



# THE ACORN

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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Yet another big week of football at Scammell Reserve this weekend. A big thanks to Clancy, Jackie and the young ladies helping out in the canteen last Sunday! They opened up very early and finished pretty late with the last game of U16 Girls.

Another thanks to the U16 & U18 Girls' teams for hosting Sunday nights' Grub at the Club. The timing wasn't ideal with both teams having late games, thanks for the happy faces serving up the food! Thanks to all the parents and players it was a big effort and it was delicious!

Lock this date in! The trivia night has been booked for Friday the 4<sup>th</sup> of June, more information in this Acorn. We need a table from each team and now is the time to start planning. \$15 per ticket, drinks at bar prices and you are guaranteed a great fun night with other parents of the Oakleigh Dragons!

We are now starting to plan Friday night games so if any team has any requests, please contact myself or Melita.

Don't forget Grub again at Scammell next Sunday, hosted by U15s.

Good luck this week!

Pat Heverin

# GO DRAGONS

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## MILESTONE GAMES!

### CONGRATULATIONS

# 50 GAMES

**BAILEY FANTON - U15 BOYS**

Having a milestone game?

Send details and photo to Kathy at [complianceOYCFC@gmail.com](mailto:complianceOYCFC@gmail.com)



### CONGRATULATIONS

# 100 GAMES



**TOM HEVERIN - U15 BOYS**



DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?  
If you have any photos you'd like in the next Acorn,  
please email them with a description to Kathy at [complianceOYCFC@gmail.com](mailto:complianceOYCFC@gmail.com)





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GATHER THE GANG AND GET COMPETITIVE!

# OAKLEIGH DRAGONS TRIVIA NIGHT

## THEME: OP SHOP FORMAL

FRIDAY THE 4TH OF JUNE

7:00PM

TICKETS \$15

PAY AT THE CANTEEN OR VIA BANK  
DEPOSIT:

BSB 633000, ACC 156380958

DESCRIPTION: "TRIVIA - NAME AND  
EMAIL ADDRESS"

Questions? Contact registrarOYCFC@gmail.com

### CANTEEN NEWS

Thanks to everyone for your great support following the removal of disposable cups from our canteen a few years ago. Between the Krushers on Saturdays and the Dragons on Sundays, so far just this season over 526 disposable cups saved from landfill!



Don't forget Keep Cups are available for purchase too.

### BAR NEWS

Welcome to our new Bar Managers -  
Chris Ward and Gab Dunn!

Celebrating the first beer pour from Chris.



We all hope to see Gab behind the bar, not stuck at Monash Hospital next time ;)

## COACHES' REPORTS

### U9 MIXED FERGAL HOURIHANE

This week we welcomed Murrumbeena JFC to Scammell Reserve for our fifth game of the season. We were coming off a strong training session and hopes were high for a big performance. Once again we had two evenly matched teams but this was a much more open game than the previous two.

It felt like we were always in control of the game but Murrumbeena kept coming back and scoring more easily than us. It was a drawn match at half time – we were up by 5 at the end of the third quarter and kicked a couple of more in the final quarter to close the game out.

I was very pleased with how our forwards worked really hard in the final quarter to keep the ball in their zone. It was also good to see some of our work in training beginning to pay off. Special mention this week goes to David who got his hands on a lot of ball today and kept it moving. Well done to Karlos and Cuan for their first goals of the season and Phoenix for getting one on his birthday.

David, Spyros, Max and Thomas have been waiting patiently for a victory to enable them to blast out the Club Song !!!! they got it - Well done - Go Dragons.



### U10 MIXED DAVID CASH

v Mordi-Braeside in our 2<sup>nd</sup> home game

Our 1<sup>st</sup> game after Grading was at Scammell at a very respectable 10.30am, all the players were at the ground with plenty of time to spare and got a good warm up happening.

One of the issues we have had in previous weeks was the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter, starting slow and missing the jump out of the block – this week something clicked, and we were switched on from the 1<sup>st</sup> ball up, great job boys.

