



THE ACORN

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all,

A great weekend of football with some really close games but also good Oakleigh Dragon team spirit. Last weekend was the start of the school holidays with some people getting the early jump on holidays (very jealous) and we had a few teams short on players. A big thanks to the players who helped out other teams in need of players due to holidays and injuries. Without players helping out some teams, we would have had to forfeit. I know other clubs did forfeit teams so thanks again for those players and parents helping out.

With the winter months here can we make sure our coaches have help with training please. The colder it gets the less parents we see around the club so please rug up and get involved. Lighting carnivals/finals are not far away so let's prepare now and hit these important games full of skill and fitness.

Collingwood players are coming to the Dragons on Monday the 22nd of July at Scammell. Last year we had 75 people and we would like to better that. We will have a question and answer session again so start thinking of some good questions.

The Oakleigh Dragons are having a Trivia Night on Friday the 2nd of August in the social rooms so lock this date in. Start talking to your parents as we expect a table from each age group attending. No kids, just parents enjoying time off! It will be cheap and cheerful.

The Oakleigh Dragons and Oakleigh Amateurs F.C are holding a major raffle to generate some much needed money for new lights at Scammell. We require each family to buy/sell some tickets. Each ticket cost \$25 and there are 7 prizes in total with a brand new trailer full of goods. The trailer itself is valued at \$10K. Each team/player will be allocated tickets and we ask that you try and sell 4 tickets each. The raffle will be drawn on Saturday August 24th at the clubrooms with drinks at bar prices and finger food. We need the Dragons family to fully support the raffle as our kids will benefit the lights the most!!!

Lastly we have been put on notice/warning by the Monash Council regarding smokers at Scammell. If you are a smoker, please smoke behind the clubrooms (golf course side) and put you butts in the trays and please do not smoke around children. See the last page of this Acorn for regulations.

Enjoy the week end off and get ready for the last half of the season.

Pat Heverin

GO DRAGONS

2019 COMMITTEE

President: Pat Heverin

Vice President: David Cash

Secretary: Kathy McGeoch

Treasurer: Jackie Phillips

Sponsorship Co-ordinator: George Wintle

Child Safety Officer: Lisa O'Driscoll

Registrar: Jackie Phillips

Bar Manager: Jim Hall

Coaching Co-ordinators: Jeff Fortune & David Cash

Canteen Manager: Clancy Phillips

General: Sharon Westin-Shaw

2019 MAJOR SPONSORS





COMMITTEE MEMBERS NEEDED

You may have heard at recent Grub nights that the club is looking for new committee members to assist with the tasks required to operate the club and get our kids on the field. This is an ongoing request and you may well be sick of us by the end of the season. In saying that, there is great reward in volunteering. Studies show, volunteering connects you to your community, is good for your mind and body, can advance your career and brings fun and fulfillment to your life.

The Dragon's Committee will have a number of roles being vacated at the end of the season and to ensure a smooth transition, it would be ideal to have those roles pre-filled before the end of this season. Those roles are:

POSITION	CURRENTLY PERFORMED BY
SECRETARY (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) Deal with club mail, takes minutes of meetings, attends League meetings as required. Maintain policies. Liaise with League, distribute mail/correspondence as required within club and externally, main contact point for Club. Oversee running of the Club along with President and Vice President.	Kathy McGeoch
TREASURER (EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE) Maintain the Financial Accounts of the Club, including banking, presenting timely and accurate reports and budgets to the Committee.	Jackie Phillips
REGISTRAR Accept registrations and forward requirements onto League. Keep an updated Club registration database. Arrange and co-ordinate registration day with the help of volunteers. Contact person for new members.	Jackie Phillips
CHILD SAFETY OFFICER Ensure SMJFL Child Safety Guidelines are adhered to and provide access to training from the SMJFL including online training modules. Ensure adherence to existing policies.	Lisa O'Driscoll
TEAM MANAGER / VOLUNTEER SUPPORT Assist Team Managers to ensure they have everything they need to assist coaches, parents and players to ensure the smooth operation of all match day requirements. Ensure Team Managers are aware of By-Law updates and League requirements when overseeing match day operations.	Kathy McGeoch

The following roles have been vacant for some years and urgently need to be filled:

SOCIAL CO-ORDINATOR Arrange and co-ordinate a variety of social events for Club members together with volunteers. Can be a Non-Committee Role, attendance at Committee meetings required on an ad hoc basis.
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If you are able to fill one of these roles or would like more information about how you can help, please contact Kathy at secretaryOYCFC@gmail.com or Pat on 0402 905 198.



