



THE ACORN

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Team,

What a cracking day for Father's day and footy on Sunday. I hope all the Dad's out there had a fantastic day.

Well done to our 3 teams that played their finals matches last Sunday.

U14 Girls put up an amazing fight. A great goal by Lucia saw the team close the gap and went down by 8 points in a fiercely contested match that was best described as an arm wrestle. Well done team and I cannot wait to see you all in season '24.

U13 Mixed Green won their Grand Final at Chadwick Reserve and are now Premiers! What a fantastic end to a great season for this team! Congratulation to Tim, all the volunteers that help get our teams out to play each week and, of course, and all the Parents and Players, your efforts, week-in week-out are truly reflective of the result.

U18 Girls had a win at Boss James Reserve, they move on to play their Grand Final match on Sunday, 3.10pm at Murrumbeena Park. Good Luck to Gavin and the team.

U17.5 Boys are playing in their Grand Final match this Sunday at 12.50pm at Hihett Reserve. We will be right behind you, all the way.

Let's get down to these games and support the teams on the biggest day of their season, we can all sign the song afterwards.

Make sure you lock in the Presentation Day in your diary Sunday 17th September, from 11am. Thanks to the Coaches that have nominated players for the "Dragon's Gift" foot race. Keep your nominations coming in.

Remember that the Dragons have a jar at Grill'd Chadstone during September. Buy a burger and drop a token in our jar so we can win a share of \$500!

See you on a big, big Sunday around the grounds. Go Dragons!

Brodie Phillips, President

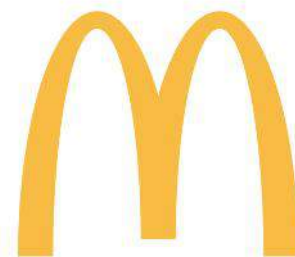
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For the month of
SEPTEMBER



WE NEED YOUR
TOKEN VOTE!



Buy a Grill'd Burger at Grill'd Chadstone during
September. Put your token in the
Oakleigh Dragons jar to help the club.



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PRESENTATION DAY

11.00AM

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
SCAMMELL RESERVE

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★ DRAGONS' GIFT ★ CANTEEN
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COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

There are just a couple of Rounds left for 2023, but the Committee is already looking ahead to next season. We have a number of Committee vacancies coming up, with kids aging out of junior football, and support is needed from younger age groups. The Committee is a great way to help shape your kids' football experience, and a fantastic way to get involved in your community! Come along to a Committee Meeting or contact a current member to see how you can help in a role, big or small!

SEASON 2024



ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME!

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COACHES' REPORTS

U13 MIXED GREEN **TIM MORELAND**

What has been a challenging season came to a conclusion on Sunday as we took out the Div 2 Premiership. So proud of all the lads for their commitment and dedication throughout the season. In almost perfect weather we took on St Kilda City/South Melbourne at Chadwick Reserve Dingley. They had pushed us all season so we needed to be on our game.



It was a hard contest to describe. Taking nothing away from the opposition who pushed forward hard but seemed to waste some shots in front of goal - we really struggled to put together the free flowing link up game we had trained for. Not a spectacular game to watch that's for sure.

What it did display was the enormous grit and determination the boys found in the last quarter to hold them off for a 3 point win. It was an arm wrestle all day with fluctuation of leads and ebbs and flows each quarter. Firstly - a big thank you to Liam and Charlie for their support on


the day and during the finals. Our backline have been amazing all season and we saw first-hand, James, Aiden and Darcy R just stop almost everything and under extreme pressure at times. Paul had one of his best games of the year and repelled many forward attacks. He took some timely marks deep in defence, so well done Paul. Harland rebounded the ball towards our forward half and provided many attacking moves out of defence. He's a quality player for us across half back and in the ruck.

Across the middle Cam and Cooper ran hard all day along the wings and were exhausted by the end of play. Tommy again moved through the centre with poise and ended up kicking a crucial goal in the last quarter to provide a buffer. Up forward Troy, Kaeleb, Archie, Johnny and Harrison were busy providing options and had many looks at the big sticks. A GF win was a nice birthday present for Kaeleb and also thanks for the donuts mate! Oscar continues to improve week by week and his ability to play forward, back and in the ruck is very handy and again found himself in everything. We swung Andrew back on ball today and he worked so hard to drive the ball forward, he was in everything.

Curtis had 2 critical plays in the last quarter where he kicked the ball deep forward. This made it harder for the opposition to run the ball out and allowed us to reset. Tyler has put together a great season and his GF was another one. Playing as an extra on baller he just does the team things really well and often. Heath contested all day both forward and back whilst Darcy M ran hard as an on baller and consistently brought his team mates into the contest. A nice left foot snap also helped us put some score board pressure through the middle of the game.

