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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Team,

Sunday at Scammell kicked off with the U10's at 8am. What a great fun match to start the day.

There were some really strong results around the grounds and it was great to see all teams played up until the final siren, regardless of the score on the board. The U14 Girls played at home and were really competitive for their first game of the season, after having a Round 1 Bye. Remember these are still the grading rounds, so expect some movement around the divisions after Round 4. Keep your chins up and keep persevering and as the song goes "We'll never weaken 'til the final siren's gone".

Congratulations to Ari McLeod in the U15 boys for 101 career goals, with an easy 15 between the big posts last Sunday. Well done Ari, what a great achievement.

Grub is next week, 28 May, hosted by the combined U8 and U9 mixed teams. This night will also be our ANZAC Medal Presentation night, where our Coaches award this medal for the Most Courageous player for each team. It always proves to be a popular night amongst the players and parents.

If you have not already registered for free with your WWC Check card number, please do so. It really assists your Team Manager to allocate Game day roles, all of which do require a valid WWCC. I hear that there is at least one team that is very, very close to the magic of having one parent per player registered for their team. Which team will be the first to achieve?

For the U8-U10's teams it would be great to get some more Club Volunteer Umpires on board to share the game days and really help out your players, so if you have a love of the game and want to be involved in your child's team, let us know and we can point you in the right direction for training.

I hope that everyone has a great round and I'll see you at Grub a little late on Sunday night.

Go Dragons!

Brodie Phillips,
President

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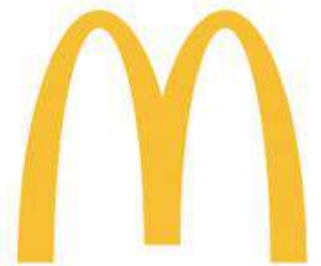
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COACHES' REPORTS

U8 MIXED JAMES CHAPPEL

Oakleigh Dragons under 8's faced Brighton Vampires on a beautiful morning for football but from the start we were on the back foot. They played their ground a lot better than we did and we found ourselves chasing them around all day. The team tried really hard with improving their tackling and hand balling, we will work on different aspects of our game at training this week. We had some really good individual performances such as awesome efforts by Elijah and Max Moloney, and Rishon tried hard all day.

We take the positives out of today and move on with trying to improve each week. The most important thing is that everyone was having a great time just being out on the field. We rotated every one through all positions and they showed great abilities in different roles. Go Dragons!!

U9 MIXED DANIEL AITKEN

The U9 Mixed team had a Bye this week.

U10 MIXED ADRIAN SANZARO

It was our first home game of the year, and despite the early start, the conditions were great and the field looked fantastic. Our opponents this week were Brighton Beach, a team that always brings its best when playing against Oakleigh. The first quarter was tough and hard-fought, with Brighton slightly ahead. We managed to gain the upper hand in the second quarter with a few great goals. The third quarter was an arm-wrestle, with the game evenly poised heading into the final quarter.

Unfortunately, we weren't able to sing the team song this week. We looked a little tired in the last quarter, and I think Brighton's extra rotations gave them an advantage. However, I'm proud of how our team fought it out to the end and implemented what we practised at training during the game. We were so close to singing the song again.

A big shout-out to Natalie, our team manager and thanks again to all the volunteers this week.

U11 MIXED JAI ROBINSON

The U11s took on Beaumaris on a fresh early morning at Scammell.

The focus for this week was making sure we defended properly and being accountable for our opposition. Our intent early was promising in the 1st quarter as we matched the opposition intensity, but at times we lost our focus and our opposition made the most of these opportunities with some easy goals. It was great to see some encouraging signs from our first year players with Theo and Lucas competing well in contested situations. Ethan continues to lead the team on the field with another significant performance through the midfield and slotting a goal through for the team.

At 3 quarter time I asked the team to take the game on, apply plenty of pressure around the ball and they did exactly that. Max M played a brilliant last quarter with plenty of tackles and slotted through a well-deserved goal.



U12 MIXED ALLEN COOK

We played AJAX at Scammell on a perfect day for footy this week. CoCaptains were Jimmy and Karlos, both boys rewarded for their focus and efforts at training. They always pay attention, give their all and lead by example to get the best out of themselves. As you'd expect, both Jimmy and Karlos had great games. They got plenty of the footy and set the right standards for their teammates.

The rest of the boys bought in as well and put together another great team effort. We tried some boys in different positions today to get them out of their comfort zones and give everyone a taste of what is required in the different positions across the ground. It was good to see Leo, Olly, Ben and Cam get busy in the on-ball brigade and the experience should help drive their ongoing improvement.

While the opposition tried hard we seemed to have their measure across the ground. Plenty of highlights today but the ones that stood out for me were a strong overhead mark from David, Teddy's running goal and Jonah's contested mark in front of the coaches box.

Great work Team!

U12 GIRLS MARCO PERSI

After last weeks' first up win our girls were keen to have another crack at belting out the song. We played Hampton Rovers away, a team that had a massive win in round 1 so we knew it was going to be a challenge. We are a small team with only 13 players and we needed everyone to play a role for us to be competitive.

The siren sounded and within 30 seconds we were a goal down.....not ideal but we are a team of warriors and we went to work.

Our mids Jess, Ruby A and Skye started to dominate, creating a stream of attacks and not before too long we got the score board rocking. Skye popping up with our first and not too long after our second.

We started the 2nd with a slight lead, Alexandra playing her first ever footy match went into the middle and looked comfortable, even taking a great mark and throwing herself into the packs.

It's didn't take long for our clever forward line to produce another goal with Giaan creating havoc around stoppages and Tyra and Ruby T fiercely competing, allowing Victoria (our goal sneak) to pop up and run into an open goal.

