



The Warrior

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Welcome to The Warrior. The official newsletter of the Wheelers Hill Cricket Club.

This will hopefully contain all that you will need to know about our cricket club throughout the year - Results, events, sponsor news, hilarious anecdotes from match days, etc.

A Note from the President

Hello and welcome to season 2007/08. For some of you this will be your first training session, for others, this is the culmination of two months of hard work. Whatever your situation, it's good to have you here.

As is the way every year, so much hard work has been done to get our sides on the park. I would like to thank Washy, Dyls and Sammo especially for their hard work so far. For the first time in a long time, we will be fielding three junior teams (2 U12's & 1 U14's) I ask all players to offer support to the coaches of our junior teams and to feel free to come down to training on Wednesday nights. The future of our club looks good, but we still need more help...

This year will be a successful year for the club if we all stick together, train hard and play well. There will be times when things don't go our way, but that's cricket. We must trust ourselves, and believe in ourselves, that the work we've done so far will hold us in good stead for the year.

Finally, I would like to thank our sponsors for their support again this season (more details further on) I would urge all club members to get behind our sponsors wherever possible, and support those who support us.

GO WARRIORS!!

- Hak

WHCC SOCIAL CALENDAR

Monday 5th November

Calcutta Night

Saturday 22nd December

Christmas Party

A Note from the Coach

Well guys the footy season is over and that means one thing - cricket starts this week!

My theme for the year ahead focuses on the word "renewal". We have had a tough few years recently and I view this year as a huge opportunity for all of us to renew. Renew essentially means "To make new or as if new again; restore." This year for me is about restoring pride in our club, restoring confidence in the playing group and renewing the hunger for success. Bring back the fun.

I encourage you all to take the opportunity to be a part of this. But in order to be part of it you need commit to the idea of renewal, you need to commit to change things; you need to make small sacrifices.

Your actions become your habits; your habits become your character. Your character defines you, it's your destiny. This is a truism in life as it is in sport and winning is really dependant on this process.

I encourage you to take in those words - actions, habits, character - and focus on what small actions you can perform that will lead to the necessary changes in character to enable the renewal of our club.

Michael Voss wrote an article in The Age last Sunday that quoted from the great Vince Lombardi, legendary coach of the Green Bay Packers. It's been a favourite quote of mine too for a long time.

"I firmly believe that any man's finest hour - his greatest fulfillment to all he holds dear - is that moment when he has worked his heart out in a good cause and lies exhausted on the field of battle, victorious".

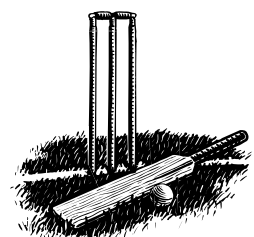
I've experienced this moment many times in other parts of my life, junior cricket and football, basketball, the birth of my son. But, I crave to experience this moment at our club. The last time I remember this moment; was the one day flag a few years ago and I really only got to witness it, not be a part of it.

I want it, it's why I keep playing, and it's why I coach. I long to share that moment with 10 other guys in 5 months time. I want for as many people at our club as possible to experience it for themselves.

The journey towards that moment started about eight weeks ago, it begins in earnest on Saturday.

Enjoy The Ride!

- Kane Washington



AFL Grand Final Day 2007

The first official function for the club kicked off on Saturday 29th September with the annual Grand Final Day BBQ.

The footy was shown on the big screen (supplied by Haksaw) in glorious high definition. Thanks to J.Washy for the projector & K.Washy for the digital set top box for the day.

Thankyou to all of those who helped out on the day to make it a great success. (Especially those behind the bar, making salads, cooking the BBQ, and setting up etc.).

It seems to be getting bigger and better each year, so if you missed out on all the fun, make sure you get down to it next year and start the season off with a great day out.

The next official function will be the **Calcutta Night on Monday 5th November**. More details to follow soon.

Pre Season Training

A Special thanks to everyone who attended pre-season training this year.

For those of you who did not know, it all started at Fitness First (Glen Waverley) on a Wednesday night back at the start of August, involving some RPM classes followed by a cardio workout as well as some core strengthening work throughout the four weeks we were there.

I'm sure all of those that participated found it well worthwhile and would agree that the benefits far outweighed the sore bodies the next day!

A special thankyou to Louie Evans and Kylie and also to Fitness First for allowing us to use the facilities.

Then it was on to the indoor nets at the Melbourne Cricket Centre in Clayton, where everyone was able to receive a much needed hit out and a chance to roll the arm over. Thanks to K.Wash for his organisation.

GREG KELLY MEATS

As part of their sponsorship this year we encourage all of our supporters to shop at Greg Kelly's Meats for all their butcher needs. (Located at Shop 46 Brandon Park Shopping Centre).

Furthermore, hold on to your receipts and place them into the box provided at the club, as this will help our fundraising efforts throughout the season. Special thanks to Greg and the guys from Kelly's.

JUNIORS

The junior sides are well and truly on their way for a bumper season thanks to some off season recruiting by our developmental squad. It is great to see that we have two U12's and one U14 side this year, and I hope everybody can get down and support the juniors as they are the future of the club!

MILO Have-a-Go Program

Kayne English is running the program this season, and he would like as much help as possible to make the program work at its best. This may mean coming to 2 – 3 sessions to give him a hand. The more help he can get, the better it is for everyone!

He is also looking for anyone that can help in the role of an assistant co-Ordinator as well. Contact Kayne for more details.

This year's MILO program is as follows:

Held: Wheelers Hill Cricket Club
@ Brandon Park Reserve

Dates: **11/11/07 to 16/12/07**

& **20/01/08 to 24/02/08**

Time: **10am - 11am**

Price: \$40 per child.

If we can all help throughout the season at one time or another, then it lightens the load off others, and the children will be the ones to benefit from all of our help.

ROUND ONE

It all starts this week with the Firsts playing away and the Seconds at home, and then the Thirds and the Juniors starting the week later. Good Luck to all the sides this season!

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Should you wish to add your own personal spice to this newsletter, feel free to contact Slyder and inform him of any humorous events or anecdotes from WHCC life, or it could just be any information that you think will be helpful to the club and our supporters.