



# News from the Lakers!



Thanks to Ballarat for hosting a great start to the season under fantastic conditions and a large crowd on hand for a double header. The netball support was amazing and lots of families took the opportunity to have a day out. Unfortunately the weather turned when the older boys took to the ground under lights, but it was a wonderful opportunity nonetheless.

We had a lot of lost property left in the rooms at the end of the day and this has been placed in Lost and Found tub located in the trailer. Please make sure that you keep items of clothing in a secure location and remember to collect your articles of clothing after you have played.

Due to the level of merchandise, please ensure your sons or daughters name is noted on the article of clothing to ensure it can be returned. The club has some white markers if you require assistance.

## \*\* CLUB CAPTAINS \*\*

Congratulations to our club captains.

### Football

Under 16.5's: Captain Sam Carr, Vice: Callum McKay Deputy Vice Captains: Xavier Schuurs & Max Edwards

Under 14's: Captain Matt McKennal, Vice: Ned Nash

Under 12's: Captain Sam Butler & Kade Towk Vice: Jackson Leech, Flynn Loader, Cooper James

### Netball

Under 13 Seniors : Ruby Cheeseman, Vice: Zoe Cowan

Under 15 Seniors: Ava Valpied and Grace Todd

Under 17 Seniors: Celie Hay, Vice: Jaya Keogh

## \*\* Interleague \*\*

Congratulations to the following boys who have been selected to try out for the BFL interleague teams this year:-

Under 12's      Jackson Leech, Sam Butler, Copper James & Flynn Loader

Under 13's      Cooper Bath, Max McIntosh, Tarun Raven, Griffin Andrews & Brock Noble

Under 14's      Matt McKenna, Matt O'Connell, Ned Nash, Mitch Phillips & Oscar Pryor

Under 15's Joel O'Connell, Charlie Lloyd, Aiden Lourey & Aiden McDougall  
Under 16.5's Sam Carr, Callum McKay, Xavier Schuurs & Max Edwards

## **\*\* CONGRATULATIONS \*\***

Congratulations Noah Browning and Paetyn Jarred who'll play their 50<sup>th</sup> club games this weekend against Mt Clear.

## **\*\* BFL Raffle \*\***

Each family should have received a raffle book on Saturday and we ask that each family sell one book. The books are made up of 20 tickets at \$5 each. If anyone would like to sell additional books please let us know.

This is very similar to the Rotary Raffle and each BFL club will be selling tickets, so best to get in early and sell as many as you can.

Prizes are:-

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Toyota Yaris valued at \$18,490 from Ballarat Toyota
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$2,000 flooring voucher form Solomon's Flooring/National Tiles Ballarat
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$1,000 gift card from Tanya Daniels The Good Guys

We ask that the tickets and unsold tickets are returned to the team managers by 31<sup>st</sup> May 2015. Any sold books returned prior to 3<sup>rd</sup> May will be placed in a draw for a \$100 gift card.

## **\*\* SPONSORS \*\***

The club has a number of excellent sponsors, and you wish to get involved please contact Nat or Neil to discuss. Many thanks to our match day sponsors:-

- McDonalds
- Pinkys Pizza
- Ballarat Leagues Club
- Stockland Wendouree
- Red Lion
- Grill'd

We also thank PPT, Western Victoria Windows, Prestige Denture Clinic, Brumbys & Clark Lift Trucks for their assistance.

We also extend our thanks to Tanya Daniels The Good Guys who looked after us with the recent purchase of ipads for the junior club.

## **\*\* TEAM APP \*\***

Download the TEAM APP for your smartphone - when downloading be sure to choose our Lakers Juniors logo when installing. Circled here in red...



This is a quick and easy way for the club to pass on important pieces of news like changes to game times, training and social functions.

## **\*\* FACEBOOK \*\***

We have a new Juniors Facebook page "Lakers Juniors", so please search for "Lakers Juniors: and keep up to date with news and photos. The old facebook page will be closed in the coming weeks.

