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MOTHERS DAY

We all hope that our Leopards Mothers were well taken care of on Sunday because without the support of those mothers many of our players would simply not be playing for us. And this club would not function.

We thank ALL of our mothers for the great support they provide for their children and for the club. Many of these mothers are very active supporters of the club and they deserve all the good things that come their way on this day and throughout the year.

U14 LEOPARDS LEAD THE PACK

Despite an error which was born from inexperience our U14 team coached by Bob Trapnell currently sits on top of the ladder following a decision by the AFL Brisbane Juniors board NOT to issue a penalty for "playing an unregistered player". We had put the argument that the player never took the field and that there had simply been an error made when completing the Team sheet.

Fortunately this decision was made prior to the Brisbane Juniors receiving "less than appropriate" emails from some members of the club which could jeopardized the ground work the club had done through official channels.

All parents and members of the club are asked to direct any communication through the club.

Club Clothing

Good News and Bad News on the clothing front this week.

The good news is that we have had confirmation that we will have the new Leopards Gurneseys by the end of the month.

The bad news is that we have NO news on the Guersays for the U8 Blues or U8 Saints. We will continue to chase these up.

More good news though! I hope by the time you receive this newsletter the majority of our players who were still waiting for shorts and socks are now ready to play.

******For Sale******

Club Polo Shirts

- 2004 Season Polo's are available at training and on match day. Priced at \$25 each. (More sizes are on order).
- We also have shirts from last season and they are going for \$10 each. Ideal for training etc.

Leopard Caps

- On sale at the Canteen for just \$15 each.

Bins Bins Bins

We have purchased extra bins, yet they remain empty and the rubbish is on the ground. Please use the bins provided.

Parents For AFL

The Leopards will be conducting "Parents For AFL" sessions over the next two weeks. This is for all our new families and a refresher for all the club members.



All new families, could you be at the Oval by **8:30 AM on Saturday 15th May.**

THE WHISTLE BLOWERS

Last week our Club umpires completed their Level O course at AFL House Cooperoo.

They all received an Umpires pack. You will notice their Distinctive caps around the Club in coming weeks. Well done Guys.

CANTEEN

Welcome to Ann Wild. Ann will take over as Canteen Coordinator from Mary Sutton. Welcome aboard Ann, I'm sure that you will get flooded with offers to assist throughout the year if the last couple of weeks are an indication.

NO DOGS ALLOWED

Please note. Dogs are not allowed at football. We have been asked to remind all parents that it is not acceptable to bring dogs to the oval on game day or training.

This is a Council facility which has restrictions regarding dogs which prohibits them inside the boundary fence and we ask that all parents observe these restriction at all times.

First Aid Kits

Could all teams that have a First Aid Kit please return them to the Club so we can re-stock them.

Help Wanted.

On Saturday mornings we need assistance in setting up the various grounds, and changing them for the next matches.

We all enjoy our football, so a little help will make it even more enjoyable. If you can help with the setup of the U8 grounds please meet me there about 8:00 AM.

Parking.

We are now able to park on the ring road at the school. However, any person parking on the grass, or driving on the grassed areas will be asked politely to park outside the school grounds.

"FOOTY FRIENDS" PROMOTION

One of this year's initiatives was the "Footy Friends" promotion that was designed to encourage our players to introduce a friend to this great sport of ours.

If you introduced a new player to the club this year please complete the nomination slip below and return to your Coach or Manager.

Or, hand in at the canteen on any Saturday in May.

----- 'FOOTY FRIENDS' PROMOTION NOMINATION SLIP

New Player's Name _____

Your Name _____

Own a piece of history for Auction

The Leopards has in its possession a framed Brisbane Lions Jumper from the 2003 season which has been signed by the 2004 players and coaching staff.

To obtain this piece of history please submit a bid to the following:

- ❑ Email: tjmoc@bigpond.com,
- ❑ Mobile: 0419 790 793.
- ❑ Phone: 3809 3494 after 6:00 PM



DIPPER ROAD SHOW!!

An AFL Auskick Super Clinic will be conducted by the 'Dipper' and Brisbane Lions players at the GABBA on Thursday 13 May from 4.30pm- 5.30pm.

Level One Coaching Course.... Last Chance!

