



August Club Newsletter

Greetings

Just when we thought that we were over the worst of the weather, it has come back again to haunt us. I realise that it has now been many weeks since a game was played for some of you and we can only hope that the rain soon disappears, the pitches dry up and we will be back into playing weather again - although of course we are nearly at the end of the season. We understand that for some of you it has been a very frustrating number of weeks since you have last played.

Capital Football recognise that some Junior Grades (12th-16th/17th age group) have had little football compared with others and are making this age group a priority in coming weeks. The problem has been that our older players use the same pitches as the senior players and the grounds have literally been unable to cope with the demand.

End of Season Dates

This season, nursery grade will finish on 24 August, and all teams from 7th to 16th/17th inclusive on Saturday 30 August. There are knock out competitions for one or two teams during the first week in September, and the teams affected by this will have been notified. Unfortunately Capital Football is unable to play any games past these dates as the fields are switched over ready for summer sports.

Prize Giving – Wednesday 10 September

The venue for prize giving this year is Raroa Intermediate School on Wednesday 10 September. In an effort to further streamline the event, we have decided to hold three separate sessions:

7 and 8th Grades from 4.30 to 5.30pm

9 to 11th Grades from 6 to 7pm

12 to 16/17th Grades from 7.30 to 8.30pm

Nursery grade will be holding their prize giving on Sunday 24 August.

Gear Bag Returns

In order to assist your coach, we would like to advise that on the night of prize giving coaches will be returning their gear bags ready for our stock take. To that end, following the last games of the season your coach will be looking to collect your

washed, clean shirt/jacket back ready to hand in. Please do your best to adhere to any instructions your coach provides.

U17 Women's World Cup

We have now handed out nearly all of the packs provided by the organising committee for the World Cup coming to New Zealand in October. This is a once in a lifetime opportunity and the club is supporting it as best we can. We encourage you to consider attending one if not all of the games, the price is very reasonable and it is unlikely we will have football of this calibre in NZ again. Don't forget there are some fabulous competitions running for ticket purchases.

The Local Organising Committee of this FIFA event is offering football club members a series of *unbeatable* early ticket packages which are on offer until **Sunday 31 August**. For just \$20 for kids (under 16) and \$30 for adults, footballers and their family and friends will be able to attend **four** match days including all pool games plus two quarter finals in Hamilton and Wellington. It seems that it is months till this exciting event starts, however it would be a real disappointment if people were to miss out on tickets.

Photos

I have now received the club photos and they look fantastic. You should expect to receive yours (if you haven't already) very soon from your coach.

Western Zone Representative Squads Announced

You may or may not be aware that a small number of our players were selected to trial for Western Zone Representative Squads. Well done to those who trialled and missed out, the competition to get into these squads is fierce. Congratulations to those who made their age grade representative squads. They are:

13th Grade Girls

Aneta Mulitalo

Claire Neufeld

Demme Hartley-Tilley

Hannah Lee-Harwood

Michelle Collins

15th Grade Girls

Corina Brown

13th Grade Boys

Tim Munn

14th Grade Boys

Kadeen Chard

17th Grade Boys

Ryan Sayers

Best wishes for the remaining part of the season and we look forward to seeing you all at prize giving.

Warm regards.

Helen Mallon

Club Manager