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A Message from our President

Great to see the enthusiasm around the club growing as the season gets closer. Players are starting to return from other sports, mums and dads are chomping at the bit to get out and support their children.

A common question so far has been "which team is my child playing in?". We will be changing across to teams for Under 8 through to Under 11's over the next week, after sorting through and taking into account all those helpful requests from players and their parents. This will mean more team based training and activity, as opposed to the growing age group squads we have seen over the last couple of weeks.

Please tell all your friends who have not signed up yet (or who might be interested in playing) that the sooner they fill in their registration, the more likely it is that they can play in your team.

See you all soon – and keep up the good work.

CLUB CAPTAIN

We are proud to announce the Calamvale Leopards Club Captain for 2007 is Domenic Beer. Congratulations to Domenic, whom we know will serve as a worthy ambassador for the club and our sport over the coming season.

COACHES (WHO ME?)

We are still looking for several dads (or mums) to coach Under 8's teams this year – It doesn't matter if you have not coached before – all training and support is provided (we wont just throw you in the deep end). Please speak to Shane Hackles or Ray Cole if you are interested.

TEAM MANAGERS

All our coaches need a team manager to keep them honest (and to organize the important details). Please see one of the coaches in your age group if you are interested (or a committee member).

UMPIRES

Any Under 14's or 16's Boys or Girls interested in Umpiring this season (including those who have umpired in past seasons) please contact Shane Hackles as soon as possible:

either by email footyops@leopards.com.au or mobile 0413 805190.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This is a phrase you will no doubt see a lot of throughout the season! So here goes

As soon as the draw is released there will be some form of roster system set up for canteen volunteers ... but for the time being we are in desperate need of volunteers to help out in the canteen while **Auskick** is running on **Saturday mornings for the next few weeks – from 8am for an hour & a half**. If you can help please see or contact Brendan or Robert Auld.

We are also looking for any-one who may be interested in joining our **Fundraising Committee** – so if the idea of a '**Krispy Kreme**' drive (yes those delicious donuts you thought were only available in the US & NSW!) or scrummy Snowballs appeals or Lucky #'s & Powerball Bingo sounds like fun please see a committee member – and you can't have *Fundraising* without **FUN**.

One more ... for now! Leading up to the start of the season it is very important that we round up **First Aid** volunteers. A volunteer from each team would ensure no-one misses their own child's game at any time, so please see Shane Hackles or a committee member if you can help.

HOT WEATHER POLICY

I would be laughed out of the clubhouse in a South Australian or Victorian club for even contemplating this one - we play a winter sport, right? The reality is that this is Queensland, and we need to implement a hot weather policy for training. So, where the daytime maximum is above 34 degrees, training will be either cancelled, or significantly modified to suit the



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conditions, depending on each coach's discretion. Please confirm with your coach whether there will be a modified training session in these circumstances. Remember also, that all players should bring water (and sunscreen) to training and matches to avoid the effects of severe heat.
Brendan

LEOPARDS IN THE VULTURES NEST!

Trial Match – Under 14's. Our victorious Under 14's head over to Mt Gravatt on Sunday for a practice match against their Division 3 side. I encourage all to drop by and offer your support – (Game starts at 9:30 am, with players required to be there at 8:30am) - Good luck guys!

TAIPANS UNDER 16 ROUND ROBIN DAY

This Saturday 17th at Yeronga, with the Leopards kicking off their first game at 1:00pm. The Western Taipans use this carnival to assist in selection of their under 16 representative players, and is a great season warm up for all the boys. Once again, all supporters more than welcome!

DISTRICT & REPRESENTATIVE TRIAL DATES

Primary School (U12) – (Greenbank Region) – Yugumbir State School (26th to 30th March) – See your school Sports teacher for further information, or contact Brendan leopards@leopards.com.au

Under 14's Skills day (invitation only) – Yeronga Football Club – April 15th (used to select Under 14 Representative team.)

