



THE ACORN

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Dragons,

With only the four matches at Scammell last weekend, I thought it would be an easy day to catch some footy and get around the grounds to see some other teams. However, the reality was that after opening up, Caz and I spent all day working in the canteen. Needless to say that cooking bacon and eggs was not supportive of watching much football. Thanks to my partner for running down with more eggs too.

Congratulations to Camryn Davidson (U14 Girls) and Bonnie Chetwin (U18 Girls) who both played their 50th Games on the weekend. Both will have to wait until they get their banner run through at Scammell. A great achievement, you should both be very proud.

The TAC Round (those blue armbands we wore and the posters in our change rooms) last weekend was to encourage active participation in the mission to eliminate fatalities and serious injuries on our roads. Sometimes we may be running late to get to training or the match on time, however studies have shown that speeding doesn't save time and can significantly increase the risk of crashes. If you're late to training and get an extra lap around the park from the Coach, you still made it to training. Show up for your team, slow down on the road.

The U12 Mixed team host of final team Grub this coming weekend. With the final Grub hosted by the Committee in a few weeks' time. Hopefully the U12's Mixed have taken notes, sampled the fare and will bring it home strong. Get down for the cheapest feed in town and a great family atmosphere.

See you 'round the grounds. Go Dragons!

Brodie Phillips
President

GO DRAGONS

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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
- Bring white shorts with you if you're playing away and need to change
- No visible undergarments under your jumper (skins under shorts OK, but not full length)
- DON'T BE LATE!

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

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



IN THE SPOTLIGHT



What is your name?

Ross Black

What volunteer role do you do at the Dragons?

Team Manger Coordinator and Under 14 Girls Team Manger

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

Under 14 Girls

How long have you been at the Club?

3 or 4 Years

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

I appreciate the sense of community within the football club and the wonderful mix of people who are part of it.

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

Team Manager of the Under 17 Boys in 2023

What do you do outside of the Dragons Football Club?

Outside of the Dragons Football Club, I work as an engineer in a manufacturing business that I run with my brother and sister.

What sport did you play as a kid?

As a kid, I played cricket, football, and enjoyed skateboarding. As an adult, I cycle and play basketball, albeit not very well.

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

If I had a superpower, it would be time travel. I'd go back and watch Carlton win the 1995 Grand Final.



COACHES' REPORTS

U8 MIXED JAMES CHAPPEL

Today we hosted Highett and from the start we showed great teamwork that resulted in the 1st goal of the game. We once again had multiple clearances with Luca and Ethan winning the ball and running forward. The second quarter we again started well but struggled converting in the forward line but still on top of the game, even though we didn't hit the score board we managed to keep the ball in our end.

The second half we had some really good performances by Eli and Gianni running and fending off two players then kicking a brilliant goal. We ran away with the game with players showing us how they have been enjoying the positions we put them in, congratulations under 8's you sang our song with gusto. Let's continue this great game play into next week. Go Dragons!

U9 MIXED DANIEL AITKEN

The under 9's took on Brighton Beach in a Friday night game at Brighton Beach's oval. The kids were so excited to be given the opportunity to play their first ever night game and I think the parents were also excited not to have to wake up early for the regular Sunday morning time slots.

It was a dramatic showdown that tested the resolve of both teams, amidst challenging weather conditions. From the first bounce, it was evident that nature would play a pivotal role in shaping the outcome of this match, as gusty winds and rain swept across the field at the very exposed Brighton Beach oval.

The first half saw few clear-cut chances for either side, as both teams battled not only each other but also the relentless weather conditions. Both teams' defences held up extremely well repelling the one-way traffic in each of the first two quarters to finish with a scoreless first half.

As the second half commenced with us kicking with the breeze it was put on the side to take advantage of this and get the jump on Brighton Beach as the game was going to be won in the premiership quarter. We showed a determination to turn the tide, mounted several attacks, utilizing the wind to our advantage with long balls into the forward line and eventually the wall broke with Max getting on the end of some good play to score a couple of goals quickly.

We went into the last quarter knowing exactly what we had to do and to the group's credit, under great pressure we were able to hold out Brighton Beach and sing the song loud and proud.

Despite the lack of goals, the match will be remembered not for the score line but for the fierce contest waged in extreme conditions. Both teams demonstrated their ability to adapt to the conditions as the game wore on, leaving spectators in awe of their perseverance and determination. Well done Dragons!!

U10 MIXED ADRIAN SANZARO

After a tough game last week, we now face a team against whom we arguably had our worst performance earlier this season in South Melbourne. The first quarter was tight, with the ball moving slowly up and down the ground as both teams tried to gain ascendancy. Their inaccuracy helped us stay close as we approached quarter time, with Krishiv playing his best quarter of footy for the year.



The second quarter continued with a tight tussle in the midfield, and our forward line saw more action, allowing us to continuously attack the goals. Towards the end of the quarter, Southern Melbourne benefited from a stroke of luck after a strong defensive effort by our backline. Despite the pressure, our backs managed to continually clear the ball into the midfield, providing us with opportunities to have shots at goal.

