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Holiday Programme

This popular programme will again be running 6th – 9th July. Keep an eye on the website www.coastalspirit.co.nz for enrollment details or contact Gareth Turnbull on gareth@linfield.co.nz

Team Photos

Team photos are booked for the afternoons of Tuesday 23rd and Wednesday 24th June. The cost will be \$13 per person. Your coach has the timeslot that has been allocated to your team.

Linfield Clubrooms on Saturdays

All club members are welcome back to the clubrooms (56 Kearney's Rd) from 5pm onwards every Saturday. Socialize with other club members, listen to the club speeches and support the club.

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.

CSFC Open Forum Night

The annual forum night is to be held on Friday 3rd July from 6pm at the Linfield Clubrooms. This is open to all members, player, coaches or people passionate about the club. It is your chance to express your opinions and thoughts as well help identify areas to improve on for this year and beyond. The Football Development Manager and Executive Board will also be present to talk about the club, its structure and direction.

Club Mark Gold Accreditation

Over the past 4 months the club has worked towards, and achieved the Gold Standard Club Mark Award. We are the first Football club in Christchurch to achieve this new football standard which is being introduced by Mainland Football as a requirement for clubs to have by the end of this year.

Centre of Achievement Programme

The third and final term of the COA is nearly completed, with the junior group (11-13) continuing to work under senior reserve team coach Adam Keiser, and the senior group (13-15) with FDM Gareth Turnbull. Throughout the past three terms, these identified athletes have been working on fitness, technique, game understanding and tactical awareness. Over the second half of the local season, coaches will be nominating key players for inclusion in the 2nd year of the programme due to start in Mid October. Scouts will also be out watching games and training to also identify potential players.

Kanga Cup

The U15 girls (coached by Ryan Stewart) and the Senior Centre of Achievement group (Gareth Turnbull) are now only 5 weeks away from competing in the largest youth football tournament in the south hemisphere (Kanga Cup, Canberra). Here they will compete against the best clubs teams from Australia, Japan, Korea, South Africa and Cameroon. This will turn out to be an annual event in which we intend to send the senior COA group each year. So keep working hard for your club coaches and you may soon be off to Australia to compete in this event.

New Strips

We have received funding for 7 new junior kits (black with gold and white trim). These strips will initially be used by our Div 1 teams, or the highest team in each grade. Their current white with logo strips will be passed down to lower graded teams. This is the first major step in kitting out the entire club in new black strips, which will take a few seasons.

The Phoenix are Coming!!

We have the Wellington Phoenix back again this year. This year the Phoenix will play against a Mainland Invitation XI at QEII on Sunday 5 July as well contribute to the kids coaching clinic which will likely see around 200 youngsters involved. Check out the link below www.mainlandfootball.co.nz/news/2009/may/090521_phoenix.html

Coastal Junior & Senior Idol

Last weekend saw the inaugural Junior Idol event. We saw a variety of acts (dancing, singing, skits) from teams throughout the junior club. The title eventually went to a group from the 8th grade Strikers. The senior idol again proved a great night out for all, with a combined premier men's and women's group claiming the title for a dance-off style battle. A special thanks must go to Ben McNabb for his continued dedication to the running of this great night.