



THE ACORN

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hey Dragons,

Finals footy is here! On a gorgeous sunny day, our U12 mixed team kicked off the series with the first elimination final. This team has gone up 2 divisions this season - from Div 6 to Div 4. They were up against a fierce competitor in East Brighton, who had just watched their U11s team win the final before them. Did this deter our U12s? Absolutely not! They came out of the gates with full nerves on display, but as soon as the siren sounded, they gained their composure. Jimmy ran through the banner for his 50th game & the crowd went wild! Congratulations on this milestone Jimmy! With 8 goal kickers (including a first goal for a new player), this was a true team effort. With 8 goal kickers (including a first goal for a new player), this was a true team effort. The boys all played their hearts out, and the Coaches & spectators were the ones having to take some deep breaths at 3/4 time! With an amazing game, the U12s won their way through to their first Grand Final. We will all be watching them next Sunday as they represent the Dragons with pride! Check the socials for details of the game!

The other 4 teams in the finals were the U14 mixed, U14 girls, U17.5 boys & U18 girls. What a brilliant season we have had, that 80% of our teams made it into the finals! Although these teams didn't come away with a win, they will benefit from the finals experience and we're sure that they will want to start pre-season early just to give them an even better chance of finals victory in 2027!

The footy ops team has already begun preparations for next season, with meetings held and lots of conversations in the background. As always, the priority for all decisions regarding our teams will be the kids, teams and the Club - it's a big picture we're trying to cater for and it goes all the way from the Auskick kids to the juniors who will transition to the Oakleigh Krushers Seniors Club. Please come and have a chat or send me an email if you have any suggestions/concerns/feedback.

Finally, we are preparing for our Presentation Day which will be held at 11am on Sunday 13th September. It's a great day, with the inflatable slide possibly the main attraction! See you all there to celebrate such a successful & enjoyable season!

Go Dragons!

Justine Leopold, President

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MILESTONE GAMES!

CONGRATULATIONS

50 GAMES

Jimmy Moschoyiannis, U12 Mixed



DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

If you have any photos you'd like included in the next Acorn, please email them with a description to Anne at: a.sturrock76@gmail.com



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.



REMINDERS

SAVE THE DATE - PRESENTATION DAY

Join us for our **Presentation Day** as we celebrate the 2026 footy season and recognise the outstanding efforts and achievements of our players, teams and club members.

When: Sunday, 13 September from 11am

Where: Scammell Reserve

All players and families are encouraged to attend as we come together to celebrate a fantastic season. A range of awards will be presented, including Club Awards and Team Awards, recognising the dedication and achievements of our players and volunteers.

There's plenty for the whole family to enjoy, with an **inflatable slide for the kids** and a **free sausage sizzle for everyone**.

We look forward to celebrating the 2026 season with you!



