

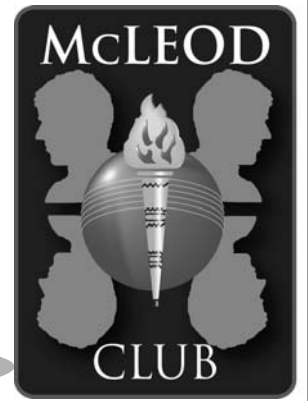
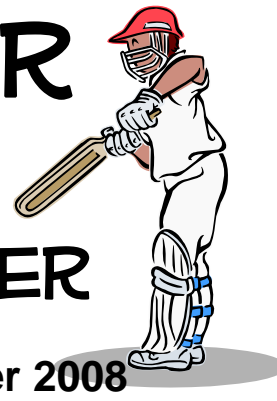


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HOWZ THAT!!

Welcome to the new source for news and reports about cricket at Scotch College. Throughout the coming season it is the intent to publish and distribute copies of this newsletter to all those connected with cricket. In this way we hope to keep you up to date with the progress of all teams with a particular emphasis on the first XI as they set out on the challenge of establishing themselves as a force within the APS competition. Expect reviews, match reports, individual profiles and general news items throughout the season. Any enquiries about content, contributions and distribution should be directed through the Teacher in Charge of Cricket for the 2008-09 season **Mr. Ian Banks**.

GET INVOLVED IN SCOTCH CRICKET IN 2008/09

On behalf of the McLeod Club, I am delighted to welcome you to what, I hope, will be a very enjoyable and successful cricket season at Scotch.

The McLeod Club was established in 2003 to provide assistance for cricketers at Scotch and to strengthen the links between parents, supporters and Old Boys. In 2008/09, the Club has two very specific aims, namely:

- To assist in the development of boys' skills, especially those in years 7 to 9, by helping the School to purchase practice equipment and by contributing towards the cost of specialist coaches; and
- To provide "people support" to the coaches, especially on Saturdays.

So, how can you help? If you are able to do some scoring or umpiring or simply help to organize the boys on a Saturday every now and then, please contact your respective Year Group Co-ordinator (see below) who will be very pleased to hear from you. We are not looking for a weekly commitment but, simply, for parents to provide some support to the coaches who willingly give up their time on a Saturday to help your son develop his skills and enjoy a game of cricket.

We are also looking for people (or businesses) to become inaugural sponsors of the McLeod Club in 2008/09. The sums of money do not have to be large, however, sponsors can be assured that they will be recognized in a number of ways throughout the season so if you are interested and willing to help the McLeod Club help the School, please contact me on the number below. Or, if you would rather be a "helper" behind the scenes, the Club will be conducting a raffle and having its major social function in February/March 2009 and would welcome any offers of assistance (especially ladies!!).

So, there are several ways you can help and I would be delighted to see as many parents as possible *get involved in Scotch cricket in 2008/09*. And finally, best of luck to all Scotch cricketers for the 2008/09 season.

Andrew Macmillan

**President
McLeod Club
Phone 9889-3069 (home)**

Year Group Co-ordinators:

Year 7 (2009) – Craig Douglas 0419 434458
Year 8 (2009) – Lawrie McMahan 0419 523709
Year 9 (2009) – Hugh Macfarlane 0418 355763
Year 10 (2009) – Malcolm Short 0411 264134
Open (2009) – Andrew Whittle 0418 329484

MEET THE SPECIALIST COACHES FOR THE NEW SEASON

MATTHEW DRAIN



We are delighted that Matthew has again agreed to fill the vital position of Director of Coaching for the coming season. Matthew has much experience at the first XI level in District cricket and has been a member of the Victorian Sheffield Shield squad. He played an important part in establishing the ACB's Centre of Excellence (Academy). An effective communicator Matthew brings a wealth of coaching experience to our program and as in previous seasons will be available to all coaches and teams for advice and specific coaching strategies. His contribution in previous seasons has been significant and we look forward to his continued involvement confident that many boys will benefit from his astute guidance.

MARK CHILTON



This season we welcome Mark Chilton to Scotch Cricket. Mark is an Englishman who has successfully represented Lancashire in the County Cricket Competition since his debut in 1997. A talented all rounder Mark brings to our cricket program great experience and skill. He captained Lancashire for three years from 2005. His personal ability and record will quickly earn him respect among the boys and they will benefit in many ways from his input throughout the season. Mark will work alongside Matthew and together we can expect that they will impart to our young cricketers knowledge, understanding, and an appreciation for the game. We are indeed fortunate to have the services of these two fine players and coaches.

PRE-SEASON PRACTICE MATCH REPORTS

The First XI has warmed up for the coming season with a strong showing in the two practice matches completed so far recording convincing victories. A number of impressive individual performances have caught the eye of coach John Murphy as he begins the task of shaping the squad for the season ahead. One further practice round remains against Geelong Grammar at Scotch this Saturday at 10:00am before the season opener against Melbourne Grammar on the 15th November also from 10:00am.

Against Ivanhoe Grammar on 19th October Inesh Hensman had the opposition in a spin recording match figures of 6/20. A strong bowling and fielding effort had Ivanhoe back in the pavilion for 173. The Scotch batsmen then proceeded to accumulate the required runs with little difficulty. O'Bierne 32, McKnight 30 ret., Eldridge 26 ret., and Reeves 25 ret., all made the most of their time at the crease helping Scotch (2/185) to a comfortable win.

The Scotch 1st XI travelled to Monash-Uni Clayton to play their second practice match of the year. After losing the toss and bowling, Scotch put the pressure on early with tight fielding. Tom Whittle was great in the field, running out both of the opening batsmen, then taking 2/13 off 5 overs. Sam Muttdon also bowled well with figures of 2/29 from his 9 overs. Monash ended up on 9/167 after their 50 overs. Nick Jamieson and Sam Mather put on a 65 opening-run partnership. As it was a practice match, Nick retired on 52, Al McMahan on 37 off just 41 balls and Gene van den Broek on 30 allowing others to have a bat. Scotch finished at 3/221, winning by eight wickets.

Training for Scotch teams at all levels has commenced this week. The 8As, 9As, 10As, 2nds and 1sts all have practice matches this coming Saturday. The first full round with all teams competing will be the following week (15 Nov.) All the best to Scotch cricketers for season 2008-09!