We started against the wind but kicked 2 goals in the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter and kept the momentum all day and continued to play well. The tackling was very strong with some of our players even held players up from falling to the ground to avoid a free kick against or injuring the opposition player, every week we are working on ensuring our tackles are strong but safe for both the players involved.

Our number one priority is for everyone to HAVE FUN and the way the boys sang the song in the change rooms after the game with smiles from ear to ear showed they enjoyed themselves. After the song I took the opportunity to have the boys sit at the whiteboards in Change Room 1 and looking at all the faces, I started going through all the great pieces of play I witnessed today, and it very quickly dawned on me that there wasn't a player in the team that didn't play significantly better than their 1<sup>st</sup> few games this year – they are all improving from what ever level they started the season at – it put a very broad smile on my face.

If you saw me after the game, you might have thought my smile was from the win, and although I was happy with the outcome, I was 100 times more happy about the way our all the boys played. Keep up the practice and learning and we will have lots more fun during the year playing football for the Dragons.

### U11 MIXED YELLOW MARK D'ROZARIO

The Under 11 Yellow team played their first game at home this year. It was great to be at WA Scammell Reserve. The game was a tight tussle and low scoring. Only four goals were kicked to 3 quarter time. Two to each team. Our boys kicked two in the last quarter to none to win by that very same margin.

We had 5 boys that help from the U10s. Thanks to Cristiano, Rhys, Heath, Josh & Liam. They were terrific and will be welcomed back any time.

The defence held up well. Harland and Andrew rebounded well. Max had some great touches on the last line of defence defying opposition goals and Robbie made some crunching tackles and took a great mark.

In the midfield, Darcy Ryan and Darcy Moreland worked well together. Darcy R getting plenty of clearances and roved beautifully and Darcy M was a good link man and kicked a couple of goals. He played another cracker of a game. Oliver Gray ran hard on the wing and got to many contests. Fionn played all over, took some great marks and laid some crunching tackles and finished with a good goal.

In the forward line, Kavya showed some skill in tackles and is getting more of the ball. Paul finished with a good goal and got the reward for his hard work. More boys in the team are getting the ball and the confidence is building. The defensive side keeps getting better and this is a good sign to me that the boys are getting used to the physical side of the game. Plenty of good signs and a good win to the team.

Most importantly, a big thanks to Jean and the team of parent helpers. Thanks again

Go Dragons!



### U11 MIXED GREEN NICK SOURRIS

After grading, our Under 11 Mixed team had dropped two divisions, to Division 6. Not one person was pleased about it because we all knew that we are a better team. We were playing East Sandringham at their home ground.

As the game was about to start, the boys had a determination to prove they were a better team. During the week the coaches focused on our tackling pressure, so we were quite excited to see how the boys were going to approach the game.

Our team came out firing on all cylinders. They tackled, they chased, they harassed like a team possessed.

The opposition could only manage one goal, which came late in the 3rd quarter. At the final siren the final score was 6 points to 120 points, winning the game by 114 points. You could not wipe the smile off the boys' faces. Our club song was sung for the first time this year and it was sung with a passion I have not heard for a long time.

A few special mentions to Tom, who kicked four goals, Charlie, who kicked 3 goals. William played a blinder in the ruck and James and Sasha were pillars in our backline.

### U12 MIXED ANDREW GREEN

The Oakleigh Dragons Under 12s team this week jumped a few division and now is playing in Division 4.

This week we came up against St Bedes and had our first defeat of the season with a 55-27 loss. St Bedes got the jump on us early and scored an impressive 4 goals in the 1st quarter and the boys were a bit deflated. However we challenged the boys to lift and they conceded no goals in the second quarter.

The third quarter started promising but St Bedes were able to get a few more scores on the board which sealed the match. The boys played a solid 4th quarter to come away with a respectable loss.

The complete back line was under pressure all day and Oscar, Nathan, Henry played very well to limit the goals scored.

Remember boys that how you train is how you play so let's lift the effort.

