

FASTBREAK

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT.

Welcome all to the start of the Winter season. Again we are looking at fielding approximately 100 teams in the Saints colours. Congratulations to players, coaches and team managers who were successful in the Summer finals series. It was a pleasure to be at the Lilydale and Kilsyth stadiums and see our club so well represented.

I must take this opportunity to thank our committee members who work so hard in formalising teams, memberships and uniforms for the 700+ players who play for the Saints. I would ask parents to support these people by accepting their judgements on team make

up. Many of our co-ordinators no longer have children involved in the club but continue to give of their time and effort because of loyalty to the '**Saints**'. If you have an issue, try putting yourself in their shoes to have a 360 degree view of the apparent problem, you may find that it is not as much of a concern as your child may think it is at first. Our coordinators do their best and will take on board requests but 'you cannot please all the people all of the time'!

Since our last newsletter the State Government has developed a new 'Code of Conduct' to battle the 'Ugly Parent syndrome' effective as of July 1.

We at the Saints applaud this action and fully support the move. We will be reviewing our own Code of Conduct to ensure it reflects that of the Association and the Government. I make no apologies for the fact that we the Committee will act on breeches to this code. Our Constitution allows for us to suspend or even terminate the membership of individuals whose actions bring the Club in disrepute by failing to meet this Code. Verbal abuse of opposition players, officials, referees or officials of our own club will not be condoned. We as adults have an obligation to the younger generation to 'role

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model' correct behavior at sporting events. Sport by its nature develops passions, but they should not be allowed to control what we say or do if it falls outside of what would be considered reasonable controlled behavior. Remember your kids and those of others are always watching and listening!

The committee is at present looking at making the payment of fees even more convenient and more will be coming concerning that. It is however, crucial that fees **are** paid on time. In the past the club has had sizable amounts of money outstanding due to tardy payment of fees. Unfortunately bills continue to roll in regularly that must be paid. To address this any member who does not pay their fees by due dates or have not contacted the Membership Manager re payment **will not be placed in teams for the coming season** until fees for the past and coming season are paid! We thank the majority of members who pay promptly **knowing** you will continue to do so.

Finally thank you to the coaches and team managers of all of our teams for the coming season. We will be having clinics to support you over the season, so please try to attend and share ideas, drills and meet new coaches - we are never too old to learn!

JEFF McMASTER
PRESIDENT

GIRLS REPORT.

Summer 2009/10 was a very successful season for the girls. 11 teams **won** their Grand Final and 10 were Runner-up. Another 8 teams also made finals.

We would like to thank all our coaches and team managers for their time and efforts.

With over 40 teams entered it was fantastic to see so many girls enjoying themselves on the basketball court.

GIRLS COORDINATING TEAM

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MEMBERSHIP FEES NOW DUE APRIL 30.



MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL EXTENDED TO APRIL 30.

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ONLINE RIGHT NOW.**

REMEMBER.

UNFINANCIAL PLAYERS WILL BE REMOVED FROM TEAMS.

MEMBERSHIPS.

Hello & welcome to the new face of Saints Memberships. My name is Mick Binning & I've taken over the reins of Saints Memberships from Sue Albon. Many thanks must go to Sue for her many years of tireless work at various roles within the club.

Sue & her husband Ian have done a lot of work particularly with the streamlining & organization of membership records & have left me with a good system that works very well.

The Membership desk is evolving steadily this year with the implementation of more fee payment options due to the popularity of on-line payments. This is an addition, not a change, so that bank deposits & payments by cheque etc. are still an option. The recent implementation of a registration form sent to memberships online is also a welcome addition to the system.

CURRENT PAYMENT OPTIONS OFFERED

- A** BANK DEPOSIT
- B** A/C TRANSFER ONLINE
- C** CREDIT CARD ONLINE – Visa, Master

Card and AMEX via PayPal.

- D** CASH
- E** CHEQUE / MONEY ORDER.

