



THE ACORN

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi Dragons,

Congratulations to all teams who played Finals Footy. We started Father's Day morning with 3 Grand Final matches back-to-back at Dingley's Chadwick Reserve. The U11 Mixed and U12 Girls teams both came away with the wins. U12 Mixed was locked at 33 a piece at full time to take the match into extra time, just unfortunate not to come away with the win. After their strong season, the U14 Girls played at Columbia Park and were not rewarded with the win in their preliminary final. Our U18 Girls team had another injury stopped match which was replayed on Tuesday night at Scammell. It was great to see so many past and present players there to support this team alongside plenty of Oakleigh Krushers players as well. It was a pleasure to host this match at Scammell for the girls, the team played extremely well all night long. Well done to all teams on a great 2024 Season. I'm sure for some of you, pre-season training is just around the corner.

Thank you to our Sponsors this season. RM Building & Design Group and Harcourts Next Gen Real Estate, your support is appreciated by all. Also to Magic Brothers Pizza for their MVP Awards and for supplying the pizzas for the Committee Grub night. Thanks to Subway South Oakleigh for supplying vouchers for the teams also.

Last chance to grab your tickets in the Toyota Good for Footy raffle, get in quick.

Our last Committee Meeting before presentation day is on 11th September at 7pm, so if you're thinking about joining the committee in '25 or even want to help out setting up on presentation day, get along to the meeting.

See you all on Presentation Day, 22 Sept, kick off is at 11:00am.
Go Dragons!

Brodie Phillips, President

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PERPETUAL CLUB AWARDS 2024 - NOMINATIONS



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Nomination: _____

Reason: _____

Irene Bourke Presented to a person(s) who is/are involved, committed volunteers for the Club (other than committee members)

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Nomination: _____

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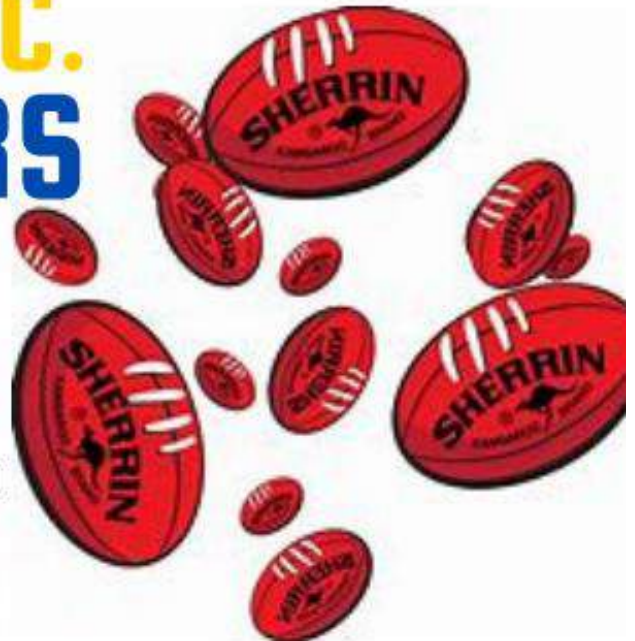


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OFFICIAL SMJFL FINALS PHOTOS



COACHES' REPORTS

U11 MIXED JAI ROBERTSON

Sunday morning we took on Waverley Hawks in the Grand Final, we have had some huge battles against Waverley during the year with a goal separating the two sides every time.



Before the game we were all very excited as it is such a fantastic experience to be a part of. Pre-game the messaging to our team did not change, we had got ourselves into a grand final by playing our brand of footy, which is a strong contested, pressure and defensive game. The windy weather suited our style perfectly.

We kicked with the wind in the first quarter and dominated territory but could not convert our dominance to the scoreboard. I could see from the very start that the team were on and focused. Waverley kicked a couple in the second quarter as they were able to use the wind to their advantage, however the game was evenly poised. The third

quarter was our opportunity to put a score on the board using the wind and come in at 3 quarter time with a real chance. This is exactly what this team did, relentless tackling, pushing the ball forward at every opportunity and we managed to kick a couple of goals to put the game all square heading into the last quarter. Waverley had the wind and we were massively up against it with everything to play for. Predictably, most of the play was in our defensive 50, but again, we didn't give in, we refused to concede and repelled the ball out time and time again.

Then comes the best passage of play for the year. Somehow we move the ball up the ground, into the wind and take a mark in front of goal. BANG we've kicked a goal and now we are in front with about three minutes to play. The next three minutes was repeat stoppage and relentless pressure, our team were not letting this one go. Remarkably, Waverley didn't score a goal in the second half and we are now THE PREMIERS.

