



News from the Lakers!



It's with great excitement that we look forward to Sunday. We wish both our Under 12's teams all the best in the football and our Under 12 Seniors, Under 14 Seniors and Under 16.5 Reserves all the very best in the netball,

It's been great to see so many parents and supporters in attendance supporting the boys and girls! Come along and enjoy the celebrations with BBQ and drinks on Sunday back at the clubrooms from 3pm. All are welcome.

Grand Junior Finals 2013..

Football	Home Rooms		Away Rooms	Venue	Date	Time
U/12 Reserves						
Grand Final	Lake Wendouree	v	Ballarat	City Oval	Sunday 8th September	8:30am
U/12 Seniors						
Grand Final	Lake Wendouree	v	North Ballarat	City Oval	Sunday 8th September	9:35am
U/14 Reserves						
Grand Final	Bacchus Marsh	v	North Ballarat	City Oval	Sunday 8th September	11:00am
U/14 Seniors						
Grand Final	East Ballarat	v	North Ballarat	City Oval	Sunday 8th September	12:25pm
U/16.5 Reserves						
Grand Final	Redan	v	North Ballarat	City Oval	Sunday 8th September	1:50pm
U/16.5 Seniors						
Grand Final	East Ballarat	v	Mount Clear	City Oval	Sunday 8th September	3:35pm
Netball	Home Club		Away Club	Venue	Date	Time
U/12 Reserves						
Grand Final	North Ballarat	v	Bacchus Marsh	City Oval	Sunday 8th September	9:00am
U/12 Seniors						
Grand Final	North Ballarat	v	Lake Wendouree	City Oval	Sunday 8th September	10:15am
U/14 Reserves						
Grand Final	North Ballarat	v	Darley	City Oval	Sunday 8th September	11:30am
U/14 Seniors						
Grand Final	North Ballarat	v	Lake Wendouree	City Oval	Sunday 8th September	12:45pm
U/16.5 Reserves						
Grand Final	Redan	v	Lake Wendouree	City Oval	Sunday 8th September	2:00pm
U/16.5 Seniors						
Grand Final	Redan	v	North Ballarat	City Oval	Sunday 8th September	3:15pm

NOTE: Change of Prices

Adults - \$10

Family (2 adults & 2 children) - \$25

Pensioner - \$6

8 - 16yo - \$5

U/8 - Free

Car - \$5

Footy Record - \$2 (SPECIAL EDITION)

Gate Keepers will have day stamps on them throughout the course of the day so if you are leaving the venue and are planning on returning at some stage that day, you need to make sure you get a stamp on your hand to show you have previously paid the entry fee.

IMPORTANT: Read This Notice from the BFL:

Following a few disappointing incidents over the weekend across senior and junior football, it is with great disappointment that the league felt it important to make a strong stance on this matter. The league is absolutely fed up to the teeth with people (supporters and/or club volunteers) who think they have the right to have a swipe at league Board members or staff over incidents that occur over a weekend that they either don't agree with or have it in their own mind that they have been harshly dealt with. Everyone has the right to go to the football and netball on the weekend and enjoy themselves, league officials and staff included. If supporters, parents or club volunteers have an issue, there is a procedure that should be followed and incidents should be dealt with in a civil manner. Ranting and raving within the public arena will not be tolerated by anyone involved with the Ballarat Football Netball League and we will be following up on all incidents from the weekend and many people will be receiving a "please explain" from the league for their actions over the weekend.

Parents & Supporters Code Of Conduct:

Clubs should be aware of the BFNL's Parent & Supporters Code of Conduct and hopefully promoting it on your website and to all of your members. Important points taken from the Code of Conduct are as follows:

- Remember that you are there for the participants to enjoy the game.
- Encourage participation, but don't force it.
- Teach that enjoyment is more important than winning.
- Never ridicule mistakes or losses - supporters are there to support not downgrade.
- Lead by example and respect all players, coaches, umpires and spectators - physical or verbal abuse will not be tolerated.
- Recognise all volunteers who are giving up their valuable time.
- Never publicly criticise umpires - raise personal concerns with club officials in private.
- Don't use ugly remarks based on race, religion, gender or ability - you'll let down your family and yourself if you do & many such comments are actually now illegal.

Grand Final Day - Sunday 8th September 2013..