We were very much in the game and gave ourselves a chance throughout the second half. The third quarter remained incredibly tight, with James Scott dominating in the ruck, distributing the ball to his teammates. The midfield applied pressure, and the backline stood well. The team applying great pressure making it tough for the opposition to get clear position

In the final quarter, South Melbourne initially gained the upper hand. However, we fought back strongly, controlling territory in the latter stages. Despite this effort, we fell short once again of securing the victory. Nevertheless, this performance marked one of our best of the year, demonstrating significant improvement compared to earlier matches

U11 MIXED JAI ROBERTSON

We took on Waverley Hawks on a beautiful Sunday afternoon at Scammell Reserve. We focused on 3 aspects of the game. Pressure, skills and having fun.

We got off to a slow start with some inaccurate kicking keeping the opposition in the game.

At half time we focused on using the ball better in our forward line and the results came through. It was a great effort by everyone with the pressure from the side on a consistent basis for the four quarters. Special mention to Kai, Charlie, Theo, Max, Tommy and Theo on playing great games.

Our captains for the week were Bronx and Darwell who led the team exceptionally well.

We still have a lot of room for improvement and we can work on this at training. Go Dragons!

U12 MIXED ALLEN COOK

Today we played away against East Malvern who are always a challenge. Jimmy and Greg were our Co-captains and both boys were their typical disciplined selves in the backline working hard in the contest and playing tight on their men.

'Repeat efforts' was the theme again today and the boys all tipped in. Finn was relentless in the middle and topped off his work with 3 goals. Alex was strong again taking the oppositions most damaging player and getting the better of him while Jonah, Karlos, William and Teddy also ran hard all day and gave our forwards plenty of supply.

After a very tight first quarter, our boys kicked away in the 2nd and 3rd quarters once they started lowering their eyes and looking for targets.

We had a good lead by the 3 quarter time break so swung the magnets around for Jimmy, Greg, Masaki and Ben to go forward. They all got involved and shared the ball around to extend our lead.

Apart from Finns hat trick we had a good spread of goal kickers with Teddy, Jonah, Archer, Thomas, Oliver and Masaki all notching up a goal each.

Today's "1 Percenter" award winner was Masaki. His selfless play across defence was very important for us and he has a great knack for sitting in the hole to take the intercept before rebounding the ball forward and he always looks to target a team mate in space to set up the next play.



Across the ground inspiring repeat effort plays were made by Karlos, Davey, James, Leo, William, Paul and Ben to pressure the opposition and win the ball back or break even. Our talls down forward also provided a great target with Harrison plucking a strong overhead mark backing into a pack and Stevie competing well in the goal square.

Another very solid team effort. Well done Dragons!

U12 GIRLS MARCO PERSI

As we approach the end of the season we welcomed the undefeated Prahran to Scammell. Leading into the match there were lots of nervous girls and parents worried about playing the top team with lots of older girls. Those fears were dispelled very quickly.

The game started as a tough contest in the Dragon mud. Sophia got us up and running with strong ruck work and clearances from stoppages. Skye through the midfield gave us first use of the ball getting down to our forwards. It was a tough 1st quarter 0.0 0.2 but that gave us belief.

Throwing Victoria and Emily onto the wings gave us a heap of run with their ability to get to the ball and using their kicking skills. Jess moved down back and watching her run off the half back line streaming through the middle is a great sight for everyone watching. Our backs worked hard, Giaan and our newest Dragon Alexa fought bravely. The loudest cheer came for Pippa, she was everywhere and popped up with our first goal from what will now be known as Pippa's pocket. We went into half time 1.1 to 1.3. The excitement was brewing.

Prahran kicked with the wind in the third and got a couple of goals up though our backline was being held up by Lois in the last line of defence. Time after time she was on her own but won the contest and cleared the ball, saving us more than once. Tyra worked hard getting to the contests and competing for the ball while Anais continues to get in and around the backs.

In the last quarter we gave it our all, we were again one player down the whole match and no bench but you wouldn't have known with the way Alexis and Mabel kept running down their opponents and wrapping them up with ferocious tackles. Kiana continued to do a power of work, marking and keeping the ball trapped near our goals though we couldn't convert, Skye found the post and Pippa took a strong mark and nearly kicked her second for the day. Mia was a great focal point for us down forward and looked dangerous whenever the ball was in her zone.

We went down 1.3.9 to 4.7.31, keeping Prahran to their lowest score and lowest winning margin for the season, proving that yes they are a strong team but the 2024 Dragons 12 under girls are a strong, gutsy, ferocious team with plenty of fight left in them for the rest of the season.

U14 GIRLS JUSTINE LEOPOLD

A month of no footy due to an opposition forfeit last week meant our group was chomping at the bit to get on the field with an unusually more nervous than usual coach. Preparation wasn't ideal either with training times shuffled around due to lighting issues at Princes Hwy.

