



THE ACORN

SEASON 2026 ISSUE 13

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hey Dragons,

Firstly a massive thank you to our Secretary, Caz, for all her hard work organising our team photos once again this year! It is a massive effort to wrangle all of our teams, with a very early start and an extremely long day, so our appreciation is enormous for Caz!

It was a very full day at Scammell this week, with 6 home games being played from 8am to almost 5pm! Congratulations to Yana, Helena and Ava in the U18 girls team, who all ran through the banner for their 50th games this weekend! Jackson Leopold, our Ground Manager, was kept busy with ground modifications and merchandise sales - and then he jumped behind the bar to serve all the thirsty customers at Grub! Our warmest thanks to Jackson for all his work at the Dragons!

Our U9s enjoyed their final home & away game this week, and they're super excited to be playing in the Lightning Carnival next Sunday. Good luck to this awesome team! The U14 mixed team hosted Grub this week, and it was delicious. We only have 1 more Grub to go - pizza night hosted by the Committee - on August 16th. That night follows the final home and away round for our U11-U18 teams, and we'd love a massive turnout.

A reminder about the Falla Family Fund. Our Club is like a family, and we are so proud to be able to support Lisa's family in this way. Please go to <https://www.gofundme.com/f/the-falla-family-fund> if you would like to donate. Dave, Finn & Archer thank you for your kindness and support. We will close the gofundme page on September 6th, and announce the final total to be donated to the Falla family at Presentation Day on September 13th.

Go Dragons!

Justine Leopold
President

GO DRAGONS

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MILESTONE GAMES!

CONGRATULATIONS

50

GAMES

Yana Ciorciari, U18 Girls



CONGRATULATIONS

50

GAMES

Helena Kladouris, U18 Girls



CONGRATULATIONS

50

GAMES

Ava Lombardi, U18 Girls





REMINDERS

Kids Social night - Friday, 7 August, 6-8pm Scammell Reserve

Join us for an action-packed evening of fun, friendship and excitement at our first ever **Kids Social Night!** It's the perfect chance for kids to get together, make new friends and enjoy a night filled with laughter and great activities.

There'll be plenty of exciting games, fun challenges and fantastic prizes to be won throughout the evening. Whether you're coming with friends or meeting new ones, everyone is welcome!

Parents are welcome to stay and join in the fun, making it a great evening for the whole family.

Cost: \$10 per person

What's included: Party food, delicious snacks, games, activities and the chance to win awesome prizes.

Don't miss out, book your spot now, at www.trybooking.com/DMNVR

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Harcourts Next Gen Oakleigh



Period Character, Modern Updates, Parkside Position!



81 Golf Road, Oakleigh South.

Auction

Saturday the 22nd of August at 12pm.



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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



**CLUB ROOMS -
SCAMMELL RESERVE**



6:00PM - 8:00PM



ALL AGES WELCOME



\$10 PER PERSON -
Tickets available online
(preferred for catering purposes)
or at the door



**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>





PLAY

WOMEN & GIRLS UMPIRE 4 FUN PROGRAM

AFL VICTORIA AND PARTNERING UMPIRING GROUPS INVITE ALL W&G PLAYERS AND UMPIRE FAMILY & FRIENDS TO GIVE UMPIRING A GO!

PROGRAM INCLUDES:

- PRACTICAL SKILLS SESSIONS
- INFORMATION ON HOW TO REGISTER TO UMPIRE
- OPPORTUNITY TO UMPIRE AFLW AUSKICK GRID GAMES
- WHISTLES FOR ALL NEW PARTICIPANTS

PROGRAM DETAILS:

- 3x1 hr sessions
- Dates:

Wednesday 12th & 19th Aug @ Moorley res Bentleigh East

Wednesday 26th Aug @ Kennedy Centre Dingley

- Time: 5 - 5:45pm



SCAN FOR
PROGRAM DETAILS
& REGISTRATION



**SOUTH
METRO
UMPIRING**



COACHES' REPORTS

U9 MIXED JAMES LAVDAS

Our U9s wrapped up the home and away season this week with a great game at home against East Brighton. It was a fantastic way to finish the regular season, with the team showing the determination, teamwork, and spirit that has been a hallmark of their season. Making the effort even more impressive, we played the entire first quarter one player short, but the team never dropped their heads and continued to compete hard in every contest.

