



**Wallsend District
Swans Junior
Australian Rules
Football Club**

Newsletter 1 for Season 2011

Gearing up for a great season.

THE CYGNET'S CALL

Season Starts 3/4/2011

First game of the season is Sunday April 3 with the draw yet to be decided. It is a 16 round season this year so there will be 8 home and 8 away games. Maitland Saints are offering the possibility of a trial game on the 27th March at their new home ground at Rutherford. Maitland is a great club and it would be good to help them out in settling into their new ground and give the boys a bit of a run. (Details in next newsletter).

Help Wanted

A club like the Swans has lots of dedicated volunteers. Bringing the kids a quality football experience with qualified coaches at a reasonable cost to families takes lots of hard work and dedication. This year we are looking for the following:

- Parents to help at training
- Parents to help set up and prepare the ground.
- help in the canteen and BBQ (canteen ladies are setting up a roster)
- A timekeeper for every home game.
- People with First Aid quals to volunteer as the first aid officer for home games.
- Goal umpires for every home and away game.

All of this is easy stuff and if we share it is not a burden.

Don't forget to bring a friend

At the Swans we pride ourselves on supporting the kids that give back to the club. That is why we encourage all to bring a friend along to try our great sport. Get them to come to training. If that friend signs up then the player who brought him along will get a \$10 gift voucher for JB Hi Fi.

These vouchers will be presented to the successful recruiters at the team dinners which will be held at Maryland Tavern after the school holidays.

Team Meetings

To kick everything off the coaches and committee of the Swans are inviting parents to attend a meeting at training for each team. At this meeting we will discuss various club functions, the AFL and what requirements we have for your sons to play (eg Mouthguards) and just meet everyone new. The schedule is set as follows:

Under 10's Wednesday 23 March at 5.30.

Under 14's – Wednesday 23 March at 6.00.

Under 12's Wednesday 30 March at 6.00.

Team Dinners

Team Dinners will be held at Maryland Tavern after the school holidays. They are usually a lot of fun with some prizes for the kids. Watch the newsletter for dates and please see the canteen to note down places for seats.

AUSKICK News

Due to start next week (Friday) – the club welcomes Gary who is coaching along with long time Swans loyalist Sharyn. Ask for the Auskick newsletter at the canteen if you want to know more.

What's new in the world

There have been some rules updates and changes but not anything major. Look for new equipment around the club including a new BBQ and gear for the teams.

Thanks to the State Government we are getting some funding for some seats around the ground. These won't be in by season start but will be in soon.

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Training Shirts are available

The Canteen has training shirts available for all players. These are for sale from the canteen at a very reasonable cost. These will be \$5 for registered Auskickers and \$15 for everyone else. Watch this space other items to come.

Congratulations

Congrats to the new Auskick coach Gary and his wife on the birth and delivery of new baby daughter Erica. Welcome to the Swans.

New Phone

The club now has a mobile phone. This will be around the ground for emergencies and will be the number to call to see if training is on.

The new number is:

0431137826

We suggest you put this into your phone contacts as Wallsend Swans. On rainy days please call or text for information on what is happening about training. We will endeavour to update the message and let everyone know this way what is happening. Over the next couple of weeks we will hand out some notes to put on fridges about this and this will have important dates as well.

Club Contacts

Please feel free to call the President Jason Drane on 02 49502352 regarding any concerns.

Contact list will follow in next newsletter

Presidents Comment

A new season dawns. I look around at training and I see some real veterans of the game lining up alongside newcomers. Talent, skill, experience and willingness are all present and the boys are looking really good already. I have seen an Under 14 kick 50m, Under 12's training with gusto and Under 10's having fun already. The coaches are smiling, new equipment is around, parents look happy and the players do as well.

At Wallsend we take pride in playing a difficult sport to the best of ability and in focussing on the fun and not the win. If your new to the club – welcome and if you are back for another season then – welcome back. My prayer as president for this season is simple: "May we all come together to enjoy this sport that is both exciting and worthy as players, spectators and officials".

See you around the ground.

Jason Drane President