

MARIST ST PATS RFC 41st ANNUAL REPORT 2011



Front cover: Marist St Pat's seventh All Black, Victor Vito, was part of the history-making All Black squad that won the Rugby World Cup in October 2011. The photo shows him about to score in a World Cup pool game against Canada at the Stadium in Wellington. Congratulations to Victor and the team for securing the title 'world champions'.



MSP's under-21 Colts, winners of the Moran Cup, Paris Memorial Trophy, and the John E.Kelly Memorial Trophy.



The under-85 kg Blues celebrate winning the William Te Oka Shield, the Paul Potiki Shield and the JDR Bowl Trophy.

MARIST ST PATS RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB (Inc) OFFICE BEARERS

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CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The 2011 season can probably be summarised as a 'nearly very successful' year but not quite. The real successes in the playing arena were the colts and the under 85kg teams.

The colts won both rounds of their competitions, the under 85 Blues also won both rounds, the under 85 Reds won their end-of-year final, whilst the under 85 Greens were narrowly beaten in their final. As well as winning on the field, these four teams were extremely well organised off it and credit must go to the coaches and support staff.

The senior 1s, 2s, and 3s as well as the Reserve Internationals made either finals or semifinals. Eight of our 11 teams in this position is a pretty good effort.

Although this season was a particularly bad one insofar as the premiers and senior 1s' injuries' roster is concerned, the worst the Rugby Sub-committee can recall, it was still disappointing both teams could not quite reach their ultimate goals.

Overall as a club we were able to maintain our numbers in the senior club by fielding 11 teams, the same number as in 2010, which goes against the overall trend in the Wellington region. Thanks here to the coaches, managers and other support staff who put in many hours to ensure the teams operate.

The Junior Club came through another successful season both in playing numbers and achievements on and off the field. Many thanks to Andrew McLean and Martin Paget and their long list of helpers.

From an administrative side the season was extremely challenging. Under the new constitution approved at the 2010 AGM, the executive is down in numbers but then the sub-committees become so much more important. Remembering we are all volunteers, getting workers is now a major task.

The Treasurer's report will show what a difficult year it has been, with all income streams down on budget for various reasons. Fundraising in a very competitive market is becoming more difficult each year. It will be a major task for the incoming executive to reverse this trend in 2012. Two areas of major concern which need attention both involve our players - subscriptions and clubroom attendance.

I would like to thank all those volunteers who continue to make this club the icon it is in Wellington rugby circles. Special thanks must go to:

- MaryAnn Spillane for her eternal work as Treasurer in these most trying times and for her support to the chairman and other executive and sub-committee members.
- The Rugby Sub-Committee headed by club captain Neil Murphy and Brian Coulter; so much unheralded work behind the scenes.
- The Shamrock Club in their 20th anniversary of supporting MSP.
- Secretary Geraldine Manu'a for taking charge of the successful Ruby Jubilee celebrations and other organisational functions.
- Karin Graham for taking on the House responsibilities and her many hours of work to keep the clubrooms operating.
- The Junior Committee as mentioned above.

- Alan Woods our WRFU delegate and fundraising and gear guru.
- CCO John Duignan for the hours he puts in many areas.

There are many others who deserve some mention, but thanks go to you all. Congratulations to all the trophy winners who were recognised by the club at the end-of-season prizegiving and, in particular, the U85 Blues for winning the William Te Oka Shield.

And special congratulations of course to Victor Vito, a member of the World Cup-winning All Black squad. We're very proud of his achievements, and to have three World Cup winners as members: Victor, and our two junior World Cup winners, Jeff Allen and Solomona Sakalia.

Enjoy the off season and we'll see you all next season. Again there will be some challenging issues ahead such as an artificial ground on the adjoining St Patricks College field, and decisions regarding the future of our clubrooms.

Ruffy Mollo Chairman

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

It was not just another year for Marist St Pats — it was the 40th anniversary of our club after the amalgamation of the St Pats Old Boys and Marist Old Boys clubs in 1971. Stalwarts past and present enjoyed a stellar weekend of celebration in May and many old friendships were rekindled and new ones made. It was as though folks just 'hopped back on the bus'! The camaraderie of yesteryear and 2011 joined together as one with that indomitable MSP spirit shared by all and on public display, especially by the premier side in their victory over Hutt Old Boys Marist. Certainly a weekend to be treasured and we all look forward to the 50th jubilee in nine years.

Congratulations to Victor Vito, a Rugby World Cup squad member and now a world champion. We are all immensely proud of you. You have reached the pinnacle of rugby success and it is appropriate this club shares your joy and honour. Let's also acknowledge the feat of Solomona Sakalia, as part of the junior world champion team. His efforts were tremendous in that side, and his future in the game should follow that of Jeff Allen and, who knows, Victor himself. Well done to Jeff also for his early call to the 2012 Hurricanes, and to all who reached higher honours this year.

On the field, three championship pennants were won. The colts under Mason and Fui were outstanding in winning a very strong and competitive season-long contest. The rugby they played was sometimes 'made in heaven', with the semi-final against Wellington a wonderful example of skill, structure and confidence.

The under 85 Blues again won their grade, champions under coach Robbo and his team of assistants. Again, what a great brand of rugby they produced, particularly in beating old rivals Poneke in a hard-fought final. The under 85 Reds had similar success, winning their division with an equally superb style shown graphically in the final also against Poneke. Well done Mark and Tiff. The under 85 Greens just narrowly lost their final. Coaches Mason, Robbo and Mark and your managers, assistants and teams, you are all a credit to MSP.

Despite a horrendous injury list, the senior 1s, 2s, 3s and Reserve Internationals all played semi-finals but fell narrowly at that hurdle. The premiers, with new coach Clayton McMillan assisted by JD, made the Jubilee Cup round to finish 5th. In that round against HOBM, a front row of three hookers was fielded as a result of 26 first-line players being unavailable due to injury or so-called representative commitments. The unavailability of premier players who languish on the bench in practice matches after being declared not available by representative coaching staff is certainly a contentious subject with coaches and supporters in Wellington club rugby. Although very supportive of both the Wellington Lions and of our players to achieve higher honours, better player management in the Jubilee Cup round must surely be a high priority.

Our senior grades from premier down must be congratulated on their grit, determination and MSP spirit. Despite adversity you acquitted yourselves with honour. A young premier side, some old hands in the top three teams, a very talented colts side and great under 85s' strength means MSP is in great heart. Next year's premiers could well start us on another Jubilee Cup era.

This is my last report as President and I sincerely thank the board and club for the opportunity to serve in this honoured position for the last three years. It has been a real privilege to represent the club as your ambassador. Nowhere is there a stronger spirit of rugby, camaraderie and that unselfish willingness to give as there is at Marist St Pats. My thanks to all those wonderful MSP folk I have served with on previous committees and now the MSP board. To single people out is dangerous as everyone contributes to make MSP the amazing rugby club community it is.

There are serious challenges ahead. Clubrooms location and patronage, and the impact on competitions of different game times at the growing number of artificial turfs are a couple to start with. Finances without grants is another. But we are in good shape to face those and other challenges, and we have the skilled and committed people to guide us. I hope to continue to contribute in some way and wish the incoming President and board, players, coaches, assistants, managers and supporters every good wish for 2012. May it be a stellar year for MSP.

Mick Robbers **President**

TREASURER'S REPORT

Incurring losses for two consecutive years (\$13,000 in 2010 and \$36,000 in 2011), is a trend that cannot continue. Setting the 2012 budget needs to be an inclusive process where items are categorised as *must haves* and *nice to haves*, then prioritised, the overall result being a break even position or better. Some seem to think the club has a bottomless pit of money for the *nice to haves*, when we aren't even covering the essentials.

To begin formulating the 2012 budget, we need to start by reviewing the 2011 results. For targets that were not achieved, why were those targets missed? What strategies do we have in place to rectify these shortfalls in 2012? What are we doing to address the major challenges facing the club?

At committee level, we spend a disproportionate amount of time discussing issues that used to be core club values - recurring topics such as players' subscriptions and clubrooms attendance. Let's get some clarity about expectations on these issues from day one, and get on with the strategic issues affecting the club.

The call still goes out to find new ways of generating funds – something to supplement the \$50,000 generated by the Shamrock Club and the two \$100 raffles. Trust funding is harder to secure each year. All ideas welcome!

