



THE ACORN

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all,

The Dragons have gone Green! A big thank you to everyone who helped the club go green Sunday night and we will only get better as the weeks go by. Going Green will take time but we all need to chip away until we get it right. Thanks for your support.

Another thank you was to the U17s and U10s parents for putting on Grub last Sunday. There was plenty of food and it was good to see the U17 boys serving and taking control last night. Well done and thanks to everyone !

Congratulations to my son Liam on his 150th game for the Dragons last week, well done fella!

FYI – We have new banners for the 50 and 100 game players which only needs the players name printed off but if you want to make a banner you need to contact the club with plenty of notice please.

Tensions were running high around the grounds yesterday so we need to remind everyone to calm down and encourage our kids with positive thoughts. We all like to win but we need to remember it's all about the kids.

The Oakleigh Dragons are lucky enough to have Collingwood players coming back to our club on **Monday 22nd July**. The club will run a similar Q&A night as per last year with details to follow soon. Lock in this date for all the Collingwood supporters.

As winter approaches very fast the Dragons will be having another Merchandise night for everyone to buy their hoodies and puffer vests/ jackets. This night will more than likely be held at the next Grub at the Club night and we will confirm soon. If you need to order something sooner, you can download an order form [here](#).

One more game and then we all have a week end off for the Queens birthday.

Pat Heverin
President
Oakleigh Dragons

GO DRAGONS

2019 COMMITTEE

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DO YOU HAVE SOMETHING TO SHARE?

If you have any photos you'd like in the next Acorn, please email them with a description to Sharon at s_westin@hotmail.com

CANTEEN CORNER



We had a coffee van at Scammell in the weekend that did a roaring trade. As we are unable to sell coffee and tea in competition with him, we are happy for anyone to purchase a Keepcup from us and they will honour the 50 cent discount.

Mugs are still available at the canteen for soup. Next week we are doing Leek & Potato.



We are moving away from cans to bottles. Look out for our weekly specials where we will be offering a 'Food & Drink' combo. Clancy cooked up sausages yesterday and we did a 'Dragons Snag' in bread for \$2.00 and a 'Dragons Snag & Can' for \$3.50. We'll have a chalk board out next Sunday with our specials listed.

Canteen staff were exhausted at the end of a long day Sunday with Alexi and Maddie both clocking on at 8:00am and finishing up after 5:00pm. Thanks for those volunteers that came to see if they could assist during the day, your help was greatly appreciated. The best times for you to help us is at the half time mark and at the end of the game. Those are our rush periods. Also, thank you to the lovely young lady that came to assist a couple of weeks ago. Unfortunately, you are not able to work in the canteen unless you are 16. I was really sorry to have to turn her away as she looked pretty excited.

GRUB GOES GREEN!



Don't forget we encourage you to bring your own plates and cutlery to Grub at the Club. Bring your camping or picnic set and remember to think about how you'll take them home. Dinner plates from the canteen can be used (you must wash after use) while we trial this system but we hope you'll get on board with this initiative.

CONGRATULATIONS

150

GAMES

Liam Heverin U17

50

GAMES

Ethan Cash U12

Raf Parton U12

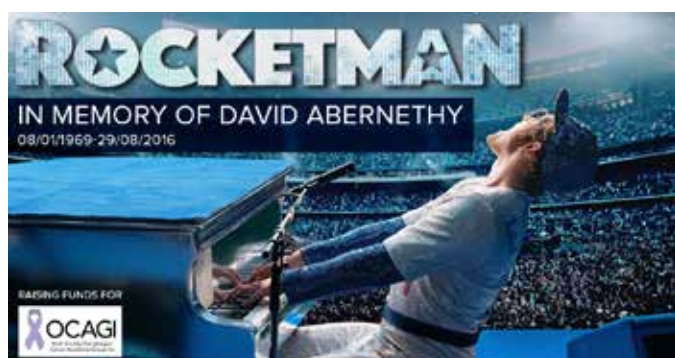
Having a milestone game?

Send details and pics to Sharon at s_westin@hotmail.com

DATES TO REMEMBER

22 JULY – Collingwood players Q&A

Keep an ear out for upcoming pie nights for your team.



SEE A MOVIE TO HELP FIGHT CANCER

DATE: Sunday 2nd June 2019 TIME: 4-6pm (TBC)

VENUE: Waverley Cinema, Pinewood Shopping Centre, Blackburn Road, Mount Waverley.

