting the opposition get prepared when we get penalties. Wayne and myself will be pushing for the kids to up the ante a little speed wise. Again, with a close grade, doing things faster and smarter on the field will give us an edge.

Under 11 Representatives

I have been appointed as Assistant Coach for the Under 11 Wellington region rep team. The coach is from Wests, and there is another assistant coach and manager from Johnsonville.

These players have been nominated for inclusion in the Ponoke team to play in the Richard Nichol Trophy on 14th June. As that is also a rep trial, for those players who may make the Ponoke team there is the possibility of making the Wellington U11 rep team:



Nathan, Jaziah, Kailash, Kyle, Luke, Ryan, James, Campbell, Isaac and Jordan.

Lucy, Sapati and Emma have been nominated for the Wellington womens U13 rep team.

Ponoke Representative Tournaments

Paremata Sevens on May 31st

Playing are: Javaughn, Richard, Isaac, Luke, Jaziah, Nathan, Kyle, Campbell, Liam, Kailash

Under 11, Under 12 and Under 13s

10.45am to 11.45am – team registrations

11:45am team briefing meeting

Games start 12:45pm, finals approx 3:45pm (these times may change closer to tournament)

Other Tournaments

Ponoke participate in tournaments against other clubs. At this stage I don't have complete set of dates, but we get teams to play as follows:

- Annual Ponoke v Wainui juniors tournament for the Hakaraia Trophy this year at Kilbirnie – will be on a Sunday
- Possible – Ponoke v Petone junior tournament – will be on a Sunday



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I need to know please anyone who is NOT available to play Sunday games.

“Up A Notch”

Over the next week or so I will be giving each player some feedback on what they need to work on to get their skills up to the next level.

We've had a few games, and I've had a chance to appraise each of our fantastic players. What I will do is create an individual appraisal of each players performance and what they can work on to lift their games to the next level. These will be a just a couple of points that can be worked on to push performance. We will in general not explicitly cover these at training where I want to keep focusing on the team based activities, but hopefully kids will work on these themselves, or at training if they slot into drills.

Player of the day Awards and club awards

This year the player of the day will be merit based. The things we are looking for include team play, excellence in support, excellence in defence and/or attack, playing the game in best spirit.



In addition there will usually be a second award, we've called it "commended", but on any week it could be "most improved" or some such. It will go to someone who is striving to do better each game.



There are also end of season awards. So your kids are aware, this is what I look for for these awards.

Most Outstanding Player: consistently turns in the best possible performance. Plays as a team player, supports, tackles and attacks. Thinks on the field, and plays the game at speed. Supports other players, encourages the team and the people in it. Always plays the game fairly, and within the rules.

Best Attacker: consistently plays a top attacking game. Not necessarily the top try scorer. May consistently obtain turnovers and cleanouts leading to tries. Will most likely be an excellent support player and will demonstrate he/she is a team player and will contribute to defence as well as attack

Best Defender: consistently shows excellence in defence. May consistently turn defence to attack with turnovers, cleanouts and dominating tackles. Will most likely have mastered getting up from the tackle and competing for the ball. Will demonstrate being a team player and will contribute to attacking play.

Most improved player: this player will grow in confidence every game. They may start with basic knowledge and actively work on improvement. By the end of the season they may even be at a point near the other three awards. They will demonstrate team play, and show as the season progresses that they understand new concepts. They will



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grow in their ability to tackle, or attack, or both and will develop an understanding of the game.

To aid in this I do include training attitude, as well as various aspects of each game, in the decision of who gets these awards.

The Orange Roster

Many thanks to Liz Smith for doing this. Note that any time a game is cancelled, the roster doesn't change, e.g. if the game of 16th May is cancelled, then Jaziah is still on oranges the next week and Luke got lucky.



MAY	
30 th	Antony Robb
JUNE	
6 th	Isaac Moe Jenkins
13 th	Shaun Wakefield
20 th	Kyle Schultz
27 th	Javaughn Coupe
JULY	
4 th	Terry Taoipu
*11 th	? NO GAME
18 th	Lucy Edwards
25 th	Ryan James
AUGUST	
1 st	Sapati Fepulea'I Apa
8 th	Emma Williams
15 th	Kailash Parag
22 nd	Richard Coupe
29 th	Liam Brown

End of Season



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It's a while away yet, but I thought a little planning could be useful!

Traditionally the team has and parents provide a plate. I each player as a memento. In the trophy – this was a way to help provide some encouragement coming up to next season. With the kids much older now I don't think need we need to continue the trophy, but the photo will continue.



gathered at Susann and my place always try to get a good photo for past I also got each kid a small recognise each player and

With the kids getting a bit older I thought we could vary this a little. One idea that we floated around last year was a day trip to play a team outside Wellington, e.g. Otaki or similar. We'd leave early in the morning, play a game around lunchtime, and then maybe have a barbeque with the opposition. All this takes a fair bit of planning and of course relies on finding a team to play against. We'd also need to get parents to contribute to help cover barbeque costs.

Another option is to continue with the team awards at Susann and my place. I thought perhaps do some swimming at Kilbirnie, then come and do an afternoon of pizzas, but again some planning needed as we are now 20 players, which means a lot of people with parents and family included. Again we'd need some sort of parent contribution – e.g. pizza toppings, plate etc as well as pool costs.

If you have any other ideas let me know. Can I get a parent volunteer to take on end of season planning (assuming we are going to do something exciting at end of year)??

Scorchers Archives

At the start of 2008 FlyBuys commissioned the Scorchers to appear on the cover of both their next brochure and the next envelope. On March 28th we spent a



couple of hours at Kilbirnie shooting film. We had a game to start with, and then we did a series of staged shots. At the end of it all, Flybuys gave the team \$100 which was spent on end of season pizzas.



