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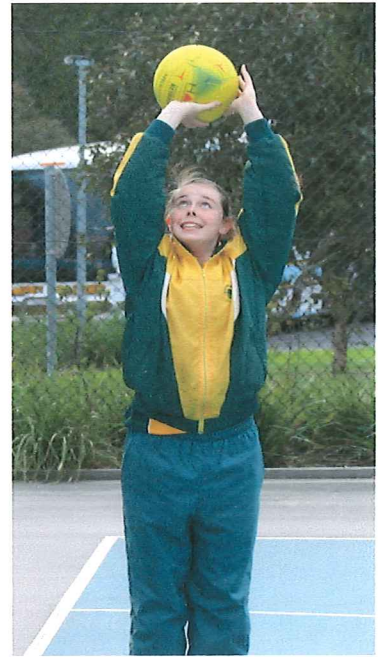
Wantirna South Netball Club

Huge congratulations to Ashleigh Bull, who represents our club in her 13 & Under Mountain District Rep Team. This team won their division recently, earning the right to play in the State Zone Championships held last Sunday at the State Netball Hockey Centre. The MDNA team won 5 from 7 games in a very high standard competition, but unfortunately missed out on competing in the finals by a mere 4%.

Ashleigh was the only player from our club to be involved in these State Championships, so congratulations and WELL DONE, ASH!!!



CONGRATULATIONS also to Katherine Last and Natalie Savory, who both attained their C Grade Umpiring Badges recently.



An umpiring badge is a nationally-recognised accreditation, and they are earned, not given, so well done to both these girls who have been club umpires for some years. This brings the number of badged umpires at our club to only four though, so we hope this inspires and encourages even more of our umpires to "go for it!"



While on umpires, we've noticed an increase in the amount of negative sideline comments the umpires are subjected to, from other clubs and sadly from our own as well. What does it achieve? If the problem is inexperience then sarcastic comments from the sidelines ensure the umpire won't stay around long enough to gain experience – they'll quit! If they are trying but just not very good at it, then it won't help much either. And if they really are biased then it won't persuade them! Good or bad, without them we don't have a game! If you have concerns about the standard of umpiring at your game, send a representative to the office and talk to either Marlene Colosimo or Melissa Rosie, and ask them to send someone to observe. This is the ONLY way to improve things, by helping them become better umpires. Please show some respect for people, often young girls, doing the best they can, and don't make it even harder for them, IT COULD BE YOUR DAUGHTER OUT THERE ONE DAY!



Qualifying for Finals

Every girl needs to have played 6 games this season to be able to play in finals. This doesn't have to be just for your team, if you've filled in for another team it still counts, as long as you've played 6 games all together.

Coaches, if your team is a chance to play finals, please ensure that all players will qualify; and also this is a good time to check how many times your girls have filled in for another team – if they play "up" more than 3 times in ANY team then they cannot play in your team again.

If you are unsure about either of these please ask one of the people on Match committee (Julie Papa, Caroline McCormick, Liz Brown, Nicole McIndoe, or Pam Last) to find out for you.



DATES FOR YOUR 2008 DIARY

A club calendar follows, but these dates should be noted now:

Saturday 05th July

No games – School holidays

SPRING SEASON

Shortly we will be distributing Registration forms for Spring Season, and as we have finals and Presentation Night to organise in between, it's a busy but exciting time of the year.

We have just received the news that this spring season game times will extend to 3pm, not the midday finish we usually have. The reason is the re-surfacing of 8 courts making them unavailable all season. SunSmart Policy dictates that the youngest players' games are finished earlier, but as usual we will NOT have any fixtures until just before the season starts.

There may be lots of girls who work Saturday mornings and this is great news, but there may be others who can't play in the afternoons. You need to be aware of this before registering to play, please talk to your coach if this is likely to be a problem for you.

RING YOUR COACH. . . . PLEASE!!



Also, *please please please* contact your coach if you can't make it to training, and do that as early as possible. Our coaches plan their training sessions and one player away can make a big difference; at least if they know you won't be there they have time to consider changing their plans. And if its raining in Wantirna, CALL your coach to ask if training is cancelled, don't just assume – they may have alternative plans, and besides, it may not be raining where they are and they may be rushing home to make it to training themselves!!

And finally, CONGRATULATIONS again to Alysha Bird on the birth of Kobi Riley on 26th April, and sorry about the miss-spell in the previous newsletter.



COMMUNITY NOTICE BOARD

Looking to improve your health & fitness? Integrated Health & Fitness run Group Fitness programmes at Lilydale, including fitness boot camps. Contact Alana Coleman (Super Coach and A Grade player) on 0413 513 110 for more information.



Don't forget to use these two cards whenever you can.

Ritchies Community Benefits programme gives the club a % of every dollar you spend, and you get discounts on selected items as well, so we all benefit!

Rebel Sport give us credits for every dollar spent which we then use for netballs, pumps, valves, and other various pieces of equipment that would otherwise cost money to purchase.

You also save 5% on most items so again this will save money for you too.

Debby Carter has Ritchies Cards if you need one, and with Rebel you only need to mention the club to receive your discount and the club benefits.

Sat 05 July	No play - School holidays
Sat 12 July	Round 13 Spring Season Registration forms to be distributed
Sat 19 July	Round 14

	Wantirna South Bin Duty
Sat 26 July	Round 15
Sat 26 July	SPRING SEASON registrations to be returned
Sat 02 Aug	Round 16 (Final round)
Sat 02 Aug	PRESENTATION NIGHT ticket orders to be finalised
Sat 9th Aug	Semi Finals
Sat 16th Aug	Preliminary Finals
Sat 23rd Aug	GRAND FINALS & PRESENTATION NIGHT
Sat 06th Sept	Round 1 Spring Season
Sat 13th Sept	Round 2
Sat 20th Sept	Round 3
Sat 27th Sept	No play - School holidays
Sat 4th Oct	Round 4
Fri 10TH OCT	1st Tryouts for 2009 Rep Teams 11 & Under and 15 & Under
Sat 11th Oct	Round 5
Fri 17th OCT	1st Tryouts for 2009 Rep Teams 13 & Under and 17 & Under
Sat 18 th Oct	Round 6
Fri 24 th Oct	2 nd Tryouts for 2009 Rep – 11& Under and 15 & Under
Sat 25 th Oct	Round 7
Fri 31 st Oct	2 nd Tryouts for 2009 Rep – 13 & Under and 17 & Under
Sat 01st Nov	No play - Cup weekend
Sat 08th Nov	Round 8
Sat 15th Nov	Round 9
Sat 22nd Nov	Round 10
Sat 29th Nov	Round 11
Sat 06th Dec	Round 12
Sat 13th Dec	Grand Finals