



**Thornleigh Sports & Recreation Club Inc.**

**SOCCER DIVISION**

**Blue & Gold Newsletter**

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## President's Report:



Happy Easter, I trust you are all finding a lovely way to enjoy your Easter long weekend!

As we calmly enjoy a quiet sunny and crisp weekend, free of 'soccer' (and yes I will continue to call our game 'soccer' to distinguish it from the other codes who in Australia try to muscle in on the term 'football'! My main reason is that as long as the powers at be choose to refer to our team as the SOCCEROOS, I'm staying with 'soccer') it is a chance to relax after a roller coaster start to Season 2017. It really does feel like a lawn mower that didn't want to start!

Thanks to Mick Faber we had our internal round as a warm up, then a full round last weekend: so good to see games in progress against other clubs as we commenced our season officially.

It was also a round of outstanding results with a mostly amazing start to the season with our players finding the nets with amazing accuracy. Of course it is not all about results and the RESPECT levels were also great to see. Kids helping each other off the ground after a slippery end to a fascinating play. New refs struggling with when to blow their whistle as kids did their best to throw the ball in legally, but jumped as they half got their 'throw in' past their head. Parents gasping and wanting to correct the Ref, but holding in their angst, happy to be on the sideline and have a Ref for the game.

So many texts and photos of people having fun in the Thunder Blue and Gold colours. In fact that has led to an hopefully great idea! EVERY week this season we will choose a photo sent to us by one of you, of YOUR Thunder experience, as the photo at the front of the 'Blue & Gold' because that seems like a much better way to start each edition.



Great that the season is underway, let's hope we get most of the games in and a reminder that we will play in the rain some weekends, do enjoy the sunshine today.

See you on the ovals,

**Kind regards,**

**Geoff Knowles**

**Thunder President**

**Important Notices:-**

Please send the match scores immediately after the game to Graeme Hewitt 0419 167 950.

The e-mail address for Match Reports this season is [mokdsi.george@gmail.com](mailto:mokdsi.george@gmail.com). **Submissions should be in Arial, font size 9** and attached as a word document to your e-mail is preferred. Please have your match reports sent by 6pm on the Tuesday following the weekend's match. Even if you miss deadline send it anyway and it may be ok or can go into following week.

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## **MATCH REPORTS FROM 8<sup>th</sup> April 2017:**

### **U6 Red A Thornleigh vs U6 Red B Thornleigh**

What a great game to start the season and for most the start of their soccer careers! It was wonderful watching the kids play with fun being the only agenda. One forgets what it is like when they start playing – the smiles and giggles, the over dramatised falls (just like the professionals with the tears and all), taking a break whenever they feel like it, jumping with glee when scoring goals even when it is an own goal, running the ball in the wrong direction or running wherever and ignoring the ball altogether. Well done to all the mighty little Thunder girls and boys – here's to a great season.

### **U7 Green A Thornleigh SC vs Redbacks at West Pennant Hills**

It was a warm Saturday morning for Thornleigh U7 Green A to play the Redbacks at their home ground. The starting pack displayed the energy and enthusiasm of players AARON CHINNIAH, JEREMY BEARD, LACHLAN BROMILEY and OLIVIA CURRIE. This is the team's second year playing together, so they are starting with better confidence and communication this season. Olivia has maintained her poise and strength that developed on the field last year. Aaron has excellent stamina and always puts his best effort into moving the ball forward. He takes every opportunity to aim for the goal. Jeremy exhibited his usual speed on the field and managed to turn the ball and get it moving in the right direction on a number of occasions. Lachlan is a keen defender and his big strong kick of the ball is always valuable. The players shared the ball well and soon LOGAN VAIDYANATHAN made his debut for the team. Logan is assertive and self-assured on the field. He will be an asset to U7 Green A, this year. It was lovely to see members from both teams shaking hands at the end of a friendly game.

### **Under 10 Yellow Thunder vs Redbacks FC**

After one of the most interrupted preseasons in the last 40 years everyone was thankful that we could finally get on the field! This week we were at home for the first game of the season and looking forward to taking on Redbacks FC.

Due to moving up to the bigger field and losing a player from last year overseas, we welcomed 4 new players in to the squad for division 1 this year. After a good hit out last week against the 11/2 we felt pretty confident going in against Redbacks.

From the first whistle it looked like it was going to be a good game with both teams passing the ball around well. While we were under pressure early our defence and midfield were not giving any opportunities to get a shot on target. As the game settled down we started to dominate the midfield and our attack was causing Redbacks defence all sorts of trouble. From a good move in our own half and a great through ball we managed to get in behind the defence and open the scoring!

After this we continued to dominate for large periods. When Redbacks attacked we were able to push them wide and break down the attack quickly. Our transition from defence to attack continuously caught our opposition out and opened up the midfield for Franco and Auden to counter attack. Out wide we continued to take on players and from a cross into the box Franco scored a cracking header to cap off a good team move.

Our defence of Jayden, Chris, Luca, Dan and Nathan were outstanding, limiting Redbacks to a single shot on target the whole game. A huge thanks to Dan and Chris for sharing the keeping duties this week with our keeper away. Franco, Auden, Cooper, Daniel and Mitch were our midfield and attack, causing Redbacks defence trouble all game with great movement and support on and off the ball. Our passing, communication, movement off the ball and hunger got better and better throughout the game. The goal scorers this week were Franco, Mitch and Daniel who were also unlucky not to have a few more!

With a new trophy for this season our "Player of the Week" was Jayden who worked tirelessly in defence stopping everything that came his way, but just as importantly played a key role in our defence turning into attack! Well done Jayden!

### **U15/3 Thornleigh thunder vs Ararat FC**

Finally our season got underway at Tuckwell park, North Ryde. A nice sunny morning, but a slippery dewy surface underfoot. Only one sub available on the bench. First half saw most of the play in there half, putting plenty of pressure on Ararat, including some fancy footwork and runs up the wings. Our first goal came off the boot of Riley, fresh back from injury.

Half time score 1-0 to Thunder.

Second half opened with two quick goals to thunder, one each from Riley and Tom. Play continued mainly in there half and our backline was strong, leaving few touches for Daniel in goals. Two more goals from riley completed the second half, with little or no chances for Ararat. Full time score 5-0 to Thunder. A great first match result. Our boys are responding really well to our new coach Matt on the side line.