

# Pine Panthers Press



*“Our goal is to achieve through genuine sportsmanship and fair play”*

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Welcome to the 2nd edition of the Pine Panthers Press for 2012! Your feedback and any suggestions for the next edition of the Newsletter are always welcome via email to [pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com](mailto:pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com). Thanks and happy reading !!



## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Welcome to the Pine Panthers for the 2012 season! It was great to see so many familiar faces at our Sign on day last month coming back for this season, and it was also great to see many new players signing up with us for the first time. We will have 16 teams playing in the PRNA competition this year, ranging from under 8 Netta's up to Divisional teams. I would like to thank all players who attended our Grading Day on the 12<sup>th</sup> February, it was an extremely hot day and even though we were indoors it certainly heated up by the middle of the day! Thanks to the girls for playing their best under the hot conditions. Grading is an extremely difficult task and it takes many volunteers to co-ordinate. Thanks to our independent grading panel who gave us their time all day and their invaluable input into final team selections. If you haven't checked the website yet, all the teams have been posted on our website under the 2012 season tab.

Training will commence on 7 March at the PRNA courts. Coaches/Team Managers will be in contact with players/families soon to confirm training times – these times are also on the website under the 2012 tab/team lists. Players are expected to attend all training sessions and it is important to bring along plenty of water, wear suitable comfortable training clothes and appropriate footwear.

We are also looking for Team Managers for a few teams for the 2012 season :- 9 Pearl; 13 Rubies; 14 Bronze and Inter 1 Diamonds . Being a Team Manager is a great way to get involved in your daughters team and you will have assistance as well as the full support from the club. Please contact us if interested in being a Manager at [pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com](mailto:pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com).

Can't wait to see you all on the courts in 2012!

Happy Netballing!

Rachelle Swan



**2012 EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING DATES** If you would like to join our committee we are always looking for general committee members so please contact us at [pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com](mailto:pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com)

13 March	12 June	11 September	11 December
10 April	10 July	9 October	
1 May	14 August	13 November	

All are welcome to attend. Meetings start at 7.00pm sharp at Peter Dutton's office – Cnr Mecklem Street & Gympie Road, Strathpine. Our committee members are available to help you in any way they can. Please do not hesitate to contact them with any questions or issues you may have



### **PLAYERS CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS!!**



Happy Birthday to the following Pine Panthers players who have celebrated birthdays in January and February:-  
January Birthdays:- Hayley I Smith; Brooke Wessling, Bella-Kate Gray; Lainey McPhee, Ashley Smith, Mine Coetser, Tameeka Stewart-Yung, Alice Brown, Emilie McPhee, Dedre de Lang, Angela & Rachael Eustace & Jodie Liddle.  
February Birthdays:- Hayley Smith, Megan Willett, Elise Chinnery, April-Rose Byrnes, Courtney Love, Sophie Conlon, Meaghan Lawson, Katya Roos, Keana Montgomery & Katelyn Griffin. Hope you all had a fantastic day!!



### **PINE PANTHERS WEBSITE!! [www.pinepanthers.com](http://www.pinepanthers.com)**



Don't forget to visit our website regularly for any updates regarding the 2012 season. If you haven't already visited our new website, check it out at [www.pinepanthers.com](http://www.pinepanthers.com). On the site you will find all the information you need :- Links to Rounds & points table draw for 2012 (when available); news & events; newsletters; forms etc. We will be using the website to provide players with the latest updates so please remember to check the site regularly.



### **2012 REP TEAMS ANNOUNCED!**



The PRNA have been conducting their annual development programme to recruit players for the 2012 representative season. The programme started in November last year and final teams have been announced this week on the PRNA website. Congratulations to the following Panthers players who have been selected in the final teams:- Brodie Hart; Alison Smith; Alice Brown; Elizabeth Shortland-Mika; Meaghan Lawson and Georgia Scells. We will follow your teams and their progress throughout the 2012 rep season – good luck!!



### **UNIFORM ORDERS – COLLECTION DATES**



For those who have placed a uniform order Anne will be at training next Wednesday night (7<sup>th</sup> March) from 6.00pm. We have stock of bummers and Crop Tops (\$30 each). Don't forget we also have jackets available for purchase with or without name embroidery/heat seal. Anne will have samples of the jackets to try on at training. Anyone who ordered a jacket on grading day – these won't be in for a few weeks. Any queries please feel free to contact Anne on 0449 586 773.