Reporting a financial loss is never satisfying, especially when so many people work so hard to keep the club afloat. It is a pleasure to thank the following Trusts, sponsors and club members, who gave their time, energy and money over the 2011 season:

- NZ Community Trust, The Lion Foundation, Infinity Trust, Pub Charity, Endeavour Trust, the New World Eastern Suburbs Trust and Lion Breweries, whose support of MSP is gratefully acknowledged.
- Alan Woods for the hours put in developing and maintaining excellent relationships with key sponsors. You exceeded budget – but not our expectations of what is possible – thanks again, Alan!
- Karin Graham what a year you've had, chairing the House Committee and then taking over the clubroom hires in May. Superwoman lives! I know your aim is to restore the clubrooms as *The Destination* after the games every Saturday for those who play for and support MSP. Enthusiasm is catchy, Karin! And I know you're already working on 2012. Thanks to John, too!
- Brian McGuinness's Shamrock Club Committee, for a good financial result achieved through promoting MSP to our corporate sponsors. Congratulations on 20 years of backing the Red Machine.
- John Gordon for all your support of the various committees during the week, the warm welcomes and raffle selling at the door every Saturday night. John, if there was a prize for commitment, you'd be a contender every year!
- Peter Woods and his major ticket sellers Budgie and Joe Greco, for wonderful results on both \$100 raffles.
- Andrew McLean's Junior Committee, with special thanks to Konica Minolta and Quinovic for sponsoring some new junior initiatives.
- Lastly, but most importantly, our chairman, Ruffy Mollo. We didn't tell you what the job was really like, otherwise only a masochist would have accepted. Thanks for all the support, Ruffy I'm told the first three years are the worst!

A big 'thank you' to all those who supported the clubrooms, paid their subs, bought raffle tickets and supported the various fundraisers. We just need more of you!

MaryAnn Spillane **Treasurer**

CLUB CAPTAIN'S REPORT

It has been another tough year for the club on and off the field. Injuries again had a major impact on the season for most teams, with the continued loss of players to season-ending injuries impacting greatly on their performance and putting immense pressure on the club's ability to field competitive sides.

I would like to thank coaches, managers and support staff for giving their time to train and field teams. I would also like to thank the players, especially those from the reserves and the senior 3s who backed up to help field higher teams. I am sure it is a testament to the club's strength that on more than one weekend we were still able to field top teams with up to 15 front rowers injured or unavailable.

There were a number of highlights during the year, starting with the colts wining their division at the Spillane tournament. They followed this up by dropping just one game in their first-round competition to win the Paris Memorial Trophy; then went through the second round unbeaten and won the final to collect the John E. Kelly Memorial Trophy.

The under 85 Blues again produced outstanding results, also only dropping one game all season, winning the JC Bowl for the third year in a row and taking out the Paul Potiki Shield for the second consecutive year. The Blues were the highest points' scoring team in the club, winning the William Te Oka Shield.

The winning way continued with the under 85 Reds being successful in their second-round competition to pick up the Moody Cup, a new trophy for the under 85 second division. The under 85 Greens made it to the final of their second round. The senior 1s, 2s and 3s all made it to their second-round semi-finals, as did the Reserves.

Congratulations to all the players who have gained representative honours this year.

Neil Murphy Club Captain

CLUB COACHING COORDINATOR'S REPORT

Firstly, I would like to thank all the people involved in coaching, managing, training and administering all the teams at Marist St Pats and at St Pat's College during the 2011 season. If you had not given up your time and energy then all the players would not have had the opportunity to play this great game.

The CCO role encompasses duties for MSP, SPC, local primary schools and the WRFU.

Marist St Pats

The senior section at MSP fielded 11 teams again this year. Numbers have remained consistent over the last few years with 364 players registered this season. The Rugby Sub Committee plays an integral part in the day-to-day managing of all these teams and players. Matters pertaining to rugby come through the RSC and are acted upon in communication with the MSP Board.

As in previous years, our Evans Bay gym and training facilities have been utilized to the maximum by SPC, MSP junior and senior members. An estimated 1000 players pass through the doors in a week once the season is up and running.

Coach observations and assistance are a big part of the CCO role and it was pleasing to be approached by a good number of the SPC and MSP coaches, both senior and junior, asking for advice and assistance or to have a general conversation about certain facets of the game. I find this an enjoyable part of the position, and the use of other knowledgeable coaches to also assist in the upskilling of our coaches was rewarding. MSP and SPC are fortunate to have such an enthusiastic group of people coaching our teams.

The CCO network is currently undertaking a survey on how to improve the delivery of the many upskilling courses provided throughout the year. Feedback from this survey will provide useful information on the timing and content of each course.

Two of our junior coaches completed a WRFU Junior Coaching certificate. Visits to local primary schools introducing Rippa rugby, and running large ball-skill sessions with a rugby

flavour continued again this year with a number of schools incorporating this into their PE curriculum.

St Pats College

SPC registered 235 pupils to play rugby in 2011. This equated to fielding 10 teams and is an indicator that rugby is still the number one sport of choice at the college. Twenty-four people registered as coaches which is a fantastic achievement when one hears of other colleges' playing and coaching numbers dwindling a little. A good number of MSP people are involved in rugby at the college which strengthens the college/club bond.

Of the 10 teams, four went on to play in their semi-finals with two progressing to their respective finals. The 3rd XV were crowned Premier Division 5 champions.

An important part of the CCO position is to collate information of rugby playing students who are entering the college and also rugby playing school leavers. This information is vital to the follow up and communication of these players to keep them involved. Statistics prove that the biggest drop off of players is when they leave college.

Players leaving college are all contacted and spoken to about the benefits of playing for MSP if they are staying in Wellington. Recruitment of recent SPC leavers to MSP has been satisfying and the successful 2011 colts' team was made up of a high percentage of SPC leavers. Retaining players is a difficult task with all the life choices on offer to this generation at this time. All the information collated is forwarded to the WRFU for it to assess and act upon any trends.

Another initiative that came on stream this year was the college link to the MSP website. This gives viewers an opportunity to keep up with what's happening at the college.

The Rugby Club Committee have also revamped the way rugby business is administered at the college with four sub committees set up to help ease the burden on the Rugby Administrator.

WRFU

The Rugby Smart program, which is compulsory for all college and senior coaches, took place prior to the start of the season. This course aims to enforce injury prevention and safe technique and it is pleasing to note that another season passed with a very low number of serious injuries reported. For junior coaches, the Small Black program was also completed. This course is about assisting coaches to run safe and meaningful practices for our younger players.

The annual Primary School Rippa tournaments were held with full entries to all tournaments. Extra local tournaments have been held to coincide with the Rugby World Cup and the exposure this is providing. Visits by local schools to the Civic Centre artificial turf for Rippa games during the World Cup festivities were also linked to an educational tour of the newly built Wharewhaka on the waterfront.

Development weeks for U13, U14/15 and U16 were undertaken in the second and third term holidays. Players are nominated from all the colleges to trial for these development weeks. It is interesting to note that many players selected in Lions teams over recent years have moved through this system of identification.

Monthly CCO meetings are held to review, discuss and plan events for the development of both players and coaches within WRFU.

Conclusion

In my opinion, rugby at MSP and SPC is very healthy but like everything there is room for improvement. Eight of MSP's senior teams making semi-finals and three going on to win their respective grades, plus the college stats as previously stated, are worthy of congratulations. All this could not be accomplished unless there were countless hours of devotion by so many individuals to make a very strong MSP team. Thank you.

John Duignan
Club Coaching Coordinator

HOUSE COMMITTEE REPORT

It was a huge honour to be a part of a great club and take on the task of chairing the House Committee. I thought, 'How hard could it be'! In fact it hasn't been too difficult given there is a great support team who willingly give up their time to volunteer to ensure our club remains a great success and still the envy of many clubs in Wellington.

At times though, we didn't have the usual success on the fields and this was reflected in poor patronage up at the clubrooms. It was particularly hard for me as I remembered the 'good old days' when supporting my brothers' teams it was a given that you watched the rugby and then everyone met up at the clubrooms – how we did it then with limited public transport, limited taxi services and not many of us owning vehicles, and still we got to the club. All so simple, we just loved rugby and being a part of MSP. I then helped my parents in the Red Cafe on a Saturday night. We were always ready for the great hordes of players, coaches, managers and supporters who were regulars *every* Saturday and not just nominated nights. We need the continued support from all who back the mighty Red Machine to get back up to the club.