Venue: AFL Queensland – Function Room, Birubi St. Coorparoo
Date & Time: Sunday May 16 - 9am till 5pm Auskick Rules & Youth/Senior
Monday May 17 - 6.30 till 9.30pm Youth/Senior Only
Monday May 24 - 6.30 till 9.30pm Auskick Rules Only
Applications close Tuesday May 11 and forms are found on the AFLQ website
For more information please contact Tom O'Connor on 3809 3494

WHAT'S ON

1. **28 June - 1 July** - Under 14 State Championships, Toowoomba.
2. **Australian Sports Camps** - Justin Leppitsch Football Camp- 8th year, June 30th, July 1st, 2nd 2004. Sherwood Football Club. For more information please call 1800 671 808 or 03 9754 4455

KNOW YOUR AFL HISTORY

In 1857, Tom Wills, one of the founders of Australian Football, returned to Australia after schooling in England where he was football captain of Rugby School and a brilliant cricketer. Initially, he advocated the winter game of football as a way of keeping cricketers fit during off-season.

The new game was devised by Wills, his cousin H.C.A. Harrison, W.J. Hammersley and J.B. Thompson. The Melbourne Football Club was formed on August 7, 1858 – the year of the code's first recorded match between Scotch College and Melbourne Grammar School.

The Victorian Football League was established in 1896 and the following year the League's first games were played among the foundation clubs – Carlton, Collingwood, Essendon, Fitzroy, Geelong, Melbourne, St Kilda and South Melbourne.

Under 8's MAGPIES (Rod) V's Tigers

It was great fun this week in the rain. The boys kept their concentration and played some good football with the match resembling a shot out, with goals a plenty to both sides. Clayton kicked two goals and James Devlin also joined the goal kickers this week. Shayne and Shamus were great contributors for the team going for the ball. Jarrod keeps looking to take marks and took another 'Jezza' while Luke and Patrick played so well they had another game later with the under 9's. No doubt their parents were thrilled about getting the opportunity to stand in the rain for a further hour. Brandon keeps improving and this week he showed us how well he can kick now with a couple of beauties. Thanks to James Day who broke his thumb but still

came down and helped goal umpire. Get that thumb better so we can see you playing again. Well done again to all the boys and thanks to the Tigers and umpires for a great match.

U8 - ROOS (Reese) V's Saints

How true is that saying, 'like ducks to water'?. That is how the Roo's played on Saturday in the rain.

It really was an eye opener for myself as the coach to watch this team on Saturday play the way they did, like a team possessed they are becoming a great little unit.

The team effort each week is getting better and better and I can't remember the last time I enjoyed watching a game of footy. I just can't wait each Saturday now for the game to begin. I think I'm more excited than the kids are as they get out on the field and show everyone their great team spirit.

I am so proud of them all, they are really a treat to watch each week and I believe the parents are just as excited as I am about their progress. I can't just pick one or two out of the team to talk about because they are

starting to play as one, and I just can't say enough about them and how proud I am.

They trust in one another's skills and it shows throughout the game, well done boys I couldn't be prouder.

But I would like to take my hat off to the parents who week in and week out cheer and praise the boys at each game and a special thanks for bringing them on Saturday. Keep up the good work everyone.

U10 - LEOPARDS BLUE (Darrell) vs KENMORE

Well, what a day this was. The boys might just as well have been playing water polo. Water water everywhere and not a drop to drink.

The team played a very good first quarter with first blood going to the Leopards. In the second quarter things slowed down a bit and we became a little outclassed in some of the play.

Third quarter was a challenge with "time out" being taken midfield by some of our team....have to watch this guys

The team came back in the final quarter and gained some great confidence in playing with a wet ball and scoring was up once again. Today's game was enjoyed despite the rain.

Players of the day were Jordan, who kept the opposition confused as he gained control in the goal square and returned the ball to our centres with good kicks. T-J was surrounded by the other team and played well to get on the ball though often outnumbered by the opposition. Nic also played a great game in the backs creating problems for the opposition.

James Brown also played well in attacking the ball.

U10 - LEOPARDS RED (Jason) vs WEST JUNIORS

A Friday night travel to Toowong for an exceptional display of Australian Rules Football, 'what else could you ask for'? The Boy's & Girl's of the Leopards-Red's turn on another spectacular of this great sport to entertain a vibrant and vocal crowd.

