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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hey Dragons,

Just a short note from me this week as we had no games at Scammell on Sunday. I was fortunate enough to watch the U14 mixed game against Dingley Dingoes, and what a classic nail biter it was! Throughout an incredibly challenging game, this group of young men displayed outstanding composure, self-control and teamwork, responding in a manner that reflected the values of our Club. To come away with the win when you're outnumbered shows the hard work you've been putting in at training is paying off, well done on a great effort boys!

I hope everyone enjoys the break and takes some time to prepare for the rest of the season. We have some super exciting social events coming up in July and August, and of course team photos too!

See you after the school holidays, enjoy the family time and the Sunday sleep ins!

Go Dragons!

Justine Leopold
President

GO DRAGONS

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REMINDERS

NOTE FOR TRAINERS - MANAGING HEAD KNOCKS/SUSPECTED CONCUSSION

Managing suspected concussion on game day is a serious task for Trainers. The most important steps in immediate management include:

1. Remove the player from the match if they sustain a head injury.
2. Use the HeadCheck Concussion Management app to assess the injured player.
3. If concussion is suspected, refer the player to a medical doctor for assessment.
4. Request medical clearance is provided before return to training & playing.

Remember: if in doubt, sit them out.

Trainers, please familiarise yourself with the concussion protocols on our website:

<https://oakleighdragons.com.au/wp-content/uploads/2024/04/2024-The-Management-of-Sport-Related-Concussion-in-Australian-Football-Mar-24.pdf>



Important dates

Stay up to date with what's coming up this footy season

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JULY

Adults social event

🕒 TBA

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AUG

Team photo day

🕒 Schedule TBA

7

AUG

Kids social event

🕒 6-8pm



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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OAKLEIGH DRAGONS

DRAGONS

KIDS SOCIAL NIGHT

Get ready for a night of fun, laughs, games and prizes!
Bring your team mates and put together your own team table for an awesome night featuring:

-  **CARD GAMES**
-  **FUN CHALLENGES**
-  **HEAPS OF PRIZES TO WIN**
-  **SILENT DISCO FINALE!**

 **PARENTS ARE MORE THAN WELCOME TO STAY AND JOIN IN THE FUN TOO!**

 FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST	 ALL AGES WELCOME
 CLUB ROOMS - SCAMMELL RESERVE	 \$10 PER PERSON - Tickets available online (preferred for catering purposes) or at the door
 6:00PM - 8:00PM	 PARTY FOOD AND SNACKS PROVIDED

★ **GRAB YOUR TEAMMATES, BRING YOUR BEST GAME FACE AND GET READY FOR A FANTASTIC NIGHT AT THE DRAGONS!** ★

 **TICKETS AVAILABLE ONLINE!**
<https://www.trybooking.com/DMNVR>



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ADAM PALMER'S

HYPNO HYSTERIA

YOU'RE HYPNOTISED!

YOU BE THE STAR!

LICENSED TO THRILL

BE BLOWN AWAY BY THE POWER OF THE MIND

SATURDAY 22ND AUGUST
WA SCAMMELL RESERVE
7.30PM START

\$40 TICKET INCLUDES 2 HOUR SHOW & LIGHT FINGER FOOD.
DRINKS AVAILABLE AT BAR PRICES.

GET YOUR TICKETS AT: www.oakleighafc.org.au/product/hypno-hysteria/



COACHES' REPORTS

U9 MIXED JAMES LAVDAS

Another strong effort from our U9s this week in a tough game against Ormond on a freezing Melbourne winter morning. The cold conditions made it a challenging day for both teams, but our players never stopped trying. Their effort, determination, and willingness to compete from the first bounce to the final siren was something to be proud of.

A huge congratulations to Will, who was outstanding all day and was deservedly recognised by Ormond as our Most Valuable Player. It was another terrific performance, showing plenty of courage, skill, and determination around the contest.

Miley also deserves a special mention after taking on a new role in defence. She adapted brilliantly, laying plenty of strong tackles and putting the opposition under constant pressure. It was fantastic to see her embrace the challenge and make such an impact.

One of the biggest positives from the day was our team defence, which continues to be a real strength. The players worked hard to support each other, apply pressure, and never give up. As we continue to build the more offensive side of our game, the commitment and resilience shown in defence gives us a fantastic foundation to build on. Well done, team!

