

KNIGHTS NEWS



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2015 GALA DAY THIS SUNDAY

Warwick Greenwood Junior Football Club (WGJFC) annual Club Gala Day is **this Sunday 29 March from 10am to 1pm at Ellersdale Reserve.**

Please note that this is a new time that is necessitated because of the Warwick Junior Cricket Club wind-up on the same day which begins at 3pm at Penistone.

As usual all players and their families are encouraged to attend from our newest Auskickers all the way up to the Year 12's.

It is an excellent way to start the new football season giving all players the chance to confirm their team allocation, meet team mates, coach and manager and confirm training arrangements. The meet and greet your Coach will be at 12pm, and for the Auskickers, their Auskick packs will be handed out then.

We will also announce the Yr 12 Captain who will also be the inaugural WGJFC Club Captain a new initiative we are starting this year as part of our Leadership programme that we are initiating with our modified and Open players.

The Canteen and the BBQ will be running for a quick and easy lunch and to really get the kids amped up to meet their 2015 Coach there will be the MEGA slide, bungee basketball, Zorb Balls, face painting, and the fairy floss machine (one free fairy floss with each hot dog/drink combo).

Club Merchandise and quality second hand gear at great prices will be for sale and there will be mouthguard suppliers doing fittings. There will also be a NAB stand (see attached flyer) that could see the club benefit from club members who are reviewing their banking situation and doing so via the NAB AFL Auskick Free-Kick programme.

2015 GALA DAY (CONT)

All up it will be a great day as usual and the traditional start to the WGJFC Season. See you all there

TEAM NUMBERS

WGJFC will have 10 teams for Modified and Opens this season. We are one of very few clubs with teams in all age groups

YR 4 - 1 TEAM

YR 9 - 1 TEAM

YR 5 - 1 TEAM

YR10 - 1 TEAM

YR 6 - 2 TEAMS

YR11 - 1 TEAM

YR 7 - 1 TEAM

YR12 - 1 TEAM

YR 8 - 1 TEAM

We still need a handful of kids in the Yr 10 team so if you know of any kids that are yet to register or who you think would be keen to join WGJFC encourage them to do so as most teams are only now starting to get into training and/or getting their head around the fact that a new football season is starting.

MERCHANDISE

For those wanting to order training jumpers, Gala day will be the opportunity to try on for size and place an order. Anyone not able to attend Gala day and wanting to order a training jumper will need to contact our Merchandise coordinator Helen on 0419 401 520 or wgjfcmerch@gmail.com on or before March 31st as the turnaround time on these very popular items is 4-6 weeks and the order will be placed in the days after the Gala Day

For further information please check out the stand at the Club Gala Day and the club website <http://www.warwickgreenwoodjfc.org.au/> or contact Helen.

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KEY DATES FOR 2015

WGJFC GALA DAY

SUNDAY 29 MARCH 10AM TO 1PM (ELLERSDALE CLUBROOMS)

SEASON STARTS

AUSKICK - SATURDAY 2 MAY

MODS - SUNDAY 3RD MAY

OPENS - SUNDAY 3RD MAY

AUSKICK

Auskick numbers are looking great again and fantastic to see a lot of familiar names back from last year. A big welcome to all the new Auskickers and their families, we look forward to welcoming you all into the WGJFC family. We will be kicking off the Auskick season on Saturday 2nd May at Ellersdale Oval which will be followed by some Friday night 'Under Lights' games. A full calendar with details will be sent out to all players before the season starts.

Also for your information, the year 3's will be transitioning into modified football later in the season with a round robin competition against other clubs starting from round 10. These games will be played with year 4 rules and oval sizes and will give the kids a taste of modified football. From what we have seen in previous years the kids relish the change in rules and the opportunity to start to develop their skills on a bigger ground and with more regular rules.

Finally, on Gala Day please note we will be talking to the Pre-Primary group at 11am, 11.15 for Yr 1's, 11.30 for Yr 2's and 11.45 for Yr 3's.

We look forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

WEBSITE

As most would know we have a new website. It looks great and will start to be as centrepiece of the clubs communications to members and the wider community. It can be found at <http://www.warwickgreenwoodjfc.org.au/>

PRESIDENTS FINAL WORD

Welcome to all new and returning players to the Warwick Greenwood Knights. We have our gala Day this week which is the traditional start to the season for our club. Most teams will start training in the week following Gala Day if they haven't already.

