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**SOCCER DIVISION**

**Blue & Gold Newsletter**

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## Committee Report - brought to you by George Mokdsi:

Dear members

Well we are about half way through the season which means we are approaching the business end of the competition. By now teams have a good idea of how they fair in the competition and volunteers are right in the groove of things as they coach, manage, BBQ and run around doing all sorts of valuable tasks for the club. Well done volunteers and committee.

A few teams I thought were worth mentioning... well done to the 12/2's, 16/2's, 16/3's, 17/3's who are all leading their respective competitions. The club wishes you the best in the remaining games and we are all cheering you on. Special mention to 14/4's who picked up their second draw last Saturday - coming close to winning their first game. They have battled hard and improved all competition under the guidance of their coach Paul Taylor who has believed in them all the way. Paul's encouragement and spirit is what this club is all about. The old man Dad's team O35/1's have also come away with only their second draw as they continue to strive for their first win of the season.

Our super league side is sitting pretty in 4<sup>th</sup> position only 4 points off the lead after a hard fought draw last Saturday. Good luck and we are behind you for the rest of the season - hoping you finish on top!

Sorry about the formatting problem last week but we missed an important note from Darren which was...

*Remember the U16 Fiji Trip Trivia night on 22 July and their fundraising BBQ at Ruddock every Saturday. Go to [www.trybooking.com](http://www.trybooking.com) for Trivia night tickets. Anyone with auctions items/prizes for the Trivia night, we can put you in touch with the U16s. They'd love to hear from you. Further info below.*

Good luck for the weekend.  
George Mokdsi on behalf of the committee and the president



Our brilliant training shirts finally arrived like manna from the heavens but where is mine asks Jack!

Thank you to all the volunteers, committee and sponsors who made this happen. A brilliant idea and didn't the kids love it!!

**GO THUNDER!**



### 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.



**JUL 22** Trivia Night fun to benefit Fiji trip  
Public · Hosted by Thornleigh Thunder FC

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🕒 Saturday, July 22 at 7 PM - 11 PM

📍 Thornleigh West Public School  
Giblett Avenue, Sydney, Australia 2120    [Show Map](#)

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## **Thornleigh Under 16 Fiji Tour October 2017**

The main fundraiser for Thornleigh Under 16 Fiji Tour is a Trivia Night which will be held at the Thornleigh West Public School hall on 22<sup>nd</sup> July commencing at 7pm.

Each player will be allocated to a table and help you to enjoy your evening.

A great night's entertainment is planned. Why not make up a table of 10 and come along, or we can place you at a table. The evening will commence at 7pm and we ask that you bring along nibbles. We have authorisation for BYO alcohol to be consumed. The hall will be decorated in our blue and gold and with an Islander theme. We have a professional quizmaster to run the trivia part of the evening. Please bring along your gold coins so that you can take part in raffles. We will also be conducting an auction of items donated by our generous sponsors, and Martin Dargan will be our auctioneer.

We promise a ton of fun for only \$30 per head. There will be lots of prizes. Booking is easy.

- 1 Go to [trybooking.com](http://trybooking.com)
- 2 Select "Buy tickets"
- 3 Type in "Thornleigh Trivia Night"
- 4 Follow the prompts to give your name.

If you cannot make it on the evening, but would like to support the team, we welcome donations. BSB 012 373 Account 304521681

Further Craig Millard (Coach) 0425 336 560 [craig.millard@transport.nsw.gov.au](mailto:craig.millard@transport.nsw.gov.au)

# Thunder FC Sponsors – 2017 Season

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## **MATCH REPORTS FROM 27<sup>th</sup> May 2017:**

### **Under 6 Red C Thornleigh vs Roselea - Coach Craig Cura**

A very close game drew out the best display of team work from the Thunder so far this year. After a flying start the Thunder held of a late come back from Roselea. The entire Thunder team had a part to play throughout the course of the game. Passing, kicking, dribbling and some impressive defence rounded off a great morning. Louis Mulholland took the player of the day award that could easily have been awarded to each of the team members on the day, the team looks forward to the coming weeks game with growing confidence and definite team work developing.

