

# ICOSA Tidings

## The Doves glide home ...

The Immanuel Old Scholar Soccer Club has finished its second season in the Collegiate League well ahead of our own expectations.

Our team, known as The Doves, posted an impressive record in 2006 finishing in the top half of the ladder in the A2 division.

For the club, this was a marked improvement on our first year in the competition and shows just how far this team has come in such a short time.

We attribute this excellent result to a general improvement among our founding members, an emphasis on enjoyment and not the least, a lucrative recruitment of old scholars in 2006.

Tuesday night training at Immanuel is always well attended and is run by club coach Jan Pfitzner and other senior team members.

The team's squad has increased to about 25 players – the vast majority being Immanuel old scholars with other past students regularly turning up to home games to watch and express interest in next season.

We use a roster system so everyone gets a fair share of match play throughout the year – this is an important social aspect of the club.

Fundraising efforts through chocolate sales and our home ground BBQ allow us to buy new equipment (including an away strip this year) and subsidise the end-of-year function.

The club is holding its end-of-season presentation night at the German Club in October with 60 players, partners and parents expected to attend. This event is a highlight of the year for the players with a live best and fairest medal count that rivals the Brownlow (in our players' eyes) and live music supplied by the more musically minded among the player list.

This year, the club set up its own website ([www.icssc.org.au](http://www.icssc.org.au)) which is updated weekly while a tongue-in-cheek newsletter, called the Dove Tales, is also emailed to members after each game summarising the match and player highlights.

The club welcomes any old scholars to get in touch for the 2007 season. Details on the pre-season training will be available towards the end of the year on the website.

We would like to acknowledge the support of ICOSA and Immanuel College and we are keen to forge even closer ties with both in the year ahead, in particular with the school's soccer program.

While the club is self-funding we would always welcome any sponsorship support from within the old scholar community.

*Ben Hooper, Secretary*

On behalf of the entire Immanuel Community, I would like to congratulate The Doves on their healthy results for the 2006 soccer season and also for putting together an excellent website. The Immanuel Old Scholars' Association are right behind you and look forward to supporting you in 2007 and wish you well for great season ahead.

*Louise Webb, Immanuel Old Scholars*



## ICOSA is looking for volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to assist with the organisation of all ICOSA special events and 2007 reunions. So if you are interested in helping out, give us a call – we'd love to hear from you!

