



**Thornleigh Sports & Recreation Club Inc.**

**SOCCER DIVISION**

**Blue & Gold Newsletter**

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**Deadline for Blue & Gold: Tuesday 6pm**

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### Committee Report - brought to you by Simon Bailey:

Over the last few years the committee has been working to drive passion and spirit for all players wearing the 'Blue and Gold Stripes' of Thunder FC. This spirit is really starting to come through and it starts from the top. Round 6 saw our Super League teams play against Putney Rangers at the home of Thunder, Oakleigh Oval. Reserve Grade came away with a very solid 3-0 win putting them 4th on the table. First Grade kicked off at 3pm, they got out to a commanding 3-0 win before giving the fans a bit of a fright when Putney put in 2 late goals. They held on for a 3-2 win and have held their 2nd position on the table.

AC/DC's Thunderstruck was playing before and after each game. It was also heard after each goal, this really adds to the atmosphere of a home game. The highlight for me was when the First Grade team allowed the young Thunder fans into the dressing room for the victory song. The team clapped the young ones into the room and sprayed them with water at the end of the celebration, brilliant effort by the guys. Letting them in was one thing but involving them was another. Great show of spirit from a great bunch of young men leading from the top of our club. My son sang the song for 2 hours after we left. Dad, I want to win the GF this year so we can sing that song too!!

I was talking to a parent new to our club this year, who attended their first SL home game and they could not speak highly enough of how much they have enjoyed the atmosphere and welcoming nature our club brings. It beats our previous local club hands down.

Let's continue to drive this sort of spirit through every team in our club.

See you around the ovals,

Kind Regards,  
Simon Bailey on behalf of the committee and the president



Oakleigh for the early birds last Saturday morning - getting the day off to a cold but brilliant start.



We know this face... Mr Ashley Foster winner of the \$50 Cantucci voucher at the Super League game.

### Important Notices:-

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](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 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.

### Schedule for the photos at Kindy Cola (Thornleigh West Public School) this Saturday 20 May 2017.

Players must wear their uniform and managers and coaches wear their Thornleigh thunder shirt. If absent the player will be listed as such - there will be NO insets... sorry. If late then they miss out and will be listed as absent. Photos are included at no additional cost and will be given to players at the end of season presentation. Photos will go ahead rain, hail or shine.

TEAM	ARRIVAL TIME
6 Green A	7:40am
6 Purple C	7:50am
15-3	8:00am
6 Green B	8:10am
6 Red A	8:15am
6 Red B	8:20am
10 Red	8:30am
9 Gold	8:40am
11 Purple	8:50am
8 Black	8:55am
7 Green A	9:00am
9 Blue	9:00am
12-5	9:10am
7 Purple A	9:20am
17-1	9:30am
6 Red C	9:35am
12-2	9:40am
16-3	9:50am
17-3	10:10am
9 Green	10:15am
11 Gold	10:20am
7 Red B (was Yellow)	10:30am
6 Purple B	10:40am
8 Gold B (was Yellow)	10:50am
8 Blue	10:55am
14-2	11:00am
10 Yellow	11:10am
13-2	11:20am
14-4	11:35am
6 Purple A	11:40am
7 Green B	11:50am
8 Gold	11:50am
7 Red	12:00pm
10 Orange	12:10pm
7 Purple B	12:15pm
16-2	12:30pm
18-1	12:40am
9 Purple	12:45pm

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## **MATCH REPORTS FROM 13<sup>th</sup> May 2017:**

### **U6 Red A vs Normanhurst**

Another fun and great game enjoyed by all. The great thing we saw this week was Alex finally getting into the game. It was so exciting to see the confidence finally coming through much to the delight of the fans – jaw dropping. Great to see the whole team again there this week bringing their smiles and giggles with more and more splashes of skills. Excellent to see and well done coach Carl – the kids are really shining under your guidance.

### **U6 Red C**

The Under 6 Red Team had a great game on Saturday 13th and they showed good progress in team work. Sylvia was the player of the week by playing very well specially with her good defense, Josh again showed his instinct skill in soccer by scoring two goals. Ben and Rebecca did very well in defense and offence. Pouya and Louis covered the field with good kick-ins.

### **U15/3 vs North Ryde**

The start of the 12/2s saw Thornleigh Thunder up against North Ryde SC somewhere in the middle of Oakleigh Oval, surrounded by a heavy fog that had rolled in over the ground just before kick off. Calling would be a key to the first half. After some initial back and forth the teams settled into position, with Ryde bolstered with some size in the middle and speed in their defensive line whilst Thornleigh took a little time to find their passes in the morning mist.

Thornleigh worked their way forward and after a couple of minutes Josh off loaded to James H in the clear who slotted the first one for the day and Thornleigh were away.

Ryde challenged the defensive line and Thunder responded with a good save by Hamish. There was some great defence by Hugo, James D, Henry and Olivia, as always taking it to the boys. With the ball being worked through the midfield by Foxy, LB, Eric and Alex, Sam broke through with some classy footwork and put the second one away. There were bodies on the line with George and James D working hard to keep Ryde out and this allowed the forwards put more pressure on the Ryde backs. Foxy was solid though the middle as the Thunder were able to 'man up' to the physical challenges for the ball. Alex

peppered the Ryde post and Eric finished well to put the third one away to give Thunder a solid lead going into the second half.

The half time rev up by coach Paul included a call to start fast and use the open spaces now visible as the fog had almost cleared. With that, a ball through from Sam put Josh in open space and he was able to find the back of the net. The second half had Alex in goal and George, Henry and Hamish working the ball up the sideline with some great runs. Both LB and Hugo worked through leg injuries as the Thunder kept pushing the opposition and a Ryde hand ball allowed Thunder another successful attempt at goal. There was some good touches, great commitment and well positioned play. Thunder still have another gear to go but the 5-0 result was testament to the team play today. The toughness showed by Foxy in taking on the opposition earned him man of the match.

### **U15/3 vs Normanhurst**

The team showed good improvements throughout the game vs. Normanhurst Soccer Club. Today, we had 13 players attending to the match and it turned out with a great win. Straight at the start, we had some amazing passes, Riley with the entry goal, stunning shot there. Then we had Oliver dribbling through mid against four players but just misses the shot. We also had Lucas and Riley's other goal throughout the half.

Till half time it was 3-1, our team was winning but the other team was working hard back to the lead on the second half.

Number 9 on Normanhurst, nearly scored a goal but Daniel just got him on the line. The other team also showed passes from the back line to middle while we tried to take control of the ball. While the other team scored a goal, our team scored one as well. Till the end it was 4-2, and it was a fun morning.