## **TRAINING**



Training will commence on Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> March at the PRNA courts unless otherwise notified by coaches. Most teams train on Wednesday afternoons/evenings and training sessions will be for an hour. Training times and courts are now available for all teams on our website. Head over to the 2012 Season tab under Teams for more information. Players are expected to attend all training sessions – if unable to attend then please let your Team Manager know as soon as possible. Please ensure that players bring along plenty of water, wear comfortable training clothes and appropriate footwear. If the weather is looking unfavourable, please check our website for any notifications regarding cancellation of training.



## **NEW TRAINING EQUIPMENT**



Last year the club was lucky enough with the fantastic efforts of our wonderful Secretary, Sharyn Smith, to receive a Grant from the Government for new sports/training equipment. The order arrived early January and took up all the space in our Presidents garage!! The new equipment will allow our coaches to be able to train using the latest training equipment that is available – which will only benefit the players in the best possible way. Along with the training equipment we also have new match balls, plus match bags for game day.



## **LOOKING FOR COACHES!!**



We are still looking for 1 more coach for the 2012 season. If you know anyone or if you are a coach then please contact Rachelle Swan on mobile 0405 150 437.



## **TEAM MANAGERS**



We are looking for Team Managers for a few teams still. Being a Team Manager is very rewarding is a great way to be actively involved in your daughters team and the club. Teams requiring Managers are:- 9 Pearls; 13 Rubies; 14 Bronze and Inter 1 Diamonds. Please contact us at [pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com](mailto:pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com) if interested or if you have any questions regarding the role.



## **UMPIRES**



We are still looking for umpires to help us with umpiring the afternoon rounds. Please contact Janelle asap if you are interested , on mobile 0428 120 803. Many thanks to all those umpires who have already been in contact with us and who will be umpiring for us again this season. There is a Beginners Umpire Course on the 12<sup>th</sup> May from

8.00am – 9.00am run by the PRNA at the PRNA courts – Cost is \$45.00. If you are interested please send Janelle an email at [pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com](mailto:pinepanthers@pinepanthers.com) and she will forward more information to you...



### **NETBALL SEASON UPDATE**



Round 1 will commence on 17<sup>th</sup> March. The PRNA have allocated game times for all divisions as follows:-

**9.00am** Netta 9's and Under 11's

**10.30am** Netta 8's and Under 12's

**12noon** 10's, 13's and Inter 4

**1.30pm** 14's, Inter 1 & 3 , Div 3 & 5

**3.00pm** Div 1 /2 , Div 4 and Inter 2

The PRNA have conducted their grading and the draw will be available on the PRNA website very soon. We will also put a link to the draw/points table on the Panthers website when available.



### **POSITIONS VACANT AT PRNA**



The PRNA are advertising for the following positions for Saturdays:- Canteen & Control. These are paid positions and for more information please go to the PRNA website [www.pineriversnetball.org.au](http://www.pineriversnetball.org.au) under the News & Events tab. The PRNA is also launching a new website and also a Facebook page soon – so watch out for that!!!



### **BRISBANE NTH & COUGAR CUB TRIALS**



Brisbane North Academy Trials will be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March - location tba. Players turning 15 and 16 this year are eligible to trial. Cougar Cub trials will also be held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> March – location tba. Players turning 13 and 14 this year are eligible to trial . More information will be placed on the PRNA website once available. If you have any questions regarding these trials in the meantime, then please contact the PRNA Coaching Convenor – Jo Aitken at [jopejord@bigpond.net.au](mailto:jopejord@bigpond.net.au) .



### **ANZ CHAMPIONSHIPS – ROUND 1**



Round 1 commences on the 31<sup>st</sup> March. Check out the ANZ championships website [www.anz-championship.com](http://www.anz-championship.com) for all the latest information plus the draw for 2012. The Queensland Firebirds take on the Melbourne Vixens here at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April

**“The difference between impossible and possible lies in a person’s determination” - Tommy Larsoda (USA Major league baseball legend)**