State Cup 21st, 22nd and 23rd September 2007.
By now all players should have paid the $40 to the cashier. The
consent note is to go to the gym office or Verity.
The draw will be available soon.
All teams will be required to book out a bag of
balls from Verity on Friday morning. These will
be numbered as will the balls from team 1 to
team 21.

Grand Finals:
All the round robin matches are on Friday and Saturday. All the
Grand Finals are on Sunday. We would like to have everybody
at Marion and Westminster for the finals on Sunday even if your
team is not in a final. Please be in your volleyball uniform.

BIG TEAM
The feedback sheets from last years event
(from all teams) were critical of the low level
of support we gave each other during matches. Although the
junior teams thought they supported the senior teams the senior
teams were considered to be a little selfish and did not return
the favour. It seemed everybody recognised this, saw it
happening but we all let our traditions slide. It certainly was
there for the nationals but it is a lot more fun for us all if it is
there for the State Cup as well.

Uniforms:
You are expected to be in uniform. This includes the badges.
Please check your team numbers are not duplicated. The track
suits are available now. The polo shirts are compulsory and are
available now as well.
All players must have them by the State Cup.
Players are expected to be at the venue 60 minutes before their
matches for a team meeting. You must be at the court 15
minutes before you have a duty.

The Gymnasium:
Players are not permitted to leave the
Brighton/Westminster/Marion gymnasium area without their
coach/managers permission. Food options at both venues will
be limited. You are advised to take your lunches. Please eat
athletes fuel not junk that may taste good but will not fuel you.

Presentation B.B.Q.
Mt Lofty Junior League
After the finals on Sunday at the State Cup,
all junior league players and parents are
invited to the Junior League presentation
BBQ. This will be held from 6.00pm to
7.30pm in the Heathfield Gymnasium – Not
the new sports centre. We will supply
sausages, bread, fruit and drinks. The cost of
the evening has been paid by the Mt Lofty
volleyball club and we thank them for their support.

The main aim of the evening is to present the junior league teams
with their "Best and Fairest" awards. Captains and teams will
also collect money and buy a present for their coaches who
gave up their Friday nights week after week. We hope to see
you there with your parents.

Duty:
Duties must be shared and done well. Coaches or senior players
are expected to do the top refereeing. Coaches MUST do a duty
roster and MUST ensure duties are shared equitably. Remember
only Level 2 referees will be permitted to referee in
Melbourne. All players are expected to be able to score on an
international score sheet.

Transport:
Transport to Marion on Friday will be by buses.
A bus roster will be available soon. We will not
be able to return students from Marion to
Heathfield on the Friday so your parents will
have to pick you up from Marion / Westminster /
Brighton.
Transport on Saturday and Sunday MUST be by parents.
Teams are to organise this.

Volleyball SA AVF members
All players playing in the State Cup have to be members of the
Australian Volleyball Federation. If you are, you should have a
current blue and white membership card. If you are not
currently registered you are not permitted to play in State Cup or
the Nationals. We have to have your membership number on your
team sheets.
This is your responsibility—please attend to it now.

Junior League captains:
Please ensure your team members collect money and buy a
small present for your coach who
gave up their Friday nights week
after week. Remember coaches
would prefer a card with comments
on it rather than an expensive
present. These presents are to be
presented to the coaches at the Junior
League BBQ Sunday night. Bottles of alcohol
are not acceptable presents.
QUIZ NIGHT

Please encourage your child to be involved in the Quiz night as there is at least $100 to be made. It is a great night and your child gets to keep what your table puts in. Table tickets are available from Verity now. The Quiz night information is in another letter which was given out several weeks ago.

Melbourne — National Schools Cup:

We will travel in four 52 seater coaches and the school mini bus. We will leave Heathfield High School Saturday morning 8th December and will arrive in Melbourne around 4.00pm. We will move into our rooms and then walk to Lygon Street where you will have tea with your coach and manager.

On Sunday morning (early) we will go to the Sports and Aquatic Centre and train for an hour (12 courts booked.) After training we will go to the Melbourne markets till midday and then we will go to the Supermarket to stock up for nibbles and lunches for the week. We will then shower and get ready for the opening ceremony. After the opening ceremony we will then go back to the college have tea, a squad meeting, a team meeting and then an early night.

Each day buses will leave for the gym on the hour. They will return on the half hour. There will be a spare bus during the day to take teams on excursions when worked out with the Tour Manager Davo.

Players and Parents Handbook:

Early next term all players will be issued with a handbook for the National Schools Cup. This will contain all the information for players and parents on the trip. You will be asked to return the medical consent note required by the school for interstate excursions. This is extensive and is in the back of the handbook.

National Schools Cup Payments:

You should have received an invoice for the National Schools Cup. The cost has been finalised $692.00. This is only $12 more than last year.

Please note that students who have made referee qualifications and have paid their referee course costs of $20 will be credited this amount against the Melbourne cost of $692.00 making your cost $672.00.

