

Dear Football Parents,

On behalf of the NCFA I would like to thank Dr. Hirst for firstly attending and chairing the evenings AGM but more importantly for his enthusiasm, professionalism and support of our boys who choose to play football at Newington and the parents who choose to support them in every and anyway they can.



In turn I would sincerely like to thank all the Newington support staff whether sporting, academic, external, management, medical or other, for their outstanding input-efforts and support.



This year is rather a milestone year for the NCFA as one of the long serving extremely active members of the committee will no longer be with us next year. This person has been active, in assisting, directing and supporting the contemporary genesis of Football at Newington over the last six years.



Apart from all the external social and cultural influences which affect a societies' approval rating and acceptance of a particular sport, I strongly believe the renaissance period which Newington Football finds itself in is partially as a result of a lot of difficult work from some very dedicated previous committee member of the NCSA/NCFA and this person is one of them.



Of course I am talking about Mrs Soula Triant.

Mrs Triant, I am certain that I am speaking on behalf of many people who have worked alongside you when I say I would like to take this opportunity to again thank you for all your time, effort, enthusiasm, sheer hard work and struggle and I personally am pleased and feel blessed to be able to say that I have worked alongside you for a few years in striving for the best for the boys and young men of Newington Football.

*Thankyou Soula.*



This year Soula has taken the opportunity to assist me and the current committee and direct us in 'handing over the reins' so to speak - to a new group of enthusiastic people for next year as I also have only one more consecutive year at Newington – I will be then taking a sabbatical for a couple of years and then joining the school again for another 8 years or so through my youngest, God willing.

So in other words I will be available next year to be hands on and I am quite sure Soula will always only be only a phone call away from any advice needed.

I would like to sincerely thank this year's committee, Mr. Zelco Bedic. my Deputy, Mrs Anne Tanner our Treasurer who will enlighten us on our financial situation a little later and Mr Lee Pepper our Secretary.

In addition I would like to thank Mrs Margaret Belos, Mr Ron Mehmet and Mr Steve Sterjevski for all their support and assistance during the year. These people have all given of their time to help, support and actively generate support for all matters Football at Newington.

I thank you.

In turn I would like to thank all the parents of the first XI and second XI players for their support in ensuring that the Newington afternoon teas at home games continue to set the benchmark amongst all the GPS schools

I would like to also thank the Newington old boys who continue to 'man' the barbeque at our home games. In addition many thanks need to go out to the numerous parents, old and new who 'popped in' during the various functions and lent their hand – I assure you it was gratefully accepted.

I would also like to applaud those responsible for the "Football Stars of Tomorrow" episodes which featured Newington Football past – present and future. What Fantastic exposure, no wonder Newington Football is the envy of all the GPS schools and others.



I would like to congratulate our GPS representatives – 9 in all- and our CIS representatives.- congratulations boys- well done.



I would also like to give a special thanks to the representative teams and coaches who did Newington so proud this year, the 13,14 and 15 year old boys who played and came third in the inaugural AESFA tournament. The first XI squad who with the guidance of Mr. Scali, Mr. Brian Dene, Mr Mark Chambers, Mr Larry Savage and the support of Mr Mathew Squires and his staff came 2<sup>nd</sup> in the GPS, won the Combined Independent Schools Cup, Won the Non Government Schools Cup beating the best of the Catholic Schools and came runners up in the All Government Schools Cup. Alongside this commentary I feel obliged to thank the ONU and its 11000 strong membership for their wonderful inspirational and personal support of the 1<sup>st</sup> XI squad in their endeavors.



I would like to thank our significant sponsors and corporate supporters amongst so many who helped us with donations for our functions, but special mention must go to Sydney FC – The Central Coast Mariners and to Football NSW. It is always good to know that Football is being supported at the grass roots level of the schoolboy game. It is also always a thrill for the boys to get up close and personal with their superstar heroes.



Finally I would to make a very special mention of thanks to our departing Headmaster – Mr Scott.



It is with the utmost of respect that I thank you Sir, on behalf of the parents of the Newington Footballers and the Newington Footballers themselves for your ever so enlightened view on all matters Football - as they related to firstly the boys, always the boys - both players and supporters, good sportsmanship and Newington of course. Congratulations and many thanks.



Now that all the thanks are over, I hate to bore you with some even more mundane stuff.

To quote our web site:

*"The Newington College Football Association (NCFA) works to promote the welfare of the great game of football at Newington, the personal development and enjoyment of all the boys and the fellowship of all its members.*

*The NCFA supports the school in any way possible to ensure that the boys are provided with the highest calibre coaching and equipment.*

*The NCFA makes generous donations each year to support football at Newington. This is only possible due to the hard work of many and the generosity of all who attend NCFA events. "*

Now what does this all mean, if you really want to help, assist direct or support; everything from participating in about 10 meetings a year,

1. assisting, donating or participating on the Big Day Out
2. assisting, donating or participating on the Back to Newington Day
3. assisting, donating or participating at the NCFA Annual Dinner

This is all done so we can provide for things like balls, bottles, jerseys, training equipment, hi tech equipment, specialist coaching, awards and trophies, subsidising events during any particular year and anything else which may arise which will help our boys stay at Newington, whilst they are playing football, better than it may have been had we not been here to do what we do!

So after that long winded sentence please be friendly, we are, be helpful, we are and see if you can't do just a little bit more than last year for the boys and for the handful of parents who are running around trying to make things a little better every year.

Thank you all

Good luck and God Bless Newington Football in 2009

Chris Tsioulos  
President  
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