

## **Grading Day for the Under 8's, Under 9's, Under 10's and Under 11's**

Grading is the process of, where possible, selecting players with like ability to play in the same Team. The decision was made not only to raise the profile of our great Club within the SSFA, but importantly also to allow our players to grow and advance as football players. Selecting players of like ability in the same Team allows Coaches and Managers of that Team to design specific skill based drills (generally relating to movement, dribbling and passing/receiving/striking) that suit the ability of the Team, thus allowing our players to grow and advance as football players.

**We are asking that all these players attend the grading session at our home ground Forest Rd, Kirrawee Oval on the Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012.**

**Under 8's and 9's – 4pm till 5.15pm**

**Under 10's and Under 11's – 5.30pm till 7pm**

***If you are unable to attend the grading time you will need to contact your Age Manager or check our website for further details.***

Please arrive in plenty of time to start the grading process. We have the privilege of receiving the assistance from the head coaching staff from the Football Association who will be giving up their time to help us through the grading process. Please also understand that we will have a team from St Pats assisting in this process as well.

On the training topic, last season all the Under 8's and 9's were able to train on the same night and time if this is possible again this year with these age groups, 8's at one time, 9's at another and 10's at another, and 11's at another this seemed to benefit the children immensely. It was also a benefit to the whole team for borrowing purposes and club bonding. This will also make the training schedule and field allocation easier to accommodate everyone. If you are able to keep this in mind when all the teams are finalised then the club would be able to offer the children so much more in their game of football, fully understanding that this is not always possible.

Once your team is finalised then your team are to advise us who your Coach and Manager are going to be, this comes from the parents, the Club does not provide a Coach or Manager.

We truly feel that all this process will be beneficial to your child/ren and look forward to a mutually enjoyable season.

Yours in sport

Sharon Kibby

President