Well that's the season done and we're all extremely proud of the boys for taking out the 2023 premiership for the club. Many thanks to all the parents and helpers throughout the season and we'll have more to say about our amazing volunteers on presentation day.

We wish the U18 Girls and U17.5 Boys all the best for this Sunday in their Grand Finals...

Go Dragons!  

U14 GIRLS JUSTINE LEOPOLD

Prelim Sunday v Cheltenham on a glorious Father's Day. It had been 133 days since our first game together, beaten by 10 goals and yet here we are, playing in the second last game of the season. Our final message to the girls was simply - leave nothing out there. And that they did. Yes, the nerves were doing its rounds amongst players and a particular Coach but we would all agree that it has been a mighty effort from this group to get this far.



In what was easily the most intense arm wrestle that we've had all year, the first half was a battle of defences as both teams repelled off the back lines and we found ourselves only 9pts down at HT.

Definitely a gettable margin, the rev up during the big break must've worked as Lucia kicked a great running goal within the first minute of the 3rd quarter and our team managed to keep Cheltenham scoreless for the quarter.

Our runners were tireless, the defence was massive and the tackling was off the charts, with Millie T a standout in that department.

3QT break and the warmer than usual weather was starting to take effect, the girls

were gassed but one last effort was needed. They threw everything at their opponents in the last quarter, notably Tash's gut busting run down the wing and yet it only took a massive set shot goal from Cheltenham to finally put the game out of reach for our girls.

What a season we've had girls. We welcomed many new faces to the team and we as Coaches and parents watched on, seeing the improvement, the leadership, the camaraderie and most importantly, the enjoyment.

Be extremely proud of your achievements this season, your coaches definitely are. Stick together and get ready for 2024! One, two, three, DRAGONS!



U17 BOYS JOHN MCLAUGHLIN

Our Grand Final match is being played on 10 September, 12.50pm at Highett Reserve. Come on down and support our boys!

U18 GIRLS GAVIN KENNY

A sunny day greeted us for our Preliminary Final showdown against South Melbourne. The girls were fired up after last weeks defeat and were keen to make the most of our well-earned second chance.

The first quarter was an arm wrestle with both teams defending well and unable to score. A goal to Bridget in the second term gave the Dragons a 5 point lead at half time. Bonnie took a good mark close to goal and kicked truly to give us a 12 point buffer at three quarter time. A strong mark and long goal from Lauren in the last quarter put the result beyond doubt. The Swans scored a late consolation goal but Oakleigh was too good, running out winners 3.2 – 20 to 1.1 – 7.



Today was a real 4 quarter team effort with everyone contributing across the whole ground. There was lots of running, tackles, bumps, shepherds, smothers, marks and handballs that kept everyone involved in the play.

Freya started in the midfield and played a great game, getting lots of contested possessions and giving us plenty of drive. Lily F mopped up across half back all day and defended strongly. Daisy dominated the ruck and consistently put the ball down our mid-fielders throats. Matisse and Gisselle got lots of the ball and gave us plenty of run. Olivia R, Chooty, Gracie, Olivia J and Ayla all played really well today. Our forwards kept the pressure on when the ball was down there

with Clem, Lily G, Ella, Lozz, Bridget and Bonnie taking marks and controlling the play. Our backline was well structured as usual with Gecko, Jess and Livvy coordinating a really strong team defence.

Well done girls! I'm so proud of the way you bounced back and dominated the game today. Grand Final here we come!
#proudcoach





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.

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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
23-Apr	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1		U16 Boys
30-Apr	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2		
7-May	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3		U9 Mixed
14-May	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4	Mother's Day	
21-May	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5	National Volunteer Week, 15-21 May	Hosted by Special Guest
28-May	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6		
4-Jun	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7		U10 & U11 Mixed
11-Jun	No Games / Interleague Carnival				King's Birthday	
18-Jun	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8		U12 & U14 Girls
25-Jun	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9	School Holidays	
2-Jul	No Games				School Holidays	
9-Jul	No Games				School Holidays	
16-Jul	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10		U16 & U18 Girls
23-Jul	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11		
30-Jul	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12		U14 Mixed
6-Aug	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13		
13-Aug	Lightning Carnival	Round 14	Round 14	Round 14		U18 Boys
20-Aug		Lightning Carnival	Round 15	Round 15		U13 Mixed
27-Aug			Semi Finals	Semi Finals		
3-Sep			Grand Finals	Prelim Finals	Father's Day	
10-Sep				Grand Finals		
17-Sep	PRESENTATION DAY, SCAMMELL RESERVE					