PRICE: Tickets are \$30 and include the movie, a fabulous goodie bag with some snacks and a drink, and ticket processing fees with all proceeds go to OCAGI.

[CLICK TO BUY TICKETS](#) For more info, contact Sharon 0425713590



COACHES' REPORTS

U12 MIXED TIM MORELAND

First game for points in Div 4 today saw us host Caulfield Bears at Scammel Reserve. We were really slow in getting going today and looked as though we didn't have our minds on things as quickly as we'd like.

This meant we were very patchy all game with only glimpses of good play that we have been practicing. We went down today 31 to 24.

It took until the last quarter to really drive forward and show what we're capable of but again we probably left it to too few today. We might need to work on not fumbling as much at training this week.

I encourage all of us to stick together as a team and keep looking after each other.

We had some real goers today who led from the front. Daniel across half back was in everything and without him taking intercept marks we could have been in more trouble.

Theo and Yanni really tried hard as on ballers whilst Mason B also ran hard back and forth all game.

Stevie and Bailey provided regular options as forwards including stints up the ground.

Overall it was a good experience for the lads to compete with a little more pressure today so hopefully we can learn and improve starting at training and into next week's game.

Look forward to Wed already to practice some of our things and to keep improving.

We need as many to training as possible and please arrive at games at least 40min prior to the start so we're all ready to go as a team!!

U13 MIXED GAB ROBINSON

Oakleigh Dragons 9.6.60 def Dingley Dingoes 3.3.21

The Mighty Dragons put together an excellent 4 quarter performance to beat the Dingoes at Scammel, great reward for our 50 gamer, Sunny.

Earlier in the season we drew with the Dingoes therefore today's dominant performance demonstrates the progress our players and the team as a whole has made. We are moving the ball effectively down the ground with run and carry and long kicking. Add to that, we are beginning to switch the ball with hard running from our midfielders who are finding space on the flanks. Contested marking in our forward line is first-class with Max and Tommy unbeatable in the air.

Bailey's move to centre half back has been a revelation with his unrelenting physical attack on the ball.

Stevie G is back to his best form dominating contested possession and clearances.

Pete is playing the footy of his life and is only getting better with each week.

Well done to Sammy the Mammal and Jacko for their best performances of the year.

Very pleasing today was the leadership and maturity shown by Tommy to diffuse an ugly situation that was developing between both teams

Players and Parents, we most always play the game in the right spirit no matter what comes our way, demonstrated through our actions and behaviour.

Well done to the whole team.



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U16 GIRLS GEORGE WINTLE

On the weekend the under 16 girls played East Malvern at home in windy conditions as a result of a lot of points being scored. The team has decided at this week's training they would like to practice goal kicking under pressure. Mia once again controlled defence and gives the team plenty of scoring options.

The team as always are very energetic and enthusiastic to be around!

U11 MIXED DARREN GRENFELL

Opponent: Ormond JFC **Away Game:** Scammell Reserve

Result: Oakleigh Dragons won by 55 points (10.8.68 vs 2.1.13) **Match Day Captain:** Oliver Palmer & Alex

Pre-Game: Zac and Peter returned but we lost Drew to a broken toe, whilst Josh continued to enjoy himself in the Hawaiian sun. This week the team was captained by our power marking Full Forward Oliver Palmer, and last week's rising star nominee Alex. Having lost our previous encounter with Ormond, the Dragons were keen to see how much they had improved since last season.

The Match in a paragraph: The improvement was on full display in the first half!!! A really good first quarter was trumped by an impressive 2nd quarter as the Dragons piled on 6 goals for the period whilst keeping our opponent scoreless. The three tower forward line of Rayaana, Will and Captain Palmer were far too good for Ormond as they led the side to a commanding half time lead. The team was thrown around at half time as the second half was a far more even contest and goals appeared a lot harder to come by.

Special mentions from the game:

- The defensive effort by the backline, led by Ethan, Tyson, Sophie and Austin
- 7 goals between the three tower forward line in the first half.
- The improved positioning of Ben, Will and Seb as they continually floated a kick behind play to mop up opposition attacks.
- The continued improvement shown by Oscar (again!!) and Peter, as well as the return to form of Oliver Thomson.
- The running and handballing displayed across the team to put a team mate in a better position.
- Jacob twice grabbing the ball in the backline, running and kicking long in the first quarter.
- And 2 goal of the day contenders – both snaps from the pocket from Tom and Oliver P.

