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President's Report:



I'd like to start by thanking the volunteer coaches who make time to train mid week, plan skills practice sessions, design the weekends game approach and then carry through with that plan on game day. It's something they opt in for. But it can still be taxing. So "thank you" to all the Thunder coaches.

This weekend saw a very successful round for the club: most importantly great spirit was demonstrated and fun was had.

Our senior players showed some terrific fight and it was really great to see the passion they have for every game. Our youngest teams, sometimes resembling bumble bees near the hive, laughed, chased and ran their legs as hard as they could.

Please remember the upcoming weekend sees a huge Saturday Fun Day at Oakleigh and then the Grand Opening of Westleigh Village where we will be running the BBQ to raise funds for the club.

It's a pleasure being part of your community club. See you in the ovals,
See you on the fields,

Kind regards,
Geoff Knowles
Thunder President

Important Notices:-

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 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 7th May 2016:

Thornleigh U6 Kookaburra/ Purple A Vs West Pennant Hills/Cherrybrook

Thornleigh U6 Purple A took to their home ground Oakleigh Oval with their customary smiles and enthusiasm. Lachie led the way with a very determined starting attack and Jeremy and Hannah worked hard in defence clearing the ball away from our goal time after time. Our teamwork is improving every week with some great passing and backing each other up in attack. After a few near misses by Lachie and Jeremy, some fearless footwork by Hannah and some energetic midfield play by Lily, Olivia and Rebecca, Aaron's relentless effort in attack eventually paid off with two impressive goals, much to the delight of our increasingly vocal cheer squad. We all left happy, looking forward to training and the prospect of playing again next week.

Under 6 Purple B

It was a perfect Autumn morning with the sun shining down on our backs as we cheered on our lads at Oakleigh Oval. With 5 players ready for action they took to the field with their last weeks training session fresh in their minds. A shout out to Josh Harnwell who has been coaching our boys & giving them some team work strategies which we witnessed the effects of today. All players were calling out the name of the player they were kicking the ball towards giving them some focus to their passes. Max Jackson had an outstanding game proving that his strengths are not only as a defender but did some awesome runs down the field to kick in 4 goals for the Thunders. Matt Harnwell continued to display his consistent golden boot & was well supported by his fellow team mates especially in the second half of the game which saw a close finish. Well done Thunder U6!

U7 Green Thornleigh

It was a glorious sunny morning as the mist and smoke haze lifted in time for our 9.30am kick off (after being directed to the correct field we were expected to play on!).

From very early on in the game we could see we were up against some very tough competition, but this did not deter CHARLIE, who came very close to scoring a goal early on. LYNDEN and LUCAS supported the team well the entire game with some very good defence moves, while WILL continued to display his confidence and determination in moving the ball up the field. LOUIS made several good attempts at goal, continuously stealing the ball away from the opposition, and coming so close to scoring a goal for the team. JAMES continued to impress the team with some big kicks, while ZAC got the attention of everyone with a super kick, launching the ball high enough to scare the local bird life!

Congratulations to WILL for being awarded the Player of the Match trophy - in recognition of his awesome kicking and great communication to his team mates while on the field.

Well done Green team - it was a tough game but good to see all left with huge smiles on their faces.

Under 9 Blue Thornleigh vs Epping FC

We were on the road again and looking forward to our first early game of the season.

When we arrived at the ground we were faced with long grass, morning dew, no lines marked and goals 3 times bigger than they should have been!

This didn't stop the mighty Blues putting on a great first half performance across the field. The ground made it difficult for us to play our normal passing game but full credit to the team for the way they adjusted to this!

Half time came and we were in full control of the game. Epping had managed a couple of long range efforts which was made more attractive with the extra big goals.

They say football can be a game of two different halves and that is exactly what it was. We conceded a goal early in the second half which seemed to change the way we played and Epping to their credit took advantage of this.

One of the most impressive parts of our game this year has been the way we fight until the final whistle and today was no different. Although the second half was tough for us the whole team put in a huge effort and can walk away pleased with the fight they showed. When we play them again we will learn from this game and know not to relax when in control.

Our defence and attack both worked hard all game and with the loss of one of our players with a broken arm during the week we had players in foreign positions all game. Again the team made no fuss and everyone played well.

The goal scorers this week were Franco and Daniel who not only scored them but played parts in others. Our back line was shuffled around a lot and Luca, Nathan, Jayden and Auden did everything they could to protect Rocco. In goals Rocco had another great game and made important saves when needed.

Levi, Franco, Daniel and Auden continue to get better every week with some of the play making the opposition look like statues!

Player of the week was Daniel who had his best game and scored good goals. The work back to win the ball was better this week and his speed with the ball made it very difficult for the Epping defence!