It's been great to see so many parents and supporters in attendance supporting the boys and girls! We are holding a celebration of the year next Sunday 8th September from 3pm at the clubrooms. Come along and enjoy the celebrations with BBQ and drinks. All are welcome.

To adequately cater for the night, could families please text Nat on 0400 681 870 with your name and the number in attendance.

Best & Fairest Winners..

On Sunday night we held the Under 16.5 Presentation Night. We had 120 boys, girls and their parents in attendance. Congratulations to our Under 16.5's Best & Fairest Winners this year:

Football	16.5 Reserves	16. Seniors
Winner	Jake O'Connor	Harrison Robertson
Runner Up	Ben Landwehr	Ambrose Gillett
		Darrien Mann
Most Consistent	Jake Lockhart	Max Lawrence
Most Improved	Grant Kaylock	Tom McKay
Coaches Award	Andrew Spratling	Sam Carr
Netball	16.5 Reserves	16. Seniors
Winner	Jaya Keogh	Sarah McCabe
Runner Up	Emma-Lee Hughes	Courtney O'Connell
Coaches Award	Millie Harte	Ellie Godson

We say goodbye to the following boys who graduate from the juniors, and hope to see you all in the seniors:

Lachie McIntosh
Luke Wren
Darrien Mann
Harrison Robertson
Max Lawrence
Tom Mc Kay
Liam Findlay
Brandon Quayle
Ambrose Gillett
Ged Shearer
Eamonn McCuskey
Jordan Payne
Mitch Crosier

Tom Plunkett
Sam McKenzie
Grant Kaylock
Lewis Orr
Sam Morton
Tom Russell
Jono Neville
Hamish Bennett
Jake Lockhart
Will Coutts

Football Co-Ordinators

As many of you are aware, it's with great sadness and untold thanks that we bid farewell to Darrin Findlay from the junior club. Darrin has been a junior co-ordinator from 2009 and has been central to the improvement in our players and the smooth operation of the club.

We would welcome anyone interested in assisting going forward to talk to Nat Mc Kay or Neil McKechnie. Ideally parents at the junior end of the club (or Richmond supporters!) are encouraged to get involved as Nat will be more involved at the 16.5 level and senior club going forward but is happy to oversee and support anyone who jumps of board. The more people that share the load reduces the work of a few.

Coaches etc in 2014

Please note that we are now seeking expressions of interest for all MENTOR and JUNIOR coaching positions in 2014, including football, netball and Youth Girls. All positions will be advertised in The Courier from next Monday for a week.

There are also opportunities for team managers and umpires. Register your interest now as these appointments will be made at the conclusion of the current season. If you have not already registered your interest, please contact Darrin, Neil or Nat before the 7th October 2013 for the footy and Kate Raven or Lisa Todd for the netball.

At this stage it appears that netball will consist of 8 teams in 2014, being a seniors and reserves in Under 11's, 13's, 15's and 17's.

Trainers..

ATTENTION PARENTS of U16 players 2014. If you have a current Level 2 Senior First Aid and a Working With Children Check, and would like to assist you club please contact Becky Andrews ASAP. A National Sports Trainers Course is not required but an advantage, also defib training an advantage. All courses can be made available at the cost of the club for anyone who is willing to help.

We are also always looking for fill-ins for all other age groups as our current trainers may not always be available. If you are interested in assisting please contact Becky Andrews on 0417 107 845.

Jumpers/Dresses...

A reminder that playing jumpers and dresses are to be returned to the club once your season is over.

For footballers who is no longer playing and have not returned your jumper, can you please return to the club this Wednesday from 4.30 at Lakers.

Help for Isaac Neblett...

As many of our may be aware on our junior boys has some major health battles ahead. Last year a fundraiser was held to support Isaac and his mum Steph, and with a recent relocation friends of the Neblett's are holding a working bee on Sunday the 15th September from 10.00 at the corner of Clarke and Lyons Streets Miners Rest. BYO Gardening equipment.

If you are able to assist, please contact Jill Broadbent on 0408 058 954.

A message from Stephanie Neblett:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the Lakers people for everything they have helped me with over the time Isaac has been receiving treatment. Your thoughts, messages and financial help (Races Night) is very much appreciated. Thanks to everyone. - Steph.