Throughout the year the clubrooms hosted several events:

- The junior season launch, mid-season 'Junior Night' and end-of-year junior prizegiving were all once again successful nights. Well done Mere Wilson and the Junior Committee.
- An after match function for the St Pats Town vs Stream 1st XV fixture, with under 15s and other teams from both colleges also attending. Great to see our young men in their number 1s representing their colleges with obvious pride. Hope to make this a regular fixture and perhaps include other annual traditionals with other colleges. Thanks to Julie Madams of Vision Media Systems for supplying free TV screen for the night. Thanks to Claire Meredith, Vanessa and Norm Broughton, and Bevin Kahui from MSP Soul Fitness.
- Spoofing Competition, Ladies Night, and MSP's Got Talent huge thanks to Mere for her wonderful organising, Henry Fidow for the back-up support and DJ Mike for the fantastic music. Welcome back, Kalolo - well done on Quiz Night.
- 40th Ruby Jubilee Weekend huge thanks to Geraldine Woods Manua and her wonderful team for making this a great weekend starting with Friday night's dinner. Well done to all the keynote speakers who provided some wonderful memories. It was great to see so many turn up and support Saturday's Old Timers' Day. Huge 'thank you' to Fr Geoff Broad for celebrating Mass with us on the Sunday.

The club also hosted other hires including Feldenkrais workshops, the NZRU, Refugee Services Day, ECL conference meetings, a Parliamentary Rugby World Cup after match function, housie night, a 21st, a 60th birthday and a wedding, St Mary's College when attending the North Island netball competition, a product launch, and a Quiz Night. Many

thanks to everyone who has supported Marist St Pats and spread the good word about using our clubrooms as a function venue. We have received so much positive feedback, especially about what a great location it is – close to the airport and city, fantastic facilities, great parking, awesome views – Wellington's great little secret!

Special thanks must go to the team who work tirelessly to ensure the clubrooms happen:

MaryAnn Spillane for the time you continue to work behind the scenes with the utmost enthusiasm and passion. I particularly thank you for the extra time over and above everything else (literally hours on the phone) you have supported me in my role.

John Gordon, thank you for your continued support in welcoming our guests at the door every Saturday, running the weekly raffles, arranging weekly announcements, and for your role as Clubroom Manager. Whether liaising with tradesmen or a cleaning company your professional touch is always much appreciated.

Ruffy Mollo and **Alan Woods** – thank you for always making time to talk and being great ambassadors for our club. Particular thanks for helping with the Parliamentary Rugby World Cup, with Alan taking time out from his schedule to showcase our gym and club facilities and helping all day on the Sunday of the tournament at Hataitai Park.

Barrie Smith and **Dan Kelly** – thank you for being at the clubrooms every week, collecting and collating team results and advertising the weekly scores and statistics.

Our wonderful bar staff - **Hoppy, William, Jonathon, Casey, Fran** and **Simon** – thank you all for your work. Always nice to have a catch up with a familiar face and share the odd joke or story, and know there is always a reliable crew who we can call on.

Richie Renouf, thanks for your great work to get the jerseys framed and displayed. Thanks too for a great, well-organised Rugby World Cup dinner.

Margaret and her able team in the Red Café, thanks for having a great selection of hot food ready to go every Saturday. As part of our host responsibility you are indeed a great asset to the club.

Erin in the Kids' Club, thank you for being there every week setting up arts table, games area, creative play or putting on Toy Story 3 or Nemo for the umpteenth time. Whether looking after three kids or 30, you always did it with an enthusiastic smile and still had the energy to clean up afterwards - and the kids loved you.

Shirley and Tony O'Brien from The Pines – what would we do without you? Thank you for handling last-minute calls and for your continuing wonderful catering service.

John Graham – behind every committee person there is someone holding the fort and being a great support not only on the family front but up at the clubrooms. Thank you always for being encouraging and supportive.

To our great non-playing club members who continue not only to support our teams on the sidelines but also make the trek up the hill week in and week out. We remain truly grateful for your loyalty. Lastly to those people not been mentioned who have contributed in any way to supporting the functioning of the clubrooms, 'thank you' all for your time and effort. See you all in 2012.

Karin Graham
Chair, House Committee

THE SHAMROCK CLUB

The 20th anniversary of its founding made 2011 a special year for the Shamrock Club.

The directors kicked off the anniversary year with a splendid function at the Westpac stadium on Friday 6 May. The event included dinner, tickets for the Hurricanes v Blues game, and pre-match drinks to recognise the major contribution of Shamrock members to the club over two decades. The function was held in the stylish Deloitte Lounge and proved to be a very successful night with members thoroughly enjoying themselves.

The Pre-Test Dinner on Friday 29 July saw the clubrooms packed with around 270 Shamrock members and other guests. The first speaker was Keith Quinn. As the voice of New Zealand rugby, Keith needed no introduction. However the Shamrock Club would like to record its special thanks to him. Keith has spoken at Shamrock Dinners in the past, sometimes at short notice. He has been very helpful to the Shamrock directors in suggesting and obtaining many excellent speakers. So a big 'thank you' Keith for your assistance over many, many years.

The second speaker was legendary All Black Richard Loe. Richard preferred a Question-and-Answer format so Keith was able to ask him some searching questions about his career over the years. Once again, two excellent speakers who were very well received. A special thanks also to Mick Robbers as MC. Mick did a terrific job and has already been booked for next year! Brian McGuinness concluded the speeches by thanking Shamrock members for their 20 years of contribution to Marist St Pats. He reported the Shamrock club is an excellent heart and looking forward to the next 20!

In previous years the Saturday luncheon was held at the Boatshed. However this year we switched to the Latitude Bar. Special thanks to Brian McGuinness for arranging that. It proved to be an excellent venue, located on Queens Wharf close to Westpac Stadium.

Shamrock and club members were welcomed to Latitude from 3pm on the Saturday afternoon. Members were treated to Tony O'Brien's usual excellent luncheon with copious alcoholic refreshments to ward away the cold winter evening. The game was shown live at Latitude and a good number of members stayed to view the game, leaving the brave souls to make their way to the stadium. A great victory to the All Blacks over the Springboks, and then Shamrockers and club members returned to the venue. They were entertained by a lively DJ and the chorusing continued long into the night.

Our finale for the year, the Shamrock Golf tournament, was held on 29 September on a glorious Wellington day at the Miramar Golf Club. With a field of over 70 golfers and a few non-golfers lining up, the competition was fierce. Ultimately Mike Quinlan and his team representing MQ Panel and Paint were the winners after shooting a combined score of four under par. Thanks to everyone who participated, especially Terry McCarthy, Wayne Plummer and Willie Wong for their help on the day.

A special welcome to the club's new members this year – Peter Churchman of Prime Interiors Limited, and Hutt Gas and Plumbing Limited.

On behalf of the Shamrock directors, Alan and Peter Woods, Brian McGuinness, Paul Stephen, Steve Witkowski, Terry McCarthy, Tony Duffin and Tony O'Brien, a big 'thank you' to Shamrock members. We wish you all the best for the festive season and look forward to 2012.

