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### President's Report:

Exciting times in the next few weeks and a great round of soccer just played.

Our Family Fun Day is scheduled for Saturday the 14th of May. With a home game for our Premier league sides at Oakleigh we've lined up jumping castles, BBQs, guessing competitions, Sponsors with Jeeps and a good fun time to catch up with local friends, have a laugh and cheer on our Thunder teams. Please hit this into your calendar now.

That will be a huge weekend because the Grand Opening of Westleigh Village is the Sunday (15th). We will be manning the BBQ to raise funds for the club. This will be a great opportunity to join the party, face painting, see the Minions, enter the prize draws, enjoy the specials, rub shoulders with Matt Keane and generally have a great time. Isn't it nice to be able to buy more of our last minute needs without crossing Pennant Hills Rd?

The round itself was a cracker. Lovely weather. Great cooperation again to field as many teams as possible. Grounds open and dressed in time. Volunteers everywhere. Parents early. Once again a great spirit and healthy respect shown by all. Isn't it fun to have such a great game to play.

Great to see 4 of our 17s play again in the reserves and even better for a splendid goal in the last 10 minutes.

Enjoy training, thank your coaches and here's to another great round this weekend.

Kind regards,  
Geoff Knowles  
Thunder President



**Important Notices:-**

We are looking for volunteers for our Kids Fun day on the 14<sup>th</sup> of May and our Trivia night either to help out on the day or organise. If you would like to help out email [marketing@thornleighsoccer.com.au](mailto:marketing@thornleighsoccer.com.au)

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

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### **MATCH REPORTS FROM 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016:**

#### **U7 PURPLE THL VS CHERRYBROOK**

Thornleigh Under 7 purple got off to a big first half against a strong performing Cherrybrook, through some great passing, goals and team work. In the second half Cherrybrook kept up their game giving Thornleigh a fun game. Izaiah who is new to soccer this year scored and won player of the match, whilst Nicholas, Adam, Jemimah, Mia and Matthew all played superb.

### **MATCH REPORTS FROM 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016:**

#### **U6 PURPLE A THORNLEIGH vs. NORMANHURST**

A sunny Saturday morning greeted the players in an encounter against Normanhurst.

The team showcased their developing ball skills running from attack to defence and looking for open space. The game got off to a great start with Aaron scoring an early goal. This was closely followed by another brilliant goal by Hannah.

Lachlan and Lily led a great attack with some strong individual runs through the middle in both halves of the game. Whilst Olivia and Rebecca were kept busy in defence making some exceptional tackles.

The second half saw the opposition score a few goals. Thornleigh Thunder came back with great enthusiasm. A brilliant team effort led to another goal driven home by Hannah.

The second half also saw Lily doing a perfect run down which led to yet another goal. Lachlan and Rebecca kept working tirelessly, attacking the opposition goal at every opportunity.

Olivia's skilful defence saved a number of shots at goal by the opposition in both halves and Hannah wrapped by the second half by scoring one for the team in her legendary style!

The team played well despite very strong opposition. It was a great display of their developing new skills, team effort and enthusiasm!

#### **Under 6 Purple B**

The Under 6 Purple B team have had a cracking start to the season. A couple of absentees this week meant that our 4 little troopers had to play the full game and what an effort.

Our 'Golden boot' Matt Harnwell continue with his striking force . Zachary Brown demonstrated that training is paying off (even though only week two) with a couple of turn and runs down the line that would leave even the most professional player impressed.

Max Jackson is 'Mr Defence' on the team and lets no one through to the goal (even managed some back heel passes to get the team out of trouble). This week he also ventured forward and managed a couple of beautiful goals. Daniel Orminston showed courage and stamina as he played a full game and managed a couple of beautiful runs down the field. Well done Thunder U6! Great team effort.

### **U7 Thunder Kookaburras/Green vs WPH Cherrybrook at Campbell Park**

Perfect conditions greeted Thunder players and their managers at West Pennant Hills for their clash against WPH Cherrybrook. The team went through their warm up cycle and the fans were keen to see a start to play – but with only minutes to kick off, still no opposition. Luckily they appeared out of nowhere with a squad of four. Having a full team of seven, Thunder made its first big play of the day and lent them a player, no less than star player in the making Lewis – a great show of sportsmanship and appreciated by the opposition.

As the whistle sounded for kick-off, both teams' energy meters were at 110%. Zac was running on overload and made a few great sweeping runs down the sideline, deep into opposition territory and going agonizingly close to scoring on a number of occasions. However, the defense was strong and so was the counterattack. James and Lucas put their bodies on the line to win the ball and turn around the momentum but eventually a couple of solid goals were scored against us. On his birthday Linden was giving it his all, defending, winning the ball, passing and making darting runs – so much so he worked a tooth loose! A quick munch on a half time orange and it was out like a shot and ready for the fairy.

