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A Message from our President

Calamvale Leopards are Alive and Kicking (Goals). I had the opportunity to witness some of the Trial matches at Wynnum on the weekend. It was great to once again see a professional looking group of players ready to take on the world. Without giving too much away (there are some very excited coaches reports following), the age old question was answered. A Leopard is more than capable of taking on a Cobra! (just ask anyone in our under 12 or under 14'squad how they felt as their game progressed, and the 16's who provided a large scare to their opposition).

Thanks to the under 11 parents and kids who made the journey to Wynnum and made up the number in the under 12 match.....fantastic club spirit, and an opportunity to see what lies ahead in future years.

Thanks and welcome also to the under 16 players who have joined Calamvale from Collingwood Park...I am sure you will all feel part of the club in record time.

Just a timely reminder that we need to provide every year. It is pertinent that all parents remember we are all here for the kids and their enjoyment/development. If you have concerns or issues you need to discuss with coaching staff or team managers, please do so after a training session.....they will be all ears and I am sure will be more than willing to listen. I am sure you are all aware that before, during or after a game is not the right time.

I'd like to close with a direct quote from the umpire in the under 12's game about our boys...."They were absolutely awesome!"....of course they were – they come from Calamvale.

Keep up the fantastic work guys.....
Brendan Selby

From the Coaching Co-ordinator.

2007 is a season that should be the start of a great climb for everybody involved. This season your committee have given me the job of assisting the coaches who I believe can make that climb a

enjoyable one. After looking around the committee room I noticed that there was plenty of room and dust on our trophy cabinet and decided that season 2007 was the right time to open that cabinet and place another one in there. Last season Cathy Selby came so close with her under 16 girls. This season we have sent our youth coach's on a mission go in search of the Holy Grail - that shiny silver trophy and bring it back and place it in the cabinet. This year, our Auskick rules players (under 8 to 11) and their coaches have the added benefit of unprecedented access to coaching support and materials – especially structured teaching and training methods developed by the AFL and trialled with great success in Victorian Junior Football leagues. I am looking forward to helping coaches develop their players using some of these techniques. You as a parent can also be part of this adventure by supporting loud, encouraging your child and others, and most of all supporting your coach. The end of the season is a long way away. The coach's are pumped! The boys/girls are training the house down. April can not come soon enough. As I always say to be in your child's memories tomorrow you need to be in their life today!

See you around the ground

Ray Cole

An update on Bob

Bob is Bob – one major operation down, recovering, one to go....but trying to keep him away from the stress of football is driving Bernadette around the bend.....Take it easy Bob and remember, our thoughts are with you

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.



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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!

MATCH REPORTS – Weekend Trial Match

U16 BOYS

Last Sunday the U16s played their first trial match against Logan at Wynnum. With 3 of our second year 16s unable to play due to work commitments, we were struggling to field a team. But thanks to 4 players who came over from Collingwood Park U16s, we managed to field a "16 player" team. The game was played in very hot conditions so quarters were reduced to only 15 minutes. Even though almost half the guys have not trained or played together before, it was a great team effort. The team played with great commitment and it was very impressive to see them working hard for each other right to the end.

Whilst going down by less than 4 goals in the end, we were always a chance. Considering our limited preparation it was a very encouraging first hit out, well done guys.

Leigh Goodall.
U16 Coach

Under 14's

YES! YES! YES! FOOTY SEASON IS HERE!!

The thought of a footy match now threw up a lot of questions like....Are we ready? Can we play out a full game? Are our fitness levels up to scratch? Have we got enough players to field a full side?

Well the answers were YES YES YES and YES

We were destined to have a bad day with Jeff and Fred telling everyone that we were playing at the Cobra's ground at Thursday's training (It was really Fred's fault). We are lucky everyone reads the newsletter and a lesson to everyone that don't always believe what Coaches tell you (no only joking....this could cause problems)