### **Under 7 Red Thornleigh Thunder vs Pennant Hills**

The Under 7 T-Rex's had a tough game against the mighty girls from PENNO. LEO and MARLEY were impressive in attack, with some skilful passing and great runs at goal. XAVIER had a terrific game, working tirelessly in both attack and defence and thoroughly deserved his "player of the match" award. TYLER and LACHIE were workhorses in defence, putting their bodies on the line, their doggedness often winning them the ball back. ELISE had a cracker of a game with many great bursts up the ground and was very unlucky to not score. In the second-half, XAVIER made a great break and with some very clever footwork held off the PENNO defenders to score an impressive goal. Great game with herculean efforts by all. The T-Rex's should be very proud of themselves.

### **Under 10 Yellow Thunder vs West Ryde Rovers**

We were back at Ruddock Park after a good result last week for another 8.30am game! Although the weather was bright our start to the game wasn't as bright. We conceded the first goal of the game from a corner with West Ryde being hungrier for the ball. Thunder started to create a few chances however we were defending more than usual for the first half. Bryce made some important saves to keep us in it at half time. At the break we spoke about playing our football and not letting the opposition make us play at their level. We also wanted to get back to knocking the ball around and getting first to the ball. The second half was end to end with chances for both teams being created but neither side finishing it off. With 15 minutes to go Thunder clicked into gear and showed how well they can play football. The opposition didn't know what hit them as we

completely outplayed them in every aspect and every part of the field. It was so impressive that even the opposition coaching staff were applauding what the boys were doing!

Even though we were under pressure a lot through the first half and into the second half, our defence of Bryce, Jayden, Dan, Luca, Chris and Auden worked as hard as ever to make it difficult for West Ryde to get any easy chances. The back line is starting to communicate and this is just another area of improvement they are showing.

Our midfield and attack of Levi, Franco, Cooper, Daniel and Mitch found the going tough but as always kept putting in a huge effort and were rewarded with some fantastic goals late in the game. Some of the combination play as we went forward was a pleasure to watch.

The team is really starting to gel together and understand the new style of play due to having a midfield for the first time. It is a credit to the way the boys train, their passion for football as well as the enjoyment they get out of it that shows in every game.

Player of The Week was Bryce who made some fantastic saves in both halves to really keep us in the game and let the opposition know that they were going to have to do something special to score. Well done Bryce!

#### Under12/2 THL 6 v Redfield 4

What a great display of soccer by the team this weekend. I believe they can show Sunderland how soccer is played. The opening stanza was tense with both teams feeling each other out, with some great saves by Hamish, who was in goals first half, but Redfield managed to score first when we missed a few opportunities to clear the ball out of our box. That goal was just the Tonic the team needed to lift and Sam put on some nice touches through to Josh who pushed a shot over the crossbar, a warning sign of things to come. Our Defence stood strong with the Immovable Duo Mr Fox and Massey, along with the likes of Miss Olivia, who's princess appearance seemed to dazzle the opposition as they simply could not get passed her. Eric and Alex would not be outdone and were simply awesome in defence and little whippets in attack. With some fantastic team passing, especially up the right hand side between Josh, Sam and Alex they managed to equalize through Josh. Straight after the kickoff we were back on attack and Sam pushed a beauty passed the keeper, from outside the box. Hamish was like a brick wall in goal and could be in line for a Sunderland call up soon. Henry also got stuck in with some deft passes and great touches and Little George was like a tiger around the field, chasing everything down but played with finesse as well.. The team then had a small lapse in concentration and let Redfield equalize. This seemed to ignite the fire in the player belly they managed to put some bewdiful passes together and Josh scoring a belter after receiving a great ball from Sam. We were on the attack again with Alex just pushing a great left foot wide of the goal and went into the break 4-2 in front.

The team started the 2nd half like they finished off the first and pushing for some more goals. Redfield managed to get a breakout against the run of play, but with Henry now in goal, made a great save to nullify their attack. With some deft passes between the player Eric pushed a great through ball and Sam put one in the back of the net. Shortly thereafter Eric scored a screamer after some awesome team play. Hamish, who was now playing up front just missed an opportunity to score off a great header! It was simply great example of attacking football, by both teams and was played in great Spirit. Thornleigh played their hearts out and managed to come out on top with a 6-4 result. All-in-all a great day for Thornleigh Thunder