



MAROONDAH MAGIC BASKETBALL CLUB



Maroondah Magic Basketball Club Newsletter

February 2017

Happy New Year to all of our players, parents, coaches, team managers, committee and all of our supporters.

January is now drawing to a close, schools are back, and the Summer Season is about to continue, with only 5 weeks of games to complete before finals start.

Our Club has recently had to make several tribunal appearances on behalf of reported players and parents. The tribunal has clearly stated that it has a non-tolerance of abuse towards Referees and officials and has handed out suspensions that last until the middle of next year. The bottom line is that if you do not believe you can watch or participate in a game of basketball, either as a parent, a player or coach without yelling out at referees for what you perceive as a mistake, then you are better off waiting outside. This policy has been adopted across all clubs in our Association in view of the difficulty of retaining referees, who make far less mistakes than the players. It is important to remember that our children model themselves on our behaviour. With this in mind most referees are also children extending their love of basketball by officiating the games that our children play. Lots of these referees are young adults that play basketball with Maroondah Magic, and are doing their best every time they step out on the court with their whistle, just like the children playing.

In mid-February your team managers will be asking about your child's intent to play in the Winter 2017 season, and registrations will be open around mid-March.

Please pay your registration at that time to ensure you receive our 'early bird offer'.

Have a great season everyone, GO MAGIC

Super Sunday was a fantastic opportunity to learn some new skills and for our kids have a great time experiencing basketball with dedicated coaches and seniors from our club, including the Melbourne United bus. We had a number of promotion stalls including Pancake Parlour, (loads of kids went home with \$100 voucher off their next meal at the Pancake Parlour), face painting, Maroondah Magic party bags and Christmas goodies, as well as a sausage sizzle conducted by some hard working parents. McGrath Real Estate donated \$200 in vouchers to be spent at our Uniform/accessory shop - these were won by

- Sam Burns from MM22 won voucher no.1 worth \$120.
- Hunter Duffin from MM21 won voucher no.2 worth \$50.
- James Howell from MM48 won voucher no.3 worth \$30

They had to guess the number of lollies in the jar.

Important Dates to Remember:

Finals (U9 and above teams) :

- o Tuesday girls, Semi 14-3-17 PF 21-3-17 G/F 28-3-17
- o Wed girls Semi 15-3-17 PF 22-3-17 G/F 29-3-17
- o Sat Boys Semi 18-3-17 PF 25-3-17 G/F 1-4-17 (note : GF is first Saturday of school holiday)

Miniball KMBDA Presentations and photos for the season will be at their last games – Tuesday 07/3/17 for girls and Saturday 18/3/17 for boys teams

Presentation Day - the 7th of May, at Dorset Primary - more details to come

Come and Try Sessions - 17th, 24th, 31st of March, at Dorset Primary, Girls from 4:30-5:30PM and Boys from 5:30-6:30PM

Coaches Night - 27th March, 7:30PM at Dorset Primary

Sales Day - 2nd of April at Dorset Primary, from 1:00-4:00PM

PROUDLY SUPPORTING
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The NBL is back, and Maroondah Magic and Melbourne United have joined forces to provide you with some awesome benefits just for being part of this club.

Melbourne has put together an impressive roster for the upcoming season with the return of Chris Goulding for another two seasons, and the addition of star Aussie Boomer Dave Andersen fresh from his impressive campaign at the Rio Olympics.

The talent pool has increased across the league with several big names returning home from Europe and the NBA and we couldn't be more excited to watch our NBL team go all the way in season 2016-17.

As part of our partnership with Melbourne United, we will have access to 20% off tickets for players, families, coaches and staff throughout the season plus loads of additional prizes for Maroondah Magic if we have the most people cheering them on at their games.

The major prize is a You Got Skoold visit which is a chance for our Maroondah Magic junior representatives to play against the whole Melbourne United squad to try and give them a run for their money.

Our promo code to receive discount tickets is: MUMP34

Please use this promo code when you purchase tickets throughout the season to ensure all ticket numbers go to our tally! All tickets are available via <http://premier.ticketek.com.au/shows/show.aspx?sh=UNITED17> If you would like to take a group or your team along to a game contact groups@melbourneutd.com.au and they will help you make the experience a memorable one.

We're very excited to be helping to bridge the gap between the NBL and grassroots basketball, we hope you'll get behind Melbourne United and support them all the way to a Championship this season!

****Please note that discounted tickets are available for regular season games at Hisense Arena only in silver, bronze and general admission seating.***

LOOKING AFTER OUR VENUES

Important points for everyone to remember when using any venue :

- siblings are not to be left without a parent
- No food is to be taken into the venues
- please make sure children **DO NOT** climb on or use any equipment that is in the gym
- it is most important we all abide by these simple rules so Magic can continue to use these great venues.

