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Pre-Season Games Saturday 29th March

2nd XV vs Waihora/Springtston (22-5)

The lessons learnt from their Timaru tour became evident early as the 2nd XV took immediate control of their pre-season encounter with Waihora. The organised forward play and mobility ensured they commanded the territorial advantage for the first quarter.

The first try was a good forward effort, which allowed Jacob Pepper-Edwards to crash over. A strong backline injection by Kerran Jenkins soon after and secure phase play put Noah Mountfort in space to score a well-constructed try untouched. A Patrick McCallum penalty followed for a 15 point deserved half time lead.



A lapse in concentration allowed Waihora to score shortly after half time, but good defence ensured this never happened again, and constant pressure against a tiring team saw the 2nd XV finish with two good tries by Caleb Wunderink and Harley Robinson to finish.

It was a very good team effort with many players performing well. The tight forwards dominated a bigger pack, the loose forwards were quicker to breakdowns and the backs threatened more often than their older opposition.

1st XV vs Lincoln High School (12-0)

The 1st XV played what has become a typical match against Lincoln High where they dominate most facets but could not put on the points to reflect this superiority. Two tries following strong forward play rewarded their organised approach that was too good for the Lincoln pack. Unfortunately a number of technical penalties against the forwards prevented the attacks to flow and often saved Lincoln defending their line.





Rangiora's front row was the foundation to their success. Ryan McCallum debuted well with some good lineout ball and Oscar Howat tackled well during his time on the field.

Rangiora's backs were solid in defence and at times showed some attacking ability but failed to convert these in to points. 1st XV try scorers were Scott Powell and Craig Stockwell.

It was a confidence building pre-season encounter but both coaches and players are aware there is plenty to

improve on at trainings before Nelson College on 3rd May.

Thanks to photographer Murray Stirling for the above photos.



Parents and friends of RHS Rugby - diary Saturday May 31st for the 1st XV Dinner and Auction. Get a group together now and book your tickets. This is a hugely popular event and a fun night out.... tickets available soon.

GAMES THIS WEEK

This Saturday the 1st XV play a pre-season game against St Andrew's College at RHS, kick-off 12 noon. The 2nd XV will be playing Kaiapoi at Kaiapoi 1, kick-off 2.00 p.m. On Sunday, a combined side will play a touring Rockhampton side at RHS at 12 noon.



Check out the new 2nd XV training tops sponsored by DressSmart Hornby



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PHOTOS FROM THE 2nd XV TBHS GAME





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2nd XV QUIZ NIGHT

To assist towards the season costs of the new Saturday 2nd XV team, we will be holding a Quiz Night on Monday 19th May.



This is a really fun night out doubling as a fundraiser. Tickets are \$10 head. So get together a team of 6-8 people and sign up/pay at the Payments counter in the Student Office or call Sarah on 0274 306 153. There are a limited number of teams so don't miss out.

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