Round 8

Round 8 games were played last weekend. Although these were all away games, it must almost have felt like a home game at the Maroochydore fields, with nine of our teams playing there!

Thank you once again to Rae for the photos from the Snappers game. Please remember to send in any match or team photos you have throughout the season, so they can be appreciated by all our families.

Our U11A Pacific Taipans played the Buderim Dragons at Fishermans Road. Goals were scored by both sides throughout the game, which would have kept the spectators entertained. With great team effort, the Taipans took the points on the day, continuing their recent good form with a 5:3 result.

Our U11B Pacific Cobras played the Palmwoods Mohicans. The weekend games seem to suit the Cobras more than their mid-week evening games, because they were on target on Saturday, recording a 4:2 win and taking the points for this round.

Our U12B Pacific Sharks played the Palmwoods Celtics. Palmwoods have been dominating this age group this year and currently have two undefeated teams at the top of the table. Despite a valiant effort from the Sharks, which gave them a well-earned goal, the Celtics took the points on the day, with a 4:1 result.

Our U13B Pacific Snappers played Bli Bli Ravens and welcomed back their missing players from Round 7. Although the Snappers still have injured players, a combination of great teamwork and passionate coaching saw the Snappers take the win, with a 3:1 result.

Fair Play Award

Throughout the season, the referees for all U9+ games award points to each team based on Team Spirit, Coaching Spirit, and Attitude to Referee. Between one to five points can be awarded for each team in each category. The points accumulate throughout the season and are shown on the Fair Play Award table on the SCCSA website. At the end of the season, the highest ranked team receives a special SCCSA award to celebrate their achievement. Pacific Soccer also presents an award to the highest ranked Pacific team.

Congratulations to the U10 Pacific Eels, who are currently in third place on the Fair Play Award, out of 153 teams - an outstanding effort so far!

It is a long season, so please remember that the way the game is played is much more important than the final result. It is essential for players to show respect for fellow teammates, officials, the opposing team and the referee and provides a valuable life lesson for everyone. We also encourage our families to show the same respect for teams, officials and spectators and to set a great example of sportsmanship for everyone.

Challenge Cup – 9th July

The Challenge Cup is a competition for U10 to U16 players, with teams from the Sunshine Coast, Brisbane, Ipswich and surrounding areas. This year, the Challenge Cup will be hosted by SCCSA and will be played at Mudjimba and Bli Bli on 9th July.

The focus of the tournament is based on a Fair Play Award, rather than results, and is intended to encourage the positive spirit in which the games should be played. The referees award points for Team Spirit, Coaching Spirit and Attitude to the Referee.
The following information should be noted:

- The Challenge Cup allows direct nominations from any U10-U16 teams who would like to take part, although any representative player must play for their rep side.
- Pacific Soccer will be subsidising any U10+ teams who would like to nominate for the Challenge Cup, to reduce the cost to $10 per player.
-Registrations close Wednesday 1st June; so if you would like to nominate a team, please let us know soon.

**Round 9 – 28th May**

Our teams continue with a long run of away games this weekend.

- U6 Mantarays, U6 Marlins and U11 Taipans at Bli Bli.
- U7 Razors, U7 Seadragons, U8 Barracudas, U8 Jewelfish, U8 Vipers and U11 Cobras at Mudjimba.
• U7 Flyers and U10 Eels at Good Shepherd, Noosaville.
• U9 Seals and U9 Swordfish at Palmwoods.
• U12 Sharks at Montville.
• U13 Snappers at Chancellor Park.

The manager of each team will have game times, or visit www.SCCSA.org.au if you have any queries.

Looking ahead …

Combined Soccer and Netball Games – 11th June

Our next home games will be played on 11th June and will coincide with fixtures for the Caloundra District Netball Association.

We would like to thank PLC Netball and especially Sophie McKenzie for assisting once again with the organisation and hosting of this combined event. This event has always provided a wonderful promotion for both sports and for the College.

Grandparent’s Day – 11th June

Throughout the 2016 season, SCCSA has adopted the theme ‘Celebration of the Family’. in recognition of this focus, we will also be hosting a Grandparent’s Day on 11th June, with Devonshire Tea and scones for the Grandparent’s who come along.

SCCSA are also running a photo competition, asking players to take a selfie with their grandparents at the game and share on their Facebook page. Please share your selfie on the SCCSA Facebook page and also #tag it #SCCSAgrandparents. The winner of the Grandparent Selfie will be announced on 22nd June and will receive a $200 restaurant voucher.

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Thank you to all our families and supporters for supporting Pacific Soccer this season. If you have any queries, or if you need any assistance, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Quote for the day (in celebration of International Towel Day on 25th May and the wisdom of Douglas Adams), “Let us think the unthinkable, let us do the undoable, let us prepare to grapple with the ineffable itself, and see if we may not eff it after all”.

Mr Ian Barnes, Pacific Soccer President