After half time Hampton came out all guns blazing and it was our brave backline that held strong. Mabel was a wall, at one stage taking on 3 players on her own and stopping a certain goal. Alexis throwing herself at forwards and tackling bigger opponents to the ground. Sophia after rucking all match, still found the desire to chase down a girl with a great tackle earning a free kick and saving a goal. Amongst all of that was the intelligence and subtle touch of Lois, tapping the ball to her advantage or pushing up the ground creating a stoppage before it got into our backline.

A slight lead into the last quarter there was no way our team was going to let Hampton back into the match, our intensity lifted, Kiana making the half forward line her own, marking and creating contests. Our team went to another level, looking out for each other, supporting each other and creating pressure with pure guts and grit.

In the end our tough girls ran away winners 4-5-29 to 6-8-44.
Goals: Skye 4, Victoria 1, Kiana 1



U14 GIRLS JUSTINE LEOPOLD



With a bye in week 1, the two coaches went to watch Murrumbeena play last week and thought, geez they're a tall, fast and skilled side. But all that was cancelled out by the fight and heart our girls showed on the field.

An absolutely amazing game from our u14 girls. Playing a team coming off their 84-1 win, we brought the pressure all game, didn't give them any time or space and locked the ball in our forward line. Sticking to the plan and executing pre-game instructions was the most pleasing thing to see, especially for our first hit out of the year. Keeping the opposition to just 11 points highlighted how well the defence played and how the mids helped out, an all round super effort in the back line.

Up forward, we had plenty of chances to score goals, with one touched, one post and quite a few near misses. In between that, we got to see the ever crafty Yana snag 2 for the Dragons.

A super, SUPER game by our girls.

Layla - first ever game of footy, took some grabs, got some touches, looked very comfortable up forward, great debut. Well done!

Mids - Tash, super as always. Lucia, non-stop running and driving the ball forward.

Defence - the main reason we won. Repelled many Murrumbeena forward entries, with Serana and Semira holding up superbly.

Also have to mention Christina and Maddy, both having excellent games. Keep it going! Well done girls, let's bring it again this Sunday.



U15 BOYS CALEB QUMIVUTIA

Last Sunday the U15 Boys played Ormond down at E.E Gunn Reserve. The boys started off the first quarter hot, slotting 5 goals in the opening term. The boys didn't slow down there and continued to perform and execute the game plan well, seeing them eventual 143pt winners.

Ari Mcleod was the standout for the day marking and clunking any ball that came near him and added 15 goals to his goal tally for the day.

A big day out on the track with our playing standard now set, the boys look to face St Kilda / Port Melbourne down at Elwood Park this Sunday and continue this strong form.

U18 GIRLS JOHN BERNARDO

Today we were super excited to take on Mordi-Brae at Scammell. We were a little short so we bolstered our team with Lauren and Natalie from team Kenny. Mordi Brae started off by putting on the pressure and had scored their first goal within 3 minutes. Not to be outdone the girls transitioned the ball from the backline, getting it down to Bonnie who was able to slot a fantastic on the run goal.

In the second and third quarters Mordi-Brae started to kick away adding 4 goals. Lauren kept us within reach with a goal in that third term.



Trailing 13-36 going into the last quarter my message to the girls was to not give up. And to their credit they all gelled and played our best footy in that last quarter. Freya was set the task of nullifying Mordi's best player and she wore her like a glove. We out-played Mordi in the last quarter, keeping them goalless. Tayla slotted a goal but with time against us they handed us our first defeat.

Goals: 1 each to Bonnie, Lauren, Tayla

Best players: Freya, Raegan, Emily, Gisselle, Choetso, Fiona

U18 GIRLS GAVIN KENNY

A sunny afternoon greeted us at Brighton as we took on the Vampires. It was a tough day at the office against a more experienced opposition but the girls fought it out right 'til the end.

With a lot of girls unavailable, we relied on some fill in players to make up the numbers – a big thank to Fiona, Nicole, Reagan and Chanel from Team Bernardo for helping us out.

With the ball in our backline for most of the game, it was pleasing to see the number of tackles, smothers, intercepts and spoils. Jess, Hazza and Brianna were strong across the last line of defence. Nicole, Fiona, Reagan and Chanel battled hard and were great contributors.

Lozz and Ruby put their bodies on the line while Yasmin, Nat and Olivia provided us with some run through the midfield. It was pleasing to see the girls fight the game out right till the end. Let's regroup next week and commit to fighting it out for the rest of the season.



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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
14-Apr	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1		U18 Girls Teams
21-Apr	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2		
28-Apr	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	ANZAC Medal presentation	U8/9 Mixed
5-May	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4		
12-May	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5	Mother's Day	
19-May	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6		U15 Boys
26-May	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7	National Volunteer Week, 20-26 May	
2-Jun	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8		U10 Mixed
8-10-Jun	No Games / Interleague Carnival				King's Birthday	
16-Jun	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9		U11 Mixed
23-Jun	No Games				School Holidays	
30-Jun	No Games				School Holidays	
7-Jul	No Games				School Holidays	
14-Jul	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10		U12 & U14 Girls
21-Jul	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11		
28-Jul	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12		U12 Mixed
4-Aug	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13		
11-Aug	Lightning Carnival	Round 14	Round 14	Round 14		
18-Aug		Lightning Carnival	Round 15	Round 15		Committee
w/c 19-Aug			Semi Finals	Semi Finals		
w/c 26 Aug			Grand Finals	Prelim Finals	Father's Day	
w/c 2-Sep				Grand Finals		
TBC		PRESENTATION DAY, SCAMMELL RESERVE				

