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## Oh when the Saints go marching in!

The 2007 season is running along smoothly with all teams now settled and having fun as well as competing at their best. The Finals are due to be played in early to mid September with our Presentation Day to be held shortly after. This season we will be moving from the customary Pizza style function held at the Secondary College hall to a more informal gathering planned at this stage to be conducted at Packer Park, Murrumbena. Teams will be allocated a time for trophy presentation and have the chance to get together over a BBQ and a few drinks. Stay tuned for further updates!

New scoresheets have been recently introduced and it is very important that all players sign the back EVERY game so as they can qualify for finals.

Note also that players can take to the court anytime during a match as long as their name is on the sheet at the start of the game! It has previously been thought that players can only take to the court if they arrive before halftime.

With 26 teams in this seasons competition, St Pauls continues to grow and looks forward to a happy and competitive season.....continue the good work!

### Strength in numbers!

It's the moment everyone looks forward to and last year's u13 winning boys team almost look excited waiting to collect their championship trophy. (the support of our beanie wearing President was also very appreciated!)



## Uniforms

All teams should be congratulated on wearing full uniform right from the start of the season.

Thanks should go to uniform co-ordinator, Jenny Hughes, who does a tremendous job helping everyone look smart on court.

If you know of anyone who has a spare uniform no longer being used and wishes to donate or sell back to the club contact Jenny on 95576129.

We are missing a striped bag with a set of BLUE tops used as a clash set. If anyone knows the whereabouts of this set please give Sofia a call....also, if anyone wishes to make a set of tops and is a seamstress or handy with a sewing machine call Sofia again as she has material available.

## Bits & Pieces

**First Aid Kits** have again been prepared to hand out to Team Managers and/or coaches for this season.

It is important that they are looked after and returned at the end of the season for restocking. Ice should always be available from the Stadium venue manager.

**The noise level** when entering and leaving the Bentleigh Secondary stadium is an ongoing issue with the surrounding neighbours and we ask that all players and spectators continue to show respect. The bouncing of balls outside the stadium has always been banned. The tooting of cars horns and yelling out after games, especially at night is becoming an issue and could impact on our permit to use the facility.

Please acknowledge that we are lucky to have use of this quality facility.

**Be Aware** that games are scheduled for the weekend before Christmas this year noting that no games are scheduled for Melbourne Cup weekend.



**New Referees** are currently in training and they are easily recognised by their distinctive GREEN shirts.

The Association is always on the lookout for referees though many people find the often unwarranted abuse too difficult to handle.

The latest initiative will also target the attitude of players, coaches and spectators towards referees with the ultimate target being ZERO TOLERANCE towards our officials.

Next time you feel like calling out to a ref because of a mistake, consider putting yourself in their shoes and think twice. St Pauls Basketball Club fully supports our referees and asks that our members respect the views and decisions made out on the court.