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A Message from our President

Hi again all – the excitement is building as the season approaches, and all of the players trying their hearts out should strike a chord of pride in every parents heart. However, I must for the first time this year touch on the negative side of football – the sometimes “malicious” and unacceptable behaviour of a minority of parents. There have been several reports already this year of unacceptable behaviour, and a gentle reminder of appropriate standards is timely. Ours is a family based club, focused on improving football skills and setting lifelong behaviour patterns for tomorrow’s adults. When these children see verbal bullying, public “backstabbing”, parents abusing others or showing a lack of respect, they are shown a set of values that do not fit with our club’s or our sport’s ethos. Obviously these displays do not set a good example for the players. Remember, if there is something you do not agree with, take a deep breath, think, and if it still is important to you – talk calmly, respectfully and with the appropriate person to try and get this resolved. Usually the relevant coach or a committee member are the best volunteers to speak to.

Other than that somber item – I wish all a very happy Easter, and hope you return from holidays rested and ready to play your best football.

U10 PRACTICE MATCH

A Hot summer Saturday morning provided the backdrop when the Calamvale under 10 teams put on a show that made a statement about the combined wealth of quality players in under 10s. Two very committed footy teams matched up with the highlight some excellent attack on the footy by both sets of boys.

With tackle introduced to the game this year in under 10s it takes a new and different perspective. The ability to win the footy now needs to be followed by being quick and sure of mind to guarantee the ball hits a targeted teammate by hand or foot. There were some patches of this on display however the match illustrated how the boys have naturally taken to winning the ball and tackling but there is still plenty of room for learning the skills of where to

position yourself for the next play as well as using the ball better.

There was a lot of quality play on both sides as the boys dusted the summer cobwebs off. Too good many players to mention from the scratch match. Everyone got involved but some standout play from Morgan who joins us from Moorooka. Welcome Morgan. Matthew showed us that precise left kick of his while one passage of play when Jarrod and Jay used three handballs before delivering to Vincent who goaled the play of the day in a quality match. Overall plenty of good signs but plenty of refining to do also. It is no time to get ahead of ourselves but if the boys keep up the practice each week and listen to their coaches (who get supported by the parents) we'll have two strong teams from Calamvale again this year. Look out opposition clubs!!!

Thanks to the parents who get involved on Saturday and each week. Whatever assistance you give allows your coaches to work closer on the footy aspect. A quality junior outfit on game day needs at least 5 mums and/or dads (in addition to the coach) helping with the arm bands, drinks/fruit, team sheets, jumpers (guernseys for Doug), goal umpiring etc whilst the rest join in through clapping and cheering these little champions for every effort they make. Please don't wait to be asked. Get involved the boys need your help.

U12 PRACTICE MATCH

It was a long drive out to Yeronga for the boy's final hit out before season start. Yeronga was a mixture of their div 2 and div 5 team so we didn't expect as tough a match as last week. Before the game the team captains were announced, congratulations to Jesse Lee Team Captain, Beau Crane Vice captain and Ben Auld and Damien Ryan Deputy Vice Captains. These boys have a lot of experience and the respect of the players. The Jumpers were handed out after the captains announcement and the boys were given their numbers for the year, wear the jumpers with pride boys you are part of the Leopards.

The game started with great rockwork by **Jordan** and again the run out of the centre through **Angry** and **Little Corey** was fantastic. The boys



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continued their run on style play and soon were chipping away at goals, the coaches both took notice of a number of wasted opportunities and some coaching needed before season starts. **Jesse** showed why he is captain with his work ethos whether in Forward or centre. **Beau** took his new role of vice-captain to heart and played his best game of the year.

The two under 11s filling in this week were **Bryce Nason** and **Gab Malouf** who both soon learned the extra run required for the U12s and looked like they belonged in this age group. Down in the forwards many were fighting for the ball and **Daniel** showed his continued improvement laying a great tackle and follow up of the ball. **Mitch** again showed his dangerous possession getting ability with **Damien** continuing to excel as the run through guy from defense.