Bob Metcalf

Shamrock Club Committee

Alan Woods Peter Woods Paul Stephen Tony O'Brien Brian McGuinness Steve Witkowski Bob Metcalf Tony Duffin

Terry McCarthy

Shamrock Club Members

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OBITUARIES

Marist St Pats extends condolences to club members and their families whilst remembering those who died during 2011:

Keith Backhouse Mary Boaden Marge Duignan Levi Falealili Bill Halpin Nora Johnson David Lemon Tess Loibl Pat McCabe Paul McKenzie Patricia Maher **Audrey Metcalf** J.McM. (Jimmy) Madden Edith Mullin Tom O'Shaugnessy Marjorie Parker Brian Riley Moana Sciascia Joan Smith M.E. (Eddie) Stretch Veronica Williams Kevin Sullivan

REPRESENTATIVE HONOURS 2011

NEW ZEALAND ALL BLACKS

Victor Vito

NEW ZEALAND UNDER 20*

Solomona Sakalia

SAMOA UNDER-20

Paul Tuia

HURRICANES

Victor Vito

WELLINGTON LIONS

Jeff Allen, Arden David, Lote Raikabula, Apoua Stewart, Victor Vito

WELLINGTON B

Jeff Allen, Charlie Graham, Liu Taituave, Sio Tuia, Dan Turner, Joe Wright

WELLINGTON UNDER-20

Solomona Sakalia, Paul Tuia

WELLINGTON UNDER-20 DEVELOPMENT

Jacob Rikihana, Jack Taulapapa

WELLINGTON UNDER-18

Donald Brighouse

WELLINGTON WOMEN

Tia Paasi, Huia Paul, Mel Rowen, Mere Wilson

WELLINGTON MAORI

Jacob Rikihana

WELLINGTON SAMOANS

Sio Tuia, Ben Tuia, Ryan Setefano, Tevita Ah Wong

NEW ZEALAND MARIST

Arden David, Nick Passi

NEW ZEALAND MARIST COLTS

Paul Churchman

(*Jeff Allen was a NZ under 20 representative in 2010. This was not recorded in last year's Annual Report)

TROPHIES AND AWARDS 2011

Sportsman of the Year (Paul Donoghue Trophy) Jeff Allen Outstanding Club Member (W.M.O'Connor John Holden Memorial Cup) Sio Tuia Mick Horan Memorial Trophy Outstanding Administrator (Brother Fabian Cup) **Pat Martin** Outstanding Contribution by Non-Office **Richie Renouf** Bearing Club Member (John Rennie Memorial Cup) Pacific Trophy (Ah Kuoi Family Cup) Ryan Setefano Special Merit Award Michael Holden Team Scoring Most Championship Points **Under 85 Blues** (William Te Oka Shield) Most Meritorious Snr 2/3 Club Member **Karl Emson** (Pat Aylett Memorial Cup) Most Outstanding Snr 2/3 Club Player Ashihiko Hosokawa (Alan McLean Memorial Cup) Most Outstanding Age-Grade Player Jacob Rikihana (Reg Parkin Memorial Cup) Most Meritorious Under-21 Player Solomona Sakalia

Most Outstanding Under-85 Player (P.D. Jacobsen Cup)

Matt Comery

(O'Callaghan Cup)

Player Scoring Most Tries (Monsignor Heavey Cup) Jacob Rikihana

Player Kicking Most Points
(St Pats College Old Boys Cup)

Mark Houghton

Most Consistent Tackler (A.C. O'Connor Cup) Corey Lawrence

Most Consistent Trainer (Jack McLellan Cup) Hamish Shaw

TEAM AWARDS FOR OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTION 2011

Premier Liu Taituave

Senior 1 Rocky Leofo

Senior 2 Lucky Tuia

Senior 3 Ace So'oula Samuelu

Premier women Katerina Tovia

Under-85 Blues Pat Houghton

Under-85 Red Matt McGrannachan

Under-85 Green Matt Stevenson

Colts Mau Apolo

Reserves Pena Fretton

Presidents Tony Taulapapa

SUMMARY OF TEAM PERFORMANCES IN 2011

| | Р | W | D | L | F | Α | Bonus Pts | Points | No in grade | Position in grade |
|---------------------------------|----|----|---|---|-----|-----|--------------|--------|-------------|-------------------|
| Premier 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Swindale Shield | 11 | 7 | 0 | 4 | 226 | 282 | 3 | 31 | 12 | 6= |
| Jubilee Cup | 7 | 3 | 0 | 4 | 125 | 128 | 4 | 16 | 8 | 5 |
| Senior 1 | | | | | | | | | | |
| Harper Lock Shield | 11 | 8 | 0 | 3 | 258 | 196 | 5 | 37 | 12 | 6 |
| Ed Chaney Cup | 10 | 6 | 0 | 4 | 275 | 143 | 10 | 34 | 10 | 3 |
| Senior 2 | | | | | | | | | | |
| National Mutual Cup | 11 | 6 | 0 | 5 | 312 | 231 | 9 | 33 | 12 | 7 |
| HD Morgan Memorial Trophy | 10 | 5 | 0 | 5 | 225 | 189 | 8 | 26 | 10 | 3 |
| Senior 3 | | | | | | | | | | |
| JDR Cup | 10 | 8 | 0 | 2 | 145 | 80 | 5 | 37 | 11 | 2 |
| Johnsonville Centennium Cup | 8 | 6 | 0 | 2 | 145 | 105 | 1 | 25 | 8 | 3 |
| Women | | | | | | | | | | |
| Fleurs Trophy | 6 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 63 | 170 | 2 | 10 | 7 | 6 |
| Victoria Tavern Trophy | 6 | 1 | 0 | 5 | 47 | 150 | 2 | 6 | 7 | 6= |
| U85 Blues | | | | | | | | | | |
| JC Bowl | 11 | 10 | 1 | 0 | 387 | 39 | 5 | 45 | 12 | 1 |
| Paul Potiki Shield | 9 | 8 | 0 | 1 | 254 | 54 | 6 | 38 | 9 | 1 |
| U85 Red | | | | | | | | | | |
| Div 2, Round 1 | 9 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 216 | 41 | 9 | 41 | 10 | 1 |
| Div 2, Round 2 | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 108 | 58 | 2 | 26 | 6 | 1 |
| U85 Green | | | | | | | | | | |
| Div 3, Round 1 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 8 | 68 | 209 | 1 | 13 | 11 | 10 |
| Div 3, Round 2 | 6 | 3 | 0 | 3 | 114 | 101 | 3 | 15 | 5 | 2 |
| Colts | | | | | | | | | | |
| Paris Memorial Trophy | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 181 | 83 | 6 | 30 | 8 | 1 |
| John E.Kelly Memorial Trophy | 8 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 276 | 710 | 9 | 41 | 8 | 1 |
| Reserve Internationals | | | | | | | | | | |
| Div 1, Round 1 | 5 | 2 | 0 | 3 | 120 | 85 | 4 | 12 | 7 | 4 |
| Div 1, Round 2 | 6 | 4 | 0 | 2 | 106 | 137 | 4 | 20 | 7 | 3 |

PREMIER TEAM REPORT

Coaches: Clayton McMillan, John Duignan

Scrum Coach: Kevin Horan

Management: Michael Sood, Stephen Jensen

Trainer: Mark Bradshaw Physio: Cam Walsh Captain: Nick Passi

At face value it would be easy to view the premier season as one of disappointment, where the team endured an up-and-down season and ultimately failed to make the Jubilee Cup semi-finals. However, when taking a more holistic view, our coaches, players and supporters can be proud of the way this young team played in crucial matches, and be optimistic about the team's potential moving forward.

The loss of several experienced players to overseas contracts or retirement meant the team was extremely youthful, boasting an average age of 21. Whilst this created opportunities for several young players to experience premier rugby, the onfield leadership that can only be gained from time in the saddle was lacking, and ultimately contributed to the inconsistencies in performance that plagued the season.

A massive injury toll across all grades complicated matters, but to the club's credit, everyone simply soldiered on and made the most of an unfortunate situation. I doubt many other clubs would have been able to cope with such a crisis, and that is a testament to the strong leadership and organisational skills provided by the club's executive structure.

Despite the combined challenges this team faced, one thing it could never be accused of is failing to produce when it really mattered. First-round wins against Poneke, Hutt Old Boys Marist and OBU were crucial and ensured our place in the Jubilee Cup round. But it also displayed the type of courage and determination from which great teams can be built on. For these young players it will be about fronting with that mindset for every game, particularly the ones you are expected to win but often trip up on - the first-round loss to Wainui was a classic example.

A new coaching team meant new ideas and the team responded well to that. To that end I extend my deepest thanks to my fellow coaching staff and management who worked tirelessly, often without any reward or recognition. I also congratulate the team for their enthusiasm and efforts. There is no substitute for hard work and experience! You always gave it 100% and the lessons learned this year will put you in good stead next year.

I leave you with a quote from one of New Zealand's greatest leaders, Sir Peter Blake: 'To win, you have to believe you can do it. You have to be passionate about it. You have to really "want" the win – even if it means years of hard work. The hard part of any big project is to begin. We have begun – we are underway – we have a passion. We want to make a difference.'

