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## **Eye of the Eagle...**

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT:**

As this is our first newsletter since the Christmas break I would like to welcome everyone back to the Summer 2006/07 season.

Coming up on March 3, 2007 is our club night at the Knox basketball Stadium and we would like all our players and families to attend if possible to support their club and the Knox Raiders. Entry is free to all South East Eagles players and families. This will be a big night for the Raiders who will be un-veiling their 2006 premiership flag. During the night players from our under 8 girls will play a game at half time of the SEABL women's match and our under 8 boys during half time of the SEABL men's match. We also require floor sweepers for each of these game (at least 4 per game) so if you would like to volunteer please contact myself.

It has been encouraging to see some hard work by the committee pay dividends in relation to new players. Prior to Christmas we held some promotional nights aimed at attracting players to our under 8 teams, both girls and boys. This has resulted in at least 5 new under 8 players registering with the club and has also enabled us to enter another team into the domestic girl's competition.

The grading committee is also doing some work to improve our ability to correctly grade teams and players. As you could imagine grading over 70 teams and their players each season is a huge task and it has become increasingly difficult for the current 6 members of the grading committee to perform this task. We are therefore asking anyone who is interested in becoming part of the grading committee to contact Kirsty Bone, Nathan Sewell or myself. We are in the process of setting up a procedure for the members of the grading committee which will be ready before next season.

A registration day for all Eagles players who intend playing the winter 2007 season has been organized for the 24/3/07 at the Knox Basketball Stadium between the hours of 8am to 6pm. **Please note : any player not registered and paid in full or at least have a payment plan in place prior to or on this date will not take the court until their fees are paid in full.**

Unfortunately due to work commitments Rae Noller will be resigning as uniform officer. Rae has done a fantastic job over the past few years and the club would like to sincerely thank her for all the time and effort put in. Having said that we are looking for uniform officer/s, ideally one for girls and one for boys, should you be interested please contact myself.

I would like to outline to players and parents the importance of bringing water bottles to each game. I have recently witnessed players not having water available to drink during time outs, half time and when they are on the bench during one of our hottest weekends. This is a very important safety issues and would like to remind everyone

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to ensure that they have water available at all games and at training especially during this current Summer season.

See you around the courts  
Stephen Merchant  
ACTING President  
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### **NOTES FROM THE SECRETARY:**

#### **Shopping at Rebel**

Don't forget when you are shopping for the latest in sports gear at Rebel Sports Knox City mention you are a member of the South-East Eagles Basketball Club. This ensures 5% of your overall purchase goes directly back to our club. A special thank you to all those members who have been doing this, as we have been able to pick out some FANTASTIC prizes from Rebel, for our up-coming presentation night.

Please ensure you continue to support this venture from REBEL Knox City!

#### **Easter Raffle**

Next week at training, the youngest playing member from each family will receive raffle tickets for our upcoming Easter Raffle. Tickets are to be sold for 50 cents each or 5 for \$2. All tickets are to be returned by the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. There are four prizes to be awarded so don't miss out.

#### **Training**

It is the policy of this club that all children are wearing the appropriate footwear for both training and for games as an increasing number of children are failing to do so. It is in your child's best interests to do so for comfort as well as injury prevention.

#### **New Players**

We currently seeking players for the upcoming Winter 2007 season, so if you have any friends, family or neighbours that are interested in playing basketball please ask them to give me a call as soon as possible.

#### **A reminder to all players**

If you are unable to make training or a game please ensure you contact your coach as soon as possible, as it can be extremely frustrating for coaches to arrive to training or a game and only find minimal players, especially in the Summer season. Missing training or a game simply due to the extreme heat is not really acceptable, as the rest of the team is relying on you being there for substitutions.

#### **Player Details**

It is extremely important that if you change your details (e.g. phone number or address) that you contact me as soon as possible so we can update our records. This ensures a smoother process for registration and the upcoming Winter season.

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### **Team Manager Reminder**

A gentle reminder to team managers that if you have a fill in player please write the name clearly and correctly, Christian name and surname and fill out the details on the back of the sheet. If a player is not playing for the week draw a line completely through their name and the entire width of the sheet.