## **\*\* Oval/Netball Court Official Opening and 20 Year Celebrations \*\***

The Ballarat City Council have funded \$1.1 million to re-develop our C.E. Brown Reserve, home of the Lakers, and it looks simply outstanding - the boys and girls are raring to play their first game on the new surfaces the day of our reunion celebrations - Saturday May 2nd.

We have a big day planned for May 2nd given it will be our first home game for the season playing against Sebastopol (who co incidentally were the Lakers played against in our first year). On this day we will also be officially opening our new oval and our juniors & seniors are all playing at home together that day.

The club requests that all footballers and netballers be in attendance dressed in their playing uniforms, with players to on the ground to welcome the senior team onto the ground and the official opening at 2pm.

A VIP afternoon tea will be provided for those that have purchased a ticket to our Gala Evening which will be a memorable event as we announce our All Star Football & Netball Teams of the first 20 years. It will be a night where we hope to see as many junior families there as possible.

***We require some assistance for the day by the way of slices and sausage rolls. If you are able to assist with contact Nat on 0400 681 870.***

We hope you can join us for what is going to be a very memorable weekend. Many great people have experienced great times at Lakerland and we would love to see you return as we head into some very exciting times.

Tickets are \$40 each for the Gala Night. No tables required.

An order form to order your tickets for the VIP afternoon tea and Gala Evening is attached.

### Merchandise

Merchandise including bags, hoodies, jackets, old playing jumpers and track pants are still available for purchase. Contact Jodie Gilbert on 0438 301 027 for orders. Please note no orders will be taken after round 4.

Those who have placed orders will be able to collect tonight Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> April from the clubrooms.

Forms are available on the website to download.

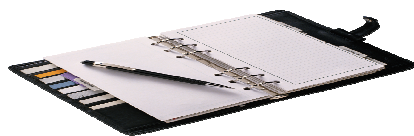
### Auskick

Wendouree Auskick has commenced on Friday nights from 6.00 to 7.30 running every Friday night through second term, under lights, on the Lakers junior oval.

Coordinators Leah and Tracey are keen to see plenty of little Auskickers this season, along with Coach Paul, who are eager to create a fun environment for children to learn and develop their AFL skills.

Register online at [www.aflauskick.com.au](http://www.aflauskick.com.au)

### DATES TO REMEMBER



Team Photos –	Wednesday 20th May and Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> May from 4.30 in the clubrooms
Lakers Ball –	Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> July 2015
Last Man Standing-	2nd August 2015

## Netball News

Wow, what an amazing start to the season for our netballers! **ALL 8 SIDES HAD FANTASTIC WINS** and it was fabulous to see Lakers come out with wins across the board, but more importantly to see all our girls having a great time together on the court. We welcome many new families to the netball club this year with lots of gorgeous little netballers beginning in the U/11's and several new girls throughout the other age groups. We hope you all feel very welcome at Lakers and we are thrilled to have you join our great netball club.

### Results

U/11 Reserves:	Lakers <b>25</b>	defeated	Ballarat <b>0</b>
	Best Players: Whole team		
U/11 Seniors:	Lakers <b>46</b>	defeated	Ballarat <b>1</b>
	Best Players: Whole team		
U/13 Reserves:	Lakers <b>28</b>	defeated	Ballarat <b>19</b>
	Best Players: Makalah Drew, Elise Amarant, Rhyley Bath		
U/13 Seniors:	Lakers <b>28</b>	defeated	Ballarat <b>5</b>
	Best Players: Zali Palmer, Latesha Shanks, Charlotte Todd		
U/15 Reserves:	Lakers <b>25</b>	defeated	Ballarat <b>11</b>
	Best Players: Tamsin Keogh, Mia Conlan, Jordan Forbes		
U/15 Seniors:	Lakers <b>29</b>	defeated	Ballarat <b>5</b>
	Best Players: Grace Todd, Georgia Bear, Amelia Monk		
U/17 Reserves:	Lakers <b>43</b>	defeated	Ballarat <b>9</b>
	Best Players: Georgia Edwards, Maggie Lazzo, Olivia Loader		
U/17 Seniors:	Lakers <b>25</b>	defeated	Ballarat <b>11</b>
	Best Players: Jaya Keogh, Eva Gillet, Celie Hay		

