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President's Report:



How wonderful was the weekend...

The weather smiled on us again (I've probably just jinxed the upcoming round) and provided a beautiful 2 days for soccer. The ovals are grassed beautifully. The green tinge has held. Freshly cut ovals and a temperature that didn't seem right for the dates in our calendars.

The scene was set for great soccer. Lucky enough to see 6 games again this weekend our players did us proud both home and away. Eastwood proved worthy competitors to several of our teams.

A real pity the Super League team were edged out of a more favourable result: again a terrific game to watch. It was fantastic to see such great support and even better to see how many people's eyes were glued to the game. Especially great was the close attention from teams of kitted juniors torn between jumping castles and the game.

"CONGRATULATIONS" to Phil Downey and all who volunteered to help with aspects of the Gala Fun Day. A splendid event hugely attended with extremely positive feedback from all concerned. Special mentions to long serving BBQ crews and a huge thank you to sponsors in attendance. 'THANK YOU'.

Thanks also to a resilient band of volunteers who fronted up yet again to help with all things sausage, onion, bacon egg and BBQ on Sunday at Westleigh Village. John, David, Stuart, a huge shift by Andrew & Marty B, Phil, Ash, Will, John, Bruce, the Eggers boys (who sold more lollies than Aldi that day) and Janina for both ends of the day canteen in a day she usually avoids Oakleigh. A huge volume of sausages sold making vital funds for the Thunders funding and subsidisation of training, keeping rego fees down and supporting local community activities.

What a wonderful weekend to be a small part of a thriving and caring community club!

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 14th May 2016:

Thornleigh U6 Purple B

It was yet another exciting game for the Thunder boys this week.

We had a full team and it was wonderful to see the improvement in play after a few weeks of play and training. Lucas made a few runs for the goal and provided some excellent defensive moves. Daniel and Leo put their training on display calling out to team mates as they were passing the ball.

There was phenomenal team work as well with a couple of runs down the field and one in particular by Max with a pass to Zach, who managed to score a beautiful goal....His first of the season.

He followed up with a couple of beauties while also playing a strong defensive game.

The game was rounded up with some great goals from Matt as well.

Always a pleasure to watch, this little team keep spectators on their toes!!!

U6 Purple A Thornleigh SC vs Glenhaven SC

It was another unseasonably warm Saturday morning for Thornleigh U6 Purple A to play a competent Glenhaven team at their home ground. The starting pack displayed the energy and enthusiasm of players AARON CHINNIAH, JEREMY BEARD, LILY PARKINSON and REBECCA TILLEY. Lily and Rebecca work well together and show more and more confidence each week in the way they approach the ball. Aaron always puts his best effort into moving the ball forward and takes every opportunity to aim for the goal. Jeremy exhibited his usual speed on the field and managed to turn the ball and get it moving in the right direction on a number of occasions. The team shared the play well and soon LACHLAN BROMILEY, HANNAH COSTELLOE and OLIVIA CURRIE were on the field for their turn. Lachlan is a keen defender and is wonderful at giving the ball a big kick to move it away from the sea of competing legs. It is a joy to see Olivia's skills building exponentially, she is developing into a strong, confident player. Hannah always displays a determined attitude on the field and her consistent effort was rewarded with a goal towards the end of the match. It was lovely to see members from both teams shaking hands and then continuing to play in a fun and friendly way after the game.

U11 Thornleigh v Eastwood St Andrews

Another un-seasonably warm sunny day welcomed Thornleigh Thunder (TT) & Eastwood St Andrews to Ruddock Park. TT provided a fast-paced & committed performance all round, much to the delight of the vociferous home supporters. Some highlights which caught the eye: **LACHLAN B**'s marauding runs down the right wing to send TT into attack. **LACHLAN K** sliding some great through-balls to turn defense into attack. **HUGO**, imperious in defense thwarted every attack by the opposition. **GEORGE** was always aware of any potential attacks & calmly diffused the danger with robust challenges. **SOPHIA** marshalled the midfield & kept the TT engine room humming along. **NICK** was always ready to put his body on the

line for the team & didn't disappoint. **JAMES** worked in some nice weaving runs upfront. **LACHLAN F**, never gives up on any ball & wins every 40:60 ball. **ERIC** chimed in with some excellent interceptions & well-timed passes with that elegant left foot. **YSOBEL** was very solid as GK in the 1st half, then won the ball in midfield in the 2nd half & distributed well for fast transition from defense to attack. **HAMISH** showed no ill effects of recent events & threw himself around acrobatically in the 2nd half as GK to protect the goal. In conclusion, another excellent performance of attacking play & terrific teamwork which continues to improve with every match.

U12/5 Thornleigh vs Eastwood

This was our first game after requesting to have our division reassessed and being moved to division 5. It was another gorgeous sunny day with no sign of the supposed winter, long may that continue. As usual, Emily played a fantastic game, keeping Eastwood on their toes. Jack O and Georgina were also on fine form playing defensively throughout the game. For part of the second half, Annabelle was asked to be goalie which seems to be her calling as she was magnificent at it. There was some great running by Sparsh, Michaela, Aliyah and Ashton. Jack F had an awesome save in goals in the first half and Chloe defended well, clearing the ball from the goal line in the first half. The whole team showed good heart in the 2nd half with Eastwood making multiple substitutions which we were unable to do. Despite tiredness, they never gave up.