

Deadline for Blue & Gold: Tuesday 6pm

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Committee Report - brought to you by Geoff Knowles:

Happy Thunder all,

Fingers crossed that we get a full round in this weekend folks because the seasons running out!

Naturally we will do all we can to communicate the updates if weather effected, so you can all plan to do other things... please try and fit in:

 Minister Julian Lesser at Westleigh Village Sat 10-12 so get in his ear about funding for local fields please;
Sausage sandwich and Canteen yummies at Oakleigh with a Home Round with SL2 at 1pm, then SL1 at 3pm on Oakleigh;

3) BUNNINGS BBQ all day 16th come and support your Thunder Fiji U16s fund raising.

We play for fun, so please encourage smiles and fun times during all games; encourage positive play and do not criticise. REMEMBER it is an offence to 'yell out to the referee' and some of them are only 2 years older than your kids, still learning and hoping to enjoy their game too. This week a 14 year old child (with parent) from a close club appeared at the GPT tribunal for foul and abusive language directed at a referee, received a red card for that, the child then continued to berate the Ref, use foul language and made comments about OPSM. The crowd joined in.

It often starts with yelling about offsides. It often flows into critical comments. It's not ok!

So smiles all round on Thunder players and especially the kids. Fun times, football for the fun of it, encouragement no matter what and hugs all round at the end. Lean over and pick up the tackled player, shake hands before, during and after, 3 cheers from both teams to each other and the Refs.

See you on our local ovals, have a lovely weekend!

Kind Regards, Geoff Knowles +61(0) 409 007 134

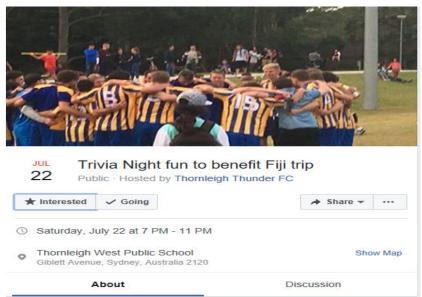


"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed people can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." ~ Margaret Mead

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 <u>mokdsi.george@gmail.com</u>. **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.



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 22nd 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
- 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

Thunder FC Sponsors – 2017 Season

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MATCH REPORTS FROM 8th July 2017:

U6 Red

The Under 6 Red Team had a great game on Saturday 8th and they showed good progress in team work and passing the ball. Sylvia was the player of the week by playing very well specially with her good defense and passes, Josh was very good in both defense and offence. Ben and Pouya showed good progress in dribbling and passing. Rebecca did good kick-ins and saved the goal couple of times.

12/2 Thornleigh vs WPHC

The Thornleigh Thunder were motivated for 12 wins on the trot. The 12/2s have had a strong season to date and they were ready for a very capable West Pennant Hills. One of the many successes of the 12/2s are the people they have had in goal. Hamish Reynolds has been the regular custodian between the sticks and has been nothing short of fearless making many strong saves and leaving his box when needed. He did that regularly to begin with but Thunder found themselves in the precarious position of being 1-0 down. The team it must be said play with such confidence the score rarely phases them. The next opportunity came to Josh Mitchell who runs like a thoroughbred and his speed is a burning differentiator. The score very quickly became 1-1 with Josh finding the net with a delightful shot. George had a game where he often found space made great passes and was also on the scoresheet. He found it twice and had one of the great games of the season. His partner in crime Sam Bacon left many in defence gasping for air. Sam is amazing so fleet of foot and also knocked in two. The defence was also required on occasion and it was so wonderful to have Lachlan Knowles back. He was the rock in defence with the enforcer Lachlan Fox. These two boys (quickly becoming men) stopped everything that came their way. Eric shows enormous skill complementing the rock and the enforcer skilfully holding the ball up and distributing from the back. He also found himself moving up the field finding the back of the net also. Hugo was the custodian for the second half leaping around like a Salmon and made a save that had his dad almost weeping, he threw himself to the right knocking the ball around the right hand goal post. Alex had his usual effortless game where he would shoot from 25 to 30 yards out or make a 35 yard pass and hit someone's feet, he makes the game look so easy. LB did likewise as he just glides along the turf and continues to make the right hand side his own. Whilst LB owns the right Olivia owns the left, there is no one as calm and rarely does anyone go by her. James Dandie had a game where he was all round the park the highlight being the one

on one he had with West Pennant Hills keeper. The boys ended up winning 6-2 and making it 12 on the trot and the spirit in which they play the game has made all parents proud as punch along with their very fine coach.

Super League Update

Our boys played out another really tight win away last weekend.

That leaves us still holding 4th position on the ladder with 4 rounds left in the competition.

This week we are up against St Patricks Football Club who are 1 point AHEAD of us in 3rd position so a HUGE GAME.

They need our support so please get down to Oakleigh Oval and support the team, get the kids up there is there Thunder strip or newly supplied training shirts to advertise our wonderful sponsors.

COME DOWN, CHEER ON THE SQUAD WHO LOVE PLAYING AT HOME IN FRONT OF A CROWD, THEY NEED YOU!!!!!!!!

Please come down, watch some great quality football, enjoy the vibe that is building with each home game this season, support the top players in our club and meet some other team parents or other club families and make an afternoon of it in the sunshine at Oakleigh Oval.

Hope to see plenty of you down there.

Oakleigh Oval Saturday 15th July Reserve Grade Kickoff 1pm First Grade Kick off 3pm

Simon Bailey

Super League Home Game Co-Ordinator