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**SOCCKER DIVISION**

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## President's Report:



Rain with some brief breaks! Not ideal. But it was terrific that because council spent some money on the ovals in the off season and because we have been so careful with training, we got a full round in!

Whilst the sidelines weren't pleasant, how good was it to be able to have a run. Great feedback from players in all ages that we were able to have soccer. Some surprised parents who thought rain meant a spell. Kids who played for the first time with water running down over their eyes....

Please know that wherever possible and so long as player safety isn't an issue, given the radar is showing light interspersed rain, we will get as many games in as possible.

Special thanks to the volunteers who set up grounds and in particular the BBQ Crews. Oakleigh isn't really ideal for cooking in the rain. "Thank you".

Wonderful games and some terrific goals. One in particular from Will in the 10/1s was television worthy. Great to see so many players with that extra time this season: their skills have come in that little bit more.

Tip of the round: keep your head down as you shoot; some fine opportunities went soaring over the Cross bars with enormous power, but no change to the score card. Make them count.

See you on the ovals.

Kind regards,  
Geoff Knowles  
Thunder President

**Important Notices:-**

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 16<sup>th</sup> April 2016:**

U14/3 Thornleigh vs Hills Pumas FC

It is perhaps the best day these days today for soccer at Pacific Hills College.

Both teams were evenly matched, but we scored first with a sharp shot by Tom in 5 minutes set up by Will and Lucas. Lucas' strategy to attract the Hills' attention by launching one of his boots into the sky right after the kick off of the match did work well. The opponents were eager to turn around, however they do not have boots to shoot but bumped into Callum who kicked off the ball out of a big crowd, sorry Hills, no luck. Riley made several excellent saves and the Hills were disappointed when Riley and Matt made good saves and Matt got a second goal in 15 minutes.

In the 2nd half, Lucas launched his boot again, but this time the Hills were used to the strategy and made some great effort to threaten our gate. However, besides the secret boots launch, they were unluckily disrupted several times by Oli's skilful pass and assistance to help both Lucas and Riley to get goals which put us ahead in the whole match.

In the last a few minutes, Riley and Oli setup a few opportunities to make more goals. Finally Riley contributed to the final score of this match. Thornleigh Thunder won the game 6-3.

Many thanks to Kel and Willow who sat on the fence to have a clearer view of the match than the opponent coach. And it did help: we won.

### **MATCH REPORTS FROM 23<sup>th</sup> April 2016:**

**U7 Green Thornleigh vs Pennant Hills**

The rain cleared just in time for the start of play against Pennant Hills. Once again the U7 green team volunteered to help out the opposition who were a player short with CHARLIE volunteering for the first half (perhaps helped by the prospect of the Player of the Match trophy) and JAMES crossing sides for the second half.

It was a fast moving game, with all members of the team contributing. ZAC and LUCAS continued to demonstrate strong defensive skills whilst LINDEN'S missing tooth doesn't seem to have slowed him down, with some great tackles and strong ability to clear the ball. Some generous line calls from both sides made for a free flowing game.

In the second half, WILL made some strong runs forward and was unlucky not to score a goal. CHARLIE was always in the mix, attempting to gain possession of the ball and pass it to his team-mates. The crowd were hoping to see JAMES acrobatic talents, but had to be satisfied with some neat footwork and strong kicking, which were particularly evident when playing for the opposition! Player of the match went to CHARLIE, a good performance by the whole team who are playing well and having fun together.

### **Under 9 Blue Thornleigh v Kenthurst**

We arrived in the rain but thankfully the sun came out before the game started.

Due to school holidays and other commitments we only had the bare numbers. This didn't stop us from playing some great football.

We dominated the first half in both defence and attack and what we worked at in training was definitely paying off for us.

After a great first half we continued to play good football and only gave Kenthurst chances as we tired.

This week saw Luca and Franco score their first goals of the season with Daniel being the other goal scorer. Our back line was supported by Rocco in goals who made some great saves as well as quick accurate release of the ball. Luca, Jayden and Lachlon were fantastic in defence all game. Daniel, Franco and Levi are really working well together and some of the passing between them was great to watch.

A huge thank you to Lachlon Harris who filled in for us. He was absolutely outstanding and you are welcome any time!

Player of the week was Luca Franzin who not only scored his first goal (from 20 yards out!) but put into the game what we worked at in training as well as worked tirelessly all game!

Let's keep the good football going!

### **U11 Red Thornleigh v Epping**

As a result of some below par weather, the u11 Red game against Epping looked like it was going to be one to watch from the car for parents. However, the inclement weather gave us a perfect gap with no rain. The coffee van arrived – outstanding. Game on! Both teams started at a frantic pace.

Thornleigh withstood some early attack from the visitors with James, Lachlan Knowles and Nicholas solid at the back. The midfield started stringing some passes together with Eric finding lots of space to move down the left, Ysobel on the right and Hamish controlling the middle. The opposition were strong and withstood some good attack from Sophia and Lachlan Bailey and George up front. Epping gave plenty back and peppered Hugo in goals who made some great saves and got the ball back out early for the midfield.

Into the second half, Nicholas moved into goals and wasn't intimidated by some solid Epping attack. Hugo shuffled into defence and put his body on the line which resulted in a short injury stint off the pitch. Eric continued to bother opposition down the left with some great breaks. James and Lachlan Knowles moved up the front and created plenty of chaos for Epping. George covered well on the right getting some good ball to Hamish down the right flank. Sophia, Ysobel and Lachlan Bailey remained solid in the middle. An exciting second half and strong game overall by the young Thunder.

### **U12/4 Thornleigh v All Saints Hunters Hill**

The wet weather could not dampen the spirits of this team who week in week out give it everything they got. Every week we see a huge amount of improvement. Despite being in a tough grade the team always has a smile on their faces with heads held high and never say die attitude.

The defence with Emily, Georgina, Michaela, Annabelle and Aliyah were terrific as always helping Jack F in goals who again had a great game. Jack O, Sparsh and Christian were contributing defensively and creating good chances feeding the ball to Adele who always looked threatening. The team really benefited from the help of our super fill-ins Lachie, George and James who got close to scoring. James also magically heading the ball while flat on the ground – really impressive and despite his brave face we could tell it hurt. Player of week went to Annabelle who is making astonishing progress.