### U12 GIRLS TONY WARD

v East Brighton Vampires JFC (Stevens)

We played at home against East Brighton Vampires JFC (Scammell Reserve). We were coming off a loss to the 'other' East Brighton Vampires team, so it would be interesting to see how we fared.

We had 13 girls available for the game, which was fantastic—with only Millie not being available through an injury she suffered in Round 1.

As in previous rounds, before the game, we emphasised some critical aspects: effort, talking, tackling, and pressure.

We named Semira captain for the day, and unfortunately, we lost the toss and commenced the game kicking against a slight breeze. Like the previous week, we came up against a pretty good Vampires football side, and we were pretty much behind the 'eight ball' from early in the first quarter. Even though I thought the girls trained pretty well on Friday as we did several 'match type' activities to help them on game day, I thought we were a bit off our game. One of our key strengths – tackling – was a little off, and we allowed the Vampires to get some easy kicks and some easy goals.



The girls still tried hard and put as much pressure as possible on the opposition, but we couldn't match the Vampires in some vital skill-based aspects of the game. Of the 13 girls who played, we have four or five girls playing their first football season, so no one should get too disheartened. In reality, it just gives us some more things to work on at training.

Some call-outs: Elaine once again did a fantastic job at fullback under immense pressure, Zoe worked very hard in the mid zone, the opposition gave Tess an award as our best player, and Miette worked hard, showing a great deal of promise.

Final Scores:

Oakleigh: 1.3.9

East Brighton Vampires JFC: 10.4.64

Best Players (in no particular order): Zoe, Elaine, Tess, Miette

Goals: Tash 1

### U13 MIXED DARREN GRENFELL

**Opponent:** Away game vs Cheltenham

**Result:** Oakleigh Dragons won 57 - 16

**Match Day Captain:** Jacob

**The Match in a paragraph:** If this group of boys were to have a rival – this was it. Cheltenham at Cheltenham. Always a hard place to go and get a win. The first half was a hard slog, with both teams playing very tough, and at times, fast moving football. A two goal lead at the half a good result for the effort put in by the Dragons. Kicking against the wind in the third quarter the Dragons held on well to maintain their advantage going into the last. And like the week before, the team was able to over-run their opponent – kicking 4 goals to none for the term to eventually run away with a 41 point victory. Not only winning the match, but also doing it with style. Standing up to their physically aggressive opponents, and without retaliation. The boys should be proud of this performance.

#### Special mentions from the game:

- 4-quarter team positioning by all players. The boys are really developing the team structure and ability to be in the best positions when the ball goes backwards or forwards.
- The tackling pressure applied by many, with a shout out to Tyson, Ethan, Zeke and Oscar.
- The run and quick handball movement of the ball of by Seb, Mitch, Tom and Joseph.
- The dominant match put on by Oliver – overshadowed and outplayed the opposition's best player who had previously won the league's Best & Fairest.
- The Dragons spirit shown, most notably in the joint rundown and pressure placed on the opposition's players by Mitch and Ethan in the last quarter.
- The personal best games of the season by Zac and Patrick.
- The dominant ruck work of Ben and Austin.
- For the second week in a row, the goal of the day kicked by Rayaana in the last quarter, when he intercepted the ball and snapped truly from some distance.
- Thanks to Oskar and Finn from the Under 12's for helping the team out and making a difference.

**Goal Scorers:** Rayaana (3), Oliver (2), Tom (2), Tyson

### U14 MIXED TIM MORELAND

Another early start (and away) for the second week in a row as we headed down the highway to St Bedes Mentone. After a late last quarter charge from the opposition, we hung on to win by 4 points 56-52.



After a solid start I thought we controlled most of the game with some exciting running football however just got exposed sometimes with some patchy defensive play. I'm sure those at the game saw some of our link up play and that's exactly what we're working on at training. Well done lads in executing our game plans offensively.

We have a few injuries at the min and got a few more today so it tested our ability to mix it up with the ground changes. Theo was on fire before he hit his head as a result of a sling tackle and Aidan was holding it together before a knock to his knee late in the game.