Some highlights of the game below

- Darwell was a massive physical presence taking mark after mark
- Pheonix plays the game of his life in the ruck with the best display of tackling I've ever seen
- Luke finds a way to hit every target in 50 km/h winds and dominated through the midfield
- OUR BACKLINE - Kai, James Tes, Bronx literally won us the game
- A last effort save on the goal line by Charlie with 3 minutes left in the game stopped a certain goal, unbelievable play!!!!
- Eli tackling and Hugh running hard with big efforts late in the game
- James Satchell running onto the ball and booting forward with a badly injured arm was inspiring
- Wyatt's effort in the forward line helped us lock the ball in
- Blake, brilliant as always, reading the play and sending us forward all game
- Hamish kicks the sealer to put us in front in the last quarter
- Bronx, Hugh, Tommy and Max who both played brilliantly up forward, are our premiership captains for 2024 (pictured).



Lastly, every single play on this team is to be congratulated for their contribution to our premiership, you have all, in some way, made this team better. WELL DONE!!!!!!



U12 MIXED ALLEN COOK

The scene was set for a fantastic game of footy today with 1st v 2nd (St Peters) who had been our toughest opponent of the year.





Finn & Alex were our Co-Captains again and both boys led from the front putting their heads over the footy and driving it forward. They weren't alone with Jonah and Archer also cracking in at the contest and Teddy working hard on the outside to give us run.

We kicked with the wind in the 1st quarter and thanks to some clever goals by Jonah, Thomas and Finn we took a 2 goal lead into quarter time.

Our boys were resolute in the 2nd, working into the wind they fought hard to keep the opposition under pressure. Our backs led by Masaki, Jimmy and Gregory held the line only letting in 1 goal so we carried a 5 point lead into halftime.

The 3rd quarter was more of the same with both sides throwing everything at it and scoring 1 goal each though some of our key players were getting banged up thanks to the opposition's fierce attack on the contest.

The boys seemed to taper off just a little in the last quarter going into the wind while the opposition lifted. Our backs did a great job to hold them out on a number of occasions but they found a couple of goals and had a 5 point lead with a couple of mins to go. Enter Finn. As he has many times this season, Finn pushed forward and hit the ball at pace kicking a brilliant goal to put us in front by a point. Unfortunately we couldn't stop the opposition from finding the point they needed and scores were tied at the final siren so we went to extra time.

This gave the opposition another 5mins with the wind and they were able to capitalise. While the boys tried valiantly to find an avenue forward the connection wasn't there. They've come from behind several times this season but today, it was a bridge too far for our fighting Dragons and we ended up going down by 7 points.

Congrats to Alex for receiving the umpires medal for best on ground for another mighty 4 quarter performance. Well deserved.

What a great group of young men the U/12's are. It's been an absolute pleasure for Glenn and I to coach them and they've given us countless highlights to remember throughout the season. I know we are all proud of them and I hope they are proud of themselves as they gave it their all today and that's all we ask for.

Well done Dragons.

U12 GIRLS MARCO PERSI

We played our Grand Final at Dingley and we were the 3rd Dragons team to play. After watching and cheering on the mixed U11 team fight back and get the win our girls were inspired and hungry to feel the joy of winning the flag.

The wind was always going to play a factor and all the talk pre match was "should we kick with it in the first quarter or come home in the last with the wind?" In the end Hampton won the toss and kicked with the wind in the first quarter and we knew we had a battle on our hands.

After conceding an early goal our girls didn't panic, they got to work and fought hard into the wind and even created a few scoring opportunities. Two goals down at quarter time we came together with a wry smile, we knew what we had to do.

We went BANG from the centre and the ball lived in our forward line for the entire quarter. We piled on 3 goals 8 behinds, flipping a two goal deficit into a 15 point lead.

As we did the week earlier, we stood tall in the premiership quarter. It was always going to be difficult to stop Hampton with the wind but our girls worked together to restrict them to only 4 shots on goal. Unfortunately for us they had their kicking boots on and kicked 3 goals 1 to snatch back the lead by 3 points.



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We came together for the last time full of confidence knowing it was “our time”. The final quarter started and within 15 seconds we had our first shot at goal and it wasn’t long until we hit the lead. We were never going to be stopped, it was Dragon Time!!

Unbelievably we kicked another 3 goals 8 replicating our 2nd quarter and running out comfortable winners 6.18.54 to 6.2.38



Our teamwork today was amazing to watch, seeing the girls connecting and linking up, every single player contributed to our win. Chris and I stood back in the last couple of minutes proudly watching and admiring how the girls have grown as a team. Our champion mindset shone through today, finding solutions in the challenging conditions and not looking for excuses. We have said from day one TEAM stands for Together Everyone Achieves More and they proved that today.