A special congratulations to Petros, who was one of our best players with another outstanding all-round performance. Chinh was terrific up forward, creating opportunities and working hard to keep the pressure on the Brighton defence. Leo was relentless with his tackling, never giving the opposition any easy possessions and leading by example with his effort.

Joey was a rock in defence, taking several strong marks throughout the day and helping repel countless opposition attacks. His confidence and composure down back were a real highlight.

As this was our final home and away game of the year, it's worth recognising just how far this group has come. The improvement in their skills, confidence, teamwork, and willingness to compete has been incredible to watch. Every player has grown throughout the season, and the coaches and families should be extremely proud of what this team has achieved.

Congratulations to everyone on a fantastic home and away campaign - we can't wait for what's next!

U10 MIXED JAMES CHAPPLE

Photo day, the boys were excited, and it was another early start to get organised and ready to go.

As per last week, we kept the message simple and focused on a few key points. The boys were given short, direct instructions to help everyone stay on the same page:

- Be first to the ball.
- Be hard in the contest.
- Gain valuable metres when kicking.

We started well again, with David leading from the front. He played strong, competed hard, and did a great job busting packs. Joshua (his brother) captained for the day and helped keep the group switched on. The first quarter went our way, although it was closer than we had hoped. We also scored a fortunate goal, which helped us get some early reward for effort.

At quarter time, we regrouped, reviewed the game plan, and reinforced the focus areas. The message was to stay disciplined, bring consistent pressure, and go back out with plenty of enthusiasm to hit the second quarter hard.

Highlights through the first half included Max B working hard all over the ground and putting in repeat efforts. Harvey and Luca also stood out, using their speed and driving the ball long when we had momentum. We went into half time with our heads up and were happy with how we were playing, particularly the intent and the way the boys were responding to instructions.

We stayed on the ground at half time (as we usually head to the rooms), as it was a perfect day for footy. The group had a short break, kept warm, and were eager to keep the momentum up and start the second half strongly.

We also changed a few positions to give some players an opportunity in different roles. The changes worked to our advantage and helped lift our structure. Luca was dominant in the air and around the ground with a BOG performance, and he hit the scoreboard four times. Other highlights included Liam and Oliver working well together in defence and cleaning up forward entries, reading the play well and helping to settle things down when the ball came in quickly.

At three quarter time, we looked like we had done a lot of the hard work, but we still had a quarter to go. We brought the boys in, reset the mindset, and asked for one more hard effort for the last 10 minutes to make sure we finished the job properly.

We finished very strongly with a great team performance. The final quarter reflected the hard work the boys have put in at training and in previous games, with a strong finish and plenty of contribution across the ground. Another mention to Hamish for a very strong game, taking on the play, breaking tackles, and providing a real spark when we needed it.

Big thanks to Ethan, Cooper S, Cooper P and James.

We finished the day singing the song after a dominant team performance. Go Dragons

U12 GIRLS TARA ROGERS

Round 13, we played a home game against Brighton Beach and unluckily had a few girls out this round and played with a team of 12. It was great watching the under 18 girls play their game right before ours; big thanks to the girls for a high energy welcome onto the ground!

Fortunately, Brighton Beach were in a similar position with player numbers so we started off expecting a competitive game. Our girls came out hard putting pressure on and laying some great tackles in the first quarter. While the sun was out, the wind picked up and the golf course side of Scammell became the goal scoring end.



Second quarter we had the wind at our back and we kicked an early point with our first score on the board! Some clearing kicks from Pippa to Tiana into our forward line helped us make another attempt at goal. Paige nearly kicked a goal but hit the post for a point. Elia made a beautiful handball, resulting in Pippa getting the ball and slotting a great goal! Charlotte (our captain) was fantastic in ruck winning nearly every contest, she also reared out of nowhere to make a huge tackle and managed to kick a point. Sammy K was running rings around the opposition and herded them into a pack before kicking another goal!

