



RUGBY RUNDOWN

CONGRATULATIONS to **Steven Komene** (Yr 9) who has been named in the **Western Force Junior Cadet Squad**. This is an amazing achievement as only 20 junior players have been chosen from throughout WA to be part of this elite development program. An amazing achievement Steve! (Steve follows Year 11 player Tom Ormsby who joined the squad this year)



Steve Komene (centre picture) demonstrates perfect breakdown position in the Rishworth College game

CONGRATULATIONS to our **Year 10** side who played in the **Year 10 Schools' and Colleges' Grand Final** just prior to the holidays. Although beaten 43-0 by reigning 2007 champions, Aranmore College, our boys never gave up and in fact played better than the score indicates. **Captains, Hemi Tuiavii** and **Daniel Westerduin** lead from the front and had outstanding games. Without detracting from Aranmore's victory, our squad did enter the game minus five of our regular players (due to a variety of reasons) and this did impact on our bench significantly. Overall the team has had a wonderful season and all players should be extremely proud of their achievements. All looks well for 2009.



Hemi Tuiavii makes another break in the Aranmore defence



Great scrummage



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2008 RUGBY PRESENTATION BREAKFAST – This will be held on *Sunday 30th November from 9.00am until 12.00pm*. Details will be sent out shortly. *Tickets will cost Adults- \$20 ; Child (15 Years and Under) - \$10 ; Family tickets (2x Adults 2x children) - \$50 .All children under 5 will be free. PLEASE NOTE : All profits will go towards the Rugby Academy 2009 tours* . We will also be running a Batons-Up Fundraiser during the breakfast.

Any squad member who played a representative game for the school will be presented with a medallion. In addition to this, major trophy winners for 2008 will be presented their awards by a guest *Western Force celebrity*. The event will culminate with the announcement of the annual *“Tumanako Pene Memorial Trophy” for Player of the Year*.

RUGBY TEAM PHOTOS will be taken next week. Details of cost will be sent home shortly so orders can be placed. Photos will be available on or before the 30th November.

YEAR 8/9 GIRLS RUGBY GALA. We are looking to form a team for this inaugural event. Rugby WA is looking to run this one day gala mid- term. Any Year 8/9 girl interested in playing please see Mr Chapman ASAP.

SPECIALIST STATUS CONFIRMED AGAIN We were very pleased to receive confirmation recently of our Specialist Sport School (Rugby) status. This comes after an extensive Specialist Sports School audit held in second term. This audit confirmed that our policies, programs and processes align with those of the DET Specialist Sports Schools Department and Rugby WA. Such audits are held every 3 years for all designated DET Specialist Sports Schools.





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Ours next Year !!!

Captains , Daniel Westerduin, and Hemi Tuiavii
after match address

2009 QUEENSLAND TOUR (GOLD COAST RUGBY CARNIVAL). The initial response to the “expression of interest” survey put out to parents/guardians recently was promising. As a result we plan to proceed with the next phase of tour planning and will compose a proposed itinerary and approximate costs and then call a player/parent meeting early this term. Once again, details of the date and time of this meeting will be sent home with the players.

TOUR SQUAD FUNDRAISER Fundraising Committee Co-ordinators *Phylis Toki* and *Stephanie Pene* have organised for us to have a food stall at the upcoming **Langfood Multi-Cultural Food Fair**. Being ex-patriot Kiwis, guess what food we will be specialising in ? Yes, you guessed it – **MAORI CUISINE**. The fair will be on from 5.00 to 10.00pm on Friday 21st November. Your support would be greatly appreciated as any funds raised will go towards the 2009 Tour. If you are able to assist in the operation of the stall on the day, could you please contact Phylis on 9493-4046 or Steph on 9493-2048. They will need a number of assistants throughout the evening.

IT'S HAPPENING AGAIN!!! – Secret planning meetings; delivery of raw materials; welding equipment running red hot – YES – another Mr Davies inspired “Rugby Project” down in the D&T Dept. The last project, the now famous “Rugby Mincing Machine”, won the 2008 Secondary Schools’ Innovative Design Award, so who knows what we will see emerge from the D&T dungeons later this term. **WATCH THIS SPACE**

2009- A BIG YEAR A meeting recently held with *Rugby WA administrators, Mr Mitch Hardy and Matt Tink*, has confirmed their continued support of our program in 2009. Plans are to increase access to specialist Western Force coaches in terms 1 and 4 of next year, and also increase opportunities for our players to gain nationally recognised coaching and refereeing accreditation.