U10 MIXED JAMES CHAPPLE

Today we played Dingley away and enjoyed the later start, which helped the group arrive settled and ready to go. The boys were eager to begin, and we kept the message simple and consistent from the first huddle. Get to the ball first, stay strong at the contest, and keep working for each other for the full four quarters.

The first quarter did not start as we had hoped. Dingley hit the scoreboard twice early, and we had to respond quickly by tightening up around the ball and staying composed. To the boys' credit, we stayed strong and kept fighting through to the end of the quarter, even when momentum was against us. We focused on sticking to our roles and competing hard in every contest. David continues to improve week in, week out, and his effort and intent were a positive sign, particularly when we needed someone to lift the pressure.

The second quarter was much better, with more connection and plenty of team play. We started to move the ball with more purpose and looked for teammates rather than trying to do it individually. Luca led the way with his work rate and involvement, and he helped set the tone with repeat efforts. Cooper C had his best game of the year, backing up his first effort with second and third efforts, and staying involved even when the play moved away from him. The quarter was far more competitive than the first, and the boys went into the half time break with their heads up, knowing that when we play our style we can match it with strong opposition.

The second half was very exciting and intense, with both teams tackling hard and being strong around the ball. The pressure lifted and the contests were tougher, but we responded well and produced a fantastic second half. That performance gave the team belief that we can match sides like this when we stay disciplined and play as a unit. Max M has been strong down back all year, and again he competed well and helped hold things together in defence. Zephen was let loose in the midfield and produced some great plays through effort, clean hands, and good decision making. Rishon kicked two, and Cooper C also hit the scoreboard, which helped finish off three strong quarters of competitive football and rewarded the hard work being done around the ground.

We fell short today, but it was a very competitive game and there was a lot to like about the response after the first

quarter. I was very happy with the boys' performance, especially the way they stayed positive and kept working together until the end. Let's keep building after the holidays, carry this intensity into our training, and finish the year strong.

U12 GIRLS TARA ROGERS

Round 10 was an early 8am away match against Mordi-Brae in Parkdale. Coffee was an essential for the parents with the early start and the girls let us know it was a cold morning!



Game plan was to keep our structure, be one kick away, keep the pressure on and be first to the ball when it's in contest. The girls put on brave faces and ran out into the cold ready for a good game. Straight away they applied the pressure with strong tackling and good chasing down their players.

Our girls still tended to lose their structure and crowded the ball at times. Our forwards didn't see much action so we rotated the girls to give everyone a run in the middle and back to keep warm. We made some beautiful plays with some great kicks and marks down the side of the ground. Sam, Mikayla and Pippa were strong in the midfield. Sam made some excellent clearances out of contest, often to Mikayla who found great space. Holly and Annika were very strong in the back, making big tackles and chasing the opposition down.

Unfortunately, their effort didn't translate to scores on the board, but myself and the parents are so proud of their determination and resilience each week. Thanks to the parent volunteers and cheer squad bringing the good vibes every week.





U12 MIXED TOM MOLONEY

After a strong start, we tapered right off in the second half as East Brighton kicked away to win comfortably.

An afternoon game on a sunny winter's day had the boys in a good mood. And led by skippers Paddy and Oscar, we started well. It was a dour affair and when Connor snapped a lovely goal the boys were full of spirit.

In the second quarter we had our chances but again missed some important shots at goal. We also dropped marks that we normally would have taken and put unnecessary pressure on ourselves. It was a mix of East Brighton's pressure and our failure to capitalise on our chances that meant we were down at half time despite having the same amount of scoring shots.

In the second half the flood-gates opened. Reyan and Connor came off injured meaning we didn't have anyone left on the bench - and East Brighton's midfield got right on top. Whilst we have been composed this year, this was probably the first time even our top players dropped right off. East Brighton's ruck was dominant and their talls up forward started marking the ball in front of goal.

Jimmy M tried valiantly up forward all day - but we didn't have enough down there to support him. In the second half our midfield got soundly beaten for the first time this year, and our defenders were under so much pressure that by the final term our heads had dropped. It wasn't our day - but we get a lesson on what level we need to reach to be competitive with the top teams in our division.

The boys head into school holidays sitting second on the ladder, but with the knowledge that we are going to need to step up if we are going to be competitive.

Thanks to all the volunteers! Go Dragons!

