



THE ACORN

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Dragonland,

Great to be back to footy after the three week break and I hope you all had a great time and hopefully got away somewhere warmer and drier.

Thanks to the entire U12 Girls and U14 Girls teams, players and parents, for putting on a well-stocked Grub last weekend. It was good to see some of the players behind the counter serving up the meals. It is always a great night and where else can you feed the family for \$3 a plate?

A big round of applause to all who either played or celebrated 50 Games milestone last weekend. Max and Tommy Morel from the U11's Mixed, David Garcia, Masaki Ng and Finn Thomson from U12's mixed, Samuel Duckett from the U15's Boys and Yasmin Gravanis from the U18's Girls. Well done on the milestone matches.

Our next Committee Meeting is on Wednesday 24 July at the Clubrooms. If anyone is thinking about joining in on the 2025 Committee and would like to see what happens, now is the time to get a feel for what goes on with only a few more meetings before we have the AGM.

A few dates to pop in the calendar. Team photos have been scheduled for 4 August and once the times are confirmed this will be communicated to you by your team managers. Presentation Day is on 22 Sept.

During the break there were a few teams that organised some team building events. The U12 Girls had a BBQ at Scammell and had a big group of around 60 people to enjoy the day. The U15 Boys had a parents vs. player match and while it was not so much fun going up against our own children, the parents came close to a win and that's all I'll say... Thanks to the Team Managers and Coaches for organising and pulling these both together.

Let's all enjoy the run home to the end of the Season, play our Dragons style of footy and keep going 'till the end. There's only 3 more rounds left for the U8's & U9's until their Lightning Carnival and 4 Rounds for the U10's. Bring it home strong.

See you 'round the grounds on Sunday. Go Dragons!

Brodie Phillips
President

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MILESTONE GAMES!

CONGRATULATIONS

50 GAMES

Samuel Duckett, U15 Boys



CONGRATULATIONS

50 GAMES

David Garcia, U12 Mixed



CONGRATULATIONS

50 GAMES

Masaki Ng, U12 Mixed





CONGRATULATIONS

50 GAMES

Finn Thomson, U12 Mixed



CONGRATULATIONS

50 GAMES

Max Morel, U11 Mixed



CONGRATULATIONS

50 GAMES

Tommy Morel, U11 Mixed





REMINDERS

PLEASE REMEMBER

This is a game.

The players are children.

The umpires are human.

The coaches are volunteers.

Treat them with respect.

Verbal abuse and inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated.

Get behind our teams and give them the positive support they need and deserve.

GO DRAGONS!



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**SAVE THE
DATES**

4TH AUGUST
TEAM PHOTO DAY

22ND SEPTEMBER
PRESENTATION DAY





TEAM PHOTO DAY SCHEDULE

All team photos are being taken on Sunday, 4 August. Add this date to your calendar!

- All photos are taken at Scammell Reserve
- You MUST be there 10 minutes before your scheduled photo time or risk missing out
- Full game day gear including GREEN SHORTS and clean footy boots

U9 Mixed	7:00 am
U8 Mixed	7:30 am
U18 Girls	8:00 am
U10 Mixed	8:20 am
U11 Mixed	8:40 am
U12 Girls	9:30 am
U12 Mixed	11:00 am
U14 Girls	12:30 pm
U15 Boys	1:00 pm



Team Photos

Scammell Reserve

SUNDAY 4TH AUGUST



COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED!

We are over half way through the 2024 season, but the Committee is already looking ahead to next season. We have a number of Committee vacancies coming up 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 (next held on **Wednesday 24 July**) or contact a current member to see how you can help in a role, big or small!

ALL CONTRIBUTIONS WELCOME!



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1 footwear unit = 1 entry. Competition runs from 25th March to 30th September

IN THE SPOTLIGHT



What is your name?

Emily Heverin

What volunteer role do you do at the Dragons?

First Aid Coordinator & Onsite Medic.

Which age group/s do your kids
play for at the Dragons?

None

How long have you been at the
Club?

10 years

What's your favourite thing about being a part of the
Dragon's Football Club?

The community atmosphere and how friendly people are. I love that everyone is so passionate and support their kids. I love watching the kids thrive and enjoy themselves, whilst getting out and being fit and healthy.

What other roles have you done
during your time at the Dragons?

Player!

What do you do outside of the Dragons Football Club?

Studying Nursing and work at a primary school. Hang with friends and family!

What sport did you play as a kid?

Football and Netball

If you could have a Super Power, what would it be?

Invisibility!

U15 BOYS VS DADS MATCH

On Sunday 30 June, our U15 Boys played their Dads down at Scammell Reserve.

On a cold winters' day, the Dads ran onto the field, some wearing wigs with a spring in their step. The Dads played surprisingly well and although they lost, they kept the boys to a small win!

A rainbow made an appearance after the final siren to celebrate an awesome match that the Fathers and Sons will remember for years to come!