We wish to thank our 2015 coaches for their preparation for the season and for getting the girls ready for Round 1. Our coaches put in a significant amount of time planning and taking training, preparing for games, making phone calls and then coaching the girls on the weekends and we all very grateful for their time and commitment to Lakers. We are extremely fortunate to have a range of experienced and talented coaches across our age groups who bring a great deal of knowledge and expertise to our club. Thank you to our 2015 coaches:

<b>U/11's:</b>	Jackie Clifton and Jill James
<b>U/13's:</b>	Ally Pryor and Barb Carter
<b>U/15's:</b>	Karina Palmer and Lisa James
<b>U/17's:</b>	Kellie Berry and Kyra Miller

A big thank you to all of our netball volunteers who have all worked really hard to get the season under way and survived their first round of duties on Saturday. Like the football sides, our girls wouldn't get on the court if it wasn't for the organisation and help of an army of people each week.

A special thank you to our Team Managers and Mentors. The Team Managers ensure the coaches and players are organised on the day and are responsible for the scoring/data entry for the teams and the Mentors provide support and advice for coaches, players and parents:

	<u>Team Managers</u>	<u>Mentors</u>
<b>U/11's:</b>	Megan Clark and Jenny Sells	Helen Lawson
<b>U/13's:</b>	Jodie Gilbert and Kristy Cowan	Kate Raven
<b>U/15's:</b>	Tracey Amarant and Dani Canny	Lucy Loader
<b>U/17:</b>	Alicia Rodd and Tash McLachlan	Claire Gillet

Thank you also to Kim-Maree Spratling who is entering our scores for all teams after each home game, Jane Valpied who organised all the netball dresses and Jodie Gilbert for once again doing such an amazing job with all our club merchandise.

**Congratulations to Paetyn Jarred (U/15's) who plays her 50<sup>th</sup> game of netball for Lakers this week. Well done Paetyn!**

A reminder to ALL netball parents that it is essential that every girl's parents assist with scoring and time-keeping throughout the season. Your daughter's team manager will see you about putting you on the roster to help with this and will show you what to do if you are new to it.

This week we look forward to taking on Mt Clear at Mt Clear's new courts on Sunday.

Go Lakers,

*Lisa and Lucy.*

## REMINDERS

### Footy Jumpers & Dresses

Footy jumpers and netball dresses should only be worn at the game, and removed after you have played if boys and girls are staying at the oval/netball courts for long periods after they have played.

They are not to be worn at footy training, but the club does have old playing jumpers (smaller sizes) for sale at \$20 each if you wish to wear the clubs colours at training.

## Tape

Please note that the trainers will not supply boys with tape to hold down their laces during the season. If your son requires tape please ensure that you supply your own and that at the end of the game tape is disposed off in the bins rather than left on the floor.

## Rubbish

Please ensure that all rubbish be it in the rooms or around the grounds is disposed off in the bins rather than left on the floor or around the oval.

## Lost property

Please make sure that you keep items of clothing in a secure location and remember to collect your articles of clothing after you have played.

Any missing articles of clothing etc can be found in the lost and found tub located in the trailer.

Due to the level of merchandise, please ensure your sons or daughters name is noted on the article of clothing to ensure it can be returned. The club has some white markers if you require assistance.

## Skins

Skins have become more popular in recent years as the boys try to emulate their favourite players. The BFL have a policy that skins must be skin colour. Boys who wear the incorrect skins will be unable to take the field without removing the skins.