A motion has been passed by the executive of the Eagles committee that any player who is listed on your team and does not ring or turn up for a game is still liable to pay their \$5.00 for the game.

### **Club Night, Presentation Night and other club functions**

As our club night is next week (more details to follow) and our presentation night is approaching please consider how much work and effort your committee voluntarily puts into running these activities for our members. We ask that all South-East Eagles members support these occasions to help make them a tremendous success for everyone. Coaches please ensure you promote these events to your teams!

### **Grand Final and U/8 Photos**

Grand Final and U/8 Photos for WINTER 2006 will be available on Monday and Tuesday night's for collection at St. Joes during February and March. Please ensure you collect your photos as soon as possible.

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**SOUTH-EAST EAGLES CLUB WEBSITE...**  
**WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT OUR WEBSITE IS**  
**NOW UP AND RUNNING. MORE AND MORE INFORMATION**  
**WILL BE POSTED ON THE SITE SO PLEASE CHECK IT**  
**REGULARLY, INCLUDING ALL NEWSLETTERS AND HANDOUTS**  
**- [WWW.SEEAGLES.ORG.AU](http://WWW.SEEAGLES.ORG.AU)**  
**(LAST YEARS XMAS PARTY PHOTOS NOW ONLINE!!)**

**Presentation Night Donations**  
**At our upcoming Annual Presentation Night we run a number of**  
**raffles, games and straw prizes and we are seeking any donations**  
**from our members for the large amount of prizes that we give out.**  
**If you have anything that you feel is suitable please contact Helen**  
**Bone or Steve Merchant as soon as possible**

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### **TRESURERS REPORT**

Within the next two weeks we will be sending out invoices for the upcoming Winter season and you will notice that we have had to increase our fees by five dollars per player. Unfortunately our costs have increased in the hire charges we are paying for our training venues. As a club we are now paying nearly \$40,000 just to train our teams.

We will be having registration day at the Knox Basketball stadium on Saturday the 24<sup>th</sup> of March 2007 between 8am and 6pm in the foyer.

**All parents are asked to call into the stadium and pay your fees as we will be only placing players in teams for the upcoming winter season who have paid fees.**

If you wish to make an arrangement to pay of your fees you will also need to attend to set this up.

Fees can be paid by cash, cheque, visa or MasterCard. We have just supplied our under 8 teams with new size 6 basketballs as they now play with size 6 and no longer size 5.

### **CLUB WEAR!!!**

**South-East Eagles have an extensive range of club wear including adult polo tops, women's sleeveless tops as well as polo's for kids. It would be great to see as many members of our Club in this exciting Eagles gear!!!**

**This gear is available to see every Monday night at St Joes between 5pm and 7pm. We will soon have a book available with pictures of the club wear for those that train at Boronia Primary School. We will also have photos available on the eagle's website ([www.seeagles.org.au](http://www.seeagles.org.au)) in the near future.**

**A full range of club wear will be on display at Registration Day at the Knox Stadium on the 24/3/07.**

### ***FUNDRAISING HELP REQUIRED***

***As mentioned earlier the costs of running a Junior Basketball Club is becoming more and more expensive. Every year we are able to keep the costs down due to our fundraising efforts. We are calling for a number of volunteers that can assist us with this process. If you have any fresh ideas or would like to just help out please contact Steve Merchant.***

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## **Support SPONSORS!!!**

**Thanks again to all of our fantastic sponsors that help support your club- the South-East Eagles.**

### **FERNTREE GULLY COMMUNITY BANK**

For the best local banking needs in Knox head on down to the Ferntree Gully Community Bank located at Station St Ferntree Gully. Please remember for each account opened and loan taken out, mention South-East Eagles basketball club and a generous donation is given to us from the bank. Inside the bank is a major South-East Eagles display including Grand Final Photos, trophies, medallions and player singlets! Why don't you pop in for a look and enjoy the friendly service of the Ferntree Gully Community Bank.

### **PETE'S PRINTERY**

**For years now Pete's Printery has looked after the South-East Eagles basketball club providing us with many of our printing needs. So for your stationary, business and personal printing requirements call 9696 2688 and ask for Geoff Bone. Mention you are from South-East Eagles and receive a discount.**

### **CM HAIRCUTTERS**

**Please see attached flier for more information!!!**

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