The second half kicked off with Lewis rejoining the Thunder and Will volunteering to play with the opposition. There was no let up in either teams' focus or energy levels. Charlie was enormous in transforming defense into attack, smashing the ball far downfield more than a few times. As James continued to cartwheel the opposition with his moves and Lucas got his second wind, the Thunder spent a lot of time around Cherrybrook's goal. However, the defense was strident and within a flash, Will, who was playing for Cherrybrook, showed great skill to slot one home into the back of the net. Both sides cheered. Not to be outdone, Lewis had the last big play of the day when he simply carved through the opposition and scored a Thunderous goal.

The whistle blew on what was a thoroughly competitive match played in the best spirit of the game. Thunder players were out on their feet – nothing a snake wouldn't fix!

### **U11 RED**

A great effort and result on Saturday, despite being half a team short due to school holiday absences. A big thankyou to the Under 10 Yellow team for propping up our guys.

The first half was dominated by Thunder, with excellent talking and passing between everyone. Grummett undertook some great chasing and passing early on, and Smallwood made some skillful moves down the left side of the field. Knowles tackled hard and set up a few good opportunities, helped out with great attacking from Reynolds. Massey performed some great passing from the back and a great shot early on by Will (u 10) forced a corner. Josh (u 10) made some outstanding passes, and Matt (u10) defended hard. Continued pressure from Thunder in the second half made things difficult for the opposition. Sophia was a standout with her great passing through midfield and well-thought game calling.

### **U12/4 THORNLEIGH**

What a tough game the 12/4's had!

Everyone in the team played a part in today's game which was fantastic to see! Jack was brilliant as goal keeper in the first half saving many goals and really going the extra mile. Emily, as always, was superb at the back defending and taking on the opposition with a lot of passion. Adele and Christian both worked really well together as forwards, passing to each other and trying to break the oppositions line. Annabelle played a strong game tackling and putting the opposition under pressure while Georgina did a great job passing and clearing the ball. Ashton played in the centers and was always looking for the open players and trying to pass through and Michaela had a great first game for the season getting involved and playing well in position.

Sparsh had an excellent game at the back defending and putting his body on the line in a goal saving tackle. Chloe had a tough second half as goal keeper but stepped up and did a great job saving some goals and Aliyah really helped out by putting passes through. Tony was very reliable in the backs clearing the ball well away from the goal.

A tough game but the team showed good sportsmanship and played together as a team at all times! Well done team!

### **U13/5 THORNLEIGH VS RYDE-PANTHERS**

What a team! Up against Ryde-Panthers on another warm day the game was always going to be about stamina. Conceding two goals in the first 6 minutes we turned and our excellent back line of Sarah, Euan, Oliver and Daniel started holding the line and drawing consistent off-sides. This turned the game, allowing us to push the ball forward through the halves and up to the front. Pushing the ball to Michael who was able to hit the back of the net with Flynn positioned well for any follow through as required. Maintaining the back line allowed our halves to push forward and for the middle part of the game we were able to find good passes up from Dhinesh, Ben and Harish with one of those passes through to Andrew who was able to find the back of the net with our second goal. At this stage Riley had started positioning himself to create and capitalise on opportunities as well.

Running out on the second half Thornleigh owned the pitch, refreshed from the five minutes of rest we continued to dominate with play moving forward from a back line that now included Ben and Dhinesh. The opportunities continued to present with Andrew striking a ripper of a ball with his left foot, narrowly missing our third goal – both Riley and Flynn ready to capitalise on any rebounds. Daniel, Harish and Ben covered the middle of the ground superbly moving from attack to defence and eventually their hard work presented Ben with a mid-field shot that he hammered just over the goal. Shortly after Flynn, in position all day also had a shot which just missed. With 10 minutes to go, fatigue and injuries kicked in and with just the one substitute we relied heavily on our full backs and keeper. Sarah continued to defend against three players with support flooding in from Dhinesh. Rohan, who had performed admirably in the first ¾'s of the game, found himself in the firing line more than 12 times in the final 10 minutes as keeper. Did he flinch? Far from it - Rohan put himself between our

goal and the shots just beautifully, saving countless shots from the opposition. Euan (the Capitan for the day) and Oliver continued to defend until the last whistle.

All in all, the 13/5's held together as a team – all positive communication and teamwork, on the day it was the heat and tiring work that beat us. If you know of anyone considering playing soccer we are a team who enjoys every game and have room for more. Well done 13/5's – a wonderful game of soccer!