Pre-Season 2014

We're back!!! Welcome to the Pulteney Blues News for Season 2014!

This year promises to be another massive year of Pulteney Football! The good news is that we've had some stability in the off-season this time around, with 5 coaches from the 6 teams returning for this year. Gavin Wanganeen (1st XVIII), myself (2nd XVIII), Simon Sharley (Year 8/9s), Alex Forbes (Year 5/6/7s) and Bill Davis (Year 3s) all saddling up again for another season. Importantly, we've expanded from 6 teams in 2013 to 7 teams this year and we welcome on board Old Scholars Lachlan Connell (Year 4/5s) and Josh Perkins (Year 1/2s) to our coaching ranks. More on teams and coaches below.

As I mentioned earlier, Blues News is back for 2014! Here, you will find all the weekly news, reports, photos and hopefully some laughs as Football Season 2014 progresses! See you out on the track!

Teams, Coaching Appointments and Training Times for 2014

Pulteney has nominated 7 teams for Season 2014. That's great news as we've stepped up from 6 teams in 2013. Unfortunately, less than desired numbers in the Prep and Middle Schools has caused some angst, in that the Year 6/7 Team from last year has needed to become a Year 5/6/7 Team! However, a lot of boys wishing to play football in Year 4 and below has resulted in the formation of our 7th team, a standalone Year 3 Team, and for the first time ever the inclusion of Year 1s into the Pulteney Football Fraternity.

Below are the nominated teams, their respective coaches and the teams’ training times beginning in Term 2:

1st XVIII – Coach (PGS Football Head Coach): Gavin Wanganeen
1st XVIII Team Manager: Sue-Ellen Sipek
[ Training times: Tuesday & Thursday nights 3:45 ~ 5:15pm ]

2nd XVIII – Coach: David Emms
[ Training times: Tuesday & Thursday nights 3:45 ~ 5:15pm ]

Year 8/9s – Coach: Simon Sharley
[ Training times: Tuesday & Thursday nights 3:45 ~ 5:00pm ]
Year 5/6/7s – Coach: Alex Forbes
[ Training times: Thursday nights 3:45 - 5:00pm;
(plus for Year 5s & 6s) Wednesday afternoons during Prep Sport ]

Year 4/5s – Coach: Lachlan Connell
[ Training times: Wednesday afternoons during Prep Sport ]

Year 3s – Coach: Bill Davis
[ Training times: Wednesday afternoons during Prep Sport ]

Year 1/2s – Coach: Josh Perkins
[ Training times: Thursday lunch times at school ]

And off-field, the management team for PGS Football remains:
PGS Head of Sport: Nik Sacoutis
PGS Football Co-ordinator: David Emms

Please feel free to introduce yourselves to your child’s coach when convenient. I myself look forward to meeting many of you out and about at as many matches as I can throughout the season!

Sporting Code of Conduct for Pulteney Grammar School

This week, and for the next few issues, I will be attaching to the Blues News the Pulteney Sporting Code of Conduct for all Officials, Parents & Players. Please take the time to read through this Code of Conduct to familiarize yourself with and learn your roles and responsibilities. We at the school are looking to bring Pulteney Football back to a level which is both competitive and respected around Adelaide, and the responsibility for doing this lies with all of us in the Pulteney Community.

Anglican Cup - Wednesday 7th May 2014 (Term 2, Wk 2)

Before we can barely catch our breath at the start of Term 2, Anglican Cup is upon us once more. TOMORROW, in fact! Our 1st XVIII will have 3 tough matches against our Anglican rivals St John’s Grammar, Pedare and Woodcroft. As always, the Anglican Cup will be held on the South Parklands, this year on Wednesday the 7th of May. A team of 25 has already been selected, and we look forward to seeing as many of you as possible out there tomorrow.

The first match kicks off at 9am, and we should all be finished at about 2:30pm. See you there!

Football Uniforms & Guernsey Numbers for 2014

There is still time to go to the Uniform Shop (33 Gilles St) if you need to purchase a new football uniform for Season 2014, although I think by now most of our players should have a Pulteney footy uniform. The Uniform Shop has everything you need in terms of school guernseys of all sizes, shorts and socks. Please make sure you have a full kit ready to go before the season starts!

In addition, guernsey numbers will be required for the boys guernseys at 1st XVIII, 2nd XVIII, Year 8/9 and Year 7 level. If you need to purchase a new guernsey for Season 2014 from the Uniform Shop, please check with Jenny immediately as to your guernsey number (as she has the lists) and get her to put your guernsey in immediately to get printed.
Guernsey Care

I’ve also had a request from the Pulteney Uniform Shop to all those footballers that have a guernsey with a number printed on the back. Please ensure that you wash your guernsey in COLD WATER. This is to ensure that the number does not peel off with the heat that is applied in a hot water wash (as the numbers were applied to the guernsey via heat).

David Emms
PGS Football Co-ordinator

Pulteney Football Song

(If you’ve ever heard the Carlton Football Club sing their song after a victory, you’ll know the tune to our song. It’s essentially the same song with “Pulteney” replacing “Carlton” in the 4th line, and a couple of other small changes)

“We are the Navy Blues
We are the Old, Dark Navy Blues.
(Yes we are!)
We’re the team that never lets you down;
We’re the only team Old Pulteney knows.
We are the champions.
We’ll keep our heads up;
(Ooooh!)
We’ll never give up.
(Aaaah!)
And then they’ll know that they’ve been playing
Against the famous Old Dark Blues.”