We lacked a bit of height with Jake and Isaac out but Nicho and Mason tried hard all day in the dual ruck role with Mason snapping a great goal in the first quarter.

Our on ballers are in good form. Bailey continues his consistent year with some strong marks and another 2 goals today. Daniel, Yanni and Giorgios just go go go trying to get us out of stoppages.

Ethan had another good game with his run and carry very important to the team's plans. This along with Jack A's elite running and Raffa's poise just adds to our mix.

For the second week in a row Jimmy showed what he's capable of with some telling defensive marks and quick play. Antonios continues to get the job done and really like Nick F's positioning in the flow of play today.

Jack W cracks in all day and Ryan's forward smarts in the first half in particular was noticeable as he had a hand in several forward plays.

Stevie's second efforts in the third quarter set up some attacks and Christian was able to lay some hard tackles ultimately turning the ball over in our favour.

Max, Matt R and Lachie tried hard all day and we had them changing in multiple positions due to our injury count.

Overall a solid performance in a hard contest so might be some sore bodies tonight. Well done to all and we'll continue to work on some things in the coming weeks.

Go Dragons

### U14 GIRLS JOHN BERNARDO

We made our way down to Elsternwick to play East Brighton Vampires. We took the field minus a couple of players and a Team Manager as they had gone to the wrong ground. However we were able to hold the opposition to 2 goals before the cavalry arrived!!

Having won our last 3 games, it enabled us to play up in a higher division and it definitely showed as the Vampires were playing great footy and showing the girls up a bit. Having picked up a couple of injuries during the game didn't help the cause.

Going into the last quarter the scores were 9 goals to 1 goal in their favour and I asked the girls not to give up and let them run all over us. And to their credit they really stepped up and played out the last quarter, at no stage do these girls ever give up. And that's why they are a great bunch of girls to coach. The end score was Vampires 10.0.60 to the Dragons' 1.0.6



### U15 BOYS JOHN McLAUGHLIN

**Opponent:** Prahran

**Result:** Oakleigh Dragons lost by 10 goals

The football Gods were smiling on us again and it was another great day for footy. Prahran travelled to Scammell to take on our U15 Boys.

There were 2 big milestones to celebrate for the game: Tommy Heverin (our Co – Captain) with 100 games, the first player in the team to reach this number and Bailey Fanton with 50 games to celebrate. Both these boys are a massive part of our team and are set for fantastic football careers. Well done to both of you.

The first quarter was competitive with the score 3 goals to 4 in favour of Prahran, a great start by Bailey playing the full forward role and marking everything in sight and kicking a couple of goals. After quarter time, the more experienced (at this level) Prahran got the better of us and increased their lead throughout the day. The boys are discovering that a drop in concentration, a miss of a target or a fumble of the ball can cause a turnover and a scoring opportunity for the opposition team. The real positive is that we are learning quickly, and we are confident we will be able to play at this level. The boys have proven to themselves that by sticking to our game plan we can mix it with these teams, we are looking forward to what the rest of the season brings.

It was great to welcome back Dylan back after an injury lay off and we had 2 of the U14s play with us, Jack A, and Daniel M. There were unfortunately a couple of injuries throughout the day with Dylan hurting a knee, Jack, and our co-captain Specky, banging their heads together which saw them both come from the ground. We wish all three a speedy recovery.

Special mentions from the game:

- Tom H and Bailey F, in their milestone games having good games.
- Specky Bernardo was easily our best with a real eye-catching performance.
- The boys are starting to bring the shepherd into their games to help one another.
- Our attack on the ball and willingness to tackle cannot be questioned, keep up the good work.

See all the boys at training this week (hopefully all on time!). We look forward to the challenges ahead.

### U16 GIRLS SIMON GREELY

– vs East Sandringham

We got to play under the Scammell lights on Sunday afternoon as East Sandringham visited us for Round 5. They were quite a strong, physical team and the game itself was a bit scrappy and congested.