But the coaches knew what engine we had under the hood, we know our strengths, the girls know what is required of them and it was just a matter of releasing the brumbies.

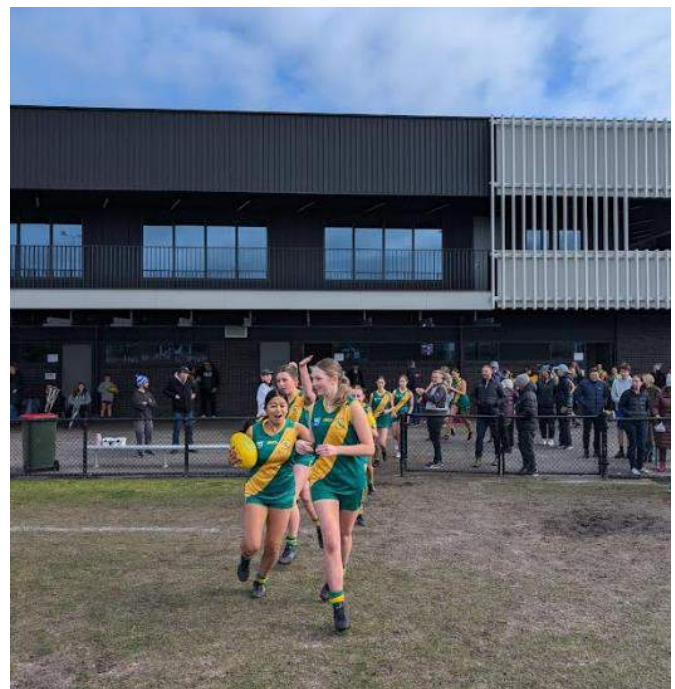
A nice fresh winters day awaited us at Murrumbeena on quite a muddy centre square. And geez our girls relished it. The tackling pressure from the first bounce was immense, not allowing the opposition any time at all and our runners



swooped and ran and linked up with the greasy ball. An awesome sight. Tash opened up the account then set up the next goal with a great handball to Sienna L whizzing by. A well earned 4 goal lead at half time.

The 3rd quarter saw our pressure and intensity drop off (maybe because there were no oranges during the main break) and this allowed Murrumbeena to score their only 2 goals for the day.

The final message to the girls was to defend, get back in numbers and help out. Anushka was fantastic when put in defence, Sienna C roamed around the wings, Soph and Lavinia bobbed up for a goal, Zoe and Elaine battled on, Cam was fantastic in the ruck in her 50th game (pictured) and Sienna L was involved in numerous long passages of play. Serana started full back and hardly saw the ball then asked to play forward and the ball hardly came down there. We will get that right this week!



It was a comfortable 23 point win in the end against good opposition though a bigger test is waiting at East Malvern next week.

Another great game from this group especially after such a long break. Connection is our focus and was well led by the captains. Train hard and let's bring our A++ game to East Malvern. C'mon girls, we can do this. Go Dragons!

Goals - Sophie, Lucia, Sienna, Lavinia, Tash, all 1 each

U15 BOYS CALEB QUMIVUTIA

The Under 15 Boys had a Bye this week.

U18 GIRLS JOHN BERNARDO / GAVIN KENNY

It was off to Hampton this week to play the Rovers in a late afternoon game. The lights were definitely needed in the second half as the sky got pretty dark after 4pm.

In another milestone match, this round we celebrated Bonnie Chetwin's 50th game (pictured second from right). A great achievement that will be recognised with a banner at our next home game.

The game was played in good conditions considering the amount of rain we have had recently, but the girls had to contend with a strong wind blowing across the ground which made kicking difficult at times.

The coaches advised the girls to stay out of the middle as the centre square resembled a 1980's Moorabbin





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bog! Despite the warnings, some of the girls found themselves in the mud meaning they needed a good clean up before their parents would let them in the car.

A good first quarter saw the Dragons control the play, keeping the ball in our forward 50 for most of the quarter. There were lots of handballs and some impressive link up play. Giselle was running and bouncing, Emily and Matisse bursting through packs, Bridget kicking long, Nat taking marks and Emma smothering to give us opportunities to score. Sienna was running hot and snagged a good goal in the opening term to put Oakleigh in front.

In the second quarter, a 5 minute lapse from the girls saw Hampton get a couple of quick goals. From there it was an arm wrestle with both teams struggling to get scoring opportunities for the rest of the game.

All of the Dragons girls tried their hardest to get that extra goal to put us in front. Sophie B did some good things with the ball in the third quarter. Nat got plenty of it as did Regan and Sienna in the last quarter. Brianna and Jess were solid down back and Fiona and Tayla put their bodies on the line a number of times. Ayla burst through at one stage with her trademark "don't argue" and Bridget kept trying to push the team forward. Unfortunately it wasn't our day today and the girls went down 15 points to 7.



Despite the result, the girls played really well and everyone kept fighting right till the end. Let's all stick together for the rest of the year. Our next win is just around the corner. Go Dragons!



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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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					