When entering or exiting training venues from a car park (eg at Ruskin Park and Tinternvale for example) can you please ensure all players, parents and siblings use the footpaths and not walk through the centre of car parks...

This is for the safety of all pedestrians, as it can be difficult to see when reversing in these areas.

We are extremely fortunate to be able to train at all the wonderful school facilities that we do. For the good relationship to remain, and the ability to retain these training facilities there are a few more points to remember:

The last team to train at the facility must turn off lights, turn off heaters, ensure that the facility is locked and alarms set.

Periodically through the training night, please everyone check the bathrooms and ensure the taps are turned off, and there is no water running in the bathrooms or at the drink taps.

Please remember there is a NO food policy in any of these venues—there have been occasions when siblings have brought food with them.

Please ensure that all basketball training shoes are clean, and non marking, and wipe them at the door before entering the facility. The schools do not allow their children to wear everyday shoes in these facilities, and the floors are becoming scratched and marked. If they need to reseal the floor, we would have disruption to our training schedules as well as increased costs for hire, and this would ultimately be passed on to all our playing children.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Players, coaches, parents and officials need to be aware of the behavioural expectations on and off the court. Please take the link to Maroondah Magic web site to read the Code of Conduct for players, coaches, parents and officials.

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Some Words of Wisdom

Do not criticise your or others children in front of others. Reserve constructive criticism of your own children for more private moments. Children can be very sensitive and feel strong humiliation if they are criticised in front of their peers. When you do feel the necessity to speak to your child about something that displeases you, make the effort to explain what the problem is and why you are concerned about it. If you can see some way of avoiding the problem in the future, also explain this to the children. Give your children an opportunity to offer you an explanation. You are not communicating with your children effectively if all the communication is one way.

Accept decisions of all referees as being fair and called to the best of their called to the best of their ability. Referees and officials have a difficult task to perform and your children could not play the game without them. They are there to enforce the rules of play but they cannot always be right. It is fair to say most teams make 20-30 mistakes per game with missed shots, missed layups, missed passes, double dribbling and travel. Most referees make 2-3 mistakes per game, yet players, coaches and parents believe it is fair game to criticise them for these few errors. Let's be honest - it is not fair to criticise the referees, a fair portion of who are Maroondah Magic children who take up refereeing to start to make their way in life. Accept bad calls graciously. Abuse of referees is unacceptable behaviour. Players who consistently dispute decisions or do not accept bad decisions are bad sports. If you disagree with a decision, discuss it with your children in a constructive manner.

Set a good example by your own conduct, behaviour and appearance. Children often learn by example. You are the prime role models for them. Make your parenting rewarding and beyond criticism by leading by example. Do not criticise opposing team members or supporters by word or gesture. Accept loss graciously and applaud the efforts of all playing the game.

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Please contact the related co-ordinator with any queries you may have.

Backpacks:

We have introduced backpacks to our range of merchandise, available at our shop. They are \$40 each, black with our logo, and have space for a ball, drink bottle and a Maroondah Magic hoodie. Great price, great product, get yours quick before they run out!

Scoring:

Just a reminder that when scoring, you are an official of the game and as such, should not yell out/barrack etc when sitting at the score bench. Please also abide by the 'Code of Conduct' set out by Basketball Victoria regarding officials of the game. Thank you to every parent that steps up at their Child's game and scores for Maroondah Magic. Please remember that if you have a child away DO NOT tick their name on the computer screen. This is particularly important if the child is injured and has a Doctors Certificate, you will be forfeiting the importance of the Doctors Certificate if the child is deemed to be playing. This is also particularly important for those Teams that have Rep players absent, and can earn Penalty Points if the player is deemed to be playing

ASSISTANCE REQUIRED

Our club has a number of regular events where we could really use some additional help. Uniform sale day (held twice a year just before the beginning of each season), Presentation Day (twice a year, early in the season), Grand Final day (we need volunteers who are experienced scorers and would be willing to score for other Magic teams) and Come and Try Sessions (held on Friday evenings late in each season to recruit new players for the next season).

Our hard working committee devote a lot of time to make these events happen but as our club grows we would love to have some more help. If you could give up a few hours please email your details to Sue McGrath (Club Secretary) suemcg@tpg.com.au and Sue will keep a list of people we can call on to help out at these events.

This list is for those people happy to help on an irregular basis. Let us know!

FACEBOOK

Have you 'liked' our new Facebook page. Maroondah Magic Basketball Inc.—follow the link, and keep updated with any news.