Under 9 Blue Thornleigh vs All Saints

Under 9 Green suffered from another slow start on Saturday, conceding a few quick goals to an energetic All Saints side at Ruddock. But after regathering at half time with coach Willem, the boys took the pitch as a different team in the second term and showed real character to lift their game significantly. They had the better of play for much of the half, with the lift in intensity matched by more organisation and a much improved passing game. Kevin S took out player of the game, supplying plenty of energy and determination for the second half revival after a stint in goal in the first.

U10 Purple Thornleigh Thunder vs Beecroft Wombats

1st Half: An exciting half, with possession leaning towards Thornleigh, But during the half, Thornleigh's defence started growing weaker until, with effort, Beecroft scored. Thornleigh called for substitutions, and their best defender Josh Tooker, pushed the ball up the field and beat Beecroft's defence and scored. Between goals, Thornleigh's midfielder, Luc de Toit, was injured. 2nd Half: After a few oranges and a rest, the players returned to the field. Thornleigh lost their possession and Beecroft put a lot of pressure on them, but suddenly, Thornleigh turned on. Thornleigh forward, Tony, scored from a corner kick taken by Josh Tooker. Beecroft started putting pressure on Thornleigh, but their defender Noah Schmetmann, scored. It was a fair and fun match and I would like to congratulate Beecroft on their amazing play.

U11 Red Thornleigh vs Hunters Hill

It promised to be a fabulous match of football at 10.30 as Thornleigh took on Hunters Hill, the sun was out both teams were ready and field at Ruddock was in outstanding condition and ready for something up tempo and both teams delivered. LB showed plenty on the right holding the ball up regularly and playing the ball across the park with ease. He played many players into position with James Henning having some great opportunities up front. It must be said that James also created many opportunities with sublime skill and beating players at will. James was ably supported by the two ladies in mid field Sophia and Ysobel. Sophia showed plenty in the midfield making some great passes and showing lots of skill by dragging the ball back and making the pass finding her team mates regularly. Ysobel was like a gazelle running from front to back chasing the opposition down taking the ball from them also distributing to those around her. Whilst LB was on the right the other Lachlan Fox and Eric made much of the sideline on the left. Lachlan Fox is amazing and never tires and this was how the second half started and progressed. Up and down he went with Eric distributing from the back on the left. Many passes were made with Eric chasing the ball down controlling and laying off to his partner in crime Fox. The three at the back were impenetrable. Hugo, George and Eric as they worked beautifully as a team of three. Whilst Eric was on the left teamed with Fox Hugo did likewise with LB on the right. Hugo stopped countless raids and regularly would just layoff the ball to LB for the attack to commence once again. George would then just hold the middle, time and time again the opposition left disappointed as George would continue to propel attack after attack. Georges positioning was immaculate clearing the ball regularly. This then left our goalkeeper Nicholas who made countless fabulous saves but for mine what was so impressive from Nick was his throwing of the ball and starting attack after attack. Nicholas is to be congratulated as he did this time and time again. We had two from the under tens assist this week Luke and Harry. The way Luke and James combined up front it was like they had been playing together for years beating players at will, it was like watching Messi and Neymar from Barca. Harry was on the left tenacious and left nothing in the tank. He gave his all for the Thunder and for the 11/4s to which we are very grateful. What a game everybody contributed. Well done team the parents were completely and utterly entertained and in awe.

U12/4 Thornleigh 1 vs Epping FC 3

What a brilliant performance from a team that improves by 100% each week. Even without any subs the fitness of the team really came through. The first half saw the team put in their best performance of the season to lead the opposition 1-nil at

half time after Emily (player of the week) slotted in a long range effort from the backs. The team was ecstatic with an obviously excited Georgina showing plenty of encouragement for her team mate – in the form of big hugs! The effort from the backs – Emily, Chloe, Jack O, Ashton and Georgina was brilliant to keep the opposition scoreless at half time with our regular keeper Jack F really putting in a sterling effort. Annabelle and Sparsh were again fantastic in mid field. They were supported by Aliyah, Jack O and Christian who made some impressive attacking runs and feed the ball to the forwards who came really close to a stunning goal from Adele showing great speed. Ashton also had a stint up front and impressed the crowd with his involvement and great passes.

The opposition did finally slot home 3 goals but they really had to work hard to score what were fantastic goals.

The crowd was again undoubtable impressed with the improvement they have seen in this team and very proud of their performance. With this rate of improvement I think we will see this team close the gap on the opposition and come up with a win but either way they are thoroughly enjoying their game supported by their sideline fans. Special final mention must go to coach Warren who has stepped in while regular coach Brian is away. Warren who hasn't stopped smiling has coached the side to 2 impressive performances in the last 2 weeks. Well done!