Round 5 Goal Scorers: Oliver Palmer (3), Will (3), Tom (2), Rayaana, Seb

Most Pleasing aspect of the game: The whole first half. The defense keeping Ormond scoreless, the midfield dominating the clearances and the forward line taking a lot of marks.

Player that caught the coach's eye: Ben. In the middle or down back, Ben won plenty of hard balls and swept across the half back line - stopping numerous Ormond attacks.



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U14 GIRLS SIMON GREELY

Dragons vs Mordi-Braeside

It was a very tight match on Sunday at Walter Galt Reserve with a pretty strong wind blowing to the right of screen. We welcomed back Grace and introduced Giselle to her first game and both players acquitted themselves very well. We jumped out of the blocks and kicked 2 goals 5 behinds in the first quarter with the wind but it was very crowded and there wasn't much #Dragon2Dragon.

Unfortunately, for the rest of the game we only kicked 3 points and Mordi-Braeside kicked 3 goals to win by a point. I felt we lacked a bit of cohesion and players were not always focused on the team things as we went kick-chasing and did not put enough pressure on their better players.

We will focus on a few things at training this week, including positioning on the ground, where to defend, creating space and kicking goals. I am looking forward to more learning and continued improvement in the team.

Oakleigh 2.8.20 Mordi-Braeside 3.3.21

Goals – Mya and Britney

Better players – Lucia, Britney, Sam and Ruby

UNDER 13 MIXED CHRIS MORTON

Today we headed out east to Wheelers Hill to play Ashwood / Waverley Hawks. They had accounted for us in the first round and hadn't lost since so we knew it was going to be a tough game. Oscar, our fearless on baller, had reached his 50th game and took on the honour of Captain for the day. Thanks to Yanni and Ethan from the U12s for joining us for the game.

There were some good efforts and passages of play in the first half but overall our opponents were too strong starting at the centre bounces with their tall ruck and quick mid fielders. They lead 6 goals to zero at the main break. Jackson and Finn were showing exciting glimpses taking the game on while Jovan and Dylan were linking up well out of the backline.

Aiden and Rhys, who are tall for their age, were still short in comparison to the opposition ruck but admirably continued to compete. Aiden made up for it around the ground, running, tackling and pressuring the opposition at every opportunity. Very focused in the task at hand, he didn't even realise when at one point he had blood streaming down his knee.

In the second half, we had some productive forward entries and put a few goals on the scoreboard. On one such occasion, Alex cleaned up a centre clearance, alluded his opponent and kicked long to Yiannis who swiftly picked up the ball and snapped truly.

Oscar, was always in the thick of things, and like his first 49 games, his competitiveness and skilful use of the ball in this game was no exception.

The fourth quarter was played more on our terms with most of the play in our forward line. We ended up scoring 2 goals to 1. Yanni claimed an early contender for goal of the year, when he received a hand pass from Jovan and, surrounded by players, kicked the ball over his head.

Sam looked dangerous dashing into the forward line with the ball a couple of times but was unlucky not to finish off with a goal.

In the end though we went down by 63 points. A disappointing result, but I know the boys were all trying their hardest up until the final siren. On these days all we can do is focus on the positives and think about how we can continue to improve.



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U9 MIXED VIOLET NICK SOURRIS

Our under 9's mixed blue, this week were at home on Princes Hwy Reserve against Murrumbena. After a consistent start to the season, our team were promoted to a higher division. Once again our boys were impressive with their skills and leadership. It was another close game and our boys were valiant in their 2 point defeat.

Our midfielders were on top all day. Alex, Oscar and Hayden were all best on ground. Our defenders were well led by Oliver and Xavier. Our forward line was in good form, kicking 4 goals and 7 behinds. Special mention to Charlie, Heath and Cooper, who worked well up forward.

Looking forward to continued success in a higher division.

U9 MIXED MARK D'ROZARIO

Round 5 was played at Toorak Park on one side of the wing. A very unusually shaped and skinny set up that was confusing to play on. It was a poor start for us with 16 on the field after the flu struck Jethro and Archie. Get well soon boys. Our team manager Shayne (works harder for us than Eddie McGuire for the pies) didn't miss a beat and notified the other team who shared 2 of their players with us. I was expecting big things as we trained well this week at Schammel, where the boys enjoyed a pie and the opportunity to train with a few of the u17 boys that helped them with their skills. We also had assistant coach Fergal back who was raring to go as he missed one game due to surgery and I felt he wanted to kit up and get out there. Always great to have him there to share the duties.

