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Sadly we are back in lockdown with many BMBA families isolating. It is not where any of us want to be but we are very grateful to our BMBA community for doing what's necessary to keep us all safe.

Although we are not playing basketball at the moment, your Committee has been kept really busy over the past weeks. A new website has been commissioned, our Prep/Grade 1 In-School beginners program has been adapted to run every Wednesday night from 4-5pm with about (45) kids 7 and Under kids currently having a ball. This is also being extended to a trial of playing real games on a Sunday, so that's exciting for our Association who is totally committed to growing and creating a better competition for all ages to enjoy

Now within this program the BMBA decided to create a Junior Lions Logo to ensure we relate to the more junior members of our Association, so please see this fun logo below.

We also finalised our U/12 Lions Cubs Academy (6) week high intensity program, which will commence in Mid August. The (4) Clubs nominated their list of potential players for this program and then Committee Representatives have reviewed that list in games, with invites going out to those selected for this program. We believe this sort of program is incredibly important in our ongoing pursuit of producing good quality basketballers to represent the BMBA at all levels and it is hoped this type of initiative, can be replicated for player development programs on many other age groups within the BMBA.

Also over the holidays we initiated a GIRLS only skills day and with the aid of some (8) Coaches, we ran a really fun and educational afternoon for all 80+ girls in attendance and with 24 newbies it was a great day. We are confident that every player that attended got something out of the day.

Now re more girls playing basketball, we would like to ask all members to ask any young girls you know, if they would like to play basketball, with your help we can grow the number of girls playing in the BMBA. In this regard, take a look at the pics from that day in this newsletter you will see that fun was had by all!

Now that's it until we catch up again next month, so please stay home and stay safe so we can be back enjoying ball soon and Go Lions!



RETURN TO WINTER SEASON

We know everyone is looking forward to the remainder of the Winter season and hopefully we are back out on the court soon.

A couple of things to remember when we head back to the courts:

- **No basketballs are to be brought into the Stadium or BMPS on game day.**
Note: One (1) ball per team will be provided by the BMBA for pre-game warm ups.
Any ball brought into the stadium will be stored at the canteen until you are leaving.
- **No entry onto the courts during time-outs**
This is being enforced throughout the day, so please respect those teams that are preparing for the next game.
- **No entering any court space before your scheduled training or game time.**
Likewise no gathering anywhere within the stadium where another teams training may be impacted.
- **Everyone entering any game/training venue MUST sign in using the QR codes on display.**
Players are not required to sign in on game day.
- **Covid-19 venue density limits must be adhered to.**
 - No gathering in the Stadium lobby;
 - No entry to the upstairs area at the Stadium; and
 - Only enter the Stadium 5 minutes prior to your game.
 - Please leave the stadium by the side door.

CONGRATULATIONS!



Our congratulations to **Oliver Cape** from the Lions VJBL U14.1 Boys team, who has been selected in the **Team Vic (School Sport Victoria) 12 years and under boys team for 2021.**

To be selected, he had to make it through multiple trials and a final 2 day camp to make the final team.

To make it an even greater achievement, it is worth noting that thousands of students across the state tried out for the team. Ollie represented Bacchus Marsh Primary at the tryouts, and plays basketball for Panthers in the BMBA junior domestic competition.



LIONS BASKETBALL BEGINNERS PROGRAM

For kids aged 7 & under

We were excited, after a successful first term of our Lions Beginners Program, to be back for Term 3, with a great Wednesday clinic. Unfortunately as we are now in lockdown, we will not be back this week but we are hopeful it won't be long before we are back with both the clinics and Sunday games! Now, remember that current BMBA (7 and Under) players are invited to join the program.

BEGINNERS CLINICS (WEDNESDAY)

The clinics will run from 14 July - 8 Sept and are designed to provide additional development skills for our youngest players, focusing on basic foundation basketball skills.

- When: Wednesdays 4 - 5pm
- Where: Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre
- Balls: Provided at each clinic

The **cost for the Beginners Clinics** in Term 3 for is **\$18.00** (\$2.00 per week x 9 weeks) plus a **Basketball Victoria Program Registration Fee of \$5.00**, which is now payable because the program has been registered with Basketball Victoria.

PLEASE NOTE:

- If you are registering for both the Wed clinics and the Sun games you **MUST** register twice using both links shown below.
- Payment of the total costs will be required when you register online via each link below.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR WEDNESDAY BEGINNERS CLINICS](#)

BEGINNERS GAME COMP (SUNDAY)

These games are being trialled each Sunday morning at the Bacchus Marsh Leisure Centre from 25 July - 12 Sept at either 9.00am or 9.40am and will run with the following rules:

- Teams: Separate Boys and Girls comp
- Timing: 15 min halves
- Rings: Lowered to 7 foot
- Ball Size: No 5
- Player No's: 7 players per team - 6 on the court
- Coaches: Supplied and on the court at all times
- Uniform: Supplied by BMBA
- Cost: \$16.00 (\$2.00 per game x 8 weeks)

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER FOR SUNDAY BEGINNERS GAME COMP](#)

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC

It was wonderful to see over 80 girls, including current players and those giving basketball a try for the first time, at our School Holiday Clinic.

With the success of this clinic, the BMBA will continue with its commitment to growing the participation of girls in all of our basketball programs. This clinic was seen as the first of many opportunities for the BMBA to work to further develop all girls skills and hopefully a passion for the game!





EMILY'S CORNER

REFEREE PROGRAM MANAGER UPDATE

We have had a fantastic term for our referee program. With over half of our of our green shirt program now running on their own and the others not far behind.

I would like to thank all the coaches and parents for their patience during the term as we had a large number of training referees during a recruiting blitz.

Not only have we had a great term with our junior referees we have also had a number of senior referees step up into a leadership role and we are now working as a core leadership group.

My leadership team will be holding a **mini referee school** this term for all coach's and parents who are wanting to:

- expand their basketball knowledge;
- get an understanding of basic rules; and
- understand what is expected from the refereeing side of our game.

Details of which will be released soon.



GET TO KNOW YOUR REF'S

DANIEL STEVENSON

I started reffing in 2013 at the Southern Peninsula Basketball Association where I somewhat quickly moved up the grades which presented me with some great opportunities such as reffing a WNBL exhibition match.

After 4 years at Southern Peninsula I had a short stint as a referee supervisor/ advisor in Ballarat, before eventually reffing in Melton with Emily.

Melton is where I found the love for reffing again after some time off the court. I love constantly improving my knowledge on the game and constantly checking on certain rules and interpretations.

Now reffing in Bacchus Marsh and being involved within the Association, I look to keep improving my personal reffing and rule knowledge as well as passing on help to our junior referees.

SHE'S GAME

MENTORING & EMPOWERING WOMEN IN SPORT PROGRAM

Congratulations to Eloise Shirra-Gibb, Ella Bradbury and Jess Fisher for being accepted into the She's Game - Mentoring and Empowering Women in Sport Program being run through Djerriwarrh Health Services. This program will assist them to develop community leadership skills, which will allow them to then mentor girls and drive actions that advance gender equality!



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2021 MENTAL HEALTH ROUND



The BMBA were excited to support Basketball Victoria and team up with Lifeline over the weekend of June 25-27, to present a Mental Health Round across all levels of Basketball in Victoria.

In support statement orange Lifeline socks were available to be worn during the inaugural Mental Health Round.

Thanks to go to all of the BMBA families that purchased a pair of socks and got involved in this important round, with all sale proceeds from the socks going to Lifeline Australia.

As you can see by the photos our entire VJBL program really got on board.





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