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Holiday Programme

Over the recent school holidays I can report we had over 55 children take part in our Holiday Programme. With four days of football, all the children (and the coaches) went home exhausted and happy each day. I thank everyone who attended, and hope we can continue to grow this event to stage at least two per year. Feedback is most welcome.

Subscription Money

Subs are now well overdue! Reminder notices have been sent out to all families with outstanding subs, and are now due to be passed over to a collection agency. To avoid unnecessary fines please come into Linfield and pay your fee. If you are unsure if you owe money, give Michelle a call on 3893007.

Div 1 Title Up For Grabs This Weekend

This Saturday our Premier Men's team can clinch the Div 1 league title with a draw away to Parklands. This is just the first step to gaining promotion back to the Matson's Premier League for 2010. The team would love to see as much support as possible down at Parklands Domain 2.30pm this Saturday [25 July]!!!!!!!

CSFC Open Forum Night

The open forum evening held at Linfield on Friday 10th July was a great chance for the board members present to hear the thoughts and ideas of the members present. Congratulations also to Sanjay and Brent who won free Senior and Junior Subscriptions for next season.

Through a series of small group tasks, a number of areas of growth or concern were highlighted. These 10 key areas were narrowed down to the 3 of most concern (by the club members).

1 – After match (venue, speeches etc)

2 – Communications (the "what")

3 – The need to grow the senior side (more senior teams / numbers)

We will now be targeting these areas when we get together for our planning day later in the year.

Kanga Cup

Last week we sent away two teams (U-15 girls and U-14 boys) over to compete in the Kanga Cup Youth Tournament in Canberra, Australia. The Kanga Cup is the largest youth football tournament in the Southern Hemisphere, with club teams from Australia, New Zealand, Asia and Africa taking part (223 teams with over 4000 players, coaches and support staff averaging 104 games per day).

The boys group is actually the club's Centre of Achievement Senior group. This group of boys has worked very hard over the past 9 months under the tutelage of initially Keith Howard, now with Gareth Turnbull (CSFC Football Development Manager) in areas of technique, game understanding, fitness, nutrition and sports psychology. The majority of the girls are Mainland Federation representatives who recently won the National Championship (U-13 and U-14 grades) this year. They play in either the senior women's team or the 14th grade Division 1 boy's competition on a Saturday and will be coached by Adelma Matthews, a senior player for the club's premier team.

I had high expectations of both groups succeeding in the Cup competitions (highest available grade) as both groups were full of Federation players and have proven themselves on a national level in New Zealand, so I was interested to see how they would compete against the better children of their age groups in Australia. Both groups exceeded expectations with the girl's team winning their competition and the boys finishing third, picking up the Best & Fairest Award (footballing ability & sportsmanship).

Overall Results

U-14 Boys Played 6 Won 4 Lost 2 Goals For 25 Goals Against 12 First in Pool A, 3rd Overall.

U-15 Girls Played 6 Won 6 Lost 0 Goals For 56 Goals Against 0 First in Pool A, 1st Overall.

Quiz Night

This Saturday [25 July] is the annual Coastal Spirit Quiz night fundraiser. This is the last fundraiser of the year and it is a great night so get out and support us. If you are feeling brainy, get a team together of 4-6 people and come along to Linfield from 7.15pm to register. \$40 per team, and all teams are asked to bring a mystery bottle or gift to be auctioned off during the night.

Senior Prize Giving

Prize giving is to be held on Saturday 19th September here at Linfield. Similar to last year, with a live band and the spit roast company providing the meal.