Semester Fees:

If you have fallen behind in your squad payments, please attend to these promptly as we need the money. By now the semester fees of $70.00 for each semester should have been paid. Brighton’s fees are well over $100 so you certainly get value for money by comparison.

Parents:

There must be about 60 parents who have told me that they are going to Melbourne to see us play. This is fantastic as it happens every year and we appreciate your interest and support. Please also consider your selves invited to our great end of tournament meeting at Ormond College. This will start around 7.00pm. All parents are more than welcome.

Trainings:

Training times are on the volleyball noticeboards and on the school volleyball website


Please be aware that team trainings are compulsory. Girls must inform Eldo and Boys must inform Stuart if you cannot attend training before the training. If you miss trainings you may be removed from your team and the squad. We are only interested in you if you are serious. It is not fair to have teams held back by slack members of the team AND this will not be permitted. Each of the last 2 years we have removed players who have not been able to “commit the time and effort” to YOUR team and the squad. We are certainly prepared to do this again.

Ladies and Gentlemen – We are going to the Nationals to defend out national title. Get fired up…………………………

We would love to have you there with us.

But only if you can work as hard as we are going to.

Junior League:

Well done to our teams who have made the Grand Finals. We would like all players who played junior league this season to come to Marion on Friday night and support out teams battling for a premiership. Details on the volleyball notice board.

Heathfielders play in Asian Championships:

Heathfield players Anna Maycock(Aust Captain) and Jessica Peacock, are currently playing in Thailand in the Asian Championships. Good Luck girls.

International Volleyball:

Australia has had a stunning month in International volleyball winning 1 gold medal and 2 silver medals in world events.
In the World men’s beach titles in Brazil South Australian players Andrew Schacht and Josh Slack made the grand final. The silver medal is the best ever result for a senior men’s team in the world titles. Congratulations guys.

Full details on Heathfield Volleyball website.

In the world Junior women’s beach titles Australia also won another silver medal with Adelaide girl Becharra Palmer and her partner Alice Rohamper. These girls won the gold medal last year and backed it up with another grand final finish. They can play in the same age group next year as well. Congratulations girls. Heathfield’s Jo Healy and Sam Boehm and played in the same tournament. Sam finished 9th and Jo’s team made it into the main draw.

Full details on Heathfield Volleyball website.

On the weekend The Australian men’s indoor volleyball team created history by winning the Asian Championships. Australia has won 2 silver medals but this year they won this prestigious tournament beating CHINA, JAPAN, KOREA etc. This will certainly help them qualify for the Olympics. This boys team included the 2 Brighton High School boys. Nathan Roberts and Andrew Earl. Congratulations Boys Australia 1st, Japan 2nd, Korea 3rd, China 4th.

Full details on Heathfield Volleyball website.

**National Under 16’s in Brisbane:**

In week 6 Heathfield sent 5 girls to compete in the National Under 16 championships. The team finished 4th after losing the bronze medal in a tough 5 set encounter against New South Wales. Caitlin Bahr, who has some serious hops was selected into the “All Australian Team”. Congratulation to all the girls who competed and who represented our program with great distinction.

Caitlin Bahr spiking against Victoria

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**Heathfield Volleyball’s “Team of the Century Dinner”**

The Heathfield volleyball program celebrates its 30th year of volleyball in 2008. Volleyball was first played in the old gymnasium in 1979.

To celebrate the proud history of our internationally recognised “Special Interest Sports” program, we are holding a formal reunion at the Adelaide Convention Centre in early 2008.

We expect players from both overseas and interstate to be attending. The date has been carefully selected and is on the Saturday of the

International $3,000,000 WORLD BEACH VOLLEYBALL EVENT

at Glenelg. This tournament is the week between Easter and the Saturday of our reunion. The World Beach finals are on the Sunday, the day after our dinner.

Sue Dansie, Tara Olonga and Eldo are currently arguing about which 12 boys and 12 girls will make the Heathfield volleyball “Teams of the Century”. Both teams will be presented during the dinner.

We will be sending out invitations and a full list of the 800 players will be put on the Heathfield volleyball website. We will need everybody’s help in getting invitations out to everybody. This will be a fantastic night in a fantastic venue and it will be done in true Heathfield volleyball style.

“Era” players will be seated together with plenty of photographs, video displays and stories of the “good old days”.

**WHEN:** Saturday 29th March 2008

**WHERE:** Adelaide Convention Centre North Terrace Adelaide

**TIME:** 7.00pm – late

**DRESS:** Formal dress (tie required)

**COST:** Around $70 / head.

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**State Beach Volleyball Teams:**

The State Junior Beach volleyball team program will be the biggest ever. There are state, national and international events on the program this season. Mr Scott and I would love to see many more Heathfield players involved as it is great fun and the skills learnt on the beach always make indoor players much better. Trials are in the holidays and information is available from Eldo, Mr Scott or Verity.