

Welcome to our first newsletter for the Sandringham Soccer Club 2012 season. We are now in full swing preparing for an exciting season ahead, and have lots to share with you as we prepare for competition start in April. With over 800 members across sub-junior, junior and senior age levels we are proud to be part of one of the largest soccer clubs in the state, and eagerly anticipating the return of all players to soccer.

TRIALS AND TEAM ALLOCATIONS

We have had a busy February with our junior trials for A team selection being held for all eligible age groups from Boys U10 and up and Girls U11 and up. This year we were very fortunate to have some highly experienced and impartial coaches conduct trials at all age levels, with over 300 children participating. Regretfully, not every child could be assigned to an A team, however all enjoyed the experience of getting a soccer ball back at their feet.

Allocations of children to our non-graded teams is typically based on a combination of teams played in last season, friendship groups and schools nominated in the registration process. To assist us with team allocations it is important that all children are registered with Sandringham Soccer Club as soon as possible.

Our coordinators are now hard at work finalising all team placements and preparing for the commencement of the season in April. Coaches are now being assigned with the aim to have all teams training within the next few weeks. Sandringham SC has a policy on our website (under Club Policies) which outlines team placement and playing philosophy, including trials.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our annual general meeting will be held on the 18th of March at our Spring Street Pavilion from 10am onwards. As a community based, volunteer organisation we rely heavily on the generosity of parents to make a meaningful contribution to the management and development of the club for the benefit of all players. As such we would encourage anyone with interest to get involved and put their name forward as a committee member.

Nominations for all positions on the committee are now being accepted. All nominations must be received 1 week prior to the AGM in writing to the Secretary – secretary@sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au or PO Box 11 Hampton 3188. For a full list of committee positions please contact the Secretary.



DIARY DATES

March

- 18th – Annual General Meeting
- 24th – FFV Grassroots Coaches Course
- 26th – Women's Premier League season commences
- 31st – Provisional 1 Men's League season commences

April

- 1st – Council Ground Access
- 14/15th – Full Season Commences
- 29th – Goalkick Commences

PRE-SEASON TRAINING

Do you need access to pre-season training grounds? Please contact Greg Emsley at:

junior@sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au

TRAINING EQUIPMENT

Do you need team training equipment? Please contact Stefan Bartl at:

stefanb@sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au



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IMPORTANT

Please note that there is to be no unauthorised training on any Sandringham SC grounds. Council have severe fines for any teams training without authority. We only have limited access to our grounds until 1st April, and all teams will be notified once we have been granted full access to our grounds. If you require pre-season training facilities please contact Greg Emsley.



2012 General Excellence Scholarships and Open Morning at Brighton Grammar School

You've seen Brighton Grammar School out of hours when training on the Mitchell Oval soccer pitch, well why not come and visit us and see the School at work at our Open Morning and School Tours event on Friday 9th March.

The morning starts with a short presentation at 9.15am in the Junior School Hall and then you are invited to take a small group tour with some current students giving you a chance to see the parts of the School of particular interest and ask all the questions you like! The tour is followed Morning tea with key staff giving you a chance to meet some of our people who love to teach boys!

If you are particularly good at soccer or have some other special talents maybe you would be interested in applying for a general excellence scholarship (details online

REGISTRATIONS

The registration close off date for Goalkick is 5th April. Team allocations will be completed once registrations close. The close off date for Sub Junior U7 and up to Senior's was 1st March.

These dates are set to encourage everyone to register early so we can start forming teams. We are still accepting registrations but team allocations cannot be guaranteed. If you know of anyone who has not yet registered and would like to play please have them register on our website asap.

This year we have been instructed to get all players to complete their FFV player registration online (some may remember filling out an NRR03 form last year). Instructions will be sent to all players in a separate email.

SPORTSMART VIP DAY

A big thank you to all club members who took advantage of the Sportsmart Club VIP day held on Sunday, March 4th. All sales on the day provide a small level of proceeds to the club. Sportsmart offers a 5% discount to all Sandringham SC members throughout the year, so be sure to mention you are a Sandringham SC member at the registers to take advantage of this deal.

Sportsmart currently stock all of our club uniforms and are ready to take your orders. For players in U12 age groups and above please ensure you have received a club allocated shirt number before placing your order with Sportsmart. The Sportsmart store is located at Cochranes Road, Moorrabin.