DATES TO REMEMBER

14 JULY – Grub at the Club

22 JULY – Collingwood players Q&A

28 JULY – Team Photos @ Scammell. Time TBC.

2 AUGUST – Trivia Night

24 AUGUST – MAJOR RAFFLE

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

TRAINING

It would be great to see more parents at training, helping the coaches set up/pack up, and enjoy getting involved with the activities. This would be a great help, especially with the younger teams.

ATTENTION COACHES

If you haven't put in a receipt for a reimbursement of your AFL fees, please do so by the end of September.

Oakleigh Dragons Trivia Night

FRIDAY 2 AUGUST

TICKETS \$10 EACH

BYO FOOD

REVERSE RAFFLE

FUN GAMES

We would love to see at least one table per team.

This is an adults only event. Details to follow.

BOOK NOW

<https://www.trybooking.com/BDUII>

CONGRATULATIONS

50 GAMES

Anabelle Lucarelli U16



150 GAMES

Brodie Addison U16



Having a milestone game?

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

WORKING WITH CHILDRENS CHECK

If you don't have at least one parent with a Working With Children's Check, can you please head online [HERE](#) and do so. It's free and easy and makes our Team Managers jobs a lot easier as many of these jobs require you to have this check.



COLLINGWOOD PLAYERS Q&A

On Monday 22 July, we will again be hosting some Collingwood players in a Q&A session. This was a great experience last season and we hope to get even more support this year. More details to follow.



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

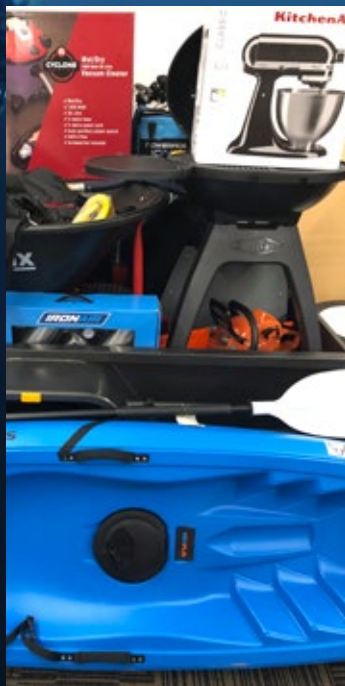
MAJOR RAFFLE

You may have seen our magnificent trailer at the club, full of amazing goodies, ready to be raffled. This will be our main fundraiser for the season, with all proceeds going towards new lights for the ground at Scammell. We will be allocating 50 tickets per team so let's do our best to sell out!

SATURDAY 24 AUGUST
@ SCAMMELL

TICKETS \$25 EACH

SNEAK PEAK



Trailer Raffle Contents

- 4x4 trailer
- Kitchen Aid food Processor
- Kitchen Aid
- Makita Drill
- Hilti Drill
- Ryobi 2000W Power Washer
- Sidchrome Toolbox (Basic tools inside)
- Sidchrome Socket Set
- AeroPro 2.5 HP 40litre Air Compressor with 4 piece spray Gun kit & 2 hoses
- Kyak and paddle
- Bristle Dart Board
- Easymix Wheel Barrow
- Spear & Jackson Shovel
- 4 x Columbia Jackets
- BackPack including mini Backpack
- Echo Chainsaw
- Senco 4 litre Air Compressor
- MasterCraft 26cc Petrol Blower
- Pope Garden hose and Reel
- Poweraid Cooler Bags
- Cyclone Wet/ Dry Vacuum
- Cyclone Angle Grinder
- Medalist Garden Tool Set
- Beef Eater Gas grill
- Trek Mountain bike
- Davey submersible D40 A pump
- Caroma Caravelle Toilet Suite with close coupled cistern
- 5 x Caroma Tapware and bathroom fittings eg towel rack

Special thanks to George Wintle for his efforts in getting these items donated.



COACHES' REPORTS

U17 BOYS NATHAN LITTLE

Round 9 – Oakleigh JFC 8.8.56 v Cheltenham JFC 9.10.64

We played our third home game of the season this week. The U16s filled in for the second match this season, providing us with a solid bench and putting in a valiant effort by running straight from their own match to the U17s match. Thanks boys!