The first quarter showed what the game is all about, Hard hitting, screaming marks, long kicking and fast

and furious ball play. Good strong marking from Mitchell saved plenty of goals and long kicking and good ball skills from Jordon, Joshua C & Casey cleared the ball from the danger zone. The second and third quarters where just as spectacular with the likes of Jarrod, Hannah, Jye and Hayden finding their feet and switching the game back and forth around the ground. Bradley seemed to be on fire all night with plenty of possessions and good delivery to Joshua P and Damian who both fired the ball to the forward liners in Tyjaz, Jake and Angus.

The last quarter was set to be spectacular with the whole team firing on all cylinders; and boy didn't they turn it on. Direct kicking and hard and fast play made them all look like professionals. They where having so much fun out there I don't thing another 4 quarters would have slowed them down.

Well done to all concerned.... Player of the match Bradley Harrington

U10 - LEOPARDS GOLD (Fred) vs SHERWOOD

Matthew was the captain this week, and what a wet day it was. Very tough for the players to see who they were kicking or handballing to, lots of wayward balls going direct to the opposition. There were some impressive marks taken by Michael, Oren, Viktor and Dylan to name a few. Once again, Adriann was at the bottom of the pack, pushing the ball out. There were some impressive punches in the ruck, taking the ball forward frequently.

Jesse did a great somersault, tumbling through the air. Thankfully he walked away. Goal kickers were Adam, Andrew and Ben. Best on ground was Adam, with great effort from Oren, Andrew and Miles. We are playing at home at 11.00, see you at 10.30.

U12 – WYNNUM/LEOPARDS (Ian) V's IPSWICH

Scores – Wynnum/Leopards 3 - 5 = 21 Def Ipswich 0 – 3 = 3.

The game was played at Wynnum and we have five Leopards players on the field. The ground was wet and muddy and it rained for the entire game. However the team combined brilliantly in the wet weather to record a great win. We led in each quarter and had most of the play on the forward line but could not convert because of the wet and heavy ball. Jesse played outstandingly and tacked hard and continually went and got the hard ball. Michael was prominent up forward and kicked the first goal, Bradley had his best

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game for the year and had lots of kicks while Mathan and Beau tackled hard. Well done boys, you are starting to combine well with the Wynnum boys!

U14 - LEOPARDS (Bob) V's YERONGA

Scores - Leopards 13 - 6 = 84 Def Yeronga 4 – 6 = 30.

Our U14' s made us Mothers proud on Mothers Day with a 9 goal win against Yeronga.

The first half was some of the best team play we have had to date with an 8-goal lead at half time.

A superb effort from Joel with a brilliant mark in the 2nd quarter and kicked 3 first quarter goals.

Outstanding effort from Michael Brown in the last line of defence, and, other great play by Michael Bennett and excellent team play by our Greig brothers.

We would like to wish our Rep players, Scott Bridge, Joel Meddings, Jason Vergunst and Jake Baker all the very best in their try outs.

U16 – REDBACK/LEOPARDS (Brendan)

LEOPARDS 16.11.107 def KENMORE 4.7.31
MAGNIFICENT, FANTASTIC & WELL
DESERVED!!!!

What a difference 2 weeks can make. Time for injuries to recover, new faces to appear and a rejuvenated approach from a group of young men who have formed a strong bond as a team.

The Leopards/ Redbacks squad proudly flew the flag for both clubs on Sunday, with a huge turn around from our last meeting with Kenmore in which we went down by about 75 points.

Those lucky enough to witness the game saw an excellent display of running, team based football, with our boys showing a passion for attacking the ball, demoralising opposition players by ferocious tackling, and supporting their team mates. Kenmore players new they had to earn every possession.

The teamwork and sportsmanship on display was a great mothers day present from our players and a joy to watch. Congratulations – You know your capabilities as a team!!!

Goal Scorers: Ben Kruys 5, Hayden Martin 4, Bronson Durack 2, David Martin 2, Brock Jenkins 2 and Danny Bennett 1.

A special thankyou to a great effort by the under 14 boys who put their hand up – fresh legs & your efforts are always appreciated by your tem mates.