SPONSORSHIP

With increasing utilities costs and more players wanting to play soccer we are in need of extra finances to improve our facilities. We need some money to upgrade and install new lights at Spring st and Sillitoe Reserve amongst many other big projects. Money from registrations does not cover all the extra big ticket items.

We are after a group of highly motivated people to start finding some Corporate sponsorship. Please email info@sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au

PROGRAMS:

GOALKICK

Close off for registrations is April 5th. Teams will be formed once registration are finalised and all parents and players will be notified. The season starts April 29th at Spring St, Sandringham. We had over 160 players last year and are expecting a similar number this year. Anne Barnett and Petra Fotomaris are coordinating the Goalkick program for the U6 and U7 age groups.

We are in need of someone to help coordinate the U5 group. Contact Anne Barnett to discuss – goalkick@sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au

SUB-JUNIOR U7 to U11

Mark Heaven is coordinating the sub-juniors with help from Melanie Finucane (who is looking after the U9 age group). The program is filling fast, with a very limited number of places available in some age groups. These will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. As always at this time of year we are in need of volunteers to coach (particularly at the U8 and U9 age levels). If you are interested in helping, please contact Mark via email. An alternative to Goalkick is our U7 level that plays competitively with other local Bayside clubs. We are yet to confirm the season start date for this group but will be in touch with those registered to participate in this program as soon as the fixtures are finalised.

Teams are currently being finalised and emails will start going out soon on team placements. Please email subjunior@sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au if you have queries on registrations.

SUB-JUNIOR GIRLS U10 to U11

Anita Hardy is working on the U10 Bayside teams. This group is comprised of all girls U8 to U10. If you know of any girls not yet registered please have them do so asap. Teams are filling fast.

Our U10 Girls group plays other local Bayside clubs. We are yet to confirm the season start date for this group. Fixtures are put together by the Bayside clubs and will be released separately to the FFV.

U11 Girls teams are being finalised. We do need more players so if you know of anyone please have them register!



CAN YOU ASSIST?

We are in need of a volunteer to help stock and replenish all team First Aid kits for 2012. This is a simple job. Each First Aid kit has a list of items and needs checking and re-stocking. Nicole Richards has done the first Aid kits for the club over the past few years but is sadly not at the club this year. The volunteer will need to source all supplies. Please email admin@sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au

4 DRAWER FILING CABINET NEEDED

The club is looking for a 4 drawer filing cabinet. If anyone has a spare they'd like to donate to the club please email info@sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au



“Some people believe football is a matter of life and death. I'm very disappointed with that attitude. I can assure you it is much, much more important than that”

Bill Shankly – English soccer manager



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JUNIOR BOYS

We had well over 100 boys attend our U12 through to U16 A selection trials. All A team notifications have been sent out and we are now working on finalising the remaining teams, coaches and training times. All age groups still have some vacancies so please ensure you have completed registration to ensure we can allocate a spot for your son. If you require any information please email Greg Emsley at junior@sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au

JUNIOR GIRLS

Paul Gerrard is looking after the U12 Girls and Lou Buchhorn is coordinating the U15/16 age group. Trials have completed and team lists for 13/14 and 15/16 will shortly be released.

Teams are being finalised and coaches and training being confirmed. Emails will be sent soon. Please email info@sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au for any further information

DIVISION 2 WOMEN

Sian Rogers (WPL player) is coaching this group this season. Training has begun and all girls U16+ wishing to join this state level team are welcome to attend. If you know of anyone not yet registered but wanting to play please have them register.

Training is Tuesday 6:30-7:30 at Spring Street Sandringham. Email Sian at lfc_200@hotmail.com for more information

METRO WOMEN

Frank Hajnci is coaching this team again. They have enjoyed success over the past few years. All girls U17+ are welcome to join in. The Metro girls currently train with Frank's Div 4 senior men's team on Thursday night 6:45 to 8pm at Spring Street, and Sundays 3 to 4pm at Wishart Reserve. Email Frank at Metro@sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au

WOMEN'S PREMIER LEAGUE

Teams are training Mondays and Wednesdays at Parkdale Secondary College. The season commence March 26th. Please email Paul Stewart for more details at women@sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au

SENIOR MEN

Teams are training Tuesday and Thursday evenings at BGS 6:30 to 8:30pm. Prov 1 teams season starts 31st March, Div 4 and Div 6 season starts 15th April. Email David O'Flaherty men@sandringhamsoccerclub.org.au