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NEWS IN BRIEF

Welcome back to the beginning of a huge season at the Calamvale Leopards and welcome to our club to all our new players and families in 2005. This is the first training day for all our Auskick rules players (8-11) Wednesday the 2nd March 2005. Our youth teams (12-16) and some of the under 11's have been training since the start of February, with the emphasis being fitness.

As some of you know we tried to form a second under 12 team that would play division 4 made up of predominantly under 11 players but the response that we received was not enough to nominate the team. As a result we have nominated an extra under 11 team if it is required.

The teams that we will be nominating this year are;

Under 8's	8 teams
<i>(with two teams rotating and playing out into league each week)</i>	
Under 9's	3 teams
Under 10's	2 teams
Under 11's	3 teams
<i>(third team if required)</i>	
Under 12's	1 team
Under 14's	1 team
Under 16's	1 team

We still require coaches for our under 8's we have 5, under 9's we have 2 and under 10's we have one coach. If you can spare the time and assist with coaching the kids please come forward. This is going to be a busy few weeks before the start of the season which is the weekend of the 2nd & 3rd of April.

To help out our coaches who are busy teaching it is very important that each team has a Manager and a person to help with First Aid, please consider one of these volunteer positions.

The next Committee meeting is on the 7th March 2005 at Algester Sports Club at 7:00PM, if you are interested in joining the committee please come and sit in on the meeting.

All of us at the Leopards wish everyone the very best in season 2005 our fifth year as a member of the AFL Brisbane Juniors, enjoy, encourage, participate and have fun playing or watching our future AFL stars play our great game of Aussie Rules Football.

Watch them score and hear them roar, Go Leopards.....

Claude Sansiveri
President 2005

Sign-On Days 2005

We had a fantastic turnout to the two sign-on days held 2 weeks ago. It was great to see all the familiar faces rolling in to sign up for another year. But it was obvious that many stayed away making the team nominations process a less than "exact science".

It was also very pleasing to see all the new faces at the club to make their first leap into a life long addiction to this great game of ours.

Bring a Friend

All players are encouraged to bring their friends along to get a taste of Footy. If you have a friend who may be interested in playing, bring them along to a training night and let them have a go.

Auskick

The Auskick program run by Bob Trapnell and a few willing helpers kicked off three weeks ago with all the kids having a ball (as you do). At last count Bob reported having 113 players sign up for the program which well exceeds last year's record numbers.

We hope that all these players enjoy the program and we look forward to greeting many of them into club footy in a few weeks time.

Leopards (Run) Fun Day

The Fun Day will be held on **Sunday 13th March between 10am and 2pm** at our ground at Calamvale Community College. The highlight of the day will be the football match between the "Young Guns" and the "Old Guns" The young guns have won the last two times so it is up to the old guns to win this year. The young guns team will consist of mainly junior footballers from the under 12, 14 and 16 teams. The old guns are parents that still think they are fit enough to chase the young ones around a football oval, and to still get a kick.

This will be a chance for the family to come along and meet your son or daughter's coach, the canteen will be open and we will be having a sausage sizzle. Bring your own lunch or buy it from our new canteen. Other fun activities are planned that we will be telling you about in the next edition of the newsletter.

Canteen

Our canteen will be open for business at most club events including most training sessions.

Donna and Cathy will be looking for assistance throughout the season so please help out where ever you can.



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Sponsorship

As you all know we completed the building of our Clubhouse and Changing Rooms in 2004. As a result, the Club has been drained of its reserve funds and is in urgent need for extra sponsors to help the Club through the 2005 season.

Our aim this year is to have every team in the Club sponsored by a business organization or a parent from the team to the value of \$500.

As a result of this sponsorship:

- A representative will be invited to attend all our club functions and sponsors day.
- Club newsletter: the business logo will be advertised through our weekly newsletter to all parents.
- Our special club website: the business logo will be prominently displayed on the club website as one of our club sponsors.
- The name of the business organization or parent will be engraved on the trophies for that team.

We desperately need more funds to keep the club financial in 2005 as we still owe money to the builder for the Clubrooms. Please help by sponsoring your son or daughter's team. Contact Ian Patterson on 3272 3709 or 0408327237.

Club Football

As Claude has already outlined in his "News in Brief" section, team nomination have been submitted to the Brisbane Juniors this week based on the numbers signed on to date. We now need to fill some of the vacant Coaching positions available.

Coaches:

If you, or someone you know is interested in coaching a team in 2005 and you haven't already indicated your interest please contact a club committee member.

Other team positions required are the positions of Team Manager and Team First Aider. Please discuss these positions with the Team Coach.

Umpires Required

While the league supplies the umpires for all U11 to U16 games it is up to us to provide umpires to run all other home games.

We have been fortunate in previous years to have a number of umpires come from our U14 and U16 player ranks. However this will not cover all of our games and we ask anyone who would like to try umpiring to contact a club committee member.

Footy Tipping Comp

This year the Leopards have decided to run a footy tipping competition. This will be run through our web site and is open to all comers.

The cost of the competition will be \$50 for the season payable before round 3. The prizes will be dependant on the numbers involved but will be a minimum of \$500 for first prize with prizes for 2nd and 3rd place overall. There will also be a weekly prize allocation for the best tipper of the week.

Over the next week or so the full details will be published in the newsletter and available from the "Tipping" link at www.leopards.com.au.

Web Site Improvements

The website is undergoing continual changes with additional information being added all the time. As the season goes on we will be looking for any interesting bits of information and photos of the various teams in action to add to the newsletter and website.

Those who received the newsletters via e-mail in 2004 should be pleased to know that the e-mail will simply contain a notification that the newsletter is available and a link to the web page where you can view the newsletter will be provided. All newsletters will still be available in PDF format from the website.

Coming Events

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

Sunday 13th March – Leopards Family Fun Day
Saturday 2nd April Season Starts - Round One Under 8 - Under 16

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