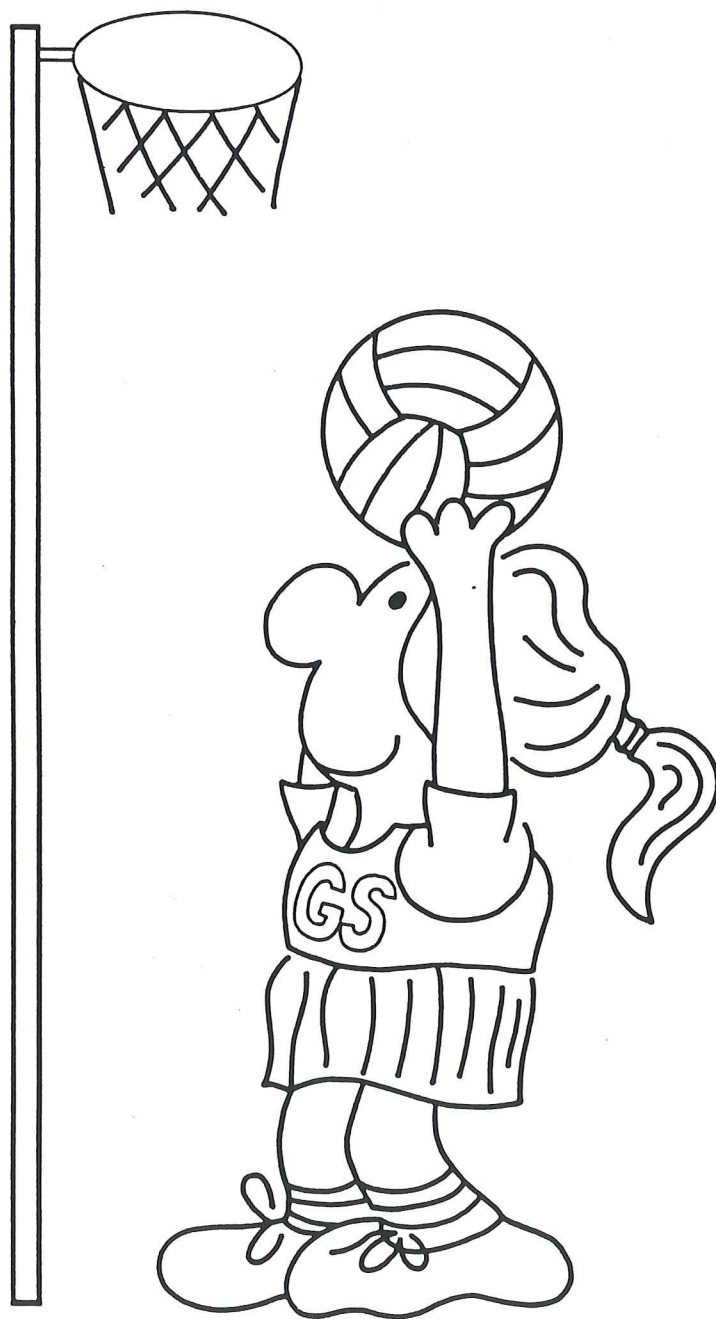


CATCH THE NEWS

WANTIRNA SOUTH NETBALL CLUB NEWSLETTER



DATES TO REMEMBER:

SATURDAY 8TH APRIL

MDNA CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM
(FEATURING OUR 'A' GRADE GIRLS)
WHERE: FERNTREE GULLY STADIUM
TIME: CURTAIN RAISER 6.30PM
MAIN GAME 8.00PM
COST: ADULTS \$2.00 U/14 FREE

SATURDAY 15TH APRIL

NO GAME – SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

SATURDAY 22ND APRIL

NO GAME – SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

A WORD FROM THE ASSOCIATION

PLEASE MAKE SURE IF YOU ARE A HOME TEAM IT IS YOUR DUTY TO COLLECT THE SCOREBOARD AND GOAL POST PADDING. IT IS THE AWAY TEAMS DUTY TO COLLECT THE GOAL POSTS. PLEASE MUM & DADS CHECK WITH YOUR COACH IF YOU CAN LEND A HAND.

REMEMBER MANY HANDS MAKE LIGHT WORK !!!!!

