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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Team,

And that is a wrap on the '23 playing season!

Well done to the U18 Girls and U17.5 Boys for making it all the way through their season to finish up in Grand Final Matches. You all played exceptionally well and should be very proud to finish off your season in the Big Match. From our modest 14 teams fielded this year, 4 played Lightning Carnival Matches. From the remaining 10 teams, 5 would go on to play in the finals series and 3 of those into Grand Final matches. Just an amazing effort.

O AFC Krushers Div 1 Boys play their Grand Final this Saturday, 2:15pm at Trevor Barker Oval, Beach Road Sandringham. Get down and support this team as they have showed support to both our U17.5 boys and U18 Girls in their Grand Finals matches. A very healthy percentage of these players are ex Dragons. Good Luck Krushers.

Congratulations to Gisselle Jones-Wilson U18 Girls on playing her 50th game and to Jeremy Tsitouridis U17.5 Boys on playing in his 100th game at their respective Grand Final matches on Sunday. What a way to celebrate these milestones in the biggest game of the season!

Presentation Day starts from 11:00am this Sunday. We will see you all there on what looks like a great weather day for a celebration on the conclusion of our season. Thanks to the Coaches that have nominated players to run in the Annual "Dragons Gift".

If you want to stay in touch with your team because you haven't quite had enough of them, Jack Attack returns to the South Oakleigh Bowls Club from Friday 3rd November. Create a team and join in on the fun. More details below.

On last check our Community Matters Jar at Grill'd Chadstone was neck and neck with Ice Hockey. So if you've still got an Awesome Effort Award stuck on your fridge, this month is the time to use it and get the Oakleigh Dragons Jar full, right to the top.

Thank you to the Oakleigh Dragons 2023 Committee for the effort from Pre-Season to Presentation Day. Your dedication and service to the Club is truly appreciated by all.

To all the Players, Volunteers and Parents, your contributions to training and game day has been second to none. Thank you.

Go Dragons!
Brodie Phillips, President

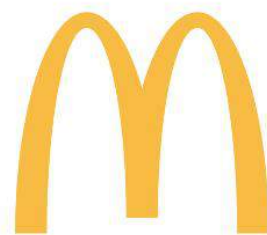
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STONE GAMES!

CONGRATULATIONS

50
GAMES

Gisselle Jones-Wilson, U18 Girls



CONGRATULATIONS

Jeremy Tsitouridis, U17.5 Boys

100
GAMES



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



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PRESENTATION DAY

11.00AM

SUNDAY 17 SEPTEMBER
SCAMMELL RESERVE

★ CLUB AWARDS ★ TEAM AWARDS
★ DRAGONS' GIFT ★ CANTEEN
★ UNIFORM DONATIONS



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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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SECOND-HAND *Uniforms*



**Donations accepted
Presentation Day**

- GOOD, CLEAN SHORTS FOR GOLD COIN RESALE AT 2024 WELCOME NIGHT
- GOOD, CLEAN FOOTY BOOTS FOR DONATION TO THE 'REBOOT' CAMPAIGN



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TOYOTA

GOOD FOR FOOTY

RAFFLE

*Support Oakleigh JFC and you could win
with the Toyota Good for Footy Raffle.*

Tickets are just \$5 and

100% of the proceeds go to Oakleigh JFC.

*There's \$252,846 in prizes up for grabs, including
three new Toyotas!*

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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!



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ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME!

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JACK ATTACK

FUN, FAST & FOR EVERYONE



Program details:

South Oakleigh Bowling Club : NOVEMBER 2023 - Games Start at 6:30pm

November 2023 : Friday 3rd, Friday 10th, Friday 17th, Friday 24th

Jack Attack

- Fun, social and inclusive
- A flexible and short term commitment – ideal for busy lifestyles
- Play with a group of friends or join an existing team



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COMMUNITY SAFETY BREAKFAST



Sat 28 Oct



8am-9am



Free
(breakfast provided)



South Oakleigh
Bowling Club,
1216 North Road

Booking required:

Tina Malaeb



tina.malaeb@
monash.vic.gov.au

Join us for a free breakfast with guest speaker Sara Coe, Senior Constable and Crime Prevention Officer at Victoria Police.