Clayton McMillan Coach

SENIOR 1

Coaches: David Wanden, Bevan Packer **Managers:** Keith Upton, Steve McGill

Physio: Zac Nicholls

2011 must be considered a season of 'That was oh so close' for the senior 1s. The team proved capable of playing good rugby and winning games but the ultimate defining factor was the use of over four teams' of players during the season. Sadly the team cohesion and organisation was lacking when put under pressure at crucial times.

The season started well with bonus-point wins over Johnsonville and Tawa followed by hard fought wins over Norths and Oriental Rongotai. But a WRFU decision to have all three MSP senior teams play at the same time was costly in the important clash with Rimutaka. Without a healthy dose of reserves, we suddenly found ourselves struggling to field a team and cover for injuries.

The failure to pick up a bonus point in this loss, along with painful last-minute concessions of points against Petone and HOBM were ultimately the defining points of the first round. An earlier win over previously unbeaten Poneke left us just outside the top four. But gaining the maximum 15 points from the final three games against Stokes Valley, Paremata-Plimmerton and OBU meant we were still in with a chance of playing in the Hardham Cup Competition.

At the end of the first round we were left with eight wins from 11 games – only one MSP senior one side had won more games in the last six years – and only two competition points out of second place. Yet the vagaries of bonus points meant we were languishing sixth and consigned to a second round in the Ed Chaney Cup competition.

That round got off to the worst possible start with another 3pm kick off at Ngatitoa Domain in a southerly squall. A high injury toll, including a season-ending broken leg to loane (Yogi) Alefosio, exposed our weakened bench in the conditions, conspiring for a humbling loss. Worse was to follow the next week when defeat was snatched from the jaws of victory with a last-second loss to Johnsonville.

This was to prove the most challenging part of our season. Serious injuries and unavailability had robbed the side of key forwards – Valentine Meachen had suffered a shattered ankle early in the season and James Sherrin a badly dislocated and torn knee; Nathan Fuataii blew out a calf and robust flanker Isaac O'Connor had a list of injuries too long to mention. Hardworking props, the evergreen Kiki Stowers and the new generation of Donald Brighouse were unavailable over a number of weeks. Of the original starting pack only Dan ('I'm injured but I'll still play') Martin and the indestructible Rocky Leofo were left standing.

The backs were similarly depleted with JP Tocker overseas; Julian Tupai ruled out with a damaged knee; Joe Bradley lost to concussion; and Alastair McBride to a debilitating hip injury. Thomas Atia'aloa and Nick Wanden were deservedly called into the premier side. To compound things further, captain Dan Kauraka gained a place at prestigious Harvard University to study music.

The team was only working on a week-to-week basis, the starting lineup changing daily and sometimes hourly. Reserves were scarce and we needed to draw on the club's full resources to maintain our numbers. Focus at trainings was to establish the new combinations and try to develop team patterns. Credit must go to the players who persevered and gave their utmost when called upon.

We greatly appreciate the efforts of Ruffy Mullo, Neil Murphy and Tony Meachen in ensuring we had the numbers each week throughout this trying period. And also our thanks to the premier, senior 2, senior 3, colts and under 85 coaches who went out of their way to make players available.

Rather than capitulate the side showed the fortitude forged in adversity that MSP teams are well known for. Young players from the colts, Sam Flemming and Jack Taulapapa stepped up and filled in admirably at halfback, and Tovio Apolo, Jeremy Focas, Fraser Hunter and Alex Bostravos all made the transition from the senior 2s to make starting places their own. The forwards drew upon the senior experience of flankers Dave Jackson and Hamish Shaw, and called upon talented senior 2 loosies Paul Laban and Lucky Tuia. At the business end of the season, Solomona Sakalia and Tevita Ah Wong added much need bulk and experience.

In the backs JP Tocker returned to form a formidable midfield combination with Michael Walding. Ben Tuiatua and 'White Jonah' Jamie Dunn provided the pace and power out wide with Bostravos and a rejuvenated Tupai sharing the fullback's role. The team collectively stepped up and duly defeated Wainui, Ories, Stokes Valley, Petone, Tawa, and Avalon. The only blip was a heart breaking, last minute, one-point loss to OBU.

While we started our semi-final against Petone with arguably our strongest team, the lack of consistent game time together showed with early mistakes and lack of execution of our game plans. This proved costly and quickly saw us 18 points behind. To the team's credit they worked their way back in to the game, dominating in all areas to claw back the points and briefly take the lead. However, critical plays went against us in a 29-32 loss.

The 2011 senior 1 season was enjoyable and frustrating at the same time. It was great to see the club's depth of players and both young and old step up and play great rugby when given the opportunity. While the nature of being the club's second team will mean it is a transitioning team for players moving up and down, the club could prosper from using this team to develop its young players in an environment of challenging consistent rugby with good coaching.

Bevan Packer Co-coach

SENIOR 2

The 2011 season kicked off with good numbers and plenty of confidence. Most of the players had the right attitude and got stuck into the pre-season with gusto. Expectations were delivered to the team early, and saw positive player commitment to trainings in the first round and at times during the second round.

The team started with only three players from last season. Many of this year's players came from the senior 3s, colts, and reserve grade, with a number new to the club. As the season progressed it became necessary to draw previous players back to MSP from other clubs and also put the boots on a few times to keep numbers up.

Late in the season I was able to organise for three young players to travel from Arras France to New Zealand to gain more rugby experience with MSP. These three players were very competent and played for the most part of the second round. Their input proved crucial in helping our team make the semi-final.

The season was a difficult balance again for me this year because of my other coaching commitments. I coached an MSP junior team, a St Pat's College team, and the Wellington Pride rep team. I was assisted by manager Chris Tye who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure the boys got everything they needed to play. His efforts were greatly appreciated, and he even had to look after coaching in my absence at a few of the games as well. I was also assisted at some trainings by Murray Tocker and Kevin Horan. Their time and assistance was greatly appreciated.

Our trainings ran alongside the club's top two teams and at times there were opportunities to run sessions together. That provided senior 2 players with more physicality and greater challenges. Later in the season, poor player commitment made it necessary to train with the senior 1s to make up the numbers. Much of our game pattern was taken from the premier team to keep consistency. Players were able to move between the top three teams with little need to re-learn team patterns.

Trainings started positively with good numbers and variety in the sessions. Unfortunately as premier injuries began to pile up, it became necessary for a larger than normal movement of senior 2 players between the senior 1s and 2s. This meant that very few players who finished the season had actually started in it. From memory, 17 senior 2 players were needed to play in both senior 1 and 2 this year. Although unavoidable, this was very disruptive and on many occasions I was unable to name my team until the Saturday morning. It was a coaching challenge to train a different team on Thursday from the team on Tuesday and then have a different team play on Saturday.

We didn't play any consecutive games using the same line-up from the previous week. So it was impossible to build relationships between key players, consistency, or any real team loyalty. This greatly affected numbers at trainings and in my opinion at times it also greatly affected their motivation to play hard for each other. This, along with a lack of commitment by several of the players, contributed to us losing a few very close games.

Although coaching the senior 2s was challenging, it was also enjoyable. I was pleased the team made the semi-finals and I felt we had the potential to win the grade. The semi-final loss against the Axemen was a good encounter, and they went on to win the grade. We dominated the match but succumbed to a heavy penalty count and lost by one point after they were awarded a kick near the posts. Most senior 2 players I have spoken to are committed to returning to MSP next season.

Damian Rapira-Davies
Coach

SENIOR 3

Well, 2011 was yet another season of misfortunes, happy times and sad times for us. We played 10 games in the first round and won eight and lost two. In the second round we won six games and lost one.

We qualified for the semi-finals in which we played Ories at the Polo Grounds, and unfortunately went down 25–13. So yet another disappointing result for the boys.

The last two seasons we have made it through to the finals but haven't managed to pull off the wins. Heart-breaking stuff really, so hopefully next season we can finally break this voodoo spell and win the final and bring home the silverware! I would like to thank all the players for their time and commitment to the team, and also to the new young guns that have joined us this season. Good to see a mixture of old and young blood in the team over the last two years.