The games started with Prahran switched on. It was a game of quarters as Prahran played well in the first and third quarter, we halved the second and won the last quarter. They were a bit too dominant overall and played the skinny ground a bit better than our boys. After a slow start we fought it out the whole way. Harland had a fantastic start to the game and got plenty of the ball, the midfield in general tried hard, copping a few bumps along the way. Oliver and Ewan finished strong, tackled hard and really attacked the footy when they got the chance. Fionn won clearances and Maxx looked dangerous at times using his trademark passing to set team mates up in the middle.

The back line were terrific, particularly Andrew Troy and Paul, who shared around the half back and full back duties. Troy ran hard and backed himself to attack the ball and also took fantastic contested marks, whilst Andrew ran down the lines, kicked long to clear the ball out of defence and Paul used both side of the body to great effect. Darcy R did the hard stuff and was at the bottom of each pack and backed himself more by taking on the tacklers and running and carrying the footy. Marco tackled hard and is starting to understand where to go on the footy field.

The forward line had limited chances, but Robbie showed some great improvement setting up Darcy M for a shot at goal after a contested mark and getting in good positions at full forward to be dangerous. Cameron was good in the first and last quarter after copping a big knock he moved forward and nearly snagged a goal but was off line. Eamon looked dangerous at times but didn't know what to do when he got the ball sometimes. Quick movement is something that the boys will work on at training as that was a theme throughout the game. Common for most first year players. Josh's skill level is good and whenever he gets the ball he uses it very well. Ally showed a lot more confidence in going for more tackles and Darcy M worked hard to set up team mates and having shots at goals where he converted one and moved to the midfield where he set up two to Fionn and kicked one from the centre that did not count.

The boys always give their all when they play. There are some very talented footballers in the team and I am very happy with the way things have gone this year. A tough fight and a good finish to take us into next week. Keep up the good work and I look forward to round 6.



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U12 GIRLS EMILY HEVERIN & JACQUIE MORGAN

Oakleigh 8.5- 53 def Mordi Brae 3.2- 20

Under 12s Girls: This week our girls played awesome, there tackles were aggressive but very fair. We kicked 8 goals And 5 points in total making the score 53. Our goal kickers this week were Melanie kicking 1 goal, Gabi kicking 1 goal and Siena B kicking 6 goals. Our midfield ran out the game, worked extremely hard. Our defenders/ backline fort off the goals with there hard tackles and pressure which kept Mordi Brae To a low score! Very proud!! Everyone played in good spirits. Very proud of our girls with there great sportsmanship through the game helping the opposition team up after tackles and being so compassionate. Our team has definitely clicked and bonded, finally become one!! Great to see they have all formed friendships and love having a kick of the footy all together. We are really looking forward to the season ahead.

U10 MIXED MARCUS SPENCER

We played against: St Kilda City U10's At: Away

The 8.30am start at a ground right next to the beach was challenging. There was a chilly breeze blowing quite strongly to one end and we were able to win the toss and kick with it in the first quarter.

Our midfield, including Campbell, Jack and Hamish, took the initiative early and the ball spent most of the quarter in our forward line. Some strong forward line play from Oskar, Hunter and Josh W ensured we established a good lead at the first break. Things evened up in the second quarter as we worked into the wind, but our backline held and the margin at half time was still around three goals.

We dominated play in the third quarter, but didn't really put the score on the board. Our forwards were not working together, with too many examples of players wanting to be the one to kick the goal themselves. Because of this, shots at goal were under pressure and generally resulted in points.

The result was a five-goal win to the Dragons, with our best players across the game being Campbell, Oskar and Jack.

U15 BOYS GONZALO VALENZUELA

Oakleigh 14.15-99 Def Hampton 2.4-16

Great game by the boys. The boys started well, linking up by hand at every opportunity as they shut down our wingman to get the ball wide. Good practise for our boys to do what will be required against better opposition this week. Well done boys.





U16 BOYS JIMMY HUNT

This Week The under 16s went out to E.E. Gunn reserve to verse Ormond.

The boys started off well kicking the first goal and having a couple of shots on goal, but then dropped off a little bit letting Ormond take a lead into quarter time. The boys also were getting led to the ball in the second quarter and not making the most of their opportunities to go into the half time break down by 4 goals.

With a slight breeze advantage going in to the third quarter it was a now or never moment and the boys lifted. In a Quarter where they had most of the play they just didn't find themselves in good enough spots to kick goals and then Ormond just happened to go down and kick a goal from their only entry.

