

PANTHER PAGES

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Dear Panther families

I hope you all had a wonderful break from football over summer and are now keen to get started with season 2018. I would like to welcome all members, sponsors and all other supporters of our great Club back to footy for 2018.

Although junior football stops over the summer months, the Club committee have been working hard on various initiatives. The most exciting of these initiatives is the introduction of our new Panthers coaching program, which will be headed by Tony Pucella of Step Ahead High Performance Coaching ("SAHPC"). Tony is heavily involved with the Sandringham Dragons, St Kilda Next Generation Academy and SMJFL interleague programs. Tony's knowledge of these football programs means that every Panther will receive the benefit of a training style and standard that is being developed and implemented throughout the junior football pathway programs in our region. Our coaches will be developed in the best possible way. Tony has already held his first session with Club coaches and will be attending training sessions for all teams from now on. If you see him around please make him feel welcome. In relation to the SAHPC program, I would like to extend my thanks to Rick Butler, CEO Butler Market Gardens. Rick has agreed to sponsor the involvement of SAHPC at the Panthers for the next 5 years. This is an amazingly generous contribution by Butler Market Gardens and one that shows a great deal of faith in the program being implemented and the Club.

Other initiatives that have progressed over the summer include further improvements to the Clubrooms and bringing regular Friday night football to Le Page.

In relation to the Clubrooms, we are currently working on this with the Kingston City Council (KCC) and Le Page Park Cricket Club (LPPCC). We have secured a further grant of \$14,000 from Clare O'Neil (Federal Member for Hotham) and I would like to thank her once again for her continued support of our Club. This is the third grant that Clare has awarded to the Cheltenham Panthers with a total of \$46,000 being provided since 2016.

If you are excited about playing footy under lights then 2018 might just be the year that you get your opportunity. We have been working with the SMJFL and night matches are likely to be scheduled each Friday night at Le Page in the 2018 season. The Under 14s and Under 16s will get their first opportunity this Friday night when they play practice matches vs Dingley. For those who attended night matches last season, the football was great, the crowds were large and the atmosphere was fantastic. Hopefully, all teams will get at least one opportunity to play under lights this season. I would like to thank the KCC and the SMJFL for their assistance with this initiative.



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As you are all aware, our sponsors are an extremely important part of our Club. Their contribution is a large part of the reason why we can run the Club as we do and why we have been able to improve our facilities as significantly as we have over the last three seasons. I am very pleased to announce to all members that over summer every major sponsor has recommitted to the Club for the 2018 season. Our very first major sponsor, Choices Flooring will be supporting the club for a fourth season. Thank you very much to CEO, Andrew Lewis. Of course, our major jumper sponsors, O'Brien Real Estate and ANZ Mobile Lending Cheltenham are back. You would have noticed the O'Brien Real Estate boards all around Cheltenham advertising our registrations since last November. Thank you to Brian Lewin of O'Brien Real Estate and Greg Furbank of ANZ Mobile Lending Cheltenham for the brilliant support you provide to the Club. IGA Bernard Street will also continue as a sponsor in 2018 and will have a greater on-going involvement with our girls football. Thank you to Michael Truscott, IGA Bernard Street owner, for his support of girls footy at the Panthers. Carlisle Homes will continue as our scoreboard naming rights sponsor and 50 Acres Bar and Bistro will also continue as our major player award sponsor.

We also welcomed a new addition to the Panther family over summer. The Cheltenham Panthers Netball Club (CPNC) have joined us at Le Page. You may have noticed them training each afternoon over the last few weeks. The Cheltenham Panthers Netballers will play in the Kingston District Netball Association (KDNA) on Saturdays and be a co-tenant with the football and netball clubs at Le Page. This is a wonderful initiative and I would like to thank the LPPCC, the KDNA and the KCC for their assistance with this initiative. 50 Acres Bar and Bistro will be the inaugural major sponsor of the CPNC. I would like to thank Glenn Sanders, General Manager of the Bentleigh-Cheltenham RSL for his support of the CPNC as well as the football club.

Season 2018 will see the Cheltenham Panthers field 20 teams and have over 400 registered players. This is the most teams and players that the Club has fielded in its history (it was 19 in 2017). We are very proud that the Club will be fielding an under 16 girls team for the first time this season and that, once again, our under 8s registrations are particularly healthy.

I hope all the players enjoy getting back into the game with their practice matches this weekend and have a great season overall.

Tony Pitara

President



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Thank you to all Panther families and friends who helped raise a whopping \$2063 at January's Bunning BBQ. Whether you manned the BBQ, served the hungry customers or came down for a snag, it was a very successful start to our 2018 season!

Our CLUB ROOM Set up day is

THIS SATURDAY 24th March!

We need your help to pull out the kits, set up the canteen and office, hang the flags and get ready for a ripper season!

8.00 am start and if the turn out is good we should have it done in a couple of hours.



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Have you registered for 2018?