At the moment the club has around 450 financial members for the Winter 2010 season, with about 50 of these new members. I know that there are a lot more of you out there, so please take advantage of the extended discount deadline which is now April 30th. The deadline was extended because of a hiccup with registration form distribution. Thanks to those 450 that have paid discounted fees so far.

If you need more information on anything club related please visit our revamped website www.sebcsaints.com.au. You are more than welcome to call or e-mail me if you have any queries or payment difficulties.

New Membership Contact Details

- P** [AH] 9739 1958 *Please leave a message if no answer.*
- E** memberships@sebcsaints.com.au

MICK BINNING
MEMBERSHIP MANAGER

BOYS REPORT.

Congratulations to all involved in the Saints boys' teams for the Summer 2009/2010 season. It was another very successful season. Just about every team was a chance to make it into finals right to the very end. 42 of 54 teams made it into the Finals with 26 teams making the Grand Final, finishing the day with 10 premierships.

The miniball teams did very well too with many of the players moving up to U9 while still eligible to play miniball.

A big thank you to all the Team Managers and Coaches for putting in a lot of time to ensure that the boys had an enjoyable season. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Winter 2010 season SEBC Saints have entered 54 junior boys teams and 5 miniballs teams. Once again a big thank you to all the team managers and coaches for putting their hand up to do the job. Currently we are in the grading phase of the season and hope all teams will be placed in an appropriate grade to ensure all players have an enjoyable season.

QUALIFICATION FOR FINALS OF WINTER 2010 SEASON

Players have to play 50% of scheduled games to qualify to play in finals. Byes do not count towards qualification.

DATES FOR FINALS WINTER 2010.

Please take note of the following dates for finals.

Semi final:	4th September 2010
Preliminary Final:	11th September 2010
Grand Final:	18th September 2010

COURTESY CALL

A reminder to all parents to let team managers or coaches know, as early as possible, if your child cannot get to training or to the game. It gives the team enough time to get a fill-in if required.

GOOOOOO SAINTS!!

JACKIE LEE
BOYS CO-ORDINATOR

REQUIRED. U12 BOYS PLAYERS

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN JOINING THE GREATEST BASKETBALL CLUB, AND ARE 12 OR UNDER,

CONTACT JACKIE LEE ASAP!

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**JOIN
US ON
FACEBOOK!**

**FIGURED
THE MSG
OUT YET??**

To enter the competition, all you have to do is find the secret message within the newsletter, become a fan of the SEBC Saints facebook page and post what you think the message is. The first 10 entries will go into the draw to win the \$20 Kmart Gift Card!

COMMUNICATIONS.

MBA PATCHES.

If there are still any current players without a MBA patch sewn on, please contact Michelle Anderson (0418 541 937) from the Uniform shop to request one. If this has not been organised, players will not be permitted to take to the court.

WEBSITE.

Check out our ever changing website! New features include:

- Online Membership Renewals,
- Credit Card payments for membership fees,
- Club News display - including an RSS feed, &
- Direct Link with our Facebook page.

If you have any suggestions or ideas for the website, please email them to communications@sebcsaints.com.au.

CLUB SPONSORSHIP

Is your organisation looking to partner with one of the the most recognisable brands in the Yarra Valley?

The club is currently looking for a range of sponsors to join MBA and SupaGas into the Saints family!

If you are interested please feel free to contact sponsorship@sebcsaints.com.au for more information.

JASON TAYLOR
COMMUNICATIONS

MATCH TIPS.

DID YOU KNOW USING THE WRONG BASKETBALL LIMITS YOUR SKILL?

There are many players who are coming to training with a basketball that is too big for them. This hinders their skill development and reduces their shooting accuracy. It is like training with a soccer ball, and playing with a footy.

Below is a guide for all age groups, and the correct ball size.

BOYS

Miniball	Size 5
U9 - U14	Size 6
U16 Up	Size 7

GIRLS

Miniball	Size 5
U9 Up	Size 6

Girls do not use a size 7 ball at all

Correct size balls are all available at the Kilsyth Shop, and at Rebel Sports stores.



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