



Thornleigh Sports & Recreation Club Inc.

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Blue & Gold Newsletter

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Deadline for Blue & Gold: Tuesday 6pm

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President's Report:



Thank you for the emails, texts and personal feedback on the Thunder approach to football and good spirit in the club. It's a team effort across all Coaches, Managers, Families, players and committee. Well done.

Great weekend of games, more great photos submitted, great sideline support and lots of smiling players with another crisp but dry round. Ideal for our viewing and playing pleasure. I can however feel that 'Winter is coming'...

Re-grading submissions have been completed and we didn't get all of our requests approved but there are lots of DRAW CHANGES so please do check your games. Many have changed. Even if your team grade didn't change, your opponents may have.

Enjoy training, play together during the week, practice your dribbling and ball control skills. Parents, please get outside with your kids and play with their ball. Have fun and improve: couldn't ask for more really!

See you around the ovals,

Kind Regards,
Geoff Knowles

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Important Notices:-

Final Deadline - If you still have not done it managers need to return signed [Code of Conduct Agreement](#) by this Saturday to Oakleigh canteen (there is a blue folder under the bench) or email to tamara_hughes@hotmail.com if you have not already done so.

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. **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 6th May 2017:

U6 Green A vs West Pennant Hills Cherrybrook

A much tougher game this week against a strong side who had a bit more experience. The team played brilliantly again and continued to gain confidence despite the harder game with more bruises and mouthfuls of grass. Zichen used his speed to chase the ball wherever it went with Daniel doing a terrific job in defence. Eve was right amongst it fighting hard for the ball together with William who is proving to be a very tough player with a decent kick. Another tough little player was Isabel who grit her teeth and held back the tears despite some heavy encounters with the opposition who left her floored on her face on several occasions. Alex continued to gain confidence and made a big improvement to his contribution. Nice work team – you played brilliantly and finished the game in great spirit. We were very proud of you!

Under 7 Red Thornleigh Thunder vs Hills Hawks

This week, the Under 7 Red T-Rex's took on the Hills Hawks at Oakleigh Oval, in what proved to be their best game of the season to date.

After numerous attacking raids, the team hit the scoreboard mid-way through the first half after Leo sliced through the opposition midfield to set up birthday boy Marley for his first goal. Not long after, it was Elise's turn to claim a goal assist. Starting on the left wing, she drew and beat two opponents before easing the ball into the path of Xavier, who finished like a seasoned professional.

Then, in an early contender for goal of the year, Tyler produced a length of the field effort that even had the Hawks supporters applauding.

The second half opened with further goals to Tyler and Marley, followed by a period of resolute defence where the T-Rex's saved multiple shots on goal by the Hawks.

But the highlight of the second half came after the whole team worked together to move the ball deep into the Hawks' defensive zone. As she had been doing all game, player-of-the match Ella took control of the centre corridor and found the back of the net despite the close attention of all four Hawks players.

Tyler then slotted his third goal on the stroke of fulltime - another spectacular shot from close to halfway - to put an exclamation point on proceedings.

Coach Marcus also had a brilliant game, directing Leo and Xavier down the wings where they made enormous territory, while Ella, Elise, Marley and Tyler owned the centre of the pitch. A carefully orchestrated set play in the first half showed just how much the team has improved in recent weeks.

Many thanks to the Hawks team who also played well and will always be welcome on our home ground.

U7 GREEN A v PENNANT HILLS

The team had a great game with everyone continuing to show improvements. An early steal from Aaron got the blood pumping on the sideline. Soon after, a long range attempt from Logan had the crowd cheering again. Pennant Hills showed great skill particularly with their angles. Some big kicks from Lachlan were welcomed along with strong challenges from Olivia. Hannah, who we're so used to seeing make great breaks, impressed with her defensive skills. Throughout the whole match Jeremy showed his strides as a true all-rounder. A great match and a fun morning.

Under 10 Yellow Thunder vs Roselea

Another beautiful autumn day awaited us for the first of 13 8.30am games in a row! This week we were to face off against Roselea away from home. Having not played them before in previous years both teams were an unknown quantity to each other.

The game started well for both teams with some good passing and movement off the ball but with very few shots. Then a Roselea defender decided to anger Franco with a ball to the face only to see him win the ball shortly after and smash it into the top corner for the opening goal of the game.

From here the game went end to end for the remainder of the first half with both sides creating chances and both keepers making saves.

At half time we spoke about working for each other off the ball and making sure of our passes when we were going forward. We started the second half well but so did Roselea and it became an attacking game for both sides. This created big gaps all over the field with the midfielders doing a lot of work both in attack and defence.

Our defence was given a hard time but stood tall with Dan, Chris, Luca, Jayden, Bryce and Auden all providing crucial tackles and interceptions when we needed them. They are working hard at training to develop in key areas and it has shown in the first 4 games.

The attack this week was Cooper, Mitch, Levi, Franco and Daniel who played some great football with their passing and individual skill.

This week the Player of the Week went to Chris. It is his first season in division 1 and he is getting better and better every week. This week he took a big step up playing right back and stopping everything that came his way. Well deserved Chris!

U12/2 Thornleigh vs WPH Cherrybrook FC

A bumpy pitch and perfect blue skies greeted the team at John Purchase oval for the match against WPH Cherrybrook FC, and the team was rearing to go after a top of the table clash previous weekend. Hamish went in goal for the first half, not letting anything pass by, and defending the goal with courage, putting his flying body on the line. Early attacks by the opposition sparked Thornleigh into action, and James D and Foxie doing plenty of clean up at the back. James H slotted in the first goal off some great passing by Thunder. Alex taking plenty of hard shots at the opposition goal, narrowly missing and not letting up until he found the back of the net. LB, LK and Liv keeping the midfield tidy, with Hugo assisting with some great tackles and passes, and all creating awesome through balls and displaying fearless tackling. Eric and Henry showing positive commitment and energy, passing the ball cleanly to teammates Sam and Josh for more cracks at the net. The second half saw James H in the goals, running out to save a few and sending quick ball to his team for the break. LB attacking and lots of early action on Cherrybrook goals. Hamish showing some very clever play in the midfield, and James D passing through the middle to Sam and Josh, with Josh taking advantage and scoring on the day. George scores a cracker over the heads of the defenders and keeper, with the ball dropping into the net. Eric uses his head for a fantastic ball into the goal off a corner from Josh. Sam scores from excellent passing by James D through the midfield. Player of the match is Hamish, using the space well and displaying intelligent play. A great day for Thunder.