



**AUCKLAND RUGBY LEAGUE**



**And**

**The NEW ZEALAND WARRIORS**

**Presents:**

**“Warrior Wednesday”**

**AUCKLAND SECONDARY SCHOOLS**  
**RUGBY LEAGUE COMPETITION 2006.**

**“Match of the Round”**  
**@ ERICSSON STADIUM #2**

**PROUDLY SUPPORTED BY:**



**The Auckland Rugby League has been responsible for the promotion of Rugby League in Secondary Schools since the late 1980's, our halcyon period.**

**There has been a constant struggle to gain a foothold in the majority of Secondary Schools in the Auckland region for various reasons.**

**# The more traditional sport's being the accepted choice, is mainly the focus and direction of the Principal of the school.**

**Objective(s):**

**Collectively the Auckland Rugby League and the New Zealand Warriors working to promote and re-invigorate interest in Rugby League in Secondary Schools will ensure stability and growth which will have long term positive effects for Schools and Club's in Auckland and The New Zealand Warriors.**

**To have Selected Schools 1st Grade Teams play Match of Round at Ericsson Stadium #2.**

**Kick- Off: 3.00-4.30 pm.**



**RUBEN WIKI  
KIWI CAPTAIN/ WARRIOR'S VICE CAPTAIN.  
EX SCHOOLS PARTICIPANT.**

## **Auckland Rugby League**

**Will be responsible for all Match Day Management of “Warrior Wednesday”.**

**Co-ordinate Draw. Liase with School Teacher/Coach Team(s)**

**Conduct Player of day Awards**

**Provide Certificates, Prizes.**

**To support the schools who support us.**

## **The New Zealand Warrior’s**

**To support initiative by providing players to be available to attend match day game and align themselves with schools that are participating.**

**Prizes: Tickets for Warrior games, Posters etc**

**Tour of the New Zealand Warriors Facilities.**

**To support the schools who support us.**



**CLINTON TOOPI PLAYED RUGBY LEAGUE AT SCHOOL**

### **Summary:**

The Secondary School's program has been very successful in providing students / players the opportunity to forge a career in professional Rugby League. St Paul's College has been the undisputed Champions in the last decade, providing players of the calibre of:

Stacey Jones, Nigel and Joe Vagana and more recently Jerome Ropati.

Players still currently playing at the New Zealand Warriors with previous involvement also are Ruben Wiki, Awen Guttenbiel, Clinton Toopi and as recently as Evarn Tuimavave, Hame Lauaki, Manu Vatuvei, Cooper Vuna and Patrick Ah Van.

Ex- N.Z Warriors players who have participated in our Secondary Schools program currently playing N.R.L. or Super-League have been Ali Lauitiitii, Francis Meli, Henry Fa'afili, Thomas Leuluai, Marcus and Henry Perenara and Joe Galuvao

More players who have succeeded with other N.R.L. clubs to play Secondary Schools Rugby League are: Roy Asotasi, Steve Matai, Sonny Bill Williams, Sia Soliola, Phillip Leuluai.

Also many players involved in Warrior's Development or A.R.L Academy Squads.

### **Benefits:**

#### **Schools:**

Opportunity for Teachers / Students to meet Staff / Players.  
and tour Facilities at the New Zealand Warrior's.

#### **A.R.L:**

More Exposure in Schools  
Retention of Players in Rugby League at Schools and Club Level.

#### **Warriors:**

More exposure in Schools in the Auckland region.  
Opportunity to scout up and coming talent playing in own backyard.  
Retaining Talent in Rugby League.

**To Utilize Schools Facilities when Ericsson is unavailable**  
**Conclusion:**

Secondary Schools are vital to the long term future of Rugby League in the Auckland region. It is important that both organizations recognize the importance of investing in this competition and benefits directly from this investment is three fold, the Schools and Clubs of Auckland and the New Zealand Warriors.

To build a sustainable relationship between the major contributors, nurture and secure the future of our up and coming talent in the best interests of Rugby League in Auckland, will only benefit the sport of Rugby League in New Zealand.



MANU VATUVEI, SCHOOL BOY DESTROYER TO TRI NATION'S CHAMPION, ROOKIE OF YEAR 2005.



## Match-Day Program

**3.00 – 4.30pm:** Kick- Off (Ericsson Stadium #2)

**4.30 – 5.00pm:** Assemble for tour of facilities (Ericsson Stadium #1)

(Welcome from New Zealand Warriors Staff Member) i.e. Wayne Scurrah, John Hart, Ivan Cleary etc....

**5.30 – 6.00pm:** B.B.Q. (Courtesy of the Mad Butcher)  
Watch The Warriors train.

## Round No / Dates

Round 1: Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Round 2: Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Round 3: Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2006

Round 4: Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2006

Round 5: Wednesday 07<sup>th</sup> June 2006

Round 6: Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2006

Round 7: Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> June 2006 (SEMI FINALS)

Round 8: Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2006 (GRAND FINALS)