With the WGJFC developing a solid footing with respect to fundraising and administration over the past couple of years the club is now taking steps to not only prepare for the year ahead but also to plan and prepare for future years. To start this process a Coaches Conference was held earlier this month to discuss the development of our players and teams this year, and in preparation for the move to our new Club Rooms in 2016/17 and beyond.

What came out of the Coaches Conference was a positive and constructive consensus that the WGJFC needs to evolve and improve our approach and culture around being a quality club that has a unique and successful way of playing and developing players and teams. We recognise that we are not competing on the same terms as the bigger clubs who have large catchments of players. Where WGJFC will compete and plan to be successful though is by developing the individual skills of our players and keeping our teams together.

To do this we must from the earliest mod years regardless of whether we are winning or losing rotate fairly and evens teams up. It is by doing this in the early years that we build team bonds and mateship within teams who learn to put others before ourselves. This is the key as we want to develop our young WGJFC players to be selfless and who, with good training and development are part of quality football teams and a successful club culture.

If we as a club can instil these characteristics into our players and provide the quality training and development environment that we are doing, I am sure that the WGJFC will this year and in years to come not only be successful on field but develop many respectable and resilient young men. **Go the Knights!!**





2015 NAB Initiatives NAB AFL Auskick staff & volunteer overview

NAB AFL Auskicker of the Year

The 2015 NAB AFL Auskicker of the Year competition provides all registered participants with the chance to win an unforgettable 3-day Grand Final experience in Melbourne.

22 lucky nominees will be selected to fly to Melbourne to:

- Walk in the 2015 Toyota AFL Grand Final Parade;
- Play on the MCG at the 2015 Toyota AFL Grand Final;
- Present a premiership medal to a premiership player!

Plus, the overall winner will receive \$5,000 in a NAB Reward Saver Account and Joel Selwood as their personal footy mentor in 2016.

2014 Results: 12,920 entrants nationally
Audience: NAB AFL Auskick parents
Key Message: Enter your child for their chance to be part of the Grand Final, PLUS, the first 10,000 entrants can redeem TWO FREE personalised "AFL Team 2015" footy cards.
Timings: Competition opens February 2015, closes August 2015.
More Information: Visit nab.com.au/auskick



NAB AFL Auskick Local Activity Fund



The Local Activity Fund enables NAB staff to add greater value to existing NAB AFL Auskick activities. NAB Staff can apply for funding to support your centre activities, which may include BBQ's, regional clinics, end of season medals, fundraisers, and more.

2014 Results: 76 approved applications, a total of \$94,374 in funding nationally
Audience: NAB AFL Auskick Centre Co-Ordinators & Regional Managers
Funding Amounts: In 2015, funding amounts will be capped to ensure equal distribution. Minimum funding for set up will be \$400, plus \$5.00 per participant there after. For example, for an activity reaching 100 participants, a maximum of \$900 (\$400 + 100 participants @ \$5.00 each) will be approved.
Key Message: Speak to your local NAB representative to discuss ideas on how your centres can benefit from applying for funding.
Timings: Applications open February 2015.
Please allow a minimum of 4 weeks for approval.
More Information: Contact your local NAB Representative.

NAB AFL Auskick Free-Kick

The NAB AFL Auskick Free-kick initiative is a national loan referral program in conjunction with a third party, Nexus Partners. For every home, personal or business loan taken out by parents within your NAB AFL Auskick centre, your centre will receive a financial contribution. That's less relying on sausage sizzle fundraising and more cash for your centre to spend on footies & new equipment - a great fundraising tool and another way you can grow your centre and the game.

2014 Results: 20 completed loans, totalling \$25,877 worth of funding going back to NAB AFL Auskick centres
Audience: NAB AFL Auskick Centre Co-Ordinators & Parents
Key Message: Help support your local NAB AFL Auskick centre when you take out a loan, as a percentage of you loan's value will be contributed to your centre via Nexus Partners.
 To enquire, please complete the enquiry form at aflauskick.com.au/freekick
More Information: For more information please visit nab.com.au/auskick
Government fees, charges and lending criteria will apply.