Everyone played well but unfortunately we were unable to take away the four points this time around.

Round 8 – Oakleigh JFC 13.14.92 defeated Murrumbeena JFC 4.3.27

The U17s travelled all the way to the neighbouring suburb of Murrumbeena to play on a mud ground with barely a blade of grass in sight. It was a tough encounter and the final score didn't properly represent the hard battle out on the ground - Murrumbeena never gave up and made us earn every point.

We came out of the match a little battered and bruised but thankfully with no serious injuries. Well done boys!

Go Dragons!

U13 MIXED GAB ROBINSON

Waverley 86 points def Oakleigh 23 points

In a big, top of the table clash, Waverley hosted the mighty dragons at Columbia park.

Waverley was far too strong on the day hammering home a strong 10 goal win.

The Dragons were poor and inconsistent and though we had moments of high quality football, we were unable to maintain this for extended periods of time.

Bailey was wonderful at centre half back, competing hard all day. He is quick, powerful and skilful. Great to watch.

Well done to Speccy Bernado for sparking the team in some excellent moments of leadership.

Ethan, Eugene and Tommy Heverin also had good games.

Boys, we weren't good enough today and we must improve across all 18 players.

Physical football, 100% effort for 4 quarters is needed.

Enjoy the break team and well done on a good season so far.

U16 BOYS JIMMY HUNT

This week Oakleigh hosted Dingley at Scammell.

The day was a big occasion for Brodie playing his 150th game which is a great achievement.

The boys started a little slow but worked there way back into the contest going into half time leading by a goal. With only 18 men on the day though you could tell not having rotations was taking its toll on the boys.

The 3rd quarter was another see sawing contest with Dingley taking the lead going into 3/4 time.

With tired legs we knew there was a lot to do going into the last quarter. The boys had the scoring end with a nice breeze behind us but unfortunately they just didn't have the legs to run over the top of Dingley, eventually going down by 13 points.

Phil kicked two goals, Brodie presented well all day and Ned's defence pressure and shepherding was good all day.



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U14 GIRLS SIMON GREELY

East Malvern forfeited.

U12 MIXED TIM MORELAND

Our mid season game before a break saw us travel to Cheltenham on an early but clear Sunday in June.

The ground was big and held up well considering the Saturday rain we had. Not the most glamorous game but the boys came out on top 33-22 in a hard fought win.

Over recent weeks we have been challenging the boys individually to focus on some areas of improvement in their own game. It's a bit of a balance as at times today we probably let some of our team philosophies slack a little. We pride ourselves on our teamwork including attacking the ball and shepherding for our mates and whilst we saw patches, the opposition really challenged us to remain switched on today. The coach even got a little cranky at half time as we are usually so good in this area.

All this is easy to work on moving forward but it's been really pleasing seeing some players lifting in confidence due to their focusses.

Players like Nick, Spencer, Raff, Ethan & Stevie continue to show us their improvements. Really great stuff guys!

We spoke to Jimmy, Matt R, Mitch, Zach and Matt F and we can see how the boys are doing everything they can to improve. Very impressive!

Some really solid games from Theo, Angus, Mason & Isaac who battled hard and showed their consistency in propelling the ball forward on a regular basis.

I highlighted a couple of players at the end of the game due to their continued application of our team functions. Yanni's ability to see his defence were in trouble, sprint down to help them out and forced a rushed behind. Great team thinking Yanni.

Antonios is our rock in defence and we continue to shake our heads at the times he battled 2 and 3 forwards before clearing the ball for us. We'd like to see some more help for him at times.

Jake is showing how important it is to handball out of stoppages but with some smart decision making to go along with it. Jakes in good form.

Daniel's run across the ground is setting the standard of how working hard to get to as many contests as possible also results in him getting plenty of the ball.

We challenged Rudra, Caleb, Bailey, Henry, Lachie and Justin to get to as many contests as possible and was impressed with their influence on the game. Justin's tackle on the wing was great to see!

We have time now to have a mid season break. No training this Wed and next weekend off to put the feet up and get rid of some niggling injuries. We'll be back at training the following Wed the 10th July.