Go Dragons!!!



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U14 GIRLS JUSTINE LEOPOLD

Prelim final against St Peters and unfortunately it ended up being our final game of the year, beaten in another St Peters nail biter by 3 points. Our 3 losses to this team this year have been for a combined total of 8 points.

The weather turned it up, with a tricky cross wind favouring the far end that seemingly changed direction as soon as we won the toss and decided to go "with the wind". Ironically it was St Peters who kicked the first goal towards the clubroom end and that ended up being where the ball stayed for most of the game.

We scored our first goal from a sneaky one by Yana in the square and went into HT only a point down. Our backline, including Bonnie, Serana and Lucy battled admirably against bigger opposition forwards who seemed to have a lot of ball heading their way.

St Peters kicked the only goal in the 3rd quarter and left us the task. We needed 2 goals in the last quarter with the wind. The final message in the huddle was obvious. Go hard, push yourself to the limits, leave it all out there girls.

This seemed to lift the girls, as we started to get more of the ball and surge it forward, especially through the efforts of Lucia and Miette, with the latter playing a superb game on the wing by giving us so much run and long kicks into our end. The opposition however defended quite well and crowded our forwards with pressure and bodies around the ball. We just couldn't get any clean looks at goal due to the congestion. With time ticking away, Sienna L marked and hurried back for a great goal from distance but the clock was against us and that's the game. Another agonising loss and out in straight sets after finishing top of the ladder.



A disappointing end to what was a sensational year with our u14 girls.

The improvement shown individually and collectively has been the highlight for the coaches coupled with the camaraderie week in week out every Thursday and Sunday. We've proven that we can mix it with the best, stand up when everything is against us, be adaptable for the benefit of the team, fight it out to the last second and most importantly, we all had fun doing it together.

We are all super proud of what our girls have achieved this year as a group, with multiple 50 gamers along with first gamers who came in and were welcomed by everyone.

Big thanks to everyone involved with this awesome team, from the coaches to the TM to all our weekly volunteers, Kane, Justine, trainers, goal umpires, time keepers, Anne our Acorn editor and let's not forget our awesome cheer squad.

Thanks to another great year, stick together girls, we'll go one better in 2025!
DRAGONS ON 3!!

U18 GIRLS JOHN BERNARDO / GAVIN KENNY

What a season! After having our first final abandoned due to an injured opposition player, we were hoping for smoother sailing in our Preliminary Final.

Unfortunately, there was no such luck when one of our players, Gracie, copped a serious leg injury needing an ambulance to be called. With the scores level, the game was abandoned, meaning another rematch on Tuesday night. A shame too, as the girls were playing really well. Lots of marks taken – Hazza, Lily, Gracie, Bridget, Charlotte, Olivia J and Nat taking grabs, and a couple of nice goals kicked by Sienna and Nat. Bridget was playing a blinder and the team was aggressive at the ball.

Our second go at a Preliminary Final took place at Scammell on Tuesday night. The conditions were good for footy and everyone was keen to have an incident free game.



The first quarter was pretty even and the Dragons had their fair share of the ball. Bridget was getting lots of touches, Tayla, Lily and Reagan were tackling while Charlotte went for a run and bounce. Sienna and Nat were busy and kept kicking us forward. Unfortunately a lapse in defence saw the Bears kick a goal with a minute to go and took a 6 point lead into the first break.

We were able to keep Caulfield scoreless in the second quarter as the ball spent a lot of time in our forward line. Giselle and Jess came on and had an impact while Bridget and Nat kept racking up the possessions. Ebony laid a good tackle while Olivia Jackson gathered the ball cleanly and kicked us forward. Brianna was steady as the deepest defender and kept her cool when the ball came in quickly and Emma put her body on the line. We had a few chances to score but were only able to manage 1 point.

Quarter 3 was an arm wrestle with both teams only able to score 2 points each. Bridget, Nat and Yasmin all took good marks and hit targets with their kicks. Reagan and Livy were rucking well and Sienna kept running.

The last term was a nail biter. The Dragons had all of the play, and repeat entries into our forward 50 gave us hope of scoring. With a couple of minutes on the clock, Giselle took a mark in front of goal and went back and composed herself. A nice drop punt looked to be sailing through for a goal.....only to be touched on the line. A goal would have put us in front, but a behind had us 4 points down with 90 seconds to play. Repeat stoppages for the remainder of the game meant that when the final siren sounded, the Dragons season was over, missing out on a Grand Final berth by centimetres!



A great effort girls. You all played so well and fought it out to the end. Thanks for being such a great team. Everyone is so proud of the way you played all year.



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SEASON 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	11am, PRESENTATION DAY, SCAMMELL RESERVE					

