154 Days to Melbourne

National Schools Cup 2008:
Our first parent letter for Melbourne is attached. A $100 deposit for Melbourne is required on Friday 1st August. We will have to leave Ormond College for a year and we have booked into Mannix College near Monash University. Davo went there during the holidays to have a look. He thinks it will be fine. We have put his photos on the website so you can all have a look. http://www.hhs.sa.edu.au/siv/index.htm
Please note that all letters for parents and all information on any tournament are on our website.

Year 10 State Knockout Finals:
On Friday the 27th June a boys and girls team were sent to Marion to represent Heathfield at the Year 10 state knock out finals. The day started off well with both teams making the grand finals undefeated. Against our old foes Brighton in both finals we won the boys and lost the girls. Congratulations boys and Mr Scott who are now the 2008 State Champions.

Junior League 2008:
We are now up to round nine of Junior League. After 6 rounds congratulations must go to Aimee Nabradi’s, Dave Bennett’s, Verity Hanka’s and Cassie and Jacks teams as they are all first on the premiership table. There are also a number of teams sitting in 2nd and 3rd place. Junior League is a place to learn new skills and gain valuable experience that can be taken to Melbourne so these games must not be wasted. All the draws and team lists are on our website.

Heathfield Beach Volleyball Courts:
Plans have been submitted and thanks to some sensational parental support we hope to have these up and running before the end of this year. Once we get further down the track we will be seeking further support for the general parent group with some working bees. Your children will get the benefit and we will all save money by not having to travel to Glenelg to train and play beach volleyball.

Gymnasium News:
Our new camera and video analysis system is now in place. We know that our players will benefit from this state of the art system.

State Teams:
Congratulations must once again be given to those players that were selected to represent South Australia at the upcoming Junior National Championships. The tournament is being held in Melbourne from the 5th until the 12th of July at the State Volleyball Centre in Dandenong. We wish the following players the best of luck at the National titles as we are sure they will represent SA and Heathfield proudly.

National Under 21 Teams

Boys
Jack Welsh

Girls
Caitlin Kempe
Amy Allen
Claire Ellks
Verity Hanka
Aimee Nabradi

National Under 19 Teams

Boys
Josh Lowrie

Girls
Red Team
Jordie Meyer-Rosewell
Blue Team
Tess Morcom

National Under 17 Teams

Boys
Blue Team
Brodie Pool

Girls
Red Team
Alice Holmberg
Caitlin Bawden
Frances Duddy
Celia Ellks
Blue Team
Amy Wood

You can follow the results of our State teams on the Heathfield web site. The results are updated several times a day.

Congratulations: must also go to the players selected to represent South Australia at the under 16 National titles which will be held in Adelaide from the 23rd until the 30th of August. Both the men’s and women’s teams are training hard to achieve the highest result possible. The women’s side contains six Heathfield players and the men’s side five. We wish these players and both the teams the best of luck at the championships in August. Heathfield Players representing SA in Adelaide are:

Boys – Aaron Cafarella, Sam Dalby, Rory Welsh, Russell Boehm, Tom Bower

Girls – Kathryn Gilles-Smith, Matilda Fagan-Schmidt, Sheena Peters, Hannah Lowrie, Georgie Rowe

Web site:
Our web site is current. Please get used to using it for information on the volleyball program. Parent letters, photographs, competition draws, newsletters (this one) are all on our web site.

Our Professional Players:
Ex Heathfield volleyball players Sarah Choat and Anna Maycock have just finished playing professional volleyball in Europe and have returned home to play state league for Mt Lofty. Sarah played for the Fighting Kangaroos and Anna for a top team in France finishing 3rd. You can follow these players by using Devo’s volleyball blog. This is an excellent up to date volleyball site managed by the volleyball coach at Wonthaggi High School (Victoria). I check it out every day. http://devovolleyball.wordpress.com/

There is another interesting volleyball blog called Huys Volleyball blog. He certainly loves Heathfield volleyball and knows more about Heathfield than I do as I have forgotten a lot of the things he remembers. He loves our school’s cup banner by the way. http://volleyballblog.wordpress.com/

Shelley Scott:
While Stuart Scott was away undertaking hip replacement surgery Shelley Scott, his daughter and ex national player filled his position. A huge thank you must go out to Shelley as she was a pleasure to work with. I know the players certainly enjoyed her time with them.

