

Jumper Presentations

Last week, pre COVID, we started our inaugural youth jumper presentation evenings. The 3 nights celebrated our year 7 boys, year 7/8 girls and year 9/10 girls, and their upcoming seasons. Parents and siblings joined our teams for some rapport building, pizza, and laughs. It was lovely to see our older 9 and some new) Pirate families together and enjoying the nights.

Our year 9/10 girls kicked off the weeks. A few members of this team were part of our inaugural girls' team in 2017, with many of them having experienced finals heartache and joy over the last couple of years. Steve York presented his team with the very first set of personalised sized jumpers and THEIR number selection. For some there is a story behind their number.....for one it is the number she has worn since starting in Auskick MANY seasons ago, another chose the number that was her late mums.... while others just because it is the number their idol wears! Who would have thought a number was such a prized possession!!!! We are excited to see what this year brings for this team. They have plenty of experienced players, plenty of run and a few that *'just can't wait to get out there and tackle'!!!!* Whenever they have home games, we would encourage you to come down and watch these amazing young ladies.



Wednesday night was the night for our year 7 boys, confidently coached by Shaun Tinsley. Shaun was able to tell a little story about each of his players, with a few laughs thrown in. Many of his team have been under the tutelage of Shaun throughout junior footy, with a few new stars joining along the way. This team have a milestone game on every game day this season and play Saturday's home (Rossiter) and away. It would be great to see the wider Pirates family get down and cheer the boys on. They will be presented with their own personalised jumpers next season, as they are currently under a sponsorship agreement that has one year to run. Thank you, My Health Warehouse.



Thursday was the 7/8 girls. What a wild bunch of characters they are!! Brett Cornwill is their coach this season. We are not sure who to be more scared for...the girls or him! Be careful what you say is one lesson the team have recently learnt, as if the coach/es hear it, it will happen! They found this out the hard way when they had to run from Piara to Rossiter for the event (well done Ava Sartori!!!!) MASSIVE congrats to all the girls who made it as a team, and still with smiles on their faces (and still talking!) Brett introduced a leadership team this year, much to the girl's surprise, and they were presented to the 7/8 family on the night.

Congratulations to Ava Sartori (C) Cartia Zumpano (VC) Ava Clements and Allyra Millward.



Congratulations must also go to Fletcher Tinsley, Taylah York, Rebekah Cornwill, Lexi Laffrey and Maddi Evans from our youth teams. All have been selected to move through to round 2 of their age groups for the State Schools AFL squads. We cannot wait to see what the coming weeks and months bring for you all.

We would like to thank the parents for the great feedback we received after these events. Stay tuned for your team's pizza night. What might you like to incorporate into yours?