In the third, we loaded up our backline and the girls maintained their pressure to stop Brighton from scoring too many more goals. Chelsea made a brave smother, and Holly was also brave going hard in the middle.



Fourth-quarter Brighton got away from us and kicked quite a few goals, but Sam still managed to duck and weave her way to kicking another goal! Mikayla, Kendyl, Tiana and Mina kept up the pressure and Mikayla looked out for her teammates with a good shepherd. Holly also kept up her energy and made two beautiful marks.

As always, very proud of the girls for staying determined and keeping their chins up the whole way through the match. It's hard coming up against strong teams week after week but the girls always stay very positive and never give up. 3-2-1 Dragons!



U12 MIXED TOM MOLONEY

Our boys came to play but were overpowered by a very slick Beaumaris team.

The game was set to be a real clash between two teams who were aspiring for the finals. We've beaten Beaumaris the last time but narrowly and their recent performances show they've really approved. It was great to have James Scott back in the ruck after a long lay off with a big toe issue.

Unfortunately Beaumaris were a bit slicker and used the ball extremely well and overpowered us. By halftime we were still in the game but the boys were a bit flat.

The second half we implored the boys to keep going and to never give in and to their credit, that's exactly what they did.

An amazing rundown chase down tackle by Eli forced the ball free and we chained up with Evan Lavdas on the end of it kicking the goal. Our small forwards were tackling putting pressure on their opponents - second efforts by Evan and Ary K were the highlights. Ari SR and Francesco were strong in the contest and started to nullify some of their talented midfielders. Our back six as always were resolute with the ball down there for a large portions of the game.

When we lost Raj to injury and Connor came off with a knock it was always going to be difficult but our boys never gave in.

In the last quarter we still went out there with purpose. The boys contested hard and another great passage of play came after locking it in the forward line, the ball spilled free and resulted in Ari getting what he deserved, picking up the ball and kicking a lovely drop punt goal to finish.

Not the result we wanted against Beaumaris but very clearly they've got some great talent in their side. The boys have the bye this week so they can get set for the last couple of games of the season.

Thanks to all the volunteers.



U14 GIRLS RUBY FORD

Today we played ladder leaders St Peter's at their home ground on a windy but sunny Sunday morning.

Having to defend into the wind for the first quarter, the challenge was set and our girls responded. Our backline led by Semira cleaning up at full back and with Lavinia, Mabel and Lois beating their opponents in many one on one contests, we only allowed them two shots on goal.

It was a different story in the second, we started to dominate possession and territory. Jess gave us first use of the footy from the ruck. Jade, Skye and Ruby owned the midfield, winning the ball and pumping it deep into our forward line. We created many chances though only could kick 4 behinds. The highlight was Ruby taking an amazing overhead intercept mark, outstretched bending backwards. 7 to 4 and half time, Game on!!

The 3rd was a struggle, St Peter's got their kicking and marking game going and with the wind moved the ball quickly across the ground. Miette and Bella did a great job holding them up on the half back and linking up with our wingers, Alexis and Victoria. Our efforts across the field were enormous, gang tackles, chase down tackles and even into the wind we got the ball down to Anais and Emily, but we weren't able to trouble the score board. Kiana encapsulated our efforts with a courageous mark running back with flight, eyes only for the ball.

It came down to the last quarter, aside from two quick St Peters goals early in the quarter, the ball lived in our half of the ground. If it got out, Giaan was there to send it back forward. Sophia saw plenty of the ball, Skye kicked her trademark goal from the boundary and Anthea had her sneaky shot at goal marked on the goal line. We threw everything at them in the final quarter, finishing the match with more shots on goal. The match showed the continuous improvement from these young women and future leaders at the Dragons. We were gallant in defeat 5.2.32 - 1.8.14

U14 MIXED JOSH CONSOLMAGNO

The U14 Mixed Oakleigh Dragons hosted Murrumbeena in a hard-fought home game. Murrumbeena got the jump on us in the opening quarter, putting us under pressure early with their strong start.