U18 GIRLS SPLATBALL EVENING

The U18 girls had some fun this week with a Splatball session. Instead of training in the cold, wet, windy weather, the team went indoors and swapped footy boots for face shields and peppered each other at World Series Paintball in Oakleigh. The girls had a great time, and aside from some slightly soiled clothing, everyone came away unscathed.





COACHES' REPORTS

U8 MIXED JAMES CHAPPEL

Under 8's hosted Ormond today, after two weeks off due to school holidays and Mother Nature decided to give us a taste of winter with the first wet weather game this year. I explained to the children that there will be a lot of mistakes and skill errors but I was quite surprised as throughout the game there were many examples of really good marking and kicking.

We started off with only 14 on field and 8 on bench as Ormond only had 14 to start. We agreed to a 5-4-5 on field and with only 4 midfielders it was a very open start to the game and Luca showed his dominance with plenty of inside 50's but we struggled to convert to the scoreboard. The heavens opened up in the second quarter and Elijah stepped up and provided us with consistent efforts resulting in a goal. In the third term we dropped our guard and allowed Ormond to kick two straight and put us behind. I changed some positions and the contest was even in the last quarter with us coming short by 3pts. A shout out to Louis as he has been improving week in and week out with two solid efforts resulting in a goal for the team. Better luck next week, Go Dragons!

U9 MIXED DANIEL AITKEN

After a few weeks off with School Holidays the under 9s came up against Black Rock at home. This was always going to be a big challenge for the group coming up against a strong team in Black Rock who earlier in the year caused us some issues.

Being able to put together four quarter efforts is vital when playing footy and unfortunately today we were not at our best early in the game. Our pressure and desire to compete seemed off from the get-go and Black Rock took full advantage of this.

As the game wore on and particularly in the third term, we were able to even up the contest through some great drive from the back line led superbly by Sam H who took the game on and played a great role down back for us today. Luke tried tirelessly all day through the midfield and Ethan was able to get on the end of some good team footy to score a goal.

Looking forward to getting back to training this week with a full team before we get the opportunity to play a Friday night game this week against Brighton Beach which I know all the kids are excited to be playing their first prime time night game.

U10 MIXED ADRIAN SANZARO

On Sunday, we were hosted by Hampton Rovers. I would love to say it was a beautiful Sunday morning; however, as we know, it was quite the opposite. It was great to see the team back together for the first time in a month.

We started the game strongly, kicking a goal early, but then struggled for the remainder of the quarter. Our backline stood up well under the constant pressure of the Hampton forwards, who were able to lock the ball in the forward line. The second quarter saw more of the same with Hampton scoring consistently throughout the quarter, aided by a slight breeze. The team looking a little flat as they headed into the half.

After a few minutes to reset, the team came out strong, forcing the ball forward and keeping it in our forward line, giving ourselves opportunities to score. To be honest, we were a little unlucky not to have kicked a few more majors, as the team was very dominant, though we did take steps to give ourselves a chance heading into the last. Unfortunately, Hampton took full advantage of the breeze in the last quarter, kicking a few long-range goals.

The effort was there throughout the game, and there were some really strong performances from Will, Archer, Ari, and Koby, who played amazingly in the middle for the second half of the game.

U11 MIXED JAI ROBERTSON

The U11s took on Dingley this week and we celebrated the 50th games for Max and Tommy Morel (pictured).

We got off to an even start but were off our game in our contested effort and intensity. Darwell had a big job on an opposition player and kicked an early goal to the pressure on. At half time the scores were level and we had a lot more to give.

I challenged our team to come out with fire in the second half, bring your best game and beat your player at every opportunity. The response was massive, Zoe laid tackle after tackle in the ruck, James S had plenty of inside ball, Darwell continued to dominate, Kai, Tass and Bronx were huge in defence and Ethan kicked a bag. We kept the opposition scoreless in the second half and the team should be very proud of their efforts. Tommy and Max Morel topped off the day with great games of their own!!!



The challenge for all next week is to bring our game to the first bounce.

U12 MIXED ALLEN COOK

After a couple of weeks training in the cold and rain it was great for the boys to get out and play on our home ground again after the long midseason break. It was another top of the table clash this time with St Peter's who are a very good team.



We had 3 players celebrate the 50 game milestone in David, Masaki and Finn. David played with his typical toughness and bravery, Masaki kicked our 1st goal before heading back to control our backline and Finn was rewarded with 2 goals after gut running up and down the ground all day.

The Team focus today was repeat efforts and everyone chipped in. Leo, Paulie, James and Ben were strong in defence with Mahad playing a smart and selfless game at fullback and winning our weekly "1 Percenter" award thanks to saving a couple of goals on the line and using his body well in the contest.

We also had 3 players come up from the U11's to help out so a BIG thanks to Max, Tommy and Ethan.