Sara will share important information and advice about home safety and security in Monash, what you can do to prevent theft or damage to your property, and how to make a police report. We will also discuss scam prevention and how to report a suspected scam to ScamWatch.

This event is delivered in partnership with the Rotary Club of Oakleigh, Clayton and Huntingdale and Victoria Police.

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COACHES' REPORTS

U17 BOYS JOHN MCLAUGHLIN

Opponent: East Brighton Played at Highett Reserve for Grand Final

Result: Oakleigh Dragons lost by 20 points

The big day was here after a long wait, what an achievement for this group of young men. This team had risen from 3rd Division a couple of years ago, struggled to find their feet in second division last year and now playing off in the grand final against a good side in East Brighton.

Highett Reserve was in good condition for the game, there was no rain, forecast with a slightly swirling wind. The Dragons looked switched on and ready to go. We were aware that we didn't want to use all our nervous energy prior to the game. We had the teams past coach, Gab Robinson, give a fantastic speech to the team before the game. Another thing to add to this special day, it was Jezza's 100th game.



The first quarter was played mainly on our terms, we had most of the ball and were looking to score. Unfortunately, this was the hard part, over the course of the game there were only 7 goals registered with 22 points scored! The score was 11 points to 1 at quarter time in our favour. The second quarter was tightly contested with both half back lines on top, they would drop extra numbers back which we had trained for, and they played this role very well. We encouraged our guys to play our game and get the quick release handball with run and carry to give our forwards the best chance. The second half saw the momentum swing to East Brighton, the score at ¾ time was 24 to 21 so still very close. They were kicking to the scoring end in the last and it was going to be a struggle. As our team has always done, we did not give up and the weight of forward entries for East finally won the day. They kicked a couple of goals from players being in the right spot at the right time.



Special mentions from the game:

- Xavier and Joey were again very good along the half back line.
- Specky and Stevie lead from the front and tried their hearts out all day
- Jimmy had a massive day with multiple contested marks to drive us forward on many occasions
- The team showed great sportsmanship and the game was played in fantastic spirit, it was a credit to all players.
- Our boys should be super proud of themselves for their efforts and achievements over the past years.

Let's celebrate the season and the end to junior football for many of the players. See you all at Presentation Day. Go Dragons!

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U18 GIRLS GAVIN KENNY



It was down to the terrific facilities of Murrumbeena for this years' U18 Girls Grand Final. After a great second half of the season it was a fantastic achievement to be playing in the last game of the year.

Bentleigh jumped us and got the first goal of the game. After settling we played really well for the next quarter and a half. Bridget and Freya kicked goals and the scores were level at half time. Two goals to Bentleigh in the third term saw their lead grow until a Bonnie Chetwin goal with seconds remaining cut the margin back to 6 points at three quarter time. The Demons were able to get another goal in the last quarter giving them a 14 point lead, and when the siren sounded the final score was 5.4 – 34 to 3.2 – 20.

This was definitely the best game the girls have played all year with contributor's right across the ground and I couldn't be prouder of the way they played. The tackling, bumps, and attack on the footy was fantastic from everyone and I'm sure the Bentleigh girls will be sore tomorrow.

Freya had another awesome game and couldn't have done any more for her team today. Lily F was great across half back and had lots of memorable runs out of defence. Gisselle in her 50th game played an awesome game and never gave up. Jess was awesome down back and laid a number of outstanding run down tackles. Gecko saved the day on numerous occasions in their last game for the Dragons. Tayla was given the tagging role on "number 4" and shut her completely out of the game. An awesome 4 quarter team effort from everyone to finish off the year.

Well done girls on an outstanding season. We didn't get the win today, but you definitely did yourselves, teammates, club and families proud. #proudcoach



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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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- Clothing & books
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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	11AM, PRESENTATION DAY, SCAMMELL RESERVE					



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