Eldo Surgery:
Eldo has finally ripped all the muscle off his right shoulder. The injury started 5 years ago when he was getting the mini bus ready for Albury. He last week ripped off the last bits and now cannot raise his right arm above shoulder height. This will severely compromise his ability to teach and so he has decided to have the shoulder reconstructed ASAP. This could happen early term 3 as we are trying to minimise disruption to the volleyball program. Parents are assured that we are trying to get the best possible replacement in and in a way classes and trainings will not be compromised.

The vicious rumours started by some year 10 girls that a face lift and a tummy tuck was also on Eldo’s surgery agenda are very rude and completely uncalled for. Remember, he will return.

DVD’s:
The volleyball program has recently been given a number of DVD’s including Olympic matches from Sydney and Athens. There are a number of different games from different tournaments. If you would like a copy of any of these matches see Caitlin and she will burn you a copy for $2.00.

2008 International Tour:
A meeting of all interested students who will be in year 10, 11 or 12 next year will be held the first Wednesday of term 3 in the sports centre multi purpose room. Come along and see what we have planned.

Ming Dao:
A huge big thank you to the parents of our volleyballers who have been billeting the Ming Dow students from Taiwan. Your support is very much appreciated and will certainly be responsible in a major way in getting our beach volleyball courts started.

Duke of Edinburgh:
Hope you got the information on the great opportunities that fell our way with the Duke of Edinburgh award scheme. Fantastic to see that our kids can get possibly 2 year 11 subjects (SACE stage 1) accredited before year 11 and even a SACE stage 2 subject accredited in year 11 or year 12. This makes the volleyball program even more beneficial.

USA SCHOLARSHIP:
Ex student and current national player Jess Peacock has just accepted a full sporting and academic scholarship at the College of Southern Idaho (the golden eagles). This means that she will gain full qualifications in veterinary science free at her USA college. All college fees, accommodation meals and sporting fees are covered.

We have had other players accept USA college scholarships. One year every girl in our Open Honours team was offered a scholarship. With the current demise of the National women’s program at the AIS and with HECS fees as they are this could be an opportunity more students take. Gladstone High School from Queensland have over 1 dozen of their ex players in USA colleges and they get looked after, very well.

Ian Scarborough:
Ian and Shelle Scott of the Wakefield Sports Clinic have written a letter to all year 8 parents regarding the screening program they put all year 8 students through earlier in the year. This is a valuable free service they offer and Ian, further backs this up by working with the Mt Lofty volleyball club and travelling with our teams to Melbourne each year for the schools cup to help out any players with injuries during the week. We certainly appreciate his on going support. The Wakefield Sports Clinic now have rooms in Mt Barker which will help us even more.

LAST SATURDAY OF SCHOOL HOLIDAYS:
State League will be played at the Mt Lofty Sports Centre on the last Saturday of the school holidays. The league teams will be playing Henley volleyball club – Men at 3.30pm and the women at 5.00pm. Spectators are admitted free and your club always appreciated supporters. The match before the men’s match at 2.00pm between Norwood and South will be a fiery encounter as well.

Important Dates:

National under 17/19/21 Juniors in Melbourne………………5th-12th July
Quiz Night tickets go on sale…………………………. Friday 1st August
State Open Knockout finals……………………………. Friday 8th August
National Under 16 titles – Adelaide………………………23rd – 30th August
Volleyball Quiz Night…………………………………….Friday 24th October
Year 8/9 State finals……………………………………….Friday 31st October
State Schools Cup ……………………………………….17,18,19 October
Australian Schools Cup (Melbourne)…………………..6th -12th December

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Heathfield Volleyball Sponsors:

Stirling Bakers Delight has been with our program for many years. Bakers Delight will donate 25 cents to our program for every “Block Loaf” of bread sold.

If you ask for a loaf of bread it will cost you $3.20. If you ask for a VOLLEYBALL BLOCK loaf of bread you pay exactly the same amount and get exactly the same bread BUT, we get the Bakers Delight donation of 25 cents to our volleyball program.

Last year this was over $2,000.

Please encourage your family and neighbours to ask for a “VOLLEYBALL BLOCK” loaf of bread at Bakers Delight at Stirling.

As a special service to the Heathfield volleyball community Investa Solutions are holding a special information evenings in the Mt Lofty Sports Centre for parents and ex players.

We hope to have some dates for you soon.

Investa Solutions joined our program last year. As you can see from the advert in Saturday’s Advertiser Investa Solutions help people with the funding of investment properties and wealth creation by conducting information and educational seminars.