There were 3 more first-gamers, and a few players missing with injury/illness and family commitments. I could not question the endeavour and effort of our team but we will need to work on improving our physicality in pack situations. We could also argue we weren't rewarded a lot for all of our tackles, but I don't want to sound like Brett Ratten.

Ideally, we would have kicked a goal or two to get some reward on the scoreboard but that didn't happen, but it wasn't through a lack of trying. There will be another tough game against St. Kilda on Sunday, so hopefully they bring a full team so our players get a decent run.

Thank you to all of the families who provided meals for 'Grub' and who helped to set up and pack up. Special thanks to Pat and Melita who were the last to leave.



Score - Oakleigh 0.0.0 East Sandringham 7.8.50

Best players – Britney, Christina, Gecko, Freya and Hailey

### U17 BOYS FABIAN AMEDEO

A very fresh Sunday afternoon at Caulfield against the Bears. The boys got jumped in the first quarter with the Bears getting away to a reasonable lead. In the second the boys got their game together with some impressive running and link work to take the lead.

The third quarter proved an eye opener for the boys as their skills let them down. They were exposed by the Bears where they took a 10 point lead into the last quarter. Would have been a lot more if not for the work of Jake Greenaway in the backline.

As much as the boys tried they couldn't claw back the deficit and went down by 18 points. Skills and fitness hurt our lads but I feel the boys learnt the value of hard work on the training track to get the result in clinch games. A great effort all round with some outstanding individual efforts. Kenta was fantastic whilst Mike was back to his best. Jake Greenaway in the backline kept us in the game.

### U18 GIRLS MIA FORTUNE & MADDIE BOX

This week the Under 18 Girls faced Beaumaris down in Cheltenham. Coming off a loss last round the girls were hungry for a win. We only had 14 players this week due to injury and other commitments, so we knew we were in for a tough one. It started off close with both teams scoring 2 goals in the first quarter. However the girls managed to keep Beauy to 3 points for the rest of the game. The girls pulled through with a great win pushing us up the ladder to third place. The girls played with great intensity and went in hard for the ball.

It was a great game to watch and we couldn't be prouder of the girls, bring on next week!

Score: Oakleigh 12.12 - 84, Beaumaris 2.3 - 15

Goals: Kaitlyn 4, Emma 3, Lucy Wales 3, Steph 1 & Treasure 1

Best on: Charlotte, Kaitlyn & Annina

- Mia & Maddie



### SMOKE-FREE

By law, smoking is banned within 10 metres (about two car lengths) of any public outdoor sporting venue during an organised under-18s event.

The ban includes training or practice sessions to prepare for an organised under-age sporting event, and breaks or intervals during the course of the event, training or practice session.



### GRUB AT THE CLUB SCHEDULE

Subject to change during the season depending on game times, your Team Manager will keep you posted.

**Don't forget – Grub's Gone Green! BYO plates and cutlery.**

Date	U8 & U9	U10	U11-U13	U14+	Holidays	Grub at the Club
18-Apr	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1		U14 Mixed
25-Apr	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2	Anzac Day	U11 Mixed
2-May	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3		
9-May	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4	Mother's Day	
16-May	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5		U16 Girls & U18 Girls
23-May	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6		U15 Boys
30-May	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7		
6-Jun	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8		U17 Boys
13-Jun	NO GAMES				Queen's Birthday	
20-Jun	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9		U12 Mixed & U13 Mixed
27-Jun	NO GAMES				School Holidays	
4-Jul	NO GAMES				School Holidays	
11-Jul	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10		U12 Girls & U14 Girls
18-Jul	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11		
25-Jul	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12		U10 Mixed
1-Aug	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13		
8-Aug	Round 14 / LC	Round 14	Round 14	Round 14		U9 Mixed
15-Aug		Round 15 / LC	Round 15	Round 15		
22-Aug			Semi Finals	Semi Finals		
29-Aug			Grand Finals	Preliminary Finals		
5-Sep				Grand Finals	Father's Day	