Last but not least, a special 'thank you' to the coaches Poto and Paddy. Guys, I know it hasn't been easy giving up your time for the boys especially with your family commitments. Even though we didn't get the results we wanted, your enthusiasm, passion and pride for the team has definitely had an impact on the boys. Your duty or role in the club is really vital, especially for the future and in years to come for MSP. Really hope you can do it all again next year.

Well, that's it from me for now. Have a safe and merry Christmas throughout the festive season, and hope to see you all again in the New Year. Take it easy on the Christmas ham boys!

Fa'afetai lava and regards.

Pa'ala Lefao Manager

PREMIER WOMEN

2011 started off with good win over Old Boys Uni and then it was a mixed bag of results during the season for the Red Dragons. Often the final result was determined in the last 15 minutes of the game and didn't reflect the effort and guts that the team actually put in. Throughout the season the Dragons were still recruiting and had a number of players join the team late in the year. This was a great boost to the group as once again injuries hit.

The season finished on a high with four players - Ponisitia Paasi, Mel Rowen, Huia Paul and Mere Wilson - selected for the Wellington Pride women's rugby team. Georgia Cameron and Ray Uluinayau were also selected in the wider development squad.

With sevens rugby being included in the Olympics 2016, it will be important for this team to continue to grow and increase interest and participation of the sevens game at club level. Looking to the future, it will be important to continue to create opportunities for players to achieve at a higher level.

Mere Wilson Player coach

UNDER-85 KG BLUES

The MSP Blues had an outstanding season, not only winning both division 1 trophies again but playing some fantastic rugby along the way. The Blues also won the William Te Oka Shield for the MSP team with the most championship points, and were extremely unlucky not to go through the season unbeaten.

The team's record in 2011 was played 20, won 18, drew 1, lost 1. They scored 641 points for (32.05 per game) and conceded 93 in total (4.65 per game) for a points' differential of

548 and an average winning margin of 27.4 points per game. On attack the team ran in 88 tries on the way to taking out the division 1 first-round JC Bowl trophy for the third straight year, and the second-round Paul Potiki Shield for the second consecutive year.

The side's defence was outstanding. The opposition was kept tryless in 12 games and the most points conceded in a single match was 13. Only 11 tries were let in over 20 games. The Blues' sole defeat was to a last-minute converted try in a 12-10 loss. The draw was in an Easter game when a large number of our players were away.

The team also went 24 consecutive games undefeated in division 1 after winning its last eight games of the 2010 season. This bettered the 23-game unbeaten run of the 2006/2007 Blues. The Blues are the only team to have played in every under 85kg division 1 final in the last six seasons.

The side was blessed with a large number of very talented backs. Fullback Mark Houghton had a great season, scoring eight tries while kicking a massive 164 points for a total of 204 (to win the St Pats Old Boys kicking cup for the second time, the first being with the Blues in 2007). Our wingers got in among the try scoring with Miles Tait getting nine (to be the team's top try scorer for the fourth time in the last five seasons), and Jared Hammington, Todd Young, and Todd Hammington all showing great pace and finishing. Centre Todd McSweeney was having a top season until a dislocated elbow two weeks before the semifinals. James Edser was again solid for us at second-five and midfielder Mark Cook was as strong as always until a knee injury finished his season.

David Rice was the team's captain and first-five and again showed what a great player and leader he is. David Houghton had some big games for us at 10, fullback and on the wing, and Tom Cook was playing well until suffering a broken jaw. Mike McGlinchey had a standout season at halfback (winning back of the year), and David Toman also had a good season at 9 while here from Ireland.

The forwards again laid the foundations with their hard work and skill. Props Henry Fidow, Ross McIsaac, James May, and Matt McNeil were all crucial in a tough position. Hooker Rohan Donnelly started the season as vice-captain so it was a shame to lose him early on to a bad shoulder injury. This saw new recruit Matt Thomas step in at number 2 and he was outstanding for us and took out the forward-of-the-year award.

Lock was a problem all season. Player-of-the-year Pat Houghton, who took over the vice captain's role, played almost every minute of every game where he was consistently top class. Chris Tait played very well but missed several games due to injury. Luckily Sam Gundersen filled in on a number of occasions showing what a top player he is. Loose forwards Chris McKay, Kevin Loo, Craig McMichael (who scored four tries in the game against Wellington) and Pete Silao all played great at times with their different strengths. Number 8 duties were shared between Charlie Wrigley and Mark Rumble with the latter having a blinder in the final to win man-of-the-match.

I was also hugely grateful to a large number of ex-Bluesmen who helped us out when we were short including Richie Renouf, Josh Forde, Andrew Cowan, Nick Lane, Matt Donnelly, Will Jurie, Willy Donnelly, and Sam Huckstep. We were lucky to have Andrew Roberts step into the midfield when injures hit late in the season. Early on it was unfortunate to lose lock Bennett Dalton and back Sam Kelleher to injuries.

Assistant coach Rhys Knight again did an amazing job with the forwards and the team in general. Also thanks to our manager Rory McNicholas for all his hard work in his first year with us, trainer Pat Sellars for his contributions at trainings and games, and Aaron Titter for

his help on Saturdays, while Rachel Robinson and Kirsty Titter shared the jersey washing duties. Thanks again to Alan Woods for all his support during the season.

Andrew Robinson Coach

UNDER-85 KG RED

The under-85kg Reds 2011 season was hugely successful. This team won both the first and second-round division 2 titles. This success can be credited largely to the 'play for your mates' ethos that has been growing throughout the group since the team's inception four years ago. This is something developed both at training and socially then put into practice on the field.

This team prided itself on its Redwall defence. This was a major contributor to the season's success. At one point the team went four weeks in a row without conceding a try! The Reds played 15 games scoring 329 points, conceding just 86. We won 13, drew one, and lost one to the eventual runners-up Poneke. The high levels of fitness that coach Mark Witkowski asked from his players meant we could wear teams down and on a couple of occasions snatch late come-from-behind wins.

Season highlights included winning the final on Kilbirnie Park against Poneke 7–0, a great occasion that will be long remembered. As stated above, it was largely our defence that won the title. Knocking over Wellington twice during the season was fantastic, especially given that Wellington came down from the first division after the first round. The heart showed on defence in the round-robin game, where we had to defend on our line for most of the second half, was a massive confidence and character builder for our boys. Playing out at Eastbourne is always difficult. Our first of two wins out there saw us snatch a great last-minute result.

There were some outstanding individual performances that should be mentioned. Matt Comery set an extremely high standard. As Number 8 the intensity of his play meant he could make a huge impact lifting the team. Matt scored seven official tries, with three others in a non-competition game. Matt was the club's under-85 player of the year, a well-deserved accolade.

Matt was complemented by two great flankers, Liam Martin and Matthew 'George' McGrannachan. George won team player-of-the-year, a prize he also won in 2010. Our prop Tom Minnie played every minute of every game. Tom constantly had to look after his weight to ensure he could play each week. There were a number of players in their first season of rugby and it was great to see such a high level of growth in their knowledge and play. This bodes well for the future.

A major part of under-85 rugby is the social aspect. There were weeks through the season when our team and the under-85 Greens were the only teams at the clubrooms. We understand collectively that as a club we face some issues around the clubrooms and getting people to attend. We are quite sure that a more centrally-located venue would help. In the interim, some assistance with transport such as a shuttle service would be greatly appreciated. The pricing of the alcohol and the viewing of the TV screens are other changes that should be considered.

The issue of weight is still a concern for this grade. We have no problem with the limit of 85kg. However this is seldom enforced when playing out of town against Stokes Valley

and Paremata-Plimmerton. This issue has been raised through the club channels with the union, but little to no progress has been made.

Matt Smith Manager

UNDER-85 KG GREEN

The 2011 season saw the arrival of a large group of new players, me as a first-year coach, and the birth of the MSP 'Cougar' Greens. After an uncertain pre-season build-up we kicked off with a first-round win against Avalon. The team then endured a tough first round where we lost the next six games, though these losses did not always reflect the closeness of the games or the way the players came together as a team.

The turning point in the season came, strangely enough, in a 29-0 loss to the MSP Reds. Numerous injuries, including prop Chapman Vili being carried from the field against his will, meant that a fired-up Greens side finished the match with 13 fit players. A line was drawn in the sand by the players who refused replacements from the Reds and chose instead to continue the game with only 13 men. Despite the loss, the highly physical match proved to be a real catalyst in developing the team.