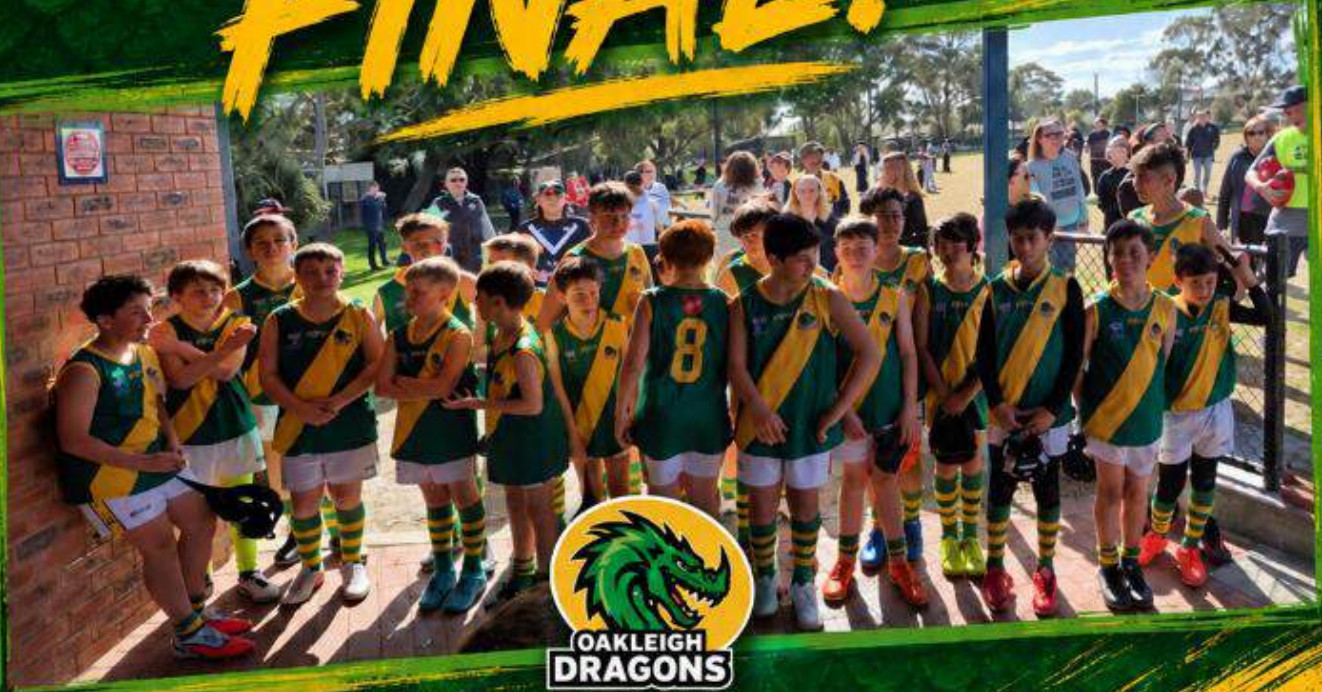
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OUR U12 MIXED ARE IN THE GRAND FINAL!



TIME:
10.50AM



WHEN:
**SUNDAY,
30 AUGUST**



WHERE:
**KING GEORGE RESERVE,
BENTLEIGH EAST**

COME ON DOWN AND SUPPORT OUR
U12 MIXED TEAM IN THE FINALS!

GO DRAGONS!





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TOGETHER WE MAKE MORE POSSIBLE

OAKLEIGH DRAGONS PRESENTATION DAY 2026



WHEN: Sunday 13th September



TIME: 11am start



CLUB AWARDS



TEAM AWARDS



SEASON 2026 CELEBRATION



INFLATABLE SLIDE



FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE



DRAGONS GIFT FOOTRACE



**COME ALONG AND CELEBRATE
SEASON 2026 WITH ALL
YOUR FRIENDS!**



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COACHES' REPORTS

U12 MIXED TOM MOLONEY

The win last week against Waverley Park meant our boys secured third spot and earned the right to play against East Brighton (EB) in a second vs third clash. After being belted last time we played EB out at their home ground, it's fair to say our boys were facing a rather intimidating task.

Pre-game we were full of nervous energy. All owned up to feeling a little nervous, coaches included. But we harnessed those nerves and set ourselves as the underdog in a final in which really we had nothing to lose. The boys had climbed a division since last year, and finished third in the higher grade. They had already done themselves proud - but Jimmy's 50th game presented another opportunity and the boys took it with both hands.

Right from the opening bounce, our team was on. It was like they'd summoned all the nervous energy, bottled it before they ran out, and then left it in the change rooms.



We took our chances, we tackled with ferocity and we played exactly to plan. We got the match ups right, and our back 6 were resolute. We had 8 individual goal kickers - a sign that our champion team was always going to be hard to beat. It is fair to say, today it all clicked, and the boys made it a day that Jimmy, and all Dragons players and supporters who were there will never forget.

A shout out to the goal kickers - Archer S, Billy K, Eli, Will M and Will W, Aryan, Francesco and special mention to Ryan Pavone who after taking a lovely mark, kicked his first ever goal with a magnificent set shot. The joy on Ryan's face, and the scenes of all of his teammates celebrating with him after was a moment that stood out amongst many positives!

