



# CODE BLUE



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## Chairman's Corner

Welcome to the second Code Blue of 2015! We hope you are all well and enjoying the last gasps of summer! Welcome to all of our new Petone FC club members – it is great to see our club continue to grow in both the junior and senior ranks.

This includes our Women's teams which have grown to three this season. The third team will be competing in Div 3 this year and are currently looking for a coach. So if you are interested, or know someone who might be, get in touch with [Nadine Bowen](#) to find out more.

Our Caltex Railway Avenue Tournament for the Hilton Petone Cup is well underway with four rounds in Div 1 completed. Over in Div 2 they are now into the semi-final stage. Both of our Petone teams are playing some great stuff, in particular the Reserves who have progressed to the final four. Both Graham and Scott have been trying new formations and players as they work into the season proper which starts April.

Last Saturday we had the pleasure of a visit from Nelson side Richmond AFC. The lads from Nelson were here to watch the Phoenix play but decided to tie in a game against our Men's First team. Petone triumphed on the day 5-0 but the match was played in good spirits and a few beers were had afterwards. This match was then followed by the Phoenix Reserves playing Canterbury United in conditions best described as "horrendous".

Fingers crossed for better conditions this weekend as Grant Plumbing Petone take on Miramar Rangers – kick off is this Sunday at 3pm.

See you there.

Craig Deadman  
Club Chairman

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## Women welcome new sponsor

Petone FC is pleased to welcome Powerex on-board as Premier sponsors of the Petone Women's First and Reserve teams. Kerry and the team at Powerex have been associated with Petone FC for a few years now and have decided to throw their support behind the Women's teams for the next three years.



Following the release of the Women's Development Strategy last year and the incredible success of the two teams in 2014, both of which were promoted from their respective divisions, this commitment from Powerex helps the Club maintain its focus on improving the depth of Women's and Girls football at Petone FC.

We look forward to seeing the Women's teams in action in the coming weeks, starting with the curtain raiser to the final of the Caltex Railway Avenue tournament for the Hilton Petone Cup on Sunday 22 March, and the following weekend at the Stop Out preseason tournament. As with all of our sponsors we encourage you to show your support, so if you are in need of any electrical or security expertise contact Kerry and his team at [Powerex](http://www.powerex.co.nz) (04) 891 0154.

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## Get geared up for this season



This Sunday is a great time to get down to the club with Football Central on site to get you geared up for the coming season. Socks and shorts for the juniors will be available as well as the opportunity to order some of the other fabulous Petone FC merchandise like polos, jackets and beanies. They'll be there from 2.30-4.00pm upstairs in the clubroom, which also provides a great opportunity to stay around and watch Grant Plumbing Petone

take on Miramar from 3.00pm.

Items can also be purchased from Football Central in Tory Street or online at the [Petone FC club shop](http://www.petonefc.co.nz).

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## Caltex Railway Avenue Tournament for the Hilton Petone Cup

The 60th year of our popular preseason tournament is nearing the business end of things. Both of our Petone teams are giving a good account of

themselves and have started promisingly. The First's have had three wins and a draw, and The Reserves have won every game played and are already through to the semi-finals after a quarter final victory over Seatoun B. There have been a few hat-tricks from the boys in Blue including one to Benn Dawson in a magical 30 minute spell against Olympic B. You can keep up to date with results, standings and general info through [www.petonefootball.org](http://www.petonefootball.org) and on Radio Sport on a Monday and Tuesday morning.

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## April School Holiday Programme



It is that time again when you have to think about what to do with the kids over the school holidays. The Petone FC Holiday Programme is running again in the April School with sessions on Tuesday– Friday in the first week and Monday-Friday in the second week. Tom Randles and a team of helpers will be there to provide a range of activities and skill sessions for the children in a fun, friendly environment from 9.00am-3.00pm each day.

This programme is open to anyone, even if they don't play football, so tell your friends. There will also be sessions specifically for goalkeepers, but you will need to get in early for these as numbers will be limited. For more info and to register contact [Angela Eglinton](mailto:Angela.Eglinton@petonefc.org) or visit the [Petone FC website](http://www.petonefc.org).

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## Toms Tales

### A New Season Approaches

Memorial Park is abuzz as Petone's youngsters prepare for the Season 2015. By late January the Petone Football Programme for those extra keen players kicked off.

Enthusiasm and dedication to the *beautiful game* has been most apparent. Many of these players are now training two, three times a week. Each session kicks off with an accent on technique and ball skills. Bullrush, Fighter Pilot and Predators provide the impetus for further individual development in dribbling and ball manipulation.



What has been most pleasing is the growth in passing skills. When asked why this development has occurred, many youngsters felt it was a combination of

playing Fighter Pilot, whereby the players try to pass and hit the opponent's ball with their ball, and lots of 5 v 5 matches they play. Players are encouraged to make early decisions and look to pass the ball quickly to a team mate. I proffered the suggestion that an important link to this obvious development has been the changing style of the Phoenix under Ernie Merrick. All of our players are extra keen followers of the Phoenix and see the Phoenix players as stars to emulate. Their quick passing style, I believe has been an important catalyst for Petone youngsters.

Our Junior Coaches for 2015 Season will be encouraged to bring this style to all our Junior Teams.

Coaching Courses will demonstrate how this can be achieved in easy steps.

The Kick Off approaches.

Tom Randles - Junior Director of Football

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## FIFA Under 20 World Cup 2015

One of the biggest sporting events ever seen in NZ is creeping up very quickly. The tournament, which runs from May 30th to June 20th, will be a visual treat for the eyes. This is your chance to see the future Messi's. Ronaldo's and Phil Jones' in action. Not only does Wellington host a quarter final on June 14th, but they are also home to Argentina, a true powerhouse of world football. Any fan of football should not miss this great spectacle. Best you get some tickets via [www.ticketek.co.nz](http://www.ticketek.co.nz)



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## Phoenix March on

Hopefully you had the chance to get along to the Phoenix games at Hutt Rec over the last couple of months. Their short residence at Hutt Rec has come to an end with everyone agreeing it's been pretty awesome. The Phoenix went unbeaten at the Rec with the



last game against Adelaide ending in a late 2-0 victory. Being so close to the action has been a real thrill and watching top quality football with the bright lights of the Lower Hutt CBD glowing in the background will be a memory many will never forget.

But back to the Westpac Stadium we go with the final few games a tough ask for the team, which means they will need as much support from fans as humanly possible. That's why in the final game of the season the junior players will have the opportunity to show their colours and support for the Phoenix at the Junior Club Parade on Friday 17 April. More details are to follow – including the chance for one lucky junior to be a player's mascot at the game.

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## Upcoming events

- 15 March: Football Central on location at Petone FC (2.30-4.00pm)
- 22 March: Div 1 Final of Caltex Railway Avenue tournament for Hilton Petone Cup (3.00pm)
- 23 March: Div 2 Final of Caltex Railway Avenue tournament for Hilton Petone Cup (7.00pm)
- 3 April: Senior Mens season kicks off
- 3-5 April: Kapiti Easter Tournament (Grades 10-U17)
- 6 April: Senior Women's season kicks off
- 7-17 April: School Holiday Programme
- 18 April: Junior season kicks off
- 18 April: Old Timers Day at Petone FC



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