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## President's Report:



Once again a largely fantastic weekend of fun and enjoyment. Dads and mates enjoying each other's company playing for Thunder. Young adults and youths, kids and their friends, parents watching, grandparents extra proud and another wonderful round.

I'd like to remind everyone that the aim is fun, fitness, fabulous times and light hearted enjoyment please.

Everyone you bump into around the ovals is there because there with someone who's there for fun. Please, if you do see someone taking it too seriously and winding up to launch into something they wouldn't say or do at the family dinner table, then tap them on the shoulder and smile. It's a game.

Reminder: you are not to speak to the referee. Not at all. They're not looking for your advice or input. Most of them are fantastic and your manager has proper channels if needed.

Please do provide positive feedback and congratulations cheers for good play from both sides wherever you see it.

Relax, smile, enjoy and I look forward to seeing you on the ovals,

Kind regards,  
Geoff Knowles  
Thunder President

### Important Notices:-

Advice this week: Show respect to the referee no matter what. Managers, coaches, spectators, players should never call out or say anything to the referee during the game – e.g. don't ever call out to the referee off-sides – this is strictly not allowed and never helps your team. We are all human and frustration can lead to outbursts against the referee but remember the referee is human too and sometimes young and learning. Managers and captains are the only people who can talk to the referee during breaks in play if they are playing on the field. This should only be required when seeking clarification and never disrespectfully or if feeling angry and frustrated. Never challenge the referee. Managers should remember to thank the referee after the game and encourage them particularly if a junior referee. Managers have official channels for complaints and should only do this through the Thunder committee who will take further appropriate action. There is no point discussing your complaint directly with the referee. [Click here](#) for various sections of the Respect Program.

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

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### MATCH REPORTS FROM 28<sup>th</sup> May 2016:

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

It was the first 'wet' game for the little Thunders and it was excellent watching the team not being deterred by a little bit of rain.

A very enthusiastic Daniel took to the field and gave us his best performance yet.

Training is really paying off as once again the team showed us their passing skills and calling out their names. A timely pass from Max to Matt led to a beautiful goal, followed by another pass from Leo to Zach which resulted in a near miss sooo close the whole field erupted.

All the kids enjoyed the 'wet' game, and it was a pleasure to watch as they shook hands with the other team showing their sportsmanship.

## **U6 PURPLE A THORNLEIGH vs. HILLS HAWKS**

Another solid performance by the team this week.

All the team showed lots of energy and enthusiasm even in the cold and rain. We started the game strong, with a big kick followed by a nice goal attempt by Aaron. Purple A went on the attack from there with some great passing and kicking by Hannah who shot it down the line, Jeremy played well in defence and managed to clear the ball from the tightly packed bunch on numerous occasions which enabled Lily to show off some of her excellent dribbling skills with some very close goal attempts. Some great kicks across the field by Olivia and passing to Rebecca had the ball close to our goal. There was some excellent defence of the goal by Lachie who kept the net empty, It was a great effort by all players. All the team had a good time and finished the game with a big smile on their cold faces.

28/5/2016 Under 9 Blue Thornleigh vs Redfield

Well winter had definitely arrived and after BBQ duty and team photos we headed down the road to Ruddock Park to face up against Redfield. Last time we played them we certainly didn't have the best of luck go our way. Three own goals in one game had left a bit of a scar on us and we had waited for the return match. This time we were a different team and although the cold and wet was a new experience this season the football was fantastic. Right from the first whistle we dominated all over the park and Redfield were only getting to touch the ball if we shot wide! Over the past couple of weeks the whole team has really started to work together and the understanding between them has become better and better. This showed as we controlled the ball, our positioning and the opposition. At half time there was very little for the coach to say except "keep up the good work". Apart from that it was to make sure we didn't let Redfield back in the game. The boys kept up the tempo through the second half as well and were rewarded with a couple of goals that were the result of the whole team doing their job. Rocco was in goals again and his quick releasing of the ball helped us turn defence into attack quickly and catching Redfield out. Jayden, Luca and Nathan kept the first clean sheet of the season only allowing 1 or 2 shots on goal all game. Levi, Franco and Daniel were great to watch terrorising the Redfield defence all game. Auden played a number of positions this week and did a great job in every one! Our goal scorers this week were Franco, Levi and Daniel however the team is playing a part in every goal making it look even better. Player of the week was Franco who is growing every week and leaning more and more about the game. Some of his skill was a pleasure to watch!

## **U12/5 Thornleigh**

The conditions were unfavourable for our play, which resulted in the major set back early in the game. However noticeable mentions to the engine room and our wingers to set up Jack's maiden goal.

The defence stood strong in the second half as we got into our groove. AJ made two decisive saves to give us a notable positive from the game.

We're getting there, and can smell the winning formula.

## **Under 14/3's V Epping**

The omens weren't good – a cold and wet morning saw Thornleigh facing up to the Epping side for the third time this season having lost the previous two encounters 6-3 and 5-0, the last one just a fortnight ago. But the weather and history did not deter the side from believing they could pull off a win. Thornleigh started brightly with neat passing from the backs, through the mid field, controlling the ball well and creating some chances for the forwards. The few times Epping did make a break TOM came out confidently in goal to block and through balls. The greater possession and pressure was eventually rewarded with a goal to JACOB, weaving his way past defenders at the edge of the box to put the ball past the goal keeper for the first goal. Epping then lifted their game, winning a couple of corners and hitting the post. More chances came to Thornleigh towards the end of the half, but in pushing forward perhaps too strongly Thornleigh left too much space at the back and Epping managed a breakaway goal at the stroke of half time against the run of play.

The second half started like the first with Thornleigh controlling the ball and maintaining the pressure. MYLES played beautifully in defence, nullifying the fast Epping forwards, and the consistent pressure payed off with another goal to JACOB mid-way through the second period. From here Thornleigh lifted further and as Epping heads dropped, Thornleigh had more chances on goal with WILL providing plenty of through balls from midfield. The final whistle arrived (and the rain stopped) with a well-deserved 2-1 victory against the league leaders.