



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 Geoff Knowles:

Dear members,

A hearty and very appreciative thanks to all the Coaches, Managers and Parents who helped volunteer last Saturday at the Westleigh Water Board Alliance Community FIREWORKS: you made all the difference again. Your help meant we were able to handle more than double the expected volume of locals. An amazing attendance!

Feedback from community has been overwhelming and Thornleigh Thunder FC is proud to be an inaugural member of the Alliance. We need a local voice. We need to be involved. Britannia Street Pennant Hills is not where we want to go for training and home games!!

More than that, COMMUNITY is vital and it is our objective to keep offering wonderful events locally.

Congratulations again to the Trivia night team from the previous weekend who also raised good funds for their initiative, whilst running an amazing night with wonderful involvement and best wishes for the 2017 Fiji Tour.

Home games again this weekend with a bonus for 25 kids in Thunder Strip on the sideline at half time, with a free Sausage sandwich and bottle of water for 25 youngsters. Do come along and watch our great sports SL 2's at 1pm and SL1's at 3pm at Oakleigh.

Thunder is also supporting SUNDAY FUNDAY MINI GAMES 10-2 at Oakleigh 6th August; mini games of Soccer and Cricket followed by a bigger game from about 11:30. This is 'Thunder CRICKET's' team selection, registration and try cricket day.



U14/4 Never gave up and fought with great spirit right till the end

Come along have a kick, bat and bowl. Try cricket. Full BBQ running and Canteen open. Parents v kids, PARENTS with kids, kids v kids, all sorts of fun.

We are also encouraging 'Try Softball Sunday' at Ruddock so do head there in the morning too/ some at both ovals.

We just want you to "HAVE A BALL..."

See you on the ovals.
Kind Regards,
Geoff Knowles

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. **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.

Super League update

SPECIAL OFFER – THERE WILL BE 25 FREE SAUSAGE SANDWICH VOUCHERS HANDED OUT AT HALF TIME TO KIDS IN THUNDER GEAR. Valid for use on Saturday 12th August (following weekend) at Oakleigh.

Our boys had a tough game last week and came home with 2 late goals to secure a 3-2 win at Oakleigh.

After that win they have snuck back into 4th position by one point. We desperately need a win this week and some other results to go our way to stay in the Top 4.

Let's give the guys a HUGE home game send off for 2017. They have improved out of sight from last year where we were fighting at the end of the season to avoid relegation to this year fighting for a top 4 finish, what a turnaround. They deserve the clubs support and Coach Carl and Manager Bruce have done a brilliant job with the squad this year.

The quality of football on Oakleigh this season from the 1st Grade team has been wonderful. I have witnessed some top class goals scored.

This will be potentially the last opportunity for the YOUNG THUNDER CREW to be a part of a victory celebration in the dressing sheds. A special experience for the youngsters and is well supported by the top players in our club who welcome them into the rooms.

Oakleigh Oval

Saturday 5th August

Reserve Grade Kickoff 1pm

First Grade Kick off 3pm

Thunder FC Sponsors – 2017 Season

Thunder FC relies on the financial support of its sponsors to provide the necessary gear and equipment to supplement the various running costs of the club. Therefore, we gratefully acknowledge the support of the following sponsors for the 2017 season and encourage everyone associated with Thunder FC to support these local businesses.



MATCH REPORTS FROM 29th July 2017:

Under 10 Yellow Thunder vs West Ryde Rovers

We were at Meadowbank for our thirteenth 8.30am game in a row! Next week we have a 10.30am game which will finally allow a sleep in for the parents!

Everyone was back on deck this week meaning we had 3 subs for the first time this season. A new experience for the manager but it was handled like there was nothing different!

The boys started slowly and while we were a bit slow getting to the ball we were going forward well and creating chances. Unfortunately we conceded within the first 10 minutes putting us on the back foot. West Ryde were making it difficult for us in midfield as they didn't really keep any structure leaving big gaps we couldn't fill.

However from a spectators point of view it was an end to end game from the first whistle! We kept ourselves in the game with some last second defence but also with some good football going forward.

Through some fantastic quick passing we made a quick counter attack to open our scoring for the day. This seemed to kick us into gear and we continued to create chances but couldn't find the back of the net! From here the end to end game kept going and not even half time could change it.

Our defence this week absorbed a lot of pressure with our keepers making key saves throughout the game. Jayden, Chris, Dan, Auden and Cooper worked hard all game and never gave up while working hard to get us on our attacking feet from deep in our half.

This weeks midfield and attack saw Luca, CR, Franco, Levi, Cooper and Mitch work hard all game. We created chances at key times and were unlucky not to score more than we did.

As I have said before the boys tenacity, never give up attitude and team bond is exceptional and is why they have been so successful this season.

Player of the Week this game was Chris who took over the gloves for the first half and made some great saves. He then resumed his defensive role with his usual no nonsense attitude. Well done Chris and well deserved!