



# South Melbourne District Junior Football Club | eNews

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*Yes, it's that time of year again!!*

Welcome to the first **South Melbourne District Junior Football Club** newsletter for 2010!

I hope your off-season break has been rested...that holidays were had; that sleep-ins were enjoyed; that summer days were filled with 'summer-daze'!

Of course for most of us, those carefree & fun-filled days are now over with the return to school: homework has to be done, lunches prepared, uniforms ironed, valiant attempts at earlier nights, and (best of all) weekly trips to training, swimming, tennis, jazz ballet...have started all over again! Yeah.

So, down to business...



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## 1st Training to commence | NEXT WEEK

The first training session will start next week:

**Wed 24 Feb**  
**Home ground - Oval 11**  
**5pm - 6pm**



**\*\*NO FOOTY BOOTS** (only runners pls)

NB. We will lose our ground on 10 March to the Grand Prix - further details will be advised regarding training and access then.

Also, because our cricketers who are in the finals are still training on Wednesdays, we will probably move some of the training to Oval 12 if they need to use the centre wicket on Oval 11 - we wish them all the best during their Finals training!

## Registration will open soon



Registration will open soon - details to be advised shortly.

This year, registration is only available online via the PayMySport website.

You are strongly encouraged to **REGISTER EARLY** to avoid disappointment as **places will be limited per team**. Watch out for an email over the next few days advising when registrations have opened.

Rebates will be available for families with 2 or more players - stay tuned for details on how to claim.

*Ability is nothing  
without opportunity*  
**Napoleon Bonaparte**

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Michael Coen or  
David Wood a call  
and mention your  
involvement in SMDSC

\*\*Special mention to those families with younger players graduating from AusKick this year - the new registration system will also automate & streamline the registration transition from AusKick to SMDSC Junior Football Club. More info will be sent to you by your AusKick Coordinator.

**Information Nights** - dates/times for individual team Information Nights will be announced soon.

### Club Merchandise available for purchase

Club merchandise (caps, spray jackets, fleecy tops) will be available for purchase online.



Training tops will be provided to new members only. A limited supply of left-over training tops from last year are available for purchase by existing members if new or larger tops are needed. Further details, including how/where to buy socks, will be advised soon.

### U16 Team is going ahead!



YES - the U16 team is going ahead this year!!

***Tell your friends to stay on for another year...tell your other friends to join*** for a year of great local footy, camaraderie, and new skills learning. There is a position on the ground for everybody - for all skill levels!

Footy is a great way to stay in shape & is loads of fun.

Specially planned expert coaching clinics for players will finetune ball handling skills and cover other aspects including marking, tackling, safety falls & goal kicking techniques.

### Former Essendon & Hawthorn star, Danny Jacobs joins the Junior Development Program!

Danny Jacobs joins South Melbourne Districts Junior Development Program!



South Melbourne Districts are delighted to welcome former Junior **Danny Jacobs** back to the club in a Junior Development role. The former Essendon and Hawthorn AFL Star (126 games) will assist the club in a specialist role and be a mentor for our youngsters. The club hopes to make other announcements regarding development positions in the coming weeks.

Further details on our Junior Football program will be provided at our first Junior Training day on Wednesday 24th February, Lindsay Hassett Oval. The club expects

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to field 12 sides from Under 9 to Under 16 in 2010.

*Tony Pilimon | Vice President SMD AFC  
Junior to Senior Liaison*

**"Want to be part of your local footy club? We want you!"**

Look out for our upcoming recruitment ad in the **Emerald Hills Times**:

*South Melbourne District Football Club is looking for enthusiastic, footy loving locals to get involved with the club. Whether you want to play, umpire, manage or score, we're looking for people of all ages to join our 700 existing members in this fantastic community club, based in Albert Park.*

#### **Seniors (Division 1, VAFA)**

*We're looking for volunteers to act as runners, scoreboard attendants, interchange stewards, coaches' aids, goal and boundary umpires, committee members and a team manager. Call Tony Pilimon on 0400 354 422 for details.*

*New players are always welcome and should contact Senior Coach Gerard Jess on 0405 048 864.*

#### **Juniors (AFL Auskick and U9 to U16 MSJFL)**

*If you're a keen U15 or U16 player who wants a great team atmosphere and experienced coaching, we're currently recruiting new players. You'll get specialist skills training with ex AFL player Danny Jacobs and it's a great pathway to Senior footy.*

*Come to Oval 11, Clarke Shields Pavilion, Albert Park (Fraser Street Tram stop) for training on Wed 24 Feb, 3 Mar or 10th March, 5pm - 6.30pm. Call Danny Murphy on 0418 323 619 for more details.*

*Come be a part of the Red and the White. For further information go to <http://www.smdsc.com.au/>*

#### **Club house renovations**

Progress is being made towards the renovations to the Clarke Shields Pavilion with building works expected to commence mid-June!



As you would expect, during this period there will be considerable access restrictions to the club house, changing rooms and surrounds, and we will keep you updated on how this will impact on games, training as well as club & visitor team facilities in the weekly newsletters.

#### **Stay informed on the year ahead...**



*Stay tuned for news and upcoming events...special skills training sessions, changes to date/time/venue for training, club luncheons, special guest speakers, raffles, fundraising and the Gala Dinner are all being*

*planned.*

*Once again the weekly newsletters will be emailed with hard copies available at Wednesday night training. Pls let us know when your email changes; and if your son/daughter is on email as well, they may like to receive their "own" copy.*

*This is **your** newsletter so help us to make it informed and as interesting as possible! Send in & share that great photo you took at training or during the match; let us know when a milestone is about to be reached so that we can acknowledge and congratulate this fantastic achievement! Don't be shy - we want to hear from you.*

*Next week John Holdsworth, our club President, will formally welcome you back to the club and share exciting news and plans for the year ahead. Your committees have been hard at work with several meetings having been held already - so we are all geared up and ready to go!*

*Go the reds & whites - see you at training next week!...Ed*