Anyway, somehow we all turned up to Wynnum to play the Logan Cobras. Not having played together and Jeff and Fred not knowing where the players are best positioned - It was always going

to be an experimental day and changes everywhere. We had 18 players and the Cobras had 16 so the field was set without wings, Michael Kiely was the Captain for the day and capped off a great game to boot. The boys (and girl sorry Jess!) ran onto the field and matched the Cobra's goal for goal. Jack was great in the ruck, Dylan, Jason and Michael worked well out of the centre. Both Josh and Bluey kicked goals for the first quarter with Mitch, Tim and Jessica lending a helping hand. The second quarter saw us kick 2 goals to the Cobra's 2-2 with Jordy and Ding Dong working well out of the centre. Ben, Nick and snoop did well in defence to keep us in the game. After 1/2 time the team really came together, Kurt was put in the ruck and performed very admirably while Ollie and Fly supplied us with fire power up forward. Liam arrived after playing basketball and performed like a fresh player out of the centre. We kicked 8-3 to Cobra's 1-0 in the last 2 quarters to bury the opposition. The final score was 5-3-33 to 12-3-75 with goals from Bluey, Josh, Fly, Michael, Ollie, Kurt and Mitch. Overall it was a good hit out before the season starts. It was good to see that the players adapted to different positions and worked well as a team WELL DONE guys (and Jess)

We would also like to make a mention that we need 2 boundary umpires, water carriers, a trainer, and a first aider for all our games to have the season travel smoothly. It's only a small amount of time required by all parents for our kids to have a well run team, if you can spare this time could you please talk to Jeff 3209 6054 or Fred 0418888605 or see us at training

2007 Looks good!!!!!!
Jeff & Fred

Under 12's

The Leopards under 12s travelled to Wynnum for the seasons first practice match. After 4 weeks of training the team was raring to go. To make up team numbers we were glad to see some eager under 11s making the trip too. The first quarter started at tremendous pace and it looked like the team had been playing together for years. **Jordan** worked hard in the ruck and with **Ben** and **Corey Mc** in the middle working well together soon the goals were coming. **Damien's** pace off the backline saw him run over 60 metres shepherded most of the way by Ben before seeing **Jesse L** gathering the ball and snapping over his shoulder for a great goal. Each quarter the team continued to improve with fantastic efforts from **Jacob** "Angry", **Beau** and the NEW ruckman **Corey T**. Another great contributor was **Antony**, who was

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.

soon impressing the crowd with some great leads and marks up the ground. To test the team's abilities all the players were rotated through new positions so the coaches could see where each belonged long term. The second half saw **Mathew** stationed at full forward and taking some great marks and kicking his first ever goal. The backline had been too quiet for **Zebedee** so he was moved to the centre to give the others a rest and he played a terrific game there. Not to be outdone the under 11s in the team were playing their hearts out. **Jake, Jonty, Jesse W, Jesse S, Kane, Gabriel, Jarrod** and **Joshua** all played a meaningful part. In the end the Leopards ran out comfortable winner 97 points to NOTHING. The boys earned a break from training till Thursday. The coaches wish to thank the water carriers who worked hard on a hot day and the tireless efforts of the runner Ken. Thanks to all the parents for being great supporters and especially the Under 11s parents for making the long trip. GO THE LEOPARDS!
Robert A & Robert L

2007 U16 BOYS CAPTAIN

Congratulations to Dominic Beer who was voted Captain of our 2007 U16 Team. Vice-Captain is Danny Woods. Deputy Vice-Captains are Curtis Sanders, Joshua Greig and Jordan Bigham. Congratulations boys! As a club we look forward to their leadership this season.

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SPONSORSHIP UPDATE

We are thrilled to announce ACMS (Peter Beer) have offered to sponsor our U16 team and Jeff Grainger Building Services have returned as a sponsor for 2007. The club values the continued support of these sponsors.

Do you know anyone who may be interested in sponsoring the club – maybe your child's team? Please contact Brendan Selby for details.

AFLBJ Survey – Junior Football in Brisbane

Here is your chance to have your say on the future direction of junior football in Brisbane. The AFL Brisbane Juniors are currently undertaking a planning process that includes inviting input from all stakeholders. They have engaged Velocity Sports to conduct some market research as a starting point to producing a plan. We need your input to gather information for a sound plan for the future of the AFL Brisbane Juniors.

To have your say on Brisbane Junior football go to www.velocitysports.com.au/afbj

AUSKICK 2007

Don't forget AUSKICK is back at Calamvale! 8am Saturday mornings. This year there are 2 groups to cater for those older kids who want to give AFL a go. Auskick Rookie for Grades 1 - 4 and Auskick Pro Grades 5 – 7. Contact a committee member for more information.

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