U14 GIRLS RUBY FORD

Yesterday may not have gone our way on the scoreboard, but it was by far the best game we've played all season.

As coaches, we couldn't be prouder of the effort, courage and teamwork the girls showed against Sandy. From the first bounce to the final siren, they never stopped competing, backed each other in and played with so much determination.

The improvement we've seen is incredible. The girls trusted their teammates, worked hard for one another and kept fighting right until the end. That's exactly the kind of football we want to play, and if we keep bringing that level of effort every week, the wins will come.

Well done, girls. Keep believing in yourselves and enjoy the progress you're making, we certainly are. We couldn't be prouder of this group.

U14 MIXED JOSH CONSOLMAGNO

With several players unavailable through injury and other commitments, we travelled to Dingley with just 16 players. Despite the lack of rotations, the boys showed incredible determination and teamwork from the opening bounce.

The first quarter was a fantastic start, with excellent ball movement and relentless team defence setting the tone for the day. Both sides kicked two goals in an evenly contested opening term, leaving the scores level at quarter time.

The second quarter was another hard-fought battle, with neither team able to break clear. Both teams added two goals each, and the scoreboard remained locked at half time after a tough, physical contest.

Knowing they had no room for error with only 16 players, the boys dug deep in the third quarter. Their work rate, pressure around the contest, and willingness to run for each other helped us gain the upper hand, taking a seven-point lead into the final break.

The final quarter was all about determination. The boys defended strongly, controlled the play, and kicked the only goal of the term while keeping Dingley scoreless. It was a tremendous team effort that secured a well-deserved 13-point victory.

U17.5 BOYS TOM NOLAN

The U17s played Beaumaris away for their round 10 clash. It was a great day for footy and Oakleigh were fresh off a tight win.

It was quite a small ground and the game started off tight early. Oakleigh managed to kick the first 2 goals before Beaumaris responded with 2 of their own and then took a bit more control of the footy. Luckily for Oakleigh they were inaccurate in front of goal and the Dragons took their chances. It was a point the difference to Oakleigh's advantage at quarter time.

The second quarter Beaumaris continued to control most of the game and played their home ground well. Oakleigh were held goalless, but further inaccurate kicking meant that Beaumaris only kicked 1 goal and took a 9 point lead at half time.

In the third quarter Beaumaris continued to put pressure on the scoreboard, but to Oakleigh's credit they responded. However with 3 goals to 2, Beaumaris' way, they extended their lead further to 16 points at 3 quarter time.

After 3 consecutive tight final quarters, the Dragons could not pressure Beaumaris enough as they showed they were the better side on the day. Oakleigh couldn't keep defending the repeat entries and with 26 scoring shots to 12, it was never going to go Oakleigh's way. The Dragons never gave up, but the end result was a 29 point loss.

The boys will regroup and recover as they prepare for the back half after the break.

U18 GIRLS PAUL GUERGUES

We had no game due to the forfeit from South Melbourne.



Layla Christian and Georgia Simpson debuted for the Oakleigh Krushers senior women's team on Saturday - both girls played so well that they were named in the best players (pictured left).

In the final quarter, Layla took a strong contested mark and kicked it inside forward 50 to where George took the mark, went back, and slotted the goal beautifully.

Julia Hipwell also played for Sandringham Dragons and kicked a goal during the game (pictured right).





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	U10	U11-U13	U14+	Holidays	Grub at the Club
19-Apr	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1		
26-Apr	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2	ANZAC Round	U18G
3-May	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	Cabrini/Wellness Round	
10-May	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4	Mother's Day	
17-May	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5		U17.5B
24-May	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6	Grill'd Round	
31-May	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7	Reconciliation Round	U12G/U14G
7-Jun	No Games				
14-Jun	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8	Monash Round	Maccas Fundraiser
21-Jun	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9		U9/U10M
28-Jun	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10	TS4A Round	
5-Jul	No Games			School Holidays	
12-Jul	No Games			School Holidays	
19-Jul	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11	IKON Round	U12M
26-Jul	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12	TAC Round	
2-Aug	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13		U14M
9-Aug	Round 14	Round 14	Round 14		
16-Aug	Lightning Carnival	Round 15	Round 15		Committee
23-Aug		Semi Finals	Semi Finals		
30-Aug		Grand Finals	Preliminary Finals		
6-Sep			Grand Finals		
TBC				Presentation Day	