Matches this week

Wednesday May 7th 2014

1st XVIII HOME vs Pedare / St John’s / Woodcroft (Anglican Cup)
Morgan & Atkinson Ovals – 9:00am report/9:30am start

Phone Contact Details

The Football Co-ordinator can be contacted on the following number:
0448 225 529

Please do not text, as you will not receive an answer most times. Please call the number above and if I do not answer, then please leave a voicemail message.
PGS Sporting Codes of Conduct

Officials (Umpires, Linesmen, Goal Umpires, etc)

- I will place the safety and welfare of players above all else
- I will show concern and caution towards sick and injured players
- I will give all players a ‘fair go’ regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- I will be impartial, consistent, objective and courteous when making decisions
- I will accept responsibility for my actions and decisions
- I will condemn unsporting behaviour and promote respect for the individuality of players
- I will avoid any situations which may lead to or be construed as a conflict of interest
- I will be a positive role model in behaviour and personal appearance and ensure my comments are positive and supportive
- I will be a good sport as I understand that actions speak louder than words
- I will always respect, remain loyal to and support other officials
- I will keep up to date with the latest ‘Laws of the Game’, trends and principles of their application
- I will refrain from any form of personal abuse towards players or other officials
- I will refrain from any form of sexual harassment towards players or other officials
- I will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background

Parents

- I won’t pressure my child in any way – I know that this is their game not mine
- I will not use bad language, nor will I harass players, coaches, officials or other spectators
- I will encourage my child to play within the rules and respect officials’ and coaches’ decisions – no matter what
- I will teach my child to respect the efforts of their opponents
- I will remember that children learn best by example so I will applaud good plays/performances by both my child’s team and their opponents
- I will give positive comments that motivate and encourage continued effort
- I will focus on my child’s efforts and performance – not the score
- I will thank the coaches, officials and other volunteers who give their time to conduct the event for my child
- I will help when asked by a coach or official
- I won’t criticise or ridicule my child’s performance after the game
- I will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all people involved in the game, regardless of their gender, ability or cultural background

Players

- I will always play by the rules
- I will never argue with an official. If I disagree with a decision I will inform the captain, coach or manager during a break or after the competition
- I will control my temper. I understand that verbal abuse of officials and sledging other players and deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent are not acceptable or permitted behaviours in any sport
- I will work equally hard for myself and/or my team
- I will be a good sport and applaud all good plays whether they are made by my team or the opposition
- I will treat all players in my sport as I like to be treated. I will not bully or take unfair advantage of another competitor
- I will cooperate with my coach, team mates and opponents
- I will display modesty in victory and graciousness in defeat
- I will participate for my own enjoyment and benefit, not just to please parents and coaches
- I will not arrive at the venue intoxicated or drink alcohol at junior matches
- I will respect the rights, dignity and worth of all participants regardless of their gender, ability, cultural background or religion
- I will thank the opposition and officials at the end of the game
Well everyone, here we are again on the cusp of another wonderful Pulteney Football Season! I know that there were some games last Saturday for a few of our teams, but I’ll have my first “Saturday Report” ready at the end of this week!

In the past over the Non-Football Break (which goes far, far too long - too much Pulteney Football is never enough!), I’ve left our fair Aussie shores and taken to seeing the world and spreading the Good Word about The Famous Old Dark (Pulteney) Blues to all and sundry. However, after my incarceration in the North Korean Gulag over the 18 months of late 2011 to early 2013, I decided to ‘have a quiet one’ and stay home in Australia and actually enjoy an Aussie Summer for a change. Well, that.... and the fact that ASIO/the CIA/Interpol/the Boy Scouts/the WWE/the CWA/the Burnside Cat Fanciers Society have still got a freeze on my passport and won’t let me travel anywhere! And, naturally, this meant that we all experienced one of the hottest summers on record! It’s just not natural for a Football Stalwart like me to handle that many days in a row over 42 degrees! Thankfully, now that the weather has cooled down and rain is visiting us more frequently, I’m finding myself refreshed and reinvigorated and rarin’ to go for Season 2014! In fact I’m more fired up than two media barons facing off in a Bondi street!

In my absence from my summer overseas travels, I dutifully sent (allowed?) our esteemed Football Co-ordinator Emmsy to travel in my place. For 7 weeks in late 2013, Emmsy drove himself across the USA in a big American muscle car, and when he came back, he was regaling me with his stories of amazing scenery, mouth-watering food, tarot readings in New Orleans, sampling beverages across the southern states, successfully completing an eating challenge as seen on “Man vs Food”, seeing both an NBA and an NFL match, flying in a helicopter for the first time, catching up with many of his friends and being stopped several times by the Mexican Army, who then searched his car for weapons, cash, drugs and other contraband.

Lightweight.

Back on the subject of football and I’m getting excited for Anglican Cup, which is on again tomorrow. Fingers crossed Wangas can get the boys revved up and firing.

As mentioned above, I’ll be back later in the week with my first wrap up of last Saturday’s games and the Anglican Cup.

Stay True & Stay Blue.

Rufus