

2017 PARENT INFORMATION

Welcome to Waverley Blues Auskick 2017! This year promises to be another fantastic program full of fun and footy, thank you to all the parents, coaches and other volunteers who make it possible!

This document aims to answer many of your questions about the Auskick season.

Parents will also receive weekly updates via email, and be sure to follow us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/waverleybluesauskick/>

Season Dates and Session Times

- The Auskick season starts on 22nd April, and ends on 26th August
- We break for the Queen's Birthday Long Weekend and during the school holidays
- Sessions are held on Saturday mornings from 9am - 10.30am
- Full season fixture and location maps can be accessed [here](#) (<https://goo.gl/YVcymA>) and are copied at the end of this document

Registration & Attendance

All Auskick participants must have registered with the Waverley Blues Auskick centre online at <http://aflauskick.com.au> before their first session. Registrations are accepted throughout the season, and all registrants receive a great participant pack (details at <http://www.aflauskick.com.au/participant-pack-details/>).

AFL offer four complimentary game-day tickets (2 x adult, 2 x child) for participants who register **before 22nd April**.

While hopefully you can come each week - attendance is optional. We don't take a roll-call - so if you can't make it for illness or any other reason, you don't need to let anyone know.

Clothing

There is no set uniform for Auskick. A lot of kids wear their favourite AFL gear, or other suitable clothing for running around in.

Sessions are run regardless of the weather, so make sure you and your kids are dressed appropriately for the conditions! It can be a good idea for kids to dress in layers that can easily be removed as they warm up. Light gloves, such as bike gloves, can also come in handy on cold mornings - they don't get too heavy if there's rain or dew and still provide a good grip on the football.

Footwear & Boot Swap

While runners are perfectly fine for Auskick, footy boots are great when the ground is wet or muddy. Boots can be bought from sports stores quite cheaply during sales.

We also bring a tub full of pre-loved boots that everyone is welcome to borrow from for the season, on a first in best dressed basis.

Any donations of boots in reasonable condition to the boot swap are always very welcome as well!

Parent Expectations & Involvement

While experienced coaches will run the sessions, parent participation in Auskick is encouraged and vital to help things run smoothly and give the kids the best possible experience.

Parents need to stay at the ground during sessions and be available to assist their children if necessary - although Auskick is non-contact there is still a chance of injury with any sporting activity.

Beyond that, Auskick is always much more fun with plenty of parents to help run the activities and provide encouragement for all the kids. We will often have kids versus parents matches which everyone enjoys - even though for some reason the kids always win!

Weekly Volunteers

In addition to coaching and supporting the on-field activities, there are plenty of other ways for parents to help out each week and we've always enjoyed great parent participation. We hold a sausage sizzle and very popular cupcake sale each week during the session, and rely on parents to help bake the cupcakes, cook the BBQ and serve at the morning tea stall.

A separate sign-up sheet for this will be circulated at the start of the season, and it would be greatly appreciated if everyone can play a part in these activities, which raise funds for the season break up party!

Special Events

During the season there are a number of special events we try to run. For 2017 the following events are currently planned:

- **29 April:** Parents Level 0 Coaching - How to get the most out of Auskick!
- **27 May:** Grandparents Day
- **29 July:** Bake Off for the Boys
- **26 August:** Season Breakup party
- **TBD:** Training sessions with Waverley Blues JFC

More details about each of these events will be communicated closer to the time.

Additionally, the AFL provides Auskick centres with opportunities for player visits during the sessions, and for involvement in half-time Auskick matches and grid games at AFL games. I hope that we will be given these opportunities again in 2017, however details haven't yet been communicated.

Stars of the Week

Each week we try to celebrate special achievements with a great Auskick medallion as well as a range of special awards from local sponsors.

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The aim is for every participant to have received an award by the end of the season - however the medallions with the 2017 Auskick logo are currently on back-order until May so we might have to catch up once they arrive...

Sponsors

We are very grateful for the support provided by our sponsors, who have graciously provided the medallions and awards for our Stars of the Week, as well as the bread for the sausage sizzle.

- Cafe 57
57 Centreway, Pinewood Shopping Village
- Bakers Delight Pinewood
26/47 Centreway, Pinewood Shopping Village
- More to come!

Questions & Feedback

For general information about Auskick, please also review the official FAQs at <http://www.aflauskick.com.au/victorian-faqs/>.

If you have any questions or feedback about AFL Auskick or the Waverley Blues Auskick centre, or would like to discuss how you can be further involved, please feel free to contact me:

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2017 SEASON FIXTURE

*** All sessions are held on Saturday mornings from 9am – 10.30am ***

Date	Location	
22-Apr	Pinewood	Auskick Starts
29-Apr	Mt Waverley	Parent's Auskick Training (Level 0)
6-May	Mt Waverley	
13-May	Mt Waverley	
20-May	Pinewood	
27-May	Mt Waverley	Grandparents Day
3-Jun	Mt Waverley	
10-Jun	---	Queen's Birthday Weekend – No Auskick
17-Jun	Mt Waverley	
24-Jun	Pinewood	
1-Jul	Mt Waverley	
8-Jul	---	School Holidays – No Auskick
17-Jul	---	School Holidays – No Auskick
22-Jul	Pinewood	
29-Jul	Mt Waverley	Bake Off for the Boys
5-Aug	Pinewood	
12-Aug	Pinewood	
19-Aug	Mt Waverley	
26-Aug	Pinewood	Break-up Party!

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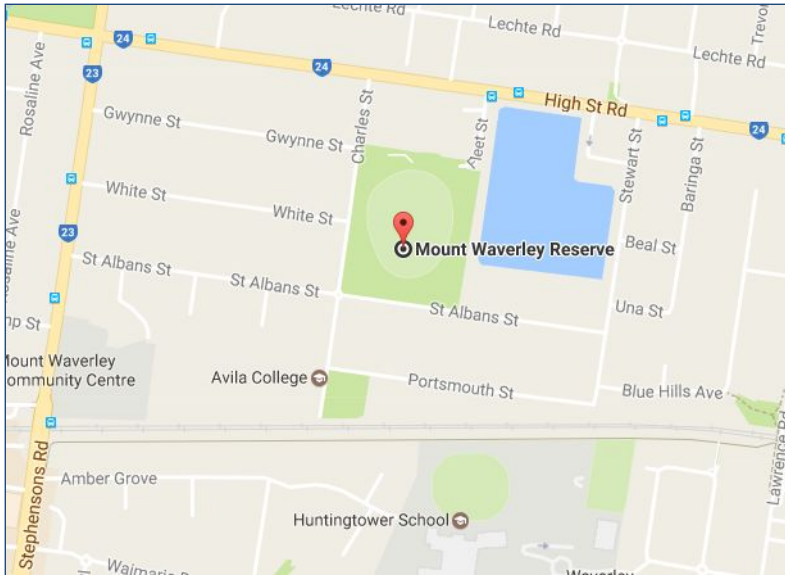
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Locations

This year Auskick will be held at Pinewood Reserve on weeks when the Mt Waverley Reserve is unavailable. This allows a consistent start time of 9am each week.

[Mt Waverley Reserve](#) (Charles Street, Mount Waverley)



[Pinewood Reserve](#) (Pinewood Drive, Mount Waverley)