A gutsy 9-0 win then followed against the much fancied Petone, again playing 40 minutes with only 14 men, before a loss to division 2 semi-finalists Paremata-Plimmerton completed round one. A raft of players became unavailable for round two with a number succumbing to injuries, including our captain Kade Sheely and our first-five and season's leading points' scorer Josh Price.

The run to the final in round two began when, finally having a dry track to play on, the team pulled off a great display of high energy running rugby to beat an abrasive Avalon 39-12 at the home of MSP, Evans Bay. The team only slipped in the last minutes to let in a converted try, but this bonus point-win set up a semi-final with division leaders Petone.

The semi-final saw the team down 18-5 with 10 minutes to go. But with belief never wavering, the team rallied to score two converted tries to book a place in the division 3 final with a 19-18 win. Unfortunately, a fairy tale final finish was not to be. Despite a rousing comeback, we were agonisingly held up over the line with time up on the clock, losing 17-20 to the HOBM Howlers.

At our player's choice awards, second-five Dom Scott was awarded 'Player of the Year', openside flanker Matt Stevenson MVP, fullback Enda Costello 'Team Man of the Year' and Jason Botherway 'Most Heart'. Special mention to The Usual Suspects who provided the enthusiasm for a great social atmosphere throughout the season which continues post season, and to second-round captain Filip Dimitrievski for his commitment to the team's cause throughout.

I and the Cougar Greens would also like to express our gratitude to Alan Woods, Richard Kilkenny, Andrew Robinson of the MSP Blues, and the full MSP Reds coaching team for all their advice and support throughout the season. With a great team culture now developed, buy-in to the training philosophy and the players, and an assistant coach in Willy Donnelly in place, we look forward to getting it done on and off the field in 2012.

Roy Montgomery **Coach**

UNDER-21 COLTS

Head coach: Mason Lawrence

Assistant coach: Fue Tulia

The colts competed in three competitions in 2011, starting with the Moran Cup at the Spillane tournament in Hamilton. We made the final against tournament favourites Auckland Marist who had disposed of a talented HOBM side. Captained by a 127kg under-20 Tongan international at lock, Auckland had won the Auckland under-21 competition four out of the last five years.

We set out to play an expansive game but despite a courageous defensive effort we found ourselves behind 10-0 at half time. We felt we were still well in the game but within three minutes of the second half Auckland scored a converted try. A whitewash looked imminent. But MSP lifted and an expansive game played at exhilarating pace unfolded. With 15 minutes to go and the score still 17-0 both sides had fought to a standstill, or so I thought. However, there was still a twist left! Auckland started to feel the intensity and slowed noticeably and started to hang off tackles.

MSP sensed this and scored from a series of quick tap penalties. The team went up another cog and attacked. In that final 15 minutes we scored three tries, one conversion and one penalty to run out victors 20-17 and snatch a sensational win over a shell-shocked Auckland.

In some circumstances a team can build a season off the back of one special game. That was our defining moment. Back in Wellington we set about re-defining our goals. It was such an opportunity that, as a coach, I grabbed it with both hands.

The first-round Paris Memorial Trophy was competitive and MSP quickly became 'the team to beat'. We lost just one game, to HOBM, who deserved their win. We finally succumbed 15-12 after preferring to attack rather than shoot for penalty goal three times in the final seven minutes. Valuable lessons came from this game time experience. I observed the impact the loss had on this team and how strongly the players wanted to win. The Paris Memorial was eventually decided in the last match of the round. Against a game Upper Hutt side that needed to win to stay in the first division, MSP deservedly won.

In the John E Kelly Trophy championship round, we were determined to push hard for the title. We collectively identified a desire to train with even greater intensity. This meant training later to have exclusive use of the green room after the premiers had finished. Before too long we had a small and growing gallery of onlookers. The second-round highlights included:

- (1) defeating HOBM to not only avenge the first-round defeat, but also gain reward for a superb defensive effort in extreme conditions that favoured the larger HOBM pack.
- (2) the 48-0 semi-final defeat of the Wellington Axemen, after our earlier close encounters. We felt we were a better side than previous scores indicated and this game, our first on Evans Bay Park, was one of our most complete performances. Wellington coach Murray Mexted commented that it was the most comprehensive defeat he had ever been associated with at any level. The team played superbly well and were enjoyable to watch.
- (3) the grand final victory over Ories 18-3 was a true and typical final. Ories were game in defeat and pushed the limits hard. Whilst I was a little disappointed we did not reproduce our best, the victory was decisive and deserved.

In summary, the 2011 colts played 18 games, won 17 and lost one. The team amassed 551 points including 78 tries, and conceded 171 points including 21 tries. Player awards

went to Mau Apollo (MVP); Corey Lawrence (MSP Club Most Consistent Tackler); and Jacob Rikihana (MSP Club Best U21 Player and MSP Club Top Try Scorer).

There are always a number of players who deserve a special mention and I would not fall short in mentioning the whole team. But it is important to understand the makeup of any group of players at the start of the season. The team must be the no.1 priority!

A set of rules, clearly defined with an emphasis on commitment and ethic needs to be agreed and embraced by all players and members, including coaches, at the start of each season. MSP generally were not and are unlikely to be the biggest teams in their respective competitions. But I simply refuse to accept this as an excuse. I believe in training players to be the 'best they can be'; a smaller man can be stronger, fitter, faster and more aggressive that a larger man provided he is exposed to the means of achieving that.

In 2011 I actively embraced the pre-season gym programme for players including Vanessa Broughton's circuit and Bevan's twitch-fibre training. I participated and took players along as a valuable recruiting tool and strength training alternative. I think it featured strongly in our 2011 strategy for success.

As a coach you need to make it clear just what you are sacrificing to the team and why. Only then will you be able to establish a level of commitment from players that is equal to yours. Training must be real, it should generally be more defence focused, physically hard and most importantly, competitively based.

Treat your players with respect! You'll never know when the team will need them. Create a weekly forum where honesty, love and respect can be openly discussed, where everyone must listen until a person finishes speaking and before rebuttal is permitted and where no one leaves until resolution is achieved. Winning is fun; ask any 2011 colts' member.

Mason Lawrence Coach

RESERVE INTERNATIONALS

The MSP Internationals prides itself on providing the semi-retired, socially oriented, returning from injury, returning from overseas, and the out-and-out mad type of rugby player and supporter the opportunity to get a season of quality, fun, free flowing rugby and free flowing beer under their belt.

2011 was no different. Unfortunately, with only 15 players returning from the 2010 squad of 40, constant rain, cancellations and byes – six games in 14 weeks at one stage – six International babies (two at semi-final time), players with season-ending injuries and the threat of folding before Round 2, it was a season that provided more obstacles than Sua Su'a and Seb Taylor scoring at a lesbian convention.

But in true International style, the *team*, led by Heston Stanley, Nick Lissette, Aaron Palamo and Nathan Simpson, banded together before Round 2 and ground out what was a hearty season. After beating the infamous Poneke Ruffnuts in Round 2, we lost 17–23 in the semi-finals, with a few Poneke premier players helping them out. Every year the opposition has to recruit premiers to beat us. No excuses though, we had our opportunities to win.

The stand-out performer this year was halfback (due to injuries) turned hooker Pena 'Mealamu' Fretton. Ball in hand he was devastating, and with the chatter of a halfback and shoulders of Jerry Collins, we always had a rock solid defence when he was on the paddock. Unfortunately due to his baby arriving he was sorely missed at semi-final time. Don't worry, we don't blame you Pena (or Eddie Uhatafe)!

A truly inspirational team on and off the field, it doesn't matter if you're new or have been around since we started in 2008 – everyone is equal and respected and that's what makes our team special. With a few old faces returning from overseas such as Cam Bath, James Rodgers and James Riley, the recruitment drive over the summer and a sponsorship deal in the mix, the Internationals will be back to their best next year.

Attention all players: can you please stop the quality time with the missus and wait until at least January to get busy – September and October babies are preferred please!