INSTAGRAM

Have you 'followed' our new Instagram page? Go and chuck us a follow and a



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SPECIAL RULES FOR GAMES DURING HOT WEATHER

(Includes Junior and Senior Competitions)

These rules are to be implemented when the courts ambient temperature is 30°C as read on the thermometer within the stadiums.

Referees are to encourage coaches to use all their time outs in each half.

Regular substitutions are to be made to ensure the safety of the players. Coaches, do not leave players on for the whole half.

At the half way point of each half, the referee shall call a special time out.

All players should drink sufficiently prior to, during and immediately after the game to prevent dehydration.

Should the ambient court temperature reach 38°C then the game shall be cancelled

SPONSORS!

In September last year we advised our Maroondah Magic families that we were launching a Sponsorship Program.

Maroondah Magic are always looking for ways we can contribute back to our players and coaches. By obtaining sponsorship we see opportunities to invest back into our club and enhance the basketball experience for all involved.

Our aim is to invest sponsorship contributions towards items such as player clinics, coach's clinics, player rewards, enhanced member benefits and much more.

After advising our Magic Families we then, in November, we went out to the broader community to promote our Sponsorship opportunities. Since then we are excited to have our first cohort of sponsors on-board for 2017.

We are actively working on more partnership and excited for what more we can offer our families in 2017!

We are proud to introduce you to our new Sponsors:

<p>TunzaFun Xtreme – Knox</p> 	<p>We are excited to partner with TunzaFun Xtreme in 2017. Whether you're 4 or 84, you'll find so much to enjoy at TunzaFun Xtreme. NOW OPEN at Westfield Knox Ozone in Wantirna South, they are the latest, safest and most creative indoor family entertainment centre in Melbourne. Thanks to our friends at TunzaFun Xtreme our players will receive some great rewards this year that they can use at the centre. Additionally, TunzaFun Xtreme will be organising some fantastic discounted offers for our Magic Family. Stay tuned to our Facebook page and our Newsletters for more info.</p> <p>http://www.tunzafunxtreme.com.au/</p>
<p>La Porchetta Croydon</p> 	<p>We are proud to continue our association with the team at La Porchetta Croydon. As a result of their support in 2016 many of our families have enjoyed a meal at La Porchetta thanks to the (over 1000) encouragement awards they provided our players. We look forward to continuing our partnership with La Porchetta into 2017.</p> <p>http://www.laporchetta.com.au/</p>
<p>McGrath Real Estate – Croydon</p> 	<p>McGrath Croydon are proven real estate experts with years of experience and real estate knowledge of the local area. McGrath have already been fantastic supporters of our club and contributed to our Family Fun Day in late 2016. We look forward to McGrath's continued support of our club in 2017. Keep an eye open on our Facebook page and our Newsletters for more info of McGraths support and partnership with Maroondah Magic.</p> <p>For all your real estate needs contact Simon Keele (also a member of our Maroondah Magic family) on 0418 527 648. Be sure you mention you are a Maroondah Magic family!</p> <p>https://www.mcgrath.com.au/offices/201-croydon</p>
<p>Pancake Parlour</p> 	<p>Pancake Parlour have already been a fantastic supporter of our club in 2016! With over 1000 player rewards handed out last season we are sure many of you have enjoyed a visit to Pancake Parlour. Pancake Parlour also provided us with 100's of yummy samples at Family Fun day late last year as well as tons of vouchers to their restaurants which were prizes on their spinning wheel! We will keep you posted on other great offers and appearances from Pancake Parlour in 2017.</p> <p>http://www.pancakeparlour.com/</p>

If you, or someone you know, has a business and are interested in opportunities on how you gain exposure for your business and partner with Maroondah Magic via our Sponsorship Program please visit our website for a copy of our [Sponsorship Prospectus](#) or contact our Sponsorship Coordinator, Tania Anderson for further queries on 0417 052 347. Also visit our dedicated 'Sponsors' page on our website – [click here!](#)



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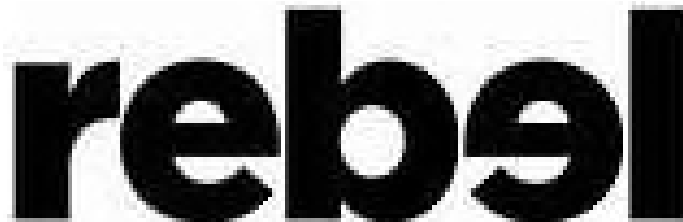
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You will also receive in house discounts and sale items just for being a member as well. It costs you nothing to join and all you have to do is flash your card or tell them your name when you shop and the credit just keeps adding up.

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