



Magpies Mail



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FROM THE PREZ

Following the success of 2011 the Magpies Committee are looking forward to making 2012 an even better year. Preparations for the 2012 season are well underway. Please take note of the registration dates in the upcoming events section.

There is still much to do and unfortunately again this year we have a very small Committee. In the on-line survey several people indicated that they would possibly be interested in joining the Committee. Why not discuss it with a current Committee member or come along to a meeting to have a look. If you feel you can help in some other way please let us know.

This year Round 1 is on April 28. This is the last Saturday of the School Holidays. Once again there will be 14 rounds with the last round on 18 August.

Unfortunately the redeveloped enclosed oval is unlikely to be ready this year. To accommodate the Seniors needs we have had to change our training days. We look forward to using the new ground in 2013 and the return of Senior Football to Kippax.

Finally thank you to all those that responded to the 2011 survey. We need your ideas to improve the club for all.

Go Pies



CHANGE TO TRAINING DAYS

Due to the redevelopment of the Kippax Grounds that is currently underway the Magpies Junior Football Club, and the Belconnen Magpies Football Club have had to make some changes to training days and times for the 2012 season. This is to allow all teams access to training facilities and ovals while the redevelopment is underway. Exact training times for each team will be confirmed once coaches have been appointed, but general information regarding training days is:

Monday afternoon - start times to be confirmed, finish by 6.00pm – Under 12's and Under 14's.

Wednesday afternoon – start and finish times to be confirmed – All Magpies Junior teams Under 8's to Under 16's.

NO SMOKING POLICY

A reminder goes out to all parents and carers that **SMOKING IS NOT PERMITTED** in many areas on and around Kippax oval on game days and during training.



Additional information, including a map, is available on our website:

www.magpiesjuniors.com

UPCOMING EVENTS

Registration Dates:

- **Wednesday 29th February** 6.00pm to 7.30pm at the Magpies Sports Club.
- **Sunday 4 March** 11am to 3pm at the Kippax Ovals. BBQ included.

Training Start Dates:

After registration you will be contacted by your coach or manager to advise of training times.

Please note there will be no training at the sports ground between Monday 19th March and Monday 1st April as all ACT Government Sportsgrounds will be closed for maintenance.

Where alternate arrangements have been made you will be notified directly by your coach.

Pink Stump Day:

- **Saturday 18th February** come on down to the Kippax Oval, watch some cricket, enjoy a BBQ and possibly win some pink stumps or balls in the raffles.

Charny Carny:

- **Saturday 24th March** head down to Charnwood to support your local community. The MJFC will be BBQing and taking registrations on the day.

Committee Meeting:

- **Monday 20th February** at Magpies Sports Club, commencing at 7.30pm

SPONSOR SPOTLIGHT

Have you considered providing sponsorship to the MJFC? If you have a business, and are interested in supporting your local AFL club, please contact Greg Cassimatis on 0459844184 to discuss a sponsorship package. There are great incentives and rewards for becoming a part of our great club!

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED



There are currently several roles to fill on the MJFC Committee, including some of the Executive positions.

We are looking for:

Vice-President Administration
Treasurer
Registrar
General Committee Members

Please contact **Andrew Warden** on **0405363336** or awarden@netspace.net.au to discuss how you can help to support your local footy club and your child.

MAGPIES MAIL CONTRIBUTIONS

Do you have something that you would like to contribute to the next edition of Magpies Mail?

Please forward articles/notices to Janine Campbell at Janine.Campbell2@ato.gov.au

SURVEY RESULTS IN

Thank you to all those that took the time to fill in our end of season survey. Although the timing was not ideal we still had a good level of interest in a number of age groups. The information is valuable to improve our club.

While 94% of respondents said they enjoyed the season and intend to return to the club we have a few areas that we can work on.

It was pleasing to see that the majority of people felt that we provided a fair, safe and supportive environment for the children. Much of this is down to our volunteers, particularly our coaches and managers.

People appeared to be satisfied with skill improvement in the basic skills, but we can improve on other skills such as shepherding, reading the play and teamwork. We note the comments in relation to providing more one on one coaching. This is largely a resource issue.

One area that people were disappointed in was the Presentation. We were competing against other advertised events at the Spots Club and we had planned to use the larger room at the Golf Club but we were advised late in the day that poker machine regulations prevented us using that area. We will be back at the Sports Club next year.

There was also a suggestion that we split the registration along age groups. However, organising events such as presentation takes a lot of work and adding an additional event with the current number of volunteers is not practical. Also, our preference is to celebrate the season as one club.

You can still provide feedback. We have a contact form on our website. If you don't want to be identified just fill in the Enquiry field and leave the rest blank.

MERCHANDISE

At the Magpies Junior Football Club we have a range of merchandise to suit your needs.

For the players:

To outfit you completely we have polo t-shirts, polar fleece jumpers and training jerseys together with scarves, beanies & caps and Magpies Juniors Footballs.

For the supporters:

We don't forget the mums and dads, aunts and uncles or grandparents. All t-shirts and polar fleece jumpers are available in adult sizes. Also available on order are Magpies Junior Football Club Jackets – a must for a cold winter morning!!

You can deck the entire family out and show your support from the sideline by wearing black & white!

Orders can be placed on registration days, and after that through your manager or at the "container" at training on Wednesday night.

Merchandise order forms are available to download from our website:

www.magpiesjuniors.com

NO DOGS ALLOWED



We would like to remind all parents and carers that **DOGS ARE NOT PERMITTED** on ACT Sports Grounds during Auskick, training or on match days.

We ask that all supporters adhere to this rule, as requests to remove dogs often offend. On the spot fines may also be issued by ACT Government Inspectors.