Welcome to new committee members

A HUGE welcome to the most recent additions to the committee: Donna Nuttall has kindly offered to be our Treasurer – a position which has been vacant since the AGM. Good luck with this mammoth task Donna. Another one of our parents, Roger Hill, has bravely put his hand up (well, maybe someone put it up for him!) to take on the Equipment & Uniforms responsibility. The club thanks them both and we are sure they will get a lot of satisfaction & enjoyment out of season 2007!

SOME CLUB STATISTICS

In this the 7th year of the Leopards Football club, there are many players who will reach some great individual milestones!

- ❖ Almost 50 of our younger players will achieve their first milestone of 50 games, bringing the total number of players who have achieved this whilst at our club to

182 (nearly 150 have played all their games at our club).

- ❖ About another 10 players will achieve the 100 game milestone this year, again a fantastic effort. This will bring the total of Calamvale 100 gamers to 34 players (18 have played all those games with the Leopards).
- ❖ 3 players should achieve the incredible 150 games milestone later this year, bringing our total to 7 players. No player has played 150 games solely for the Leopards, but in 2007 we should set some more history with our first player to achieve that.
- ❖ Calamvale has only one 200 game milestone achiever but with the way our children are loving this game it won't be long before that record is eclipsed.

Hope you all find some useful information amongst all this. I know the committee will need to be looking for a very large honor board soon!

From the Coach's coordinator

Only five weeks away from the start of season 2007 and already our under 12's side has myself and their coach's thinking how far this year! It's a credit to the boys and their parents for attending training every night and allowing the two coach's to mould their players into a fine unit.

Well done to the coach's as well thrown into the deep end by myself and told to get a team ready for a practice match with one weeks notice. The guys didn't let the club down and it's history now that they walked off the ground with the boy's heads very high.

Can I also give special mention to our under 8-9's coaches. There are more than 100 pairs of legs they are teaching every Wednesday afternoon and not one coach has applied for stress leave yet. This makes 2007 a season to look forward as we start that climb.

Our under 8-9's coaches, Brock and Paul, can also be found on a Saturday morning teaching the Auskick children (another 75 up and coming players) - signs of a great club person willing to put children first.

Last but not least for the week. I have been informed that most of the sides will be chosen before next week's training sessions. It has been a very hard job and many cups of coffee and nights at our sponsors - Algester Sports Club - to place your child in his/her preferred squad and to ensure the teams are of equal ability. I ask that you give your child every opportunity to fit in with his new teammates and let them pursue their wish

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.

to play football. As I always say to be in your child's memories tomorrow you have to be in their life's today - Remember you can't spell success without U.

Ray Cole

FEES & REGISTRATIONS

NEW PLAYERS: If you haven't supplied a copy of your *birth certificate please ensure you do so asap* as your registration can not be submitted to Brisbane Juniors without proof of age.

ALL PLAYERS: Did you put your POLO SIZE on your registration form? If not please see the registrar asap so that polo orders can be finalised. Club polos should arrive at the club early April.

Reminder registration fees are due in full by 31st March unless a payment plan has been arranged with the registrar. Vanessa (registrar) will be in the office for part of training each day and from 4pm till finish on Wednesdays or you can call her on 0438588406.

DON'T FORGET TO REDEEM YOUR STRUDDIES VOUCHER FOR SOX & SHORTS - IN STOCK NOW!

FOR SALE
2005 Style Leopards Polos
Suitable for U8 - U11 Training
Limited qty & sizes
\$5 ea av @ the office next Wed.

WANTED - 2006 GEAR

Any Coach's or Team Managers who have not returned footy gear from last year (ie: footys, cones, guernseys etc) **PLEASE RETURN ASAP** ... for stocktake & reallocation. We can't start the season without gear and we can't order gear until we know what we need!

Don't forget to have your say on Brisbane Junior football go to www.velocitysports.com.au/afbj

2007 Committee contacts

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