To the team's credit, the Dragons responded well in the second quarter. The players lifted their intensity, worked hard at both ends of the ground, and fought their way back into the contest with some determined team football.

Unfortunately, Murrumbeena produced a strong third quarter to extend their lead, making the task of chasing them down in the final term a difficult one. Despite this, the Dragons never gave up. The team continued to work hard, support one another, and compete right through until the final siren, showing the resilience and determination that has become a hallmark of this group.

There were several standout individual performances. Masaki provided outstanding leadership down back, organising the defence and leading by example under constant pressure. Alongside him, brothers Greg and Jim battled tirelessly in defence and stood up admirably despite being under fire for much of the day. Alex was outstanding through the midfield, working hard to win the contested ball and drive the team forward.

Up forward, Charlie never stopped presenting as a target, leading hard all day and providing his teammates with a reliable option inside the forward 50. Alongside him, Jonah celebrated his birthday with an impressive performance, working hard to create opportunities, applying pressure, and making an important contribution in the forward line.

Although the result didn't go our way, the players should be proud of their effort and commitment. Their willingness to keep fighting until the final siren is something to build on, and if they continue to bring the same determination each week, the rewards will come. Well done to all the players for representing the Oakleigh Dragons with pride and never giving up.

U17.5 BOYS TOM NOLAN

After a close win the week prior, the u17s hosted the undefeated Waverley Park Hawks at home for their round 13 match. In windy conditions, the Dragons were up for a challenge.

Oakleigh kicked with the wind in the first quarter and kicked the opening 2 goals. It was a tough quarter and Oakleigh had to work for their chances. Clearly a strong side, the Hawks were able to kick a goal against the wind late in the quarter. It was going to be a tough 2nd quarter as the Dragons would be kicking against the wind with a 1 goal lead.

The Hawks took advantage of the wind and showed the Dragons how to use it. With their direct footy they got away from Oakleigh with a 6 goal quarter. Oakleigh were able to drag one back and kick a goal against the wind to stay within touch at half time.

In the second half the Hawks came out with a clear plan to hold the ball as long as they could. However, Oakleigh took whatever opportunity they could to get inside 50. Wayward kicking meant that Oakleigh couldn't take full advantage of the wind, but they managed to reduce the margin to 16 points at the final break.

It was all or nothing for Oakleigh in the last quarter, as they decided to take risks going into the wind. Unfortunately, it proved too large a challenge as the Hawks showed why they're on top and undefeated. Oakleigh managed to score against the wind, but the Hawks scored 5 of their own to take out a strong win.

The boys look on to next week as they want to finish the season strong.

U18 GIRLS PAUL GUERGUES

After an important win the previous week, our girls faced another tough challenge against the Port Colts who sat 3rd on the ladder and have the most dangerous forward in the league.

The pressure was on as a win was essential to keep our finals hopes alive. The girls responded brilliantly, bursting out of the blocks with energy and intent. From the opening bounce, we controlled the contest through fierce pressure, attacking the ball aggressively and dominating the contested possessions.

Emma Dean took 3 important marks and Yana bobbed up for 2 goals in the first quarter to give us a 10-point lead at the first break.

The 2nd quarter was one way traffic. Our girls completely controlled the quarter, not allowing Port to enter their forward 50 or register a score. Ava kicked a miraculous set shot from the boundary line, and by half time we had extended our lead to 19 points.

Our backline was outstanding all day and just too strong for the opposition. Our defenders consistently read the play well and executed our game plan – creating opportunities for our mids to run onto.

Georgia 'the G-Train' Simpson was huge in the ruck all day and Teresa 'TeeTee – the Clearance Queen' Huang was in and under, winning clearance after clearance. Emma 'Bickies' Cooke played her role superbly as a high half forward – running hard and fast all day and was rewarded with a goal in the 3rd quarter. Camryn 'Show me the Money' Davidson presented well and worked hard all day before finishing with a beautiful goal in the final term.

In the end, it was a complete team performance, and the girls had an impressive day out. Although inaccurate in front of goal - 22 scoring shots for 5 goals – it was a great team effort. The win elevated us into 3rd position, and one more win next week will guarantee a place in the Finals.



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.



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

