

## Knox City Cougars Basketball Club



## FUN – FITNESS – FRIENDSHIP

### CAN'T WAIT TO SEE YOU AT THE CLUB

As Winter 2012 Season comes to an end, we would like to say congratulations to all the teams on a fantastic season! Well done to our 28 teams that made finals with 5 progressing straight through to the Grand Final. Please get down in your blue and yellow to support the teams that have made it through.

**Good luck also to our U8 teams who have their Encouragement Day on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> October at Knox Basketball Stadium. Entry is free, so if you have an U8 or any friends who might like to join the club this is a great opportunity to come down and see the competition and to cheer on our little Cougars. Fixtures are on the Knox Basketball website.**

A special congratulation to Joy and her U12 girls, they had 6 of the 7 teams make finals with the only team missing out, narrowly missing by percentage. Well done Joy and the girls.

Another special congratulations goes to Olivia Kinneavy who represented her school at the NZ International Aims Games and finished 4<sup>th</sup>. Fantastic effort Olivia!

We would also like to acknowledge all our Raiders players on their finals efforts and congratulations to all our players that have made Raiders squads for this coming season. As well as the numerous players we have playing in other representative sides. Good luck to everyone who is also completing Raiders try-outs at the moment. It's fantastic to see so many of our players progressing into representative sides.

## FAMILY FUN DAY

**Don't forget that Family Fun Day is this Sunday, 21 October at Ferntree Gully North Primary School, 111 Forest Road from 11am to 4pm with awards being presented at 2. 30pm.**

**There will be a bungee trampoline, jumping castle, games and prizes. See the flyer on our website for more details. And there is plenty of cover so rain hail or shine come in your Cougars uniform and enjoy the day. There will also be a raffle and a "Guess how many lollies are in the**

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jar". So come along for your chance to win some great prizes. Raffle tickets only 5 for \$2.

#### **CLUB UPDATES**

Please keep an eye on our new website. Take some time to have a play, Maree has done a fantastic job, and we are currently in the process of getting all the relevant information on there for all families. Visit

[http://www.sportingpulse.com/club\\_info.cgi?c=0-2307-128789-0-0&SID=251471](http://www.sportingpulse.com/club_info.cgi?c=0-2307-128789-0-0&SID=251471)

Please also check out the new committee members and come say hi. We have included the Club's Vision Statement on the website now. Stay tuned for more exciting Knox City Cougars news.

#### **POSITIONS VACANT**

The Club currently has a few positions vacant that we would love to fill. If you think you might be interested in one of these positions, please contact Michael Kinneavy for more info.

#### **COACHES -**

Expressions of interest to coach or assistant coach all age groups.

#### **BOYS**

U 12

U 14

#### **GIRLS**

U 14

#### **CO-ORDINATORS**

U18 & 23 Boys and Girls

Expressions of interest for Assistant Co-Ordinator's

#### **PLAYERS STILL WANTED**

Got a brother, sister or child that used to play basketball? Got a friend or family member who might want to play? If you know anyone that would be interested in playing let us know ASAP. Team selection is almost complete.

We are specifically looking for extra players for:

U12, U14 and U16 Girls

U10 and U16 Boys

**JUST A QUICK REMINDER THAT FEES FOR SUMMER 2013 ARE NOW OVERDUE. PLEASE CONTACT ROBIN JOHN WITH ANY QUERIES.**

**IF YOU HAVE SOMETHING YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADD TO THE NEWSLETTER PLEASE EMAIL: [rachel\\_gill@hotmail.com](mailto:rachel_gill@hotmail.com)**

## A FEW QUICK WORDS:

### A NOTE FROM STEFAN BAILY

As coach of the 14/4BR Girls for the Winter Season I had a team of players who knew the meaning of hard work under fire. In the end we finished in 6th place, 3 points from 4th but with the knowledge that no other team in the grade posed a greater threat to the teams who finished 1st and 2nd. In four meetings with these two, (Ferntree Gully and KSC Phoenix), the total losing score was five points and we drew one. During the season we had a run of five consecutive losses where the losing score averaged 3 points a game and these games were all decided in the last 90 seconds. There was never a dull moment for supporters on the bench, so in that sense we provided 'value for money'. As coach, I am very proud of the girls, we finished well, (4 wins in the last 5 games) and are left to ponder what might have been. Composure was something we lacked at times, however that can be fixed. In the latter part of the season the 'yellow card' was introduced and may well re-appear next season once teams and coaching duties are confirmed. Well done team, it was a season to remember....Stefan..

### A NOTE FROM SIZ

I love the U8 Encouragement Day games, its like a grand final with everyone receiving medallions and team photos after the game.

The games are normally played in great spirit also. So if you want to see basketball at it's purest come down to Knox Basketball stadium on the day.

I would also like to mention to the parents to enjoy this day because before we know it the boys and girls are playing for finals and are a lot more competitive.

With Encouragement Day being the official end to the U/8 season, I'd like to thank Mike Kelly, Drey Baldwin and Trevor Hasket for coaching and supporting the boys for Winter 2012. - REGARDS SIZ

### A NOTE FROM JOY

Both sides have had an enjoyable season with some wins and losses but at the end of the day as long as the girls and coaches enjoyed themselves and the girls have learned a little bit more about basketball then everyone's a winner – well done girls and coaches.

With finals upon us the U/10 and U/12 girls should be very proud of themselves for a season well done – coaches included for the time and effort they put in at training and game day.

Out of 5 U/10 teams 4 are in finals the 3rd side just missed out and the 5th side with 90% newbies came 6th (out of 7) – but my girls should be very proud of their achievement as up until rd.15 they lost every game then won the last two so that's improvement – keep it up next season girls – luv ya.

In the U/12's 6 out of 7 are in finals with the 6th side missing out by % only – bad luck girls. To have 6 sides of U/12's and 4 U/10's in finals there is going to be yellow and blue singlets everywhere so go get em girls. - JOY MUNDY