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MSP's 2008 prizewinners



Victor Vito (above right, with Pat Dunn) won Marist St Pats' Sportsman of the Year Award at the club's prizegiving on 12 September, while Fa'atonu Fili (right) won the premiers' MVP award.

Both players also featured in the Wellington Rugby Union's awards at the end of October (see over page).

The full list of MSP prizewinners is on the club's website - www.msprugby.co.nz.



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

In accordance with the club's constitution, notice is given that the

38th Annual General Meeting

of the Marist St Pats Rugby Football Club Inc will be held on

Thursday 27 November 2008 at the

MSP Clubrooms, Hataitai Park, commencing at 7.00pm

AGENDA

- Apologies
- Confirmation of minutes of 37th annual general meeting
- Matters arising
- Presentation of annual report and balance sheet, 2008
- Election of officers
- Honorary solicitor
- Honorary auditor
- Subscriptions
- General business

Ken Ah Kuoi
SECRETARY

Ranfurly Shield on display

How does the Ranfurly Shield look compared to the Swindale Shield? Come along to the MSP Annual General Meeting on 27 November (opposite) and find out - the 'Log o' Wood' will be on display.

Off-season training underway

Weights, speed, and fitness all feature in MSP's off-season training programme which is now in full swing. The programme below will run until Christmas, so if you know of any players interested in joining MSP or current

MSP players keen to improve their all-round game, let them know what is on.

For any queries contact coaching coordinator John Duignan - 021 223 3160. The training includes:

Weights	Monday and Wednesday 6pm; Saturday 10am	MSP gym, Evans Bay	Run by Habit Gym staff plus physios
Speed	Thursday 5.30pm	Newtown Park	Athletics coach David Lane
Speed + skills	Tuesday, 6pm	Evans Bay	Brian Cederwall and Murray Tocker

Sevens' success continues in Australia



Touring team (from left): Gus Slade (coach), John Poutawera (manager), John Duignan (coaching coordinator), Anthony Bradshaw, Chris Slade, JP Tocker, Peter Sciascia, Ben Mocewai, Marcus Slade, Saina Mekaio, Julian Tupai, Fili Punimata. Front: Apoua Stewart, Valentine Meachen, Tui Tuituia

MSP's sevens team capped off a great year when they won the Brisbane sevens tournament at the end of October.

The team, pictured here at the airport on the way to Brisbane, had started the year by winning the NZ Marist sevens in Wellington last February.

Chris Slade was named player of the tournament in Brisbane, where the team won five straight games against Australian, Samoan and New Zealand sides before taking out the final 38-19.

The players and coaches had a great time at the tournament, which was held at the Sunnybank Rugby Club in south-east Brisbane. They said the event was well run and the facilities were first-class.

AROUND THE TRAPS

Coaches reappointed

The successful 2008 premier coaches Murray Tocker and Kevin Horan have been reappointed for the 2009 season. Also, 2008 senior 1 coaches Dave McGuinness and John Duignan will take the senior 1s again in 2009, while Gus Slade and Tony Meachen will look after the senior 2s.

Family connections

Murray Tocker will take more than a passing interest in the performance of the new England second-five Riki Flutey this northern season - the former Hurricanes player is married to Murray's daughter Sarah Jane.

Spillane in Wanganui

The Spillane Cup tournament will be held just up the road in Wanganui next year.

Scheduled for 14-15 March 2009, the Spillane has proved a valuable part of MSP's pre-season build-up in recent seasons.

MSP features in WRFU awards' night

MSP teams and players featured strongly at the WRFU's end-of-season awards' night on 31 October.

Premier loosie **Victor Vito** won the Most Promising Player Award for the player showing most promise on either the club or the rep scene, while first-five **Fa'atonu Fili** won the Billy Wallace Memorial Trophy for the best and fairest club player.

Fa'atonu was also one of three finalists in the Club Player of the Year Award.

Premier coach **Murray Tocker** was one of three finalists in the Coach of the Year Award (which went to Jamie Joseph), and the premiers were one of three finalists in the Team of the Year Award (which went to the Wellington Lions).

The refs smiled on MSP this year, with the under-21 colts winning the A J Griffith Memorial Trophy for the the

team awarded the highest average points per game by the refs, while the club won the Junior Merit Award Trophy for the highest average points per game as awarded by the refs.

'Thank you' to volunteers

The troop of volunteers that contributed to such a successful 2008 for Marist St Pats were hosted at a function at the Pines in October.

The hospitality and fine food of Tony O'Brien featured at the evening, which chairman John Holden said was a 'thank you' from the club to the coaches, managers, committee members and general helpers who contributed to such a great year for MSP.

He said it was also to acknowledge not just the volunteers, but their partners too.

"Thanks to all club members, and best wishes to everyone for Christmas. We hope to see you all again in 2009," said John.



From left: Mere Wilson, Diane Young, Colleen Upton, MaryAnn Spillane, and Michelle Smyth



From left: Steve Loibl, Ken Ah Kuoi, and Tony Meachen.