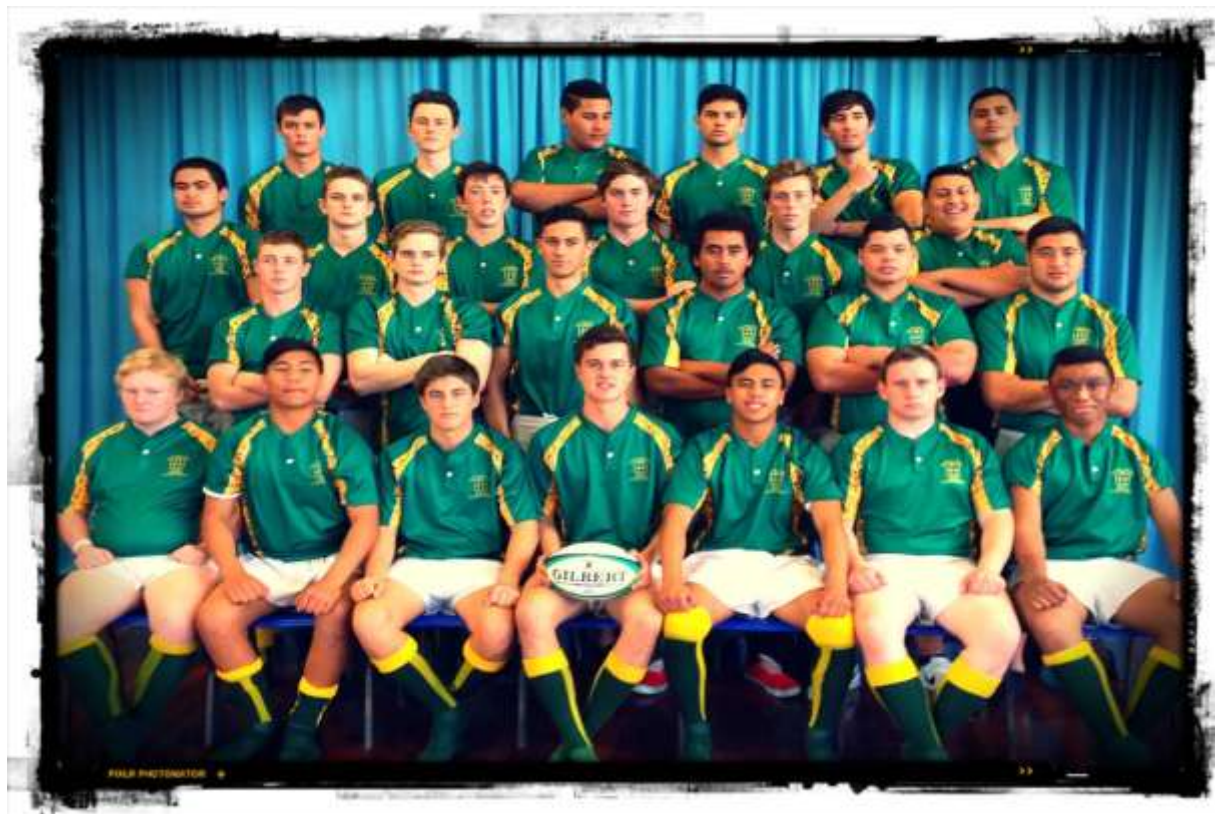


# Western Springs College

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Here is the 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby, looking awesome in their new jerseys for the 2013 season.

## RUGBY

This season has seen the introduction of a girls 10 aside rugby team and three sets of new rugby jerseys. The newly designed jerseys (photo) replace the old sets after three years of winter abuse. Of note, we now have four rugby teams and over ninety students participating on a weekly basis in our Springs Rugby programme.

**Our Girls 10 aside rugby team** have been improving with each outing. Having only a few experienced players to turn to, we look ahead with confidence as nearly the whole squad will be back next season. Their 2 win 7 loss record could have been better, as several games were very close affairs. Congratulations to LAISHON ALBERT-JONES for being selected in the Auckland U-18s squad.

**Last season's champion 6<sup>th</sup> grade team** hold third place in their grade with two rounds to play. Their overall record is 5 wins and 5 losses. With a new coaching team and a squad of new faces, the team has had their fair share of challenges. Three players were selected to participate in the Auckland West training sessions – SENE NIUPOPO, HUGO SPATH and HAYDEN TALAGI.

**The 4<sup>th</sup> grade team** have a 5 win 3 loss record and hold 3<sup>rd</sup> place overall with two rounds to play. This team carries a mixture of last year's 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade players, so their performances to date have been very good.

**Our 1<sup>st</sup> XV rugby team** hold 2<sup>nd</sup> place with two rounds to play. Another team to have moved up several grades, their 5 win, 1 draw, 3 loss record is quite impressive. Their last two games have been outstanding, especially in the annual night rugby game (photo) at Western Springs

Stadium. Playing a spirited Auckland Grammar, Springs were down 5-15 at halftime, but rallied to dominate the second half and win 26-18. Big thanks to Ponsonby RFC for their support and also to the big crowd of supporters who turned up.

Thanks to all our coaches and managers for putting in the time and effort. Special thanks and acknowledgement to the Hirst family for their kind donation and support of our rugby



## **FOOTBALL**

Last Saturday our Senior Boys First XI travelled to Rutherford College for a 'top of the table' match in an attempt to secure top position on the ladder. After some initial nerves the boys settled into their game and played a very patient and steady game to score first and take a 2-1 lead at half time. Rutherford came back strongly and threatened our goal with several long range shots but the team managed to step up and play a very strong defensive game to hold them out. Final score 5-2.

With two games to go in the Senior Boys A3 competition is extremely tight with just a single point separating our Springs team from Rutherford College and Albany Senior High School so the next two matches are extremely important to the outcome of the competition.

This weekend (17th August) we have a home game against Whangaparoa with a 10:00am kick-off – it would great to see as many supporters as possible at the game as we try to finish the season on top.

## **SQUASH**

We have 26 students and six teams (4 boys, 2 girls) registered to play in the College squash competitions. Our Junior Boys B team are undefeated and have qualified for their Grand-Final. Our Senior Boys B are also unbeaten and lead their grade with two rounds to play. Our season highlight has to be when we entered our Senior Boys team in the Auckland Squash Championship and Came runners-up in the Division 2 Final. All our teams have shown great improvement throughout a busy season and it is encouraging to see we have so much parent and teacher support which has been gratefully appreciated. Special thanks to our coaches Murray Denby and Jenny Jones.

## **TERM 4 JUNIOR SPORT REGISTRATIONS**

All Year 9 and 10 students interested in playing summer sport for Springs in Term 4 will have an opportunity to sign up very shortly. Forms will be made available in the sport centre from Monday, August 26. A list of confirmed sports will be put in the daily bulletin shortly.

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