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**Granville Waratah SFC Newsletter
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SECRETARY'S MESSAGE

We are looking good for games to occur this Saturday! The first game of the season is always exciting but busy as well. There may be a few things that might not be quite right - please be tolerant, all is being done by volunteers in their spare time. Remember - it is all about kids having fun whilst learning a great game.

Getting players ready for their game

Parents - please ensure your children have their shin guards, and are wearing their team shorts, team socks and football boots. They should bring their water bottle. Ensure they have any medication they might need (e.g. Ventolin if they are asthmatic)

Shin guards are an essential safety item! If you don't have them as yet, please get them before Saturday. Last year one child missed their first game because they didn't have them. The shin guards are worn inside the socks, not outside.



Players should not be wearing any jewellery, hair pins or watches as these may cause injury. Medical alert necklaces or bracelets are ok.

Players need to be at the field well before the "kick-off" time. By "kick-off" time, all players should be warmed up, wearing their team shirts and (other than reserves) on the field ready to go, so please arrive well before your game.

Away Fields

Please look up where you are going well before Saturday morning. We don't have all the addresses ready at Robin Thomas and people are normally pretty busy Saturday morning, so it is much easier if you already know the details before Saturday morning. Remember, all ground locations are available on our website from the "Ground Locations" button.

Many of the away fields have a number and a letter. Please know what they are when you go - for example, U7/Green are going to "Eric Primrose Reserve 1A", you look up "Eric Primrose Reserve" to find where you are going and once there, you are looking for field "1A". If you can't work out which field it is, ask at the away club's canteen.

Referees

Refs will be needed for all our mini-roo home games. It would be nice if some of our own parents, particularly those who have seen how things run last year, could put up their hand for this - no ref, no game. Whistles are available at the canteen. Coaches, if we you can't find a ref, please ask the other team if they have someone who is willing. If you thinking of putting up your hand, please check out the rules, see the Library Menu, Reference Materials item, on our web site.



<http://www.granvillewaratah.com.au/index.php/library/reference-materials/457-mini-game-rules>

For competition teams, we usually have official refs. If we don't, the home team needs to find someone who is willing.

Team Sheets

Home coaches, please ask for your team sheet at the canteen. Away coaches, please ask the other side's coach. You will need to sign this yourself and ask someone to be your "team official", who will also need to sign it. If away, please make sure the other team does this as well.



The "team official" should wear the yellow vest in the shirt bags (through some of the younger teams don't yet have this).

For competition teams, please ensure shirt numbers are written against each player before the start of the match. If you are sure a player is not present, put DNP in the shirt number spot.

For home games, at the end of the game, please ensure the ref writes the score (U8 and up) and signs the sheet. Then return the sheet to the canteen.

Team sheets are a legal document - please put the effort in. The club can be fined if we don't get them right.

Scores to Tony, Club Secretary

All scores for all U8 and up matches need to be entered into the association computer system. Could the coach or manager please text the score to Tony 0424 463 752 by mid afternoon. Please make it clear who won. (E.g. "we won 4-3" or "we lost 4-3" is better than just "4-3"). This week only, please indicate your team as well.



THE COACHES SITUATION

As some of you already know, we have had some challenges finalizing our teams due to the lack of volunteer coaches. We have been searching high and low for new volunteers to coach and have had some limited success.

However, it is also the case that we've lost a couple of volunteers in the same time period due to work & family commitments. Unfortunately, we have run out of time because we need to submit our teams this week to our district association in order to get the ID cards printed.

For teams without a coach and with no potential leads for one, we will be carefully considering whether to submit those teams for the season. Should we as a club decide to submit teams without a coach, they will need to forfeit games until a coach can be found to coordinate the team. Emails will be sent out by Tuesday night informing every one of the status of their teams, please look out for it.

We need your assistance here... please.

VACANT CLUB POSITIONS

The following positions are currently available and any help would be hugely appreciated. These positions are:

CANTEEN MANAGER: The role is exactly what it states. Our previous manager is studying for her HSC and can't commit to being there every week due to studies, but will help out when possible. The role includes organising food to sell, preparing and running the canteen on match days. The manager will work with Vince (our treasurer) and offers front row seats for all games on the main field.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER: The role is basically making sure that our teams receive all relevant equipment and that they return it at the end of the season. Equipment includes jerseys, balls, cones, ball bags and anything else necessary.

MINI-ROOS COORDINATOR: The role is to oversee what is happening with the Mini-Roos teams. These are U6's to U11's. The role is to be a contact person for anyone, preferably coaches and managers, to speak to in regards to any issues, suggestions or matters that have come up and report them to the committee.

WEB DESIGNER: the club would like to give its web page a fresh new look. If we have any talented web designers within the Waratah family, here is your chance to make your mark.

For all positions you will receive the whole support of the committee as well as the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping your child/ren, their friends, team mates and your community. To volunteer, please speak to any committee member who will gladly explain more detail if necessary and/or get you started.

TEN QUESTIONS

A regular feature of our newsletters, this is where we ask totally random (but coincidentally prominent) people some questions to see what they make of the world... this week we've got Vice President Charles 'Chuck' Hargreaves ...

Chuck has been involved with the club for over 3 years. He started off coaching his youngest son's U10 team before hanging up the whistle and becoming Mini-Roos coordinator and equipment manager. This is his first year as club Vice President and we want to know what makes him tick!

1. Favourite A League player:

Mitch Nichols

2. Favourite International Player:

Tim Cahill

3. Favourite breakfast cereal:

Nutri Grain

4. Kebab or pizza?

A tough one so a kebab pizza has to be the answer

5. Your favourite superhero?

Deadpool

6. If you were an animal what would you be?

A bear (many say that I'm half way there!)

7. Favourite song on the radio right now:

Reverend by Kings of Leon

8. If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, who would it be with?

Margot Robbie. She's talented, intelligent and very easy on the eye.

9. If you had only 24 hours to live, what would you do?

I would oversee a revamp of global education systems so every child has the same opportunity to education and therefore work which will eventually help out everyone for a brighter future.

10. Your favourite Granville Waratah moment?

In my first year of coaching at the club, I coached my youngest son's (Cade) U10's team. We were heavily beaten on the Saturday by a 15 goal margin and won on the Sunday 1-0! It helped that Cade scored the goal but a 16 goal turnaround in 1 day is awesome. It ended up being our only win for the season as well.



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