Great first half of the season and we really appreciate everyone involved in our U/12 team. We're one big team and we thank all of the helpers and parents across the board.

We look forward to our continued improvement when we come back and hope that everyone has an enjoyable break. Thanks again.



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U11 MIXED DARREN GRENFELL

Opponent: Dingley JFC **Away Game:** Souter Reserve

Result: Oakleigh Dragons won by 60 points (11.13.79 vs 3.1.19) **Match Day Captain:** Seb

Pre-Game: A few Dragons were making the most of the start of the School holidays and vacating cold Melbourne town – leaving the team with 19 players. After a great month of football, Seb was given the captain's duties.

The Match in a paragraph: What a great start. Kicking with the breeze the team controlled possession and kept the ball in the forward line for most of the first 15 minutes, resulting in 10 shots at goal (for 4 goals). The game however turned in the second quarter, with Dingley catching us out repeatedly with quick ball movement into their forward line. The score board tightened up and we held a slim half time margin. Once again the wind assisted Dragon's kicked away, slamming on 5 goals to none for the quarter. A grumpy coach asked for the Dragons to run with the ball into the breeze for the last quarter, and the team responded magnificently. Not only did they keep Dingley scoreless for the quarter, but managed to score 3 goals ourselves to run out comfortable victors.

Special mentions from the game:

- The backline for three quarters keeping the opposition scoreless. Sam, Sophie, Dean, Rayaan and Oliver H really standing up.
- A large spread of goal kickers – 8 in total, including three Dragon's kicking their first goals for the season.
- The run and dash displayed from Dean, Mitch, Tyson and Seb.
- Some really impressive, and entertaining, passages of play, with marks and handballs helping the team move the ball the full length of the ground.
- Tackling pressure put on by Ben, Dean, Oliver T, Tyson, Jacob and Oliver H.
- Will taking a strong mark in the goal square, and then handballing off to Dean to allow him to kick his first goal for 2019. An amazing display of team work and unselfishness.

Round 9 Goal Scorers: Oliver Thomson (2), Oliver Palmer (2), Will (2), Austin, Dean, Josh, Peter, Sophie

Most Pleasing aspect of the game: The last quarter effort kicking into a strong breeze. The team really knuckled down, ran with the ball and controlled the midfield. An effort that was reflected on the scoreboard (winning the quarter 22-0).

Player that caught the coach's eye: Peter. Took a big hit running into the goal post, and then recovered to play the best 20 minutes of his football life. Looked dangerous and attacked the ball, took some marks, and was rewarded with his first goal of the season.



Great win by U11 Mixed today at Dingley. Perhaps the pre-game rub down for Oliver Palmer is the secret to their success.



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U16 GIRLS GEORGE WINTLE

On the weekend the under 16 girls played at home against Port Melbourne. The team would like to thank Ruby, Brittany and Elise from the under 14's who played hard and were all very competitive. Without them we could not have taken the field. Congratulations to Annabelle on 50 games!

U10 MIXED MARCUS SPENCER

We played against: East Malvern At: Home

We played against a holiday depleted East Malvern on Sunday and came away with a solid win. We even provided the opposition with three players each quarter to make it 18 on 18, but that didn't stop our team from dominating.

It was a milestone game with the Seabrook twins Josh and Jack (or Jack and Josh....depending who you ask) celebrating 50 games for the Dragons. The boys were joint Captains for the game and confidently strode to the centre, only to lose the toss and have us kicking into a strong breeze in the first quarter.

We have focussed on handball and running the ball in recent times and that paid dividends in the first quarter. In fact, despite the breeze, we kicked the first goal and led at quarter time. In the second quarter we dominated play and kicked clear and the second half was more of the same. A great way to celebrate the milestone game and to go into the bye with four wins on the trot.

We had great players all over the ground, and as it turns out, playing for both teams. Nathan, J and J, Noah, Campbell, Henry and Elliott S played very well, but I could include the whole team in that list. We are looking forward to the week off and then coming back refreshed for the final six weeks of the season.