.....COACHES CORNER

NETTA RUBIES – SUE WILKINSON/ ELLEN TEAKEL

CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS ON A WONDERFUL START TO THE SEASON. OUR GAMES HAVE BEEN FILLED WITH MUCH ENTHUSIASM. OUR FIRST GAME WAS GREAT SNEAKING AWAY WITH A WIN 3 TO 2. OUR 2ND GAME WAS AS CLOSE AS YOU CAN GET BEING A DRAW 3 EACH. THANKS TO ELLEN FOR OUR MOST ENJOYABLE TRAINING SESSIONS.

NETTA JADES – KAY MORRIS/ DEBBIE CLARKSON

OUR GIRLS HAVE HAD A GREAT START TO THE SEASON AND ARE THRILLED TO BE BACK IN WHAT IS THEIR 2ND WINTER SEASON (3RD FOR SOME) THE GIRLS ARE STARTING TO PLAY TOGETHER REALLY WELL AS A TEAM WITH THEIR SKILLS AND ABILITIES BEING VERY EVEN AMONG THEM ALL. WE HAVE 2 NEW PLAYERS JOINING US: - SIMRAN CHHUGANI & EMILY ADAMS. THE REST OF THE TEAM HAVE MADE THEM FEEL VERY WELCOME AND ARE PLEASED TO HAVE THEM WITH US. TWO GREAT GAMES SO FAR WITH WINS OF 24 TO 0 AND 33 TO 2. (AND AREN'T WE PROUD OF THEM!!!)

U/11 TOPAZ – TANYA WADDELL

THE U/11 TEAM HAS HAD A GREAT START TO THE SEASON COMING RUNNERS UP IN THE PRE-SEASON TOURNAMENT. BREA, MEG, MELANIE, NICOLE, REBECCA, KATHERINE, LUCY, BROOKE & MELISSA ARE CONTINUING TO WORK REALLY HARD AND I'M SURE WE CAN LOOK FORWARD TO EVEN BETTER THINGS DURING THE REST OF THE SEASON.

U/13 SAPPHIRES – PETER WIKINSON

OUR GIRLS HAD A GOOD START TO THE WINTER SEASON WITH AN IMPRESSIVE FIRST UP WIN. KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK GIRLS!!!!!!

U/15 DIAMONDS - JULIE PAPPA

OUR GIRLS HAD A TOUGH START TO THE SEASON WITH SOME OF OUR GIRLS NOT AVAILABLE DUE TO ATHLETIC COMMITMENTS. TO THE GIRLS CREDIT THEY FOUGHT ON HARD IN THE HEAT TO GO DOWN BY ONLY A FEW GOALS.

OUR 2ND GAME WAS A BEAUTY, HAVING THE LUXURY OF BEING ABLE TO MOVE THE TEAM AROUND FOR A BIT OF FUN. GREAT WIN BY THE TEAM 43 TO 26, KEEP UP THE GOOD WORK!!!!

U/15 CRYSTALS – RACHEL THURGOOD/ KERRY MCCREDDEN

OUR GIRLS HAVE A HARD INTRODUCTION TO THE U/15 AGE GROUP COMING UP AGAINST TEAMS WITH LOTS OF HEIGHT. THE GIRLS HAVE FOUGHT ON GALANTLY. CONGRATULATIONS GIRLS ON YOUR POSITIVE ATTITUDE, I'M SURE THERE WILL BE GOOD THINGS TO COME SOON..

EMERALDS BETTER KNOWN AS THE LLEYTON
HEWITT'S 13 AND UNDER SECTION 4

After a “dodgy” start to the season in round one losing to Boronia by 11 goals we changed that in round two with a 26 goal win over Selby. Where Melinda didn't step once. With great team work between Hayley and Nicole in goals and Melissa and Kylie's unbeatable defence Selby really had no hope, and Sam's new and improved hard crisp passes around the goal circle Nicole and Hayley had to get the ball through the ring sooner or later.

Three weeks ago at training we played a “get to know your team game” using toilet paper, Anneka decided to wrap it around her head for the rest of training. -Nice look!!!

By the time Amanda finishes asking questions at training it is almost time to send the girls home again. Anneka is now at training before me ready to go to give her all - she must be looking for more toilet paper.

