



### **RSG report to Assoc for 29 July 2014**

- RSG met on last night, July 28, with 10 apologies and an extraordinary 15 attendees including Sandra Stanley, secretary for 2015 & Lisa Jones treasurer for 2015, which bodes well for succession planning.
- The year 9 tour organisers reported a fantastic event with three great rugby games, well received touring kit and terrific team bonding activities at Lake Ainsworth camp. Mr. McIntosh & Mr. Allanson were thanked for the generous donation of their time and the core organisers Sandra Stanley, Mike Drew, Shane Morgan Cameron Robbins and Greg Love thanked again. Those who travelled with the team reported the boys were well behaved and noted St Paul's received great promotion as the bus embellished with the school log traveled to Northern NSW.
- A core group of parents for the 2015-year 9 tour have commenced working on ideas to ensure that students in that cohort get the same opportunity.
- The Holt Bolt was run on Sunday by parents and students with a profit of about \$1800 anticipated; sadly some attendees did decline to pay the \$5 parking, choosing to drive right past the volunteer parking attendees.
- 6 SPS students from year 10-12 have been selected to play for TAS Rep teams on Wednesday July 30 and Lauren Stanley from year 7, (although not allowed to train at school let alone play in the TAS competitions) was selected for the BRJU development team.
- There is a BJRU 7s competition on Friday night in term 4. In addition to all current players being encouraged to participate, girls' rugby teams are being investigated.
- The dinner discussed took up most of the meeting as it is on Friday August 1<sup>st</sup>. Sean Hardman, Reds legend and Jake Schatz and Dave McDuling current players are attending. While we hoped for > 300, as of last night there were 393 attendees. A number of these are complimentary, including 10 of the 2013 1<sup>st</sup> XV, coaches, staff managers and guests but we have > 90% of all players attending which is a record. The dinner team has worked extraordinary hard but special thanks to Steph Fisquet for her astonishing patience as yet another family says "we forgot to order", to Lesleigh Reid for the unbelievable amount of work dedicated to creating the decorations and to Phil Roxburgh who has produced an IT show that includes every single student and a dinner booklet that we believe will be the envy of all. The booklet has become somewhat more costly to print than we had budgeted for, but the meeting decided to ensure every player's family will receive a copy. The dinner is a celebration not a fundraiser and we are hoping to sell enough raffle tickets to cover the costs incurred by having the traditional table served dinner in such a great venue.
- The reply from Mr. Browning about the double points round was noted.
- There are 17 yr 10-11 players confirmed for the 2015 tour. The group are launching into fundraising activities, mindful allocation by the SPS touring policy to the Easter Holidays means there is no playing season to fund raise in.
  - Next meeting August 25 planning for 2015 season and beyond