Edwin Meachen Coach

STEINLAGER CLASSIC PRESIDENTS

The class of 2011 didn't start the season as we'd hoped. Bungling referees, injuries from dirty opposition tactics, not enough beer, and far too much of the fairer sex had the lads losing their first five games. The big game that promised so much was against Petone. With the Tino Fidow Cup at stake, a superhuman effort saw us leading 5–0 with only two minutes to go. With the lads firing all the salvos and Petone practically on their knees, the referee inexplicably penalised the MSP reserve bench for wearing red jerseys, which ultimately gave the pill back to The Villagers who ran in 10 tries in the last minute for a final score of 50–5.

The sixth game however was a reason for much celebration with our first win 34–32 against a genetically modified Northern United side that resembled 15 Jonah Lomus in his heyday, at the world-class venue of Onepoto Domain. In the rain and cold and visibility fading quickly, the lads pieced together a try reminiscent of Frenchman Jean-Luc Sadourny's effort against the All Blacks at Eden Park in 1994 which won the match at the death. This was a promise of better things to come.

The next tick in the box was against Paremata-Plimmerton at Ngati Toa Domain - 18-0 in torrential rain and, just to make things interesting, a lightning storm. The Pressies played one of their best games, an exhibition of wet weather rugby at its finest with the forwards taking the game by the scruff of the neck and the backs performing with the astute judgement of someone who knows when to lock the room door on a team trip.

The good work continued, albeit with a few slight hiccups in the form of another genetically modified Northern United side, the Avalon senior 1s, and the team fast proving to be the bane of our existence, Wellington. Our lads gave their all against insurmountable odds and came to realise that playing footy is very much like having a few ales at the after-match: 'One doesn't deliver a jug of beer to a team-mate around his ankles.'

In the Upper Hutt Army, in a freezing cold southerly and persistent rain at the other worldclass venue of Martin Luckie Park, the boys had Upper Hutt on the ropes but couldn't deliver the knock-out punch. A couple of dodgy decisions proved to be our undoing (JD splitting the defence asunder only to be called back for counter attacking into a southerly, and Hanso cruelly penalised for being blessed with the gift of speed after pulling off a clean intercept). Still, that's rugby, and no excuses for being on the wrong end of a 39–30 score line.

The season finished off on a high note with wins in the last three games. Johnsonville were put to the sword after they decided to field three-quarters of their under 19 team against an MSP side who weren't feeling all that charitable, and Ories were beaten 7–0 in a game that can only be described as 'trench warfare'. This match showed the side's true grit and determination and was probably our best performance. Not one pass was spilt during the game and not one beer after it. Truly, the mark of champions. Wests were put away quite comfortably to end the season on a happy note.

All in all, the class of 2011 were a great bunch of mates who enjoyed each other's company on and off the field. Long may that continue into the class of 2012. Thanks to all the club's playing and non-playing members for their support during the season, the team's own loyal band of supporters, and the long suffering wives, girlfriends, and kids who had to put up with all the excuses, aches and pains that a rugby season delivers. The 2011 MSP Presidents wish you all a very Merry Christmas, a Happy New Year and a safe and happy summer. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2012.

Toni Walters

JUNIOR RUGBY REPORT

The Marist St Pats Junior club has enjoyed another great year, both on and off the field. We didn't suffer as many cancellations as in previous years and the council's effort to keep the grounds open and play games where possible has been greatly appreciated. The year's notable highlight was the completion of the jersey replacement programme with all teams moving to the new jerseys during the year. The senior club's support in securing the required sponsorship has been greatly appreciated. It's great to see all MSP junior players in the same colours rather than playing in various different strips.

We had a further reduction of junior rugby players this year, from 217 to 209 – an approximate 4% decrease. The Junior Committee is committed to growing these numbers and will be looking at further methods to increase MSP Junior Rugby's exposure, and in particular to grow the under 6 and under 7 feeder grades. There has been a notable decrease in girls playing Rippa Rugby which will be an additional focus for next season.

MSP Junior rugby fielded 16 teams, one less than 2009. The breakdown of teams was:

| | 2010 | 2011 | 2011 (Target) |
|----------------------------|------|------|---------------|
| Under 13 Open | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Under 13 Restricted | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| U12 | 1 | 2 | 2 |
| U11 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| U10 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| U9 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| U8 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| U7 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| U6 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| Total Teams | 17 | 16 | 17 |
| Total Players | 217 | 209 | 230+ |

There will be an obvious focus on the feeder under 6 and under 7 grades. However there needs to be additional focus on the following grades as well:

- Under 7 (under 8 next year) there was only one under 7 team this year with 11 players. Will struggle to field a 10-a-side team next year based on current numbers.
- Under 11 (under 12 next year) with some growth there is potential to field two teams, otherwise it will be a very large under 12 team.

There was a drop in the number of Wellington Zone U11–U13 players selected from MSP, from 17 in 2010 to 12 this season.

Off the field we continued with the 'team night' initiative, which saw a different grade hosted at the clubrooms each Saturday evening. Once again, however, the undoubted social highlights were the successful Junior Club nights, one held in early May to launch the season and a second in mid-July. The end-of-season prizegiving was also a great event, with a fantastic turnout and a great atmosphere.

Behind the scenes the junior club has been well served with an excellent group of committee members, helpers and volunteers. The branded player casualwear (hoodies and polo shirts) was again successful and this will be continued in future years.

Our final note of thanks goes to our fantastic sponsors, who have supported us throughout 2011. Their generous assistance has contributed significantly to our success. Two new sponsors were involved this year — Konica Minolta (sponsoring the player-of-the-day ribbons and boot-bags) and Quinovic Vivian Street (sponsoring the team photos).

Martin Paget
Junior Convenor

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Ah Kuoi, Tunumafono Ken Ah Wong, Tevita Ahio, Harmia Alesan, Kerenise Allen, Jeff Amosa, Iose Apollo, Mau Apollo, Lawrence Apollo, Tovio Aukusitino, Filipo

Baird, Matthew
Baradat, Paul
Beach, Cody
Beach, James
Botherway, Jason
Bouzaid, Aaron
Bouzaid, Dustin
Bradley, Joe
Bradshaw, Anthony
Bridge, Sean
Brighouse, Donald
Brodie, Tom
Burns, Andrew
Burns, Jared

Campbell, Mark
Caskey, Brendon
Church, Chris
Churchman, Paul
Cockburn, Sean
Collett, Matthew
Comery, Matt
Cook, Mark
Cook, Richard
Cook, Tom
Costello, Enda
Coupe, Richard
Curtis, Max

Dalton, Bennet Dalton, Jackson David, Arden Davies, Lachlan De Silva, Karl Dimitrievski, Filip Donnelly, Rohan Donnelly, Will Dove, Jarrod Dowman, Martin Down, Robert Dunn, Jamie Dunn. Pat Dunn, Peter Edser, Jimmy Emerson, Karl

Fidow, Henry (The Older)

Fidow, Henry (The Younger) Fili, Ioelu Fingleton, James Fitisemanu, Aleni Fleming, Sam Fuatai, Nathan

Gibbs, Tim Gill, Callum Graham, Charles Gundersen, Sam

Hammington, Jared
Hammington, Todd
Hansen, Michael
Harach, George
Hawkins, Matthew
Hay, Declan
Herbison, Daniel
Hoedemakers, Jayden
Horrocks, Simon
Hosokawa, Akihiko
Houghton, Mark
Houghton, Pat
Huckma, Tim
Hunter, Fraser
Hurley, Ian

Ioane, John Isaia, David Ito, Fenika

Jackson, David Johnson, Tominiko Jones, Nick Joyce, Michael

Kapeli, Ano Kauraka, Dan Kelleher, Sam Klemick, Paul Kuggeleign, Ryan

Lafaele, Simona
Lavea, Malino
Lawrence, Corey
Lefao, Paala
Lefaoseu, Fred
Leofo, Rocky
Leo, Lolesio
Leota, Ben
Leota, Poi
Leota, Saulo
Leota, Vaea
Leota, Vincent
Lino, Kaiati
Lissette, Nick

Lolesio, Lorenzo Lond, Daniel Loo, Kevin

Mackay, Ewen Martin, Dan Martin, Liam Martin-Davis, Hoani Mashingaidze, Malcolm

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Masson, Josh
Matualoto, Tautofi
Maumolo, Lole
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McBride, John
McBride, Tim
McDairmid, John
McGlinchy, Mike

McGrannachan, Matthew

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Zemba, Craig

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Lally, Cliff & Christine

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