



Newsletter No. 5 - December 2007

Wantirna South Netball Club

We wish everyone a safe and happy Christmas. Enjoy your holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all again in the New Year.



Congratulations to everyone playing in the following 6 teams that made the 2007 Spring Season Grand Finals:

Premiers: 13-1 Darters, 13-3 Lorikeets, 15-1 Ravens, 15-3 Swans

Runners Up: 17-2 Sandpipers, 17-3 Firetails

All teams played very well on the day, with both Runner Up teams losing by only 3 goals. This was a great effort by everyone and congratulations to all.

13 -1 Darters

Coached by Tanya Heaton (most of them are bigger than you Tanya!) and Alana Coleman who was there in spirit.



**13 -3
Lorikeets**
Coached by
Lauren Proven

CLUB GRADING GAMES 2008

The dates for these are set (see below) and all girls who will be playing in 13 & under, 15 & under, 17 & under and open age teams in 2008 are expected to participate in both of these grading days. If for any reason you are not able to attend either day please let someone on committee know as soon as possible. Many hours of planning go into these games to give every player an equal opportunity; the decisions on teams made here are usually set for the year so we try very hard to ensure a fair go for all. Please co-operate with us by ensuring you attend or give fair notice of your inability, thank you ☺.

The timetable of games for the day will be advised later; when we have all registrations in we will have a better idea of how many teams we have, and how many girls we'll have trying-out in each age group.

If you have already registered and paid: thank you!

If you have registered but not paid please note that Netball Victoria Membership must be paid for before players can take the court. We would much prefer it if this could be paid for prior to the 17th Feb, however payment can be made on the day if absolutely necessary. **If you haven't registered but do intend to play, you have until January 31st** to do so. We may be unable to include in the gradings any player not registered at this time. At worst we won't be able to guarantee a place in a team to those who register late, so please get that registration form in!

DATES FOR YOUR 2008 DIARY

Thursday January 31st **Final date for club player registrations**

Sunday February 17th **First round of club grading games**

Sunday February 24th **Second round of club grading games**

Saturday March 15th **winter season Round 1**

Saturday April 5th **winter season Round 2**



A SPECIAL MENTION.



While we support all of our players and are proud of them, there is one group of girls who especially deserve recognition for their attitude and commitment to their team-mates and their club.

The girls in the 15-1 Macaws didn't win a game all Spring season, they could have requested a re-grade to the 2's but decided to stay in the 1's and learn more playing against better opponents. It was

really tough, especially when some players dropped out part way through the season. And to top it off the last few weeks of the season were sizzling, as we all know. The MDNA had 6 forfeits on the last round, from teams who couldn't make the finals and whose players just didn't want to be there for one more week in the heat.

But **Rena Lerm, Amanda McCormick, Jessica Nicholls, Brianna Spencer, Caitlin Swann, and Katja Yardley** we'd like to say that you are a credit to yourselves and to our club. We were very proud of the way you girls kept trying, turning up every week, and didn't hesitate to be there for the final week when others had "given up". Thanks girls, we did notice and we thought you were great!