U13 MIXED ASSISTANT COACH ROBERT HASTINGS FOR CHRIS MORTON

On a sunny but breezy winter's Sunday, Oakleigh — still looking to notch up their first win — travelled to Centenary Park to face St Peter's. Winning the toss the Dragons captains for the day, 50 gamers Tom White and Yiannis Roussos, duly opted to kick with the aid of the gusty nor'westerly. Thanks to the strong midfield grunt supplied by Tom White, and some hard work by Alexander Hastings at centre half forward, the ball spent much of the quarter in Oakleigh's fifty. Gutsy tackling from the likes of James Cox and a courageous smother from Rhys Wright, for instance, underscored the Dragon's intensity. Unfortunately the congestion around the ball meant that Oakleigh's hunger was translated into behinds not goals: the score line at the quarter time break was a wasteful seven points to nil.

St Peter's had the wind at their backs in the second quarter but, for a time, it looked as though the Dragons were holding them at bay. Dylan Jones, as usual, made sure any opponent willing to take him on would feel it and — in a rare clean passage of play — it looked as though Oakleigh would be the first to break the goal drought: a long clearing Jake D'Rozario kick found the nimble Sam Holman who moved the ball swiftly down the ground against the wind. Hastings worked free from the St Peter's centre half back and sprinted towards the goal square. With his opponent bearing down on him Hastings — who probably had a split second or two longer than he thought to steady himself — sprayed the kick and the Dragons added yet another unwelcome behind to their score. Despite some strong work from Finnley George and Yiannis Roussos, amongst others, it was only a matter of time before St Peter's — who'd managed just a behind to this stage — would, with the wind at their backs, kick truly. And when they goaled just before half-time Oakleigh was left with just a one point lead as a reward for all their first half efforts.

With the wind in the third quarter surely it would be the Dragons' chance to kick clear and, for a time, it looked as though that might be about to be the case: an Allan McHenry smother led to the ball ending up with Jovan Susak — who'd been quiet up to this point — deep in the forward pocket. Susak, on a very tight angle, slotted his set shot through and Oakleigh finally had a major. Unfortunately for the Dragons St Peter's really knuckled down in response and the third quarter ended up being a dour scoreless struggle.

At the final change Oakleigh held a slender seven point lead with St Peter's now having the assistance of the wind: sadly for the Dragons it wouldn't be long before St Peter's took full advantage. White, Jones and Jarvis-Stewart — along with the ever-reliable Oscar Morton continued to battle hard — but couldn't hold back the red and green tide. When one of the St Peter's players bombed through a long goal on the run Oakleigh's lead was cut to a solitary point. Then when they broke through for another major St Peter's were in front for the first time in the match. Capitalising on some confusion and, at times, sheer sloppiness in the Dragons' backline St Peter's kicked truly twice more the game was as good as over. Once again, Oakleigh were to find two or three quarters of hard work undone in as little as half a quarter of poor football: an all too familiar tale it would seem.

(St Peter's 5.2.32 def. Oakleigh 1.8.14)





SET UP / PACK UP DUTIES

Duty	Date	Team	Time	Venue
Set-up	14/7/19	U9 Yellow	10.10am	Princes Hwy
Pack-up	14/7/19	U9 Yellow		Princes Hwy
Set-up	14/7/19	U9 Blue	9.00am	WA Scammell
Pack-up	14/7/19	U17 Boys		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.

Water Carrier

20.21. Water Carriers must be at least 12 years of age or, in the opinion of the Field Umpire, of sufficient age to be competent to perform the task.

20.22. One Water Carrier is permitted to enter the field of play to deliver water to players in the under 11 and under 12 competitions. Two Water Carriers are permitted to enter the field of play to deliver water to players in the under 13s and above.

20.23. Water Carriers are only permitted to carry plastic water bottles on to the field of play. Metal and glass bottles, and water bottle carriers, are not permitted on the field of play.

20.24. Water Carrier shall only enter the field of play behind play to deliver water to the players whilst: a player from either side is having a set shot for goal; or whilst the football is being retrieved and returned to the field umpire who will be located in the centre of the ground after a goal has been scored.

20.25. Where a player having a set shot for goal misses the goal, all Water Carriers must immediately leave playing field.

20.26. Water Carriers:

- may enter the field of play from any position on the ground.
- are not permitted to communicate with the Team Bench other than during the breaks between quarters.
- must not at any time other than during the breaks between quarters be within 30 metres of the Team Bench.
- are not permitted to pass messages or give instructions to players or disrupt play.

20.27. A Field Umpire may order from the field and report any Water Carrier who is in breach of these By-laws. Any Water Carrier ordered from the field may be replaced.



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