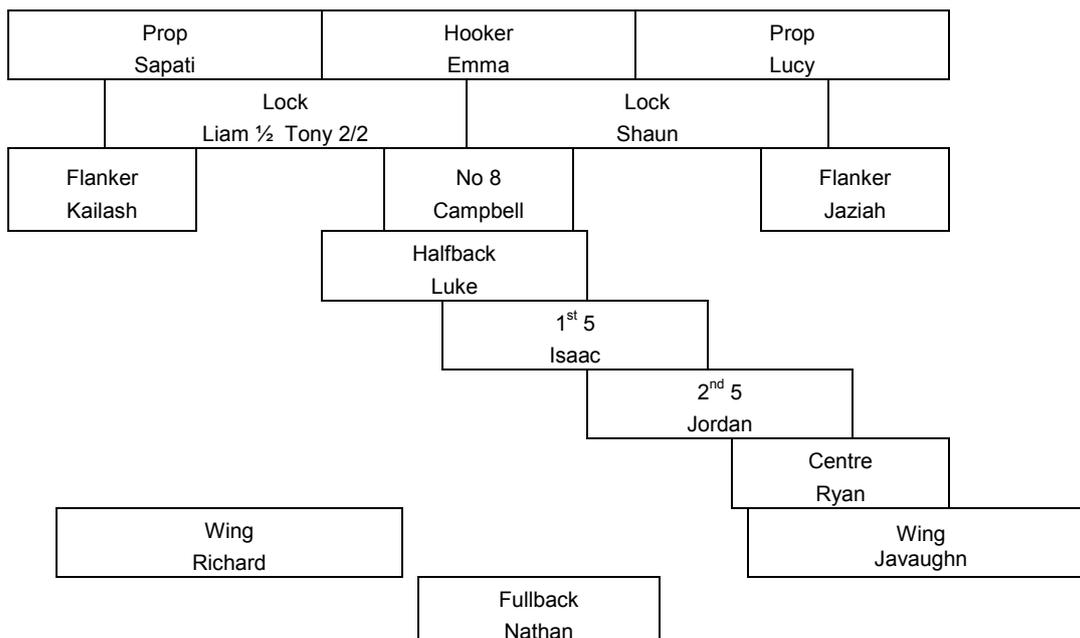
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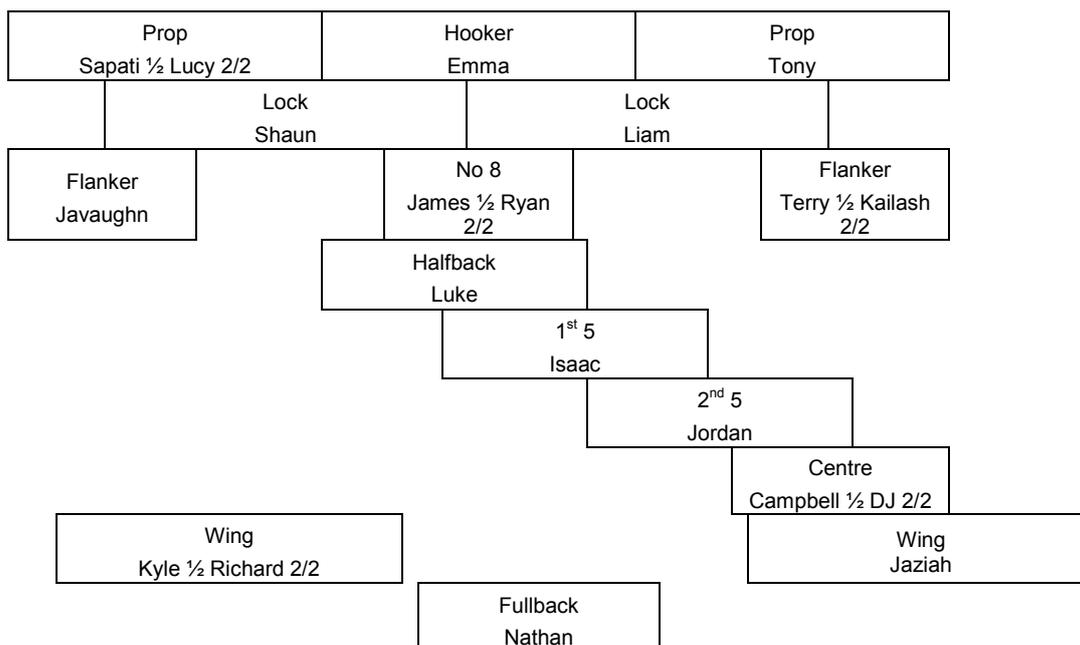
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Next Games

Here is the team for the game of Saturday 30th May. James, Terry and DJ are not available.



Here is the team for the game of Saturday 6th June.



Oddstuff



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Fitness for rugby Go to the local park and do 20 minutes 20 metre sprints each day...

Note: See Poneke on Facebook. Club secretary Florence Masoe is doing a great job keeping this updated and useful. You will need a Facebook signon, then just search for Poneke and you'll find the fan page to join.

Photo Of The Week: absolute determination shown in this great sequence as Ryan crashes the opposition against Newlands. Note the Newlands tackler with his head in front of the body! Thanks to Hugh for the photos.



Next Scorched Opposition due
Monday 8th June.

Wests junior rugby site has
draws available on Tuesday
evening ...

<http://www.wests-junior-rugby.org.nz/Fixtures/fixtures.html>

if you need to get a map to get
to grounds go to above site
and click on the name of the
ground in the fixtures.