



CODE BLUE



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Chairman's Corner

Welcome to this month's Code Blue and a warm welcome to all of those players and families new to Petone FC this year. It is great to see the commitment and enthusiasm of players and coaches alike as we head towards the start of the season.

If you haven't been down to the club recently, make sure you check out the freshly painted clubroom exterior and also inside the gym. A massive thank you must go to the Bell family - Ray, Lesley and Jeff, as well as Graham Hickling and Phil Pickering - it certainly was a marathon effort and we greatly appreciate the time and energy they put in to make the place look sharper!

Thanks also to the team of volunteers who have been providing meals, setting up grounds (all over Wellington) and keeping the clubrooms running through our flagship preseason tournament, The Caltex Railway Avenue Tournament for the Hilton Petone Cup. Make sure you come down to Petone Memorial next Sunday to see the Division One final before heading into the Phoenix. Check out www.petonefootball.org.nz for the draw and results.

If you are able to help out during the season in the kitchen, bar or tuck shop please email us at info@petonefootball.org.nz, we are always looking for keen volunteers.

As we move closer to season, just a reminder that all registrations need to be completed through Goalnet and fees must be paid by the end of May. For seniors the registration fees this year are:

Senior Registration fees

Senior Men \$250.00

Senior Women \$250.00

Student (men or women) \$150.00

Closed shop team \$4,000.00 per team

We have heard that U20 World Cup ticket packages will be released first to those in the football community, so make sure your info is up to date in Goalnet. Also, keep your eye out and mark your diary for some of the upcoming events on at the club this year. We look forward to seeing you down at the club supporting our teams.

Craig Deadman
Club Chairman

Hilton Petone Cup Underway

We are now at the business end of The Caltex Railway Avenue Tournament for the Hilton Petone Cup with the Division One final being played on Sunday 30 March. Following a great result



against Tawa B on Sunday, our Petone B team has progressed to the Division Two final which is being played on Monday 31 March at 7:00pm at Memorial Park.

Unfortunately, Petone A went down 3-1 to Olympic A last night in very stormy conditions out at Wakefield Park. Thanks to the brave souls that came out to support. This puts Olympic through to the Division One final against Stop Out on Sunday 30 March at 11:45am at Memorial Park.

This year is the 59th edition of our always popular tournament and once again it is sponsored by Caltex Railway Avenue - thank you for your continued support! Both of our Petone teams have achieved some excellent results through the round robin stages of the tournament. A great start for new coaches Graham Little and Scott McLeod.

Keep up to date with fixtures, scores and reports on both our Facebook page and official website.

Growth of Girls Only Football



Girls Football has been steadily growing across the capital in recent years and the summer leagues now work in hubs, including one here at Petone. The framework developed for girls now enables them to progress through all grades of football in a girls-only environment all the way through to senior football. This summer has seen the number of teams grow to 59, 'a fantastic outcome' says Natalie Lawrence from Capital Football. 'Playing in this environment all year round can only help them improve technically...let's help create the next football ferns, where winning an Olympic Medal is a very realistic goal!' says Natalie.

This year Petone has two teams entered into the summer league and will be entering four teams into the 2014 winter season.

The development pathway for girls is also evident, with talented girls being able to move into the Federation Talent Centre (FTC) programmes and then on to National Talent Centres (NTC). They also have future opportunities to represent Capital in the ASB Women's League. The Capital has created some amazing talent over the years with three players currently away with the Football Ferns in Cyprus, six players were part of the U20's World Cup Qualifiers and two players in Costa Rica for the U17's World Cup....that's 11 international players we currently have on our hands! For the first time there is now a female central league coach which is fantastic and shows a completely different pathway for the girls who want to step into a coaching role, with New Zealand Football setting a goal to have females involved with all national teams by 2021 again this is another realistic pathway for the females.

For any further information on the pathway for the girls or if you are interested in playing Girls Only football at Petone, please contact juniors@petonefootball.org.nz For those of you interested in Women's football at Petone please contact Nadine Bowen womens@petonefootball.org.nz

Sunscreen Fundraiser



It may be autumn, but the sun is still hot enough to burn, so it always pays to have sunscreen on hand. We have the Cancer Society 50g sunscreen on sale at the tuck shop or bar and these are great for the sports bags, school bags, handbags or just in the first aid kit and they are only \$5.00 each! To order, please email info@petonefootball.org.nz

Strike Bowling Nights



Dion and the team at Strike Entertainment in Lower Hutt are back again this year continuing their ongoing support of the Petone Women's teams. They would like to invite all Petone FC club members to come down for some FREE bowling on the last Friday of each month, starting on 28 March until 28 August. Join the Women's teams upstairs at Strike (399 Hutt Road) for some free bowling and great entertainment.

Plus, if you are looking for a great venue to have a birthday party or function, then talk to the team at Strike about their special deals. Give them a call to book (568-3168), visit their website www.strikenz.co.nz or see them on Facebook!

Junior Update



Junior Coaches - If you missed the coaches night last week, make sure you download the junior football drills handbook from our website - [Junior Drills Handbook](#). If you are interested in taking some of the coaching or referee courses available from [Capital Football](#), please talk to Joe Serci from the Junior Committee for more information - joe@hrtfilms.co.nz

Season dates - this year the season starts on Saturday 5 April and will run for two weeks before the school holidays. With Easter falling on the first week of the holidays this year, there will be no football for juniors on Saturday 19 April or Saturday 26 April. Games will start again on Saturday 3 May.

Gear night - if you haven't managed to sort your shorts and socks for this year, or are interested in ordering one of the latest Petone jackets you can visit [Football Central](#) or come down to Petone FC clubrooms on Monday 31 March from 6.30-7.30pm and purchase your gear. Grades 7-14 must wear Petone FC shorts and socks. Why not stay a while and watch the Petone B team in the Hilton Petone Cup Division Two final!

Key Dates

30 March

Hilton Petone Cup Grand Final (Division One) (11.45am)

31 March

Hilton Petone Cup Grand Final (Division Two) (7.00pm)

31 March

Junior gear night (6.30-7.30pm)

5 April

Season starts

19 April

No junior football

26 April

No junior football

26 April

Old Timers Day

6 May

Junior teams photo night

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