



The Bear Facts

Caulfield Junior Football Club – Koornang Park, Munro Avenue, Carnegie

Pre-Season Information and Welcome

Dear families, welcome to the Bears for another great season of football. We are really looking forward to the season start, meeting all our new families and welcoming back familiar faces. This pre-season newsletter covers all the things you need to know before Round 1.

New Committee

Every year a new committee is appointed for the year ahead. The committee is here to serve the needs of our players and ensure that the club runs smoothly. If you would like to be involved yourself or have any feedback for the committee, please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

President: Louise Nelson

Vice President: Luke Meyer

Secretary: Rebecca Kovac

Treasurer: Penny Callaghan

Football Operations: Michael Gurrie

Registrar: Andrew Baldwin

Communications & Marketing: Clare Murphy

Auskick Liaison: Silvana Kerin

General Committee (1): John Margerison

General Committee (2): Vacant

Team Allocation

We are currently finalising the number of teams to be fielded for 2016. Allocating the teams is the most important job of the whole season and one that we strive to improve each year. We understand the frustration of not having your teams finalized, but please be patient whilst we work through this process. The teams will be communicated to parents just after Easter at the latest.

Team Managers

Once teams have been allocated, our dedicated Team Managers step into action. They will communicate with all their families and make sure that everyone knows what they are doing and where they are going each week. They are your first point of contact for any queries.

Access to Koornang Park

At the moment it is technically still cricket season and we are not yet Koornang Park tenants. The Council will formally hand over the tenancy at the end of March. Once this date is confirmed, we will advertise our "Unpacking Day" where we ask for volunteers to unpacking all the things we need to turn Koornang Park from a cricket club into a junior football club!

Round 1

The sirens will start from 8.30am on Sunday 17th April. We will not receive the first fixture from the League until the week prior to the 17th April. We usually receive information on the first four weeks games and then the League releases the remainder of the season once any re-grading has occurred. Our team managers will pass on all of this information as soon as it is available.

Family Nights

At the Bears we pride ourselves on our friendly, welcoming environment. Each year we hold a number of family nights where the whole family has the opportunity to get together and celebrate our football. Our first family night for 2016 will be held from 4.30pm – 7.30pm on Sunday 17th April. This will be a big night, with a special presentation to last year's outgoing U17 team. Stay tuned for further information.

Merchandise

If you need to purchase any new merchandise before the season starts, please check out our merchandise section on the website:

<http://www.caulfieldbears.com.au/juniorteam/merchandise/merchandise/>

Sam Healey does a wonderful job with our merchandise and she will take care of all your requirements.

We also have a 'boot exchange' program where you can donate old footy boots and take another pair that fit you better – just come down to the Club Rooms and look for the basket of boots!

Communication Tools

Please refer to our website for all information that you may need. We have information on how to make milestone banners, games played statistics, merchandise order forms, team contact details and once the season starts, the full fixtures.

For day-to-day communications, we use 'Team App'. Once the teams have been allocated, you will be placed into the appropriate access group and you will be able to receive notifications that are team specific as well as those relevant to the whole club. If you are unsure how to use Team App, your Team Manager will be able to assist.

Finally, let me take this opportunity to personally welcome your family to the Caulfield Bears. I look forward to meeting all of you over the coming months.

Kind regards - Louise Nelson, President