We now face Dingley in the grand final. They finished on top, and undefeated. We will again go in as underdogs - but that is a position the boys proved comfortable to have. Our boys proved today that anything is possible when you play as a team - and that's what we'll bring next week I have no doubt.

Thanks to all the volunteers - go Dragons!

SOCIAL MEDIA



Don't forget to follow us on social media for all the latest news

Facebook: Oakleigh Dragons Junior Football Club

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U14 GIRLS RUBY FORD

Unfortunately, it wasn't our day today, going down in the final.

The result isn't what we wanted, but I couldn't be prouder of the way the girls fought right until the final siren. They gave everything they had and never stopped working for each other.

While the loss hurts, there is so much to be proud of. The growth, effort, resilience and improvement this group has shown throughout the season has been incredible.

A massive thank you to everyone who supported us throughout the season. To the girls, hold your heads high - you should be so proud of what you've achieved and the way you represented our club.

U14 MIXED JOSH CONSOLMAGNO

First week of finals saw us take on Murrumbeena in a hard-fought contest. The boys came out firing in the first quarter, kicking the opening two goals of the game. Our backline stood up strongly and didn't allow Murrumbeena to hit the scoreboard. Our pressure and ball movement were excellent, setting the tone early.

Murrumbeena responded strongly in the second quarter, kicking four goals in a row. To the boys' credit, they fought back late in the quarter and kicked a crucial goal to head into half-time just six points behind.

The third quarter saw the boys create plenty of opportunities, but unfortunately we couldn't capitalise on the scoreboard. Murrumbeena managed to kick a late goal, giving them some momentum heading into the final term. The boys gave everything they had in the last quarter and never stopped fighting, but unfortunately we couldn't get the job done, going down by 27 points.

A tough result, but plenty of positives to take from the effort, pressure and commitment shown throughout the game.

U17.5 BOYS TOM NOLAN

The u17.5s boys took on St Peters/Murrumbeena in their elimination final. SPM won the last match by less than a goal, so the Dragons were looking to reverse the result.

SPM started off strongly with control of the footy in their forward half early. The Dragons were under enormous pressure as SPM kicked away with 4 goals to 0 in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, the Dragons fought back and were able to kick 3 goals. However, it seemed that whenever Oakleigh kicked a goal, SPM would respond back straight away with their own goal. SPM went into half time with a healthy 23 point lead.

The message for the second half was for the Dragons to play aggressive as there are no honourable losses in finals. To the boys' credit, they did just that. Unfortunately, it seemed to be that whenever Oakleigh did score, SPM would respond with another goal. The Dragons could never quite claw back the 4 goal margin that SPM put on in the first quarter. In the end, Oakleigh never gave in but went down by 29 points.

That marked the end of the season. The Dragons should be very proud to have made the final 4 in an extremely even 10 team division.

U18 GIRLS PAUL GUERGUES

Port Colts were off to a flying start with an early goal in the first quarter. Our girls quickly took stock and fired up - realising that this was a Final and that Port were going to be a difficult opponent.

We hit back with a goal to Yana who snapped truly to settle things down. A second goal further steadied the ship from a beautiful pass from Julia to Ava, who played on and kicked a wonderful goal to give us a one goal lead at quarter time.



The second quarter was a tight tussle and a real battle through the midfield. The ball was pinging back and forth, with neither side being able to take control of the game. A long bomb from Julia on the run was finished off by Ava at the goal line to keep us in front at half time by 4 points.

Zoe laid a massive tackle at the start of the third quarter to make her intentions clear. However, Port took control of the quarter - kicking 3 goals to our 2 behinds to take a 13-point lead at 3 quarter time.

A strong mark and set shot goal to Ava in the final quarter gave us a glimmer of hope. The girls kept running, kept fighting, and never gave up. But in the end, Port were too strong on the day and extended their lead, running out winners by 22 points.

While the result wasn't what we wanted, this magnificent group of girls can hold their heads high. They have shown incredible resilience, a never say die attitude, and most importantly, a genuine bond and connection that has grown significantly throughout the season.

These girls will bounce back and return next year as a stronger and more experienced unit. There is plenty to be proud of, and plenty to look forward to.



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					