They played forward with Thomas, Oliver and Harrison and all looked dangerous. Harrison was a presence in the air taking some important marks up the ground, Thomas, Ethan and Tommy were jumping on crumbs when the ball hit the ground while Max and Oliver both chipped in for important goals.

Karlos, Archer, William and Jonah also gave us plenty of repeat efforts through the midfield and Alex kept barging his way through packs to inspire his team mates and send the ball forward.

It was an exciting see-sawing affair with multiple lead changes. Both teams brought plenty of intensity and the result really could have gone either way. With a minute to go we were 1 point down and the ball was in the oppositions forward line. The boys stuck to the task, worked it forward before Jonah got on the end of long linking play to kick the winning goal.



Another fantastic team effort. Well done Dragons.

U12 GIRLS MARCO PERSI

Welcome back to all teams after school holidays.

Our girls came back to play AJAX away and they hit the ground running into the 3-4 goal breeze. With Soph and Skye both dominating the game early with Ruby A and Kiana in the midfield, relentless peppering away for a 9pt quarter time lead.

This continued into the second quarter and we got our running game going. Ruby T almost scored her first goal but for an unlucky bounce. Emily looked dangerous up forward taking marks. Tyra and Giann getting to many contests and supporting their team well, and Mia looking dangerous by setting up scores and threatening to score a few times herself. Anastasia used her skill and clever game sense well to provide us with some scoring opportunities.

Whenever there was a defensive effort our backs in Lois stepped up well with great positioning and reading the play. Mabel and Alexis were as solid as ever in defence, not letting anything through.

There was no visible scoreboard today and the girls wanted to know the score at quarter time. We asked them to focus on team values, helping each other and running in numbers. And the score will take care of itself. They responded well and continued by playing another 3 solid quarters of good team football with everyone contributing well to the result.

We ran out comfortable winners today in the end against a younger and inexperienced team. The girls played in good spirit with OYCFC values which we reinforce and pride ourselves on.

A special coaches note:

Today as per usual we aimed to rotate players through different positions to give everyone a chance to play on the ball or up forward and there's never a single complaint from any players, showing great team spirit and attitudes.

Good teams play their best when everyone has an impact on the game, and I think we are showing that with different players each week having breakout games.



Thanks to Kiana and Victoria who normally play as key forwards. Both accepted positions up the ground, and when Kiana finally got an opportunity, she went forward in the last quarter and kicked 3 goals. That's what I love about this team. They all play for each other and step up for the team when needed.

In particular this week we had Lois and Ruby T today having breakout games and we're proud of their progress and efforts to do so. It displays their increasing confidence in their ability and reward for effort from training well.

Congrats on a good comeback to footy girls. We look forward to welcome back Pippa and Anais when they are available.

AJAX	0.1	0.1	0.1.	0.2	2pts
Oakleigh	1.4.	3.12	3.14.	9.16.	70pts

U14 GIRLS JUSTINE LEOPOLD

This week our opponent South Melbourne were unable to field a team so they forfeited the game.

U15 BOYS CALEB QUMIVUTIA

On Sunday the U15 boys faced AJAX. The boys started off strong with multiple repeat inside 50s for the first half keeping the contest tight however inaccuracy cost us in front of goal. With only 1 on the bench the boys fought hard however a strong and fast-moving AJAX side proved too good and over ran the boys late into the 3rd quarter and 4th quarter, seeing them go down by 46pts.

Congratulations to Sam Duckett on his 50th game for the Club. Henry Spencer and Sam Duckett were amongst Oakleigh's best with great ruck work and aerial contests.

Captain Oskar McCulloch had a B.O.G performance after returning from holiday, with great midfield and penetrative inside 50 kicks.

The boys have a bye next week and will return on the 28th to face Dingley!



U18 GIRLS JOHN BERNARDO / GAVIN KENNY

After a well enjoyed 3 week break, it was back to business for our round 10 clash against East Malvern. The girls were fired up and keen to put on a good performance for Yasmin's 50th game, a great achievement.

A late ground change saw us playing at a neutral venue, Moorleigh reserve. After a few rainy days, the game was going to be hard work as the ground was pretty muddy in patches.

The first half was pretty even with both sides contesting hard for the ball. The Dragons were able to kick 2 goals





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by half time thanks to Daisy and Emily, and we felt a strong comeback was possible to run over the top of the Knights.



Matisse played a great game in the midfield, racking up lots of contested possessions. Emily, Giselle and Freya ran hard all day and Daisy did a good job in the ruck. Lily was aggressive down back and Bridget's marking and long kicking put us in scoring positions.

Unfortunately East Malvern was too good and kicked away in the second half to record a convincing victory.

Despite the loss the girls tried hard all day. It was great to see all of the parents in the crowd, especially the "Barracking Mothers Club", trying to stay warm on the hill as they cheered the Dragons on!



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
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	Team photos	
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		
22-Sep	PRESENTATION DAY, SCAMMELL RESERVE					

