

Pacific Soccer

Round 9

With the completion of Round 9 games last weekend, we are now midway through the 2016 season.

Thank you to the U07 Razors for your celebratory team photo after your game at Mudjimba. We are always happy to share team or game photos, so please remember to send them in! Thank you also for the impromptu U11 Taipans' team photo from Bli Bli. We love the elegant photo bomb from Macey!



Our U11A Pacific Taipans played the Bli Bli Dragons, bringing together two evenly matched teams. The defence from both teams was impressive, resulting in the lowest score for either team this season. At the game's end, the teams were locked 1:1 and shared the points for this round.

Our U11B Pacific Cobras had an early game against the Nambour Jungle Cats at Mudjimba. The players certainly would have kept the scorers busy and the spectators entertained. In another great team effort, the Cobras took the points for this round, with a very close 4:3 result.

Our U12B Pacific Sharks travelled to Montville to play the Range Redbacks. Goals were scored at both ends of the field, providing encouragement to the players and giving the spectators plenty of reasons to celebrate. The Sharks have been playing well as a team and had to work hard for their goals, to finally take the points with a 5:3 result on the day.

Our U13B Pacific Snappers played the Chancellor Challengers at Sippy Downs. The Snappers were hit hard in the first half, both physically and on the scoreboard, with Chancellor taking a 2:0 lead at the half-time break. The Snappers were certainly feeling the physical impact of the Challengers, but deserve to be commended for not retaliating and instead continuing to play the game.

The courage and the character the Snappers have developed over the last two seasons were certainly on display last weekend. Despite their 0:2 half-time deficit and the tough conditions, the players worked hard as a team and finally drew level with Chancellor, before scoring again to take the lead and the points on the day, with a well-earned 3:2 result. Full credit must also be given to the passion and the positive attitude that the team has developed under Leah's coaching guidance.

Player Profile – Cristiano Ronaldo



If you have a chance, please have a look at our Facebook page and share the amazing story of Cristiano Ronaldo. From humble beginnings on the tiny island of Madeira, to becoming an internationally known footballer with Real Madrid, his amazing talent is greatly admired by so many of our younger players, as well as many other fans of the game. What is less known about Cristiano is the support he has provided for so many worthy causes and his kindness and generosity.

None of us is likely to have the skill, the public profile, or the resources of Cristiano Ronaldo, but perhaps his own words can be used to inspire us and make us realise that we all have the ability to make a difference, in our corner of a very large pond.

"I'm not going to change the world. You're not going to change the world. But we can help – we can all help." - Cristiano Ronaldo

Team Photos – Saturday 18th June



This year, our team photos will be taken during our Round 12 home games on Saturday 18th June. Photo times will be sent to each manager next week.

Please be aware that teams who play early on Saturday morning will need to have their photos taken prior to their game. Therefore, we expect some team photos may need to be scheduled for about 7.30am. For this reason, please keep in contact with your manager to ensure everyone on the team is present and ready at the required time.

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. Although representative players must play for their own rep side, other teams and players are also encouraged to take part and nominations are always welcomed.

We have received interest from many U11, U12 and U13 players and are intending to nominate two teams as follows:

- We have 14 x U12/U13 players, who we are combining to form an U13 side. In the Challenge Cup, the team will be called the Pacific Piranhas.
- We also have 11 x U11 players and will be nominating a second team in the U11 competition. We will be looking for a couple of extra U10 or U11 players (born 2005 or 2006) to join this team, which will be called the Pacific Rattlesnakes in the Challenge Cup.

As advised last week, Pacific Soccer will be subsidising part of the team nomination cost. This will reduce the cost to \$10 per player. Places available in the U11 Pacific Rattlesnakes are very limited, so any U10 or U11 players who would like to take part in the Challenge Cup on 9th July, please let us know without delay.

Round 10 – 4th June

Our teams will play away games again this weekend at various venues across the coast.

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

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 Grandparents 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.

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