It was a tough ask for the boys to get the job done in the last quarter but to their credit they picked it up another gear and continued to win the footy putting Ormond under a lot of pressure. After kicking a goal within the first minute of the quarter the dragons knew they were well and truly in this game! They had more shots at goal but couldn't convert getting to within 9 points but that's as close as they would get. Ormond ended up kicking away after we'd spent all our petrol tickets trying to make a comeback and the dragons eventually went down by 6 goals.

Lachie Stewart did a great job up forward, Konti used the ball really well all day and the money man dug in deep down back all day and eventually went up forward to kick a goal.

U17 BOYS NATHAN LITTLE

Mordialloc Braeside JFC 10.6.66 def Oakleigh JFC 9.8.62

It was a big week for our U17s! As well as school, TAFE and work commitments, they managed to fit in a few extracurricular activities into their busy schedule. At very late notice, a few of our boys managed to make it to training early on Wednesday night to train with the U9s. The U17s loved every minute of it and we've already had requests from other players to organise another training session so they can participate.





SET UP / PACK UP DUTIES

Duty	Date	Team	Time	Venue
Set-up	2nd June	U10	9.30am	Princes Hwy
Pack-up	2nd June	U12 Girls	10.45pm	Princes Hwy
Set-up	2nd June	U14 Girls	10.00am	WA Scammell
Pack-up	2nd June	U17	2.30pm	WA Scammell

GRUB AT THE CLUB SCHEDULE

(Subject to change during the season depending on game times, your Team Manager will keep you posted).

Date	U8 & U9	U10	U11-U13	U14+	Holidays	Grub at the Club
28/4/19	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1	Round 1		Anzac Round U13
5/5/19	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2	Round 2		U11 & U12G
12/5/19	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	Round 3	Mothers' Day	
19/5/19	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4	Round 4		
26/5/19	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5	Round 5		U10 & U17
2/6/19	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6	Round 6		
9/6/19	No Games	Queen's Birthday				
16/6/19	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7	Round 7		
23/6/19	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8	Round 8		U12
30/6/19	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9	Round 9	School Holidays	
7/7/19	No Games	School Holidays				
14/7/19	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10	Round 10	School Holidays	U16 & U16G
21/7/19	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11	Round 11		
28/7/19	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12	Round 12		
4/8/19	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13	Round 13		U9
11/8/19	Lightning Carnivals	Round 14	Round 14	Round 14		
18/8/19		Lightning Carnivals	Round 15	Round 15		U15 & U14G
25/8/19			Semi Finals	Semi Finals		
1/9/19			Grand Finals	Prelim Finals	Fathers' Day	Committee
8/9/19				Grand Finals		TBA



CLUB ROLES

Every issue or two, we will be adding a description of the roles needed to run our club successfully. These will include game day roles, as well as committee roles.

Goal Umpire

- 20.29. Where Goal Umpires are not provided by the SMJFL Umpiring Department, each team participating in a match must provide a Goal Umpire who is at least 16 years of age or, in the opinion of the Field Umpire, of sufficient age to be competent to perform the task.
- 20.30. Each Goal Umpire shall be equipped with a scorecard, two flags and a pen.
- 20.31. Each Goal Umpire shall be responsible for keeping score and the Goal Umpires shall confer and verify scores at the end of each quarter. At the completion of the match they must sign each other's scorecard.
- 20.32. Only in the case of a disagreement on scores by the Goal Umpires shall the score recorded on the official Timekeepers' card be regarded as correct.
- 20.33. Goal Umpires shall be responsible for ensuring that the area between and behind the goals is kept clear of spectators and obstacles and must not enter the field or dispute decisions of the Field Umpires at any time.
- 20.34. Field Umpires may overrule a decision by a Goal Umpire except in the case where the Goal Umpire is appointed by the League.
- 20.35. Goal Umpires are not permitted to coach or communicate with any players or officials - other than during breaks between quarters. A Field Umpire may order from the field and report any team appointed Goal Umpire who is in breach of this By-law. Any team appointed Goal Umpire ordered from the field must be replaced.

President (Executive Committee)

Chair meetings, delegate duties, liaise with League, Club members and Senior Club, attends League meetings and local community meetings when required.

Pat Heverin – Position filled for 2019.

Vice President (Executive Committee)

Able to chair meetings and represent the Club in the absence of the President. Work with President and assist over all administrative areas. Attend League meetings.

David Cash – Position filled for 2019.



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.

Source: www2.health.vic.gov.au