With the match basically over at half time due to the score blowout, the coaches rotated their players and **Kurtis** had a run as ruckman and showed he has another position he can dominate in with some great runs through the centre. **Big Corey** continues to impress no matter what position he is thrown into. Some of the matches highlights were defiantly **Rhys Kelly's** ball winning and kicking, youngest player in the team yet belongs out here with the big boys. In the last quarter **Mathew** was given a new role as a tagger, not a job we hope to use often but sometimes a necessary role and one he learned very well. The continued hard work by **Antony** was impressive with some good leading and marking. Tried in a number of positions including the centre was **Reece Moxon** and he showed he is suitable to anywhere we put him. Finishing up in the forward line for a well earned rest and getting a well earned goal. Our backline remained a stronghold under the direction of **Zeb** who continues to show leadership in that area. The biggest noise from the crowd though was not at the goal scoring and great running this week, but some of the greatest aerial displays ever, **Ben's** high flying markess ability has gone up a few more notches and we look forward to the real season where he can take the "Specky" he is aiming for.

Again it was a team effort and the boys showed why the coaches rate them so highly.

We want to thank our great parents and all our helpers and wish our team a happy and safe Easter. Training is not scheduled again till Thursday after Easter.

Oh final score was 117 to 6 . Go LEAPORDS.

From the Coaches Coordinator.

With the Easter holidays fast approaching some time off will be good for all coach's and parents. Having said that every child is going to want to play football this weekend once they workout nothing is open on Good Friday.

Last week gave us the chance to see our under 8-9 and 10 boys and girls have a go at the game they love. It was a great first hit out with families cheering their children on and seeing what the season will hold.

Well done to everybody involved on the day.

My mother once told me that my own days of playing junior football were interesting. Up at 6am Sunday morning sneaking around the house as to not wake my older brothers and sisters. I would make myself the breakfast my hero's advertised on the television after eating it was out into the backyard kicking the ball to myself and dreaming of being the next super star for the then Fitzroy football club.

My father would then add to this story with the following; whilst I was out in the backyard he would firstly drive to the shop and buy the Sunday Paper. He would then head straight for a session with the sports psychologist who would tell him to take every one of my games a quarter at a time. The rest of his morning routine would be a trip to the physio, a quick dash to a drive thru shop and then a quick left hand turn to visit the local Priest.

On hearing dad drive up the driveway I would know that it was time to pack my football gear. Knowing that everybody in my team had done their private pre match rituals I would run to the front door, jump in to the ford falcon and sit their waiting for the trip to the game.

The reason I bring this up is that it is Easter school holidays and you guessed it round one 2007 is here. To the mums I say prepare, to the dads I say quarter by quarter and to the children I say "long live the private rituals" **YOU are the future of the Calamvale football club.**

Have a great Easter drive carefully and don't eat too much this weekend. The hard yards are about to start.

Ray Cole

**To be in the memories of your child tomorrow
you need to be in their life today**

Coming Events

Keep an eye on this space for all coming events throughout the season.

2007 BRISBANE JUNIORS AFL SEASON STARTS WEEKEND OF 21ST / 22ND APRIL.

YOUR GAME MAY BE CANCELLED

It is a mandatory League requirement that all home teams supply a qualified and registered first aid person for each game. In the event that there is no First Aid person present, the game cannot commence. Please check with your coach/team manger to check if your team has a volunteer First Aid person arranged for home matches this year. If you are interested in volunteering as a First Aider, please contact Robert Auld on secretary@leopards.com.au or at the club 13/4/07. All training is paid for by the club.

TEAM MANAGERS

Another important volunteer that each team needs is a Team Manager. Can all teams please ensure they have nominated a team manager and please have them contact Cathy Selby via news@leopards.com.au or ask for her at the club by 13/4/07 so she can organise information folders for you.

REGISTRATIONS

With Round 1 only 3 weeks away it is important that all players have their registration forms in. Registration must be received by Brisbane Juniors (including POA for new regos) before round 1 or you cannot play as you are not covered by insurance. Please see Vanessa at training to lodge your forms. Or contact her at registrar@leopards.com.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRAINING

Please see your coach for training days/times for next week – some teams will train as usual & some will have a break. If your team is not training over the holidays feel free to come down & join in with others that are.

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STRUDDIES FOOTY PACK

Don't forget to pop into Struddies over the Easter holidays and get your footy gear! Struddies have great AFL Footy Pack – Boots, Bag, Ball, Waterbottle & Mouthguard Junior \$59.95 & Senior &69.95. Pop & see Matt & his team they are happy to help!

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