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Registration Facts

- All players must be registered prior to your practice matches this weekend.
- U8's and All Girls Fees are still only \$100
- By registering early, your teams can be formed and positions filled now! Help us help you!
- Payment plans can be organised by emailing treasurer@cjfc.com.au . The earlier you start the better.
- For Registration enquiries please contact Vicki Warner-Sheers, registrations@cjfc.com.au or go to our registrations page at www.cjfc.com.au



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MARCH 25TH 2018 CHELTENHAM JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB PRACTICE MATCHES

Age	Cheltenham	DIV	Opponent	Time	Date	Venue
U14 1	Div 2	Div 3	Dingley	5.45	23-Mar	Oval 1
U16	Div 3	Div 3	Dingley	7.15	23-Mar	Oval 1
U8			Dingley	9	25-Mar	Corrigan
U9			Dingley	10.15	25-Mar	Corrigan
U13	Div 3	Div 3	Dingley	9	25-Mar	Oval 1
U15	Div 2	Div 2	Dingley	5	25-Mar	Oval 1
U10			Dingley	9	25-Mar	Oval 2
U11			Dingley	10.3	25-Mar	Oval 2
U10 g		U10 G	Dingley	12.3	25-Mar	Oval 2
U12 g		U12 G	Dingley	2	25-Mar	Oval 2
U17 1	Div 1	Div 1	Bonbeach	TBA	25-Mar	Highett
U17 2	Div 2	Div 2	Bonbeach	TBA	25-Mar	Highett
14s			St Bedes	9	8-Apr	Oval 1
U17 2	Div 2		Dingley	12.3	8-Apr	Oval 1
U17 1	Div 1	Div 1	Mt Eliza	2.3	8-Apr	Oval 1

Playing at Le Page Park – Oval 1 or 2? Wear Black 'home' shorts

Playing at Corrigan Oval or Highett? Wear White 'away' shorts

Players must have mouthguards

*Please refer to your coaches / team managers for final information regarding arrival times and any changes that may arise.



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Uniform Sales Pop Up Shop

Le Page Park Clubrooms

Friday 23rd March, 5.30-7.30pm

Eftpos sales preferred



CHOGS & PANTHERS

Mouthguards are on their way!

If you ordered a Sportsafe mouthguard at 'Footy Fit Out', they will be available for collection this Sunday from your team manager or coach.



Game Day Tip from Sports CATCH

- Sports CATCH recommends buying a spare inexpensive Chemist mouthguard for the glove box in case your child forgets theirs on game day. No mouthguard no game!
- Pack a garbage bag and a small towel in your sports bag to protect your car from muddy wet clothes and kids. Footy is an all weather sport!
- Football socks are famous for disappearing. A spare pair is always handy.



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My name is Tori Brookes and I am the Child Safety Officer for the Panthers for the 2018 season. The purpose of having a CSO is to provide players and parents a known point of contact for matters regarding child safety. Essentially, having a CSO is intended to ensure that if an incident occurs, people know who to turn to, and that the person they turn to understands what to do.

It's my job to ensure that the club stays true to our Child Safe Statement of Commitment:

The Cheltenham Panthers Junior Football Club is committed to promoting and protecting the safety and wellbeing of all children. We provide a safe, supportive and inclusive environment which develops, promotes and encourages participation in Australian Rules Football.

The SMJFL has set out several Child Safe Standards that all clubs have to meet, and I will be working through these standards throughout the season.

Please read our Child Safety pages on our website where you will be able to find our Child Safety Policy and Child Safety Code of Conduct.

Please feel free to contact me if you ever have any concerns.

Tori Brookes

Child Safety Officer

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Have you applied for your Working With Children Check?

It is important that come Round 1 we all have our Working With Children Checks. This is not just for our coaching team but for all Panther parents and volunteers. The process is very simple and free. Please click the link below to start the process to join your children's football experience.



Working with
Children Check

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/>



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Get your team on the ground!

Junior Football is all about our kids getting a kick of the footy, on the oval, with their friends, family and team mates supporting them and cheering them on. Your team needs full parent participation to make this happen.

Coaches have been appointed and your coach needs you!

Step up and volunteer for a team position or let your coach know you are here to help in rotating roles on game day.

All parents must have WWCC

Assistant Coach / Team Manager

Runner / Trainer / Umpire Escort

Goal & Boundary Umpires



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Season Dates
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Have you met John?

John Latten, Club Chaplain

Here is a bit about me... I have worked for 15 years as a nurse and for the past 20 years worked for Fusion Australia, a Christian Youth and Community Organisation. I am a youth worker, trainer and leader with Fusion. I like motorbike riding, watching lots of sport, and painting. I am married to Karen, and we have two adult children. Karen and I are members of Beaumaris Baptist Church. As a volunteer Chaplain with the club, I will be with football teams during training, and at the club for most home games. I spend time encouraging young people, parents, and others, as well as being a friendly person to chat to, especially when things aren't going well. I can help teams, groups or individuals work through conflict situations and support people through incidents. I can also suggest other people or organisations to connect with for more help.



When you see John around the grounds say hello and introduce yourself

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**Family
Night**
At the club!

Sunday 15th April @5pm

Canteen Open
Sausage Sizzle
Roast Beef & Coleslaw Rolls

BYO food only
Drinks purchased from Panther bar

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