

# Preparing for South Street

## Pentland Calisthenics College

There may only be eight of them but they have been doing themselves proud in 2011. Pentland Calisthenics College's Sub Junior team had a bit of a rocky road in the lead up to competitions. The girls have been performing well at their competitions so far

and are now preparing for "the big one" the Royal South Street Eisteddfod at Ballarat in September. This is the 120th year that the Calisthenics has been performing at the historic competition and the girls are looking forward to their competition on September 15th. At their recent CVI competition the Sub Juniors were

awarded a 3rd placing for their performance in Aesthetics and a Special Mention for their Free Exercise routine.

Other results for Pentland Calisthenics College are:

Seniors Mount Districts: 2nd - Clubs, 3rd - Free Exercises, Rods, Aesthetics, Song & Dance, Revue HM - March.



# Ballan Netball



## Finals - w/e 28 Aug. 17&Under

Ballan had a tough task coming up against Bun-

inyong but the girls were determined to give it their all. The first quarter was low scoring, both teams feeling the pressure and struggling to score. Ballan struggled to score and make the most of opportunities in the second and third quarters allowing Buninyong to develop a healthy lead. Despite the score line

the girls never gave up and fought hard. The last quarter was their best, matching it with Buninyong on the scoreboard. Congratulations to coach Sam Peoples and the whole team on a fantastic effort and a great season!!

Buninyong 24 defeated Ballan 10.



# Darley Junior Football Club



The club had two sides competing in the Preliminary Final on Sunday 4 September.

On the Marty Busch Oval, the **Under 12 Seniors** came up against East Ballarat. They played great team football to be narrowly in front at half time. In the second half they started to run out of legs, but fought the game out right to the final siren, but unfortunately were defeated. The club

congratulates all involved on making it this far. Final Score - Darley 3.3 21 lost to East Ballarat 5.7 37.

**Goals** - Khyle Forde 2, Zak Butters 1.

**Awards** - Blake Baldo, Matthew Young, Blake Seggie, Zak Butters, Matt Horan, Kye Dennison, Khyle Forde, Mason Torney, Tom Rogers, Nathan Barnes, Bryce Galea, Jack Bewley, Liam Bakx, Byron Drew.

As the heavens opened up, the **Under 14 Reserves** also came up against East Ballarat on the Dick Fleming Oval. Great team football saw them get out to an early lead in a low scoring affair.

The last quarter was a tight contest and a great smother from Ryan Orr in the last minutes of the game saw them run out winners by the smallest of margins. Final Scores Darley 1.4 10 defeated East Ballarat 1.3 9.

**Goal** - Drew Locke.

**Awards** - Ryan Orr, Kallin Trotman, Kye Mercieca, Corey Salisbury, Iye Henderson, Brant Lopes.

The Under 14 Reserves are the first Darley Junior Football Club side to play in a Grand Final and will meet Golden Point at City Oval on Sunday 11 September at 11.00am.

# Marsh hosts PNG boys



## By Kate Taylor

Bacchus Marsh has again played host to a team of Papua New Guinean footballers who made it to the AFL International Competition Grand Final.

The team's Football Manager Jamie Briody explained that the competition, held every three years, sees 18 countries come to play in Australia - and for the third time in a row, the Bacchus Marsh Junior Football Club has hosted the PNG players.

"They stayed at the football clubrooms - we got stretchers and some foam mattresses, the Bacchus Marsh Juniors Football Club treated us well, they cook for the boys and people volunteered their time.

"Jonesy's Fruit and Vegetables supplied all the apples which the boys absolutely loved, they were into them all the time, they were unbelievable - they probably

don't don't get the quality of fruit we do down here," he said.

The Bacchus Marsh community embraced the players, working through the language barrier as the boys explored the town.

"The people in Bacchus Marsh were absolutely fantastic - then of course taking the boys to the MCG, standing out on the MCG with everyone around them cheering, I think they understood that it's every Victorian boy's dream to play on the MCG.

"They love it - they enjoy representing their country, there's a lot of pride and being successful is important to them," Mr Briody said.

Ranging in age from 17 to 37, the players come from all regions of PNG and had to overcome a rough start; three days before the team left PNG, their Team Manager Peter Mali was stabbed and killed.

"They had some adversities, but they performed very well. There's now the Peter Mali Medal of Courage that gets awarded to a player," Mr Briody said.

PNG has an impressive history, having made it to every one of the competition's grand finals and winning in 2008 against New Zealand - this year they defeated teams including Tonga, Nauru and America on their way to the Grand Final at the MCG against Ireland.

"... and they beat us by three goals. They played some beautiful football, but I'm sure our boys will be back in three years to have another go," Mr Briody said.

Jamie Briody and the PNG team extended a "big thank-you" to the Bacchus Marsh Junior Football Club, sponsors, everyone who helped out and the local community.

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