Just so the girls don't forget - Knees Up!!! Because I know how much you love to do this- mind you after they give a nice loud moan and groan “do we have to?” they go and do it any way.

Keep up the good work girls at training because a game can be won or lost at a training session and we want to continue our winning streak.

By: Amy Coloretti

15 & UNDER SECTION 3

“THE GEMS”

– Melinda, Erin, Kate, Stephanie, Laura, Jennifer, Breanna, Danielle

As the new “kid” (and I use the term loosely) on the block, I am still learning the personalities and abilities of the players – but what players, they are a great bunch of girls, who are a delight to coach. Sue Wilkinson has done a good job with them.

I have learnt a little about these “Little Potato Gems” though and I would like to share this information with the ENTIRE Club.

For example: -

- Erin Bull, with the assistance of Jennifer Lawrence can do a great chicken impression. (Maybe, if we encourage them enough they may perform that act at the Presentation Night.)
- Kate Smith is obviously a sound sleeper. She can fall out of a bunk bed and hurt her ankle and sleep through the whole procedure – AMAZING!
- Danielle Woods is not as tough as she thinks because when she took on a pane of glass she came off second best, having to be stitched up afterwards.

PS: or should I say

BEWARE: Girls – if I haven’t mentioned your name personally in this newsletter, there is always next time.

After winning the Pre-Season Tournament for our section with the help of Melanie Grice, Katelyn Woff and Taegan Ross, we are yet to open an account in the real season, although the potential is there.

The first game against South Upwey was not lost by much and I am sure next time we meet up with them the scoresheet will show a different result.

Thanks Tullie Roberts for filling in for us on that day.

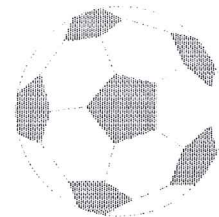
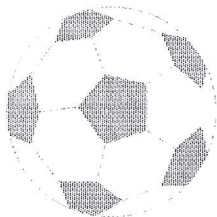
The second round against Wantirna Heights Rep. Team was hard work for the girls but hopefully something was learnt from our much more experienced opponents.

The girls, much to their credit, did not give up, but kept trying until the final whistle blew.

Good effort girls, hang in there!

You never know – **THIRD TIME LUCKY!**

- Marlene



Open 5 - Week One - Wantirna South Opals (55) def. Rustlers 5 (12)

Special thanks to **Julie Papa** for filling in for the injured Mey Wun Boey this week. As one of our spectators was heard to remark 'she can come again any week'!

Seriously, we shouldn't get too carried away with this result as the opposition was only able to field 5 players - and we made them play the WHOLE game, didn't we Tanya !

"Slam of the Week" award goes to **Amy Coloretti** who *slammed herself* on to asphalt just before quarter time - what some people won't do to get to sit down for a quarter in the shade !

The girls demonstrated great flexibility during the game each of them playing in many positions to try to keep our score to modest proportions to avoid coming under the notice of "*the graders*".

We look forward to Week 2 still in Open 5 (we hope).

Open 5 - Week Two - Wantirna South Opals 39 defeated Boronia Uniting 26

Well we're still in Open 5 ! Today's game was another good performance but let's not forget that the opposition only had 6 players - although their 6 certainly outweighed our 7 girls ! Special thanks to **Julie Papa** (again), **Caroline McCormick** and **Kerry McCredden** for filling in for us this week.

I am confident that if we can put our regular players on the court for several weeks in a row and develop some teamwork and game plans, we will be very competitive in this section. Our younger players are learning to be a little more aggressive at the ball but we need to **slow down** a bit when the ball is coming into our attack and try to pin point our passes better by taking the first option presented.

This week's award is the '**Splash Down**' and it goes to two sons of our opponents on the day. Each young boy was taken short during the second quarter and mum was not able to take them to do No 1's. Some convenient trees at the end of court 9 provided a suitable 'setting' for their needs. Yes, it all happens during the Open 5's games , so why not come along and see for yourselves.

Back on the court, keep up the good work girls and we'll see you this week for Round 3 before a 2 week break over the school holidays and Easter. **We return for Round 4 on 29 April 2000.** See you then.



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