



**Thornleigh Sports & Recreation Club Inc.**

**SOCCER DIVISION**

**Blue & Gold Newsletter**

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**Deadline for Blue & Gold: MONDAY 3pm Email to: [mokdsi.george@gmail.com](mailto:mokdsi.george@gmail.com)**

## President's Report:



Many of you recall the games you lost this season, some the draws: I'd like to congratulate the 12/5s who have rallied all year in the face of some huge scores against. For all of you who haven't got the fields you like, or other aspects of organisation, this team went from div 7 winners last year to div 4 this year. Their aim "concede less than 10 goals and score 1". They've kept their chin up.

Coach Brian Flack (& Warren Williams when Brian travelled) have kept their chins up and their attitude great.

This weekend they just won their first game of the season and they are proud as punch. CONGRATULATIONS all! I cannot think of a more fitting way to mention community spirit than to share their season.

For many others great results have been hard fought and well earned. For still more it's been balanced.

'Team spirit' is this years winner: thanks to the coaches, managers parents and volunteers who make every round happen.

Enjoy the roll of the ball, respect the Refs decisions & see you around the ovals.



Kind regards,  
Geoff Knowles  
Thunder President

### Important Notices:-

#### **Key dates to save in your calendar – changes and confirmation will follow.**

Junior Presentation - 11 Sep 2016 at Thornleigh West Public School Hall from 3-5pm. U6 - U11 will be first and then U12 to U18.

Senior Presentation - Either 3 Sep or 24 Sep 2016. Venue to be decided. Suggestions would be great.

#### **Kit return**

Managers need to arrange all shirts are collected from players. Best to do this straight after the last game – which means managers end up washing shirts!

Times to return complete kits will be confirmed but at this stage it will be 3 and 9 September 2016 from 9am to 11am. We will need a big effort from managers to ensure kits are complete and returned on time. This always ends up being painful because of the amount of chasing up.

#### **Survey**

The club values your feedback. If you have 10 minutes please complete the survey for 2016 here - <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5CMQCBD>

Please send the match scores immediately after the game to George Mokdsi on 0403871543.

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 3pm on the Monday 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 30<sup>th</sup> July 2016:

#### **UNDER 6 PURPLE A THORNLEIGH vs. Hills Pumas**

Our little champs had an early chilly 8.30 start for their final home game of the season. Our opponents were the very skilful Hills Pumas.

We had a full roster this week. Hannah displayed her typical form of running skillfully with the ball. Aaron was brilliant in defense all game while Lily enjoyed being back with the team after a well-earned break. Olivia was outstanding in the midfield providing great service to the strikers. Rebecca made it difficult for the Pumas all day and made some great runs. Lachlan was full of energy and seemed to have the ball on a string while Jeremy brought his kicking boots and made some great inroads.

We are looking forward to our final game next week, which is sure to be another great game.

### **Under 9 Blue Thornleigh vs Kenthurst**

We were back at Kenthurst for the third time this year looking to bounce back from last week's massive effort.

The boys were keen to go and the weather was great for football. We started a bit slow and conceded early which wasn't the plan however from here we made our way back into the game. Our attack was finding it difficult to get any clear chances and whenever we looked to change things we seemed to have a player get hurt. To the teams credit they kept going and started to create chances.

At half time we spoke about taking our chances and not diving in at the back. This made a big difference in the second half and our defence was great. Our transition from defence to attack was a lot better in the second half as well putting a lot of pressure on the Kenthurst defence.

We got a goal back and started to gain a little bit more control of the game and for the remainder of the second half it was an end to end battle.

This week our defence worked as hard as ever to keep their shape and it showed by making it very difficult for Kenthurst to get any easy chances. Rocco in goals is making it very hard for any opposition attackers by getting better with his positioning and all round improvement from week to week. Our defence of Luca, Dan, Nathan and Jayden are not only breaking down opposition attacks but the way they are moving the ball and making an option for our own attack is outstanding.

Daniel, Levi, Franco and Auden had a tough day but worked hard all game creating some good chances and playing some good football.

Player of the Week was Luca who not only scored the goal but played his best game of the season and made some outstanding chases back to win the ball and stop the Kenthurst attacks.

We have 1 game to go which is a shame as it has been a very successful season that has gone way too quickly!

### **U11/4 THORNLEIGH VS EPPING**

On a beautiful winter's day we lined up against Epping at Ruddock Park, Westleigh. Thornleigh Thunder kicked off and within 5 minutes Sophia tested out the keeper with a shot on goal, the keeper stopped it, but failed to fully control the ball and Hamish was able to finish the job and put the ball into the goal. Hamish made some good runs down the line to receive the ball and played well. Nick had a fine game with the high light being cracking shot that went in off the post for another goal to Thunder. Foxy, Eric and Knowlesy were great in defence, putting their bodies on the line every time. James was great in defence, cleared many balls from the front of the goal and was a constant threat in midfield. Sophia was putting lots of pressure on the ball during the first half and was also great in the second half as goal keeper and didn't concede any goals. Hugo did a great job in goals first half only conceding one goal and did an excellent job in defence in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half. George worked hard around the field and didn't stop moving and as a consequence seems to be in the right place frequently to break down opposition attacking moves. Izzy was also a great asset in the mid-field and did her job perfectly and when required help others on the field. Foxy played a key role in the back line, he didn't stop moving and cleared nearly every ball that came to him. Eric scored a fantastic goal he was always running and was a valuable asset on the field. Knowlesy pulled off some amazing tackles and was always moving on the field, being captain for the day seemed to inspire him and he was a deserving player of the match.

It is pleasing to see how well all the players have developed during the season and plenty of smiles across the pitch.