



THE ACORN

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Hi all,

The Oakleigh Dragons u9s were on fire last week end with their Lighting Carnival held at St Pauls, Bentleigh. Our teams were very strong and had a red hot crack which is brilliant. Well done to everyone involved Coaches, Team Managers, Players and Parents for making it happen.

All the Oakleigh Girls teams had wins this week end which is very special for the club. Well done to all the girls, enjoy the win.

Next week is the last game of 2019 season and we ask everyone to finish off the season with real Oakleigh Dragon spirit. If you are playing finals football, be smart and prepare for finals. If you are not making finals, finish off strong and give your best for the last game of the year.

We need everyone to dig deep and buy or sell the Trailer raffle tickets. All money goes directly to the new lights for OUR kids. We really want the tickets coming back all sold so please try your best to sell the tickets. The draw night is on Saturday the 24th of August which will be a lot of fun so lock this date in. Please return the tickets/money to your Team Manager asap.

Vote count night for the Oakleigh Dragons is on Wednesday the 21st of August in the clubrooms with all coaches / assistants required on that night. Coaches are to start planning now regarding awards given to players so the night runs smooth.

Presentation Day is fast approaching on Septmeber 15th and we are having a spint challenge for all Dragon teams. One person from each team will be asked to race against each other to see who the Oakleigh Champ is. Start practicing your sprinting.

Good luck and Go Dragons!

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

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CAN YOU HELP?

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.



TRAILER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets and money need to be returned this week. Please return urgently to your Team Manager or to the canteen on Sunday. Payment methods have been well publicised and the canteen has EFTPOS facilities. If you are returning to the canteen, can you please write your team on the envelope to assist us. We have 13 teams that have been issued tickets and the senior club, Oakleigh Amateurs (AKA The Krushers), are also busy selling tickets.

Please remember, that this is the only fund raising that we have done in 9 years. You may have seen the Monash Council Bulletin where they advised that they were completing \$260,000 upgrade to the lights at Scammell. Over \$100,000 of the funds they are quoting was a grant we received from our State Government. The stake holders at WA Scammell - Dragons and Krushers, are looking to raise \$80,000. This is the amount the council have advised we need to raise to make the lights a reality. So, we're asking that you make a final effort to get your tickets sold. We really appreciate all your efforts.

ANNUAL AWARDS

Nominations for our Annual Awards are now open. To make a nomination, download the Nomination Form [here](#).

Nominations must be received by 20 August.

DATES TO REMEMBER

21 August – B&F Vote Count Night
(8pm, Coaches & Team Managers only)

24 AUGUST – Major Raffle

15 SEPTEMBER – Presentation Day

PRESENTATION DAY

Sunday 15 September
from 11.00am

Be sure to be there for the inaugural running of

THE DRAGONS' GIFT

a handicap race for all ages



ONE ENTRY PER TEAM | MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

GAME DAY JUMPERS

As we approach the end of the season, please ensure you are prepared to return your game day jumper. Jumpers MUST be returned to your Team Manager at the end of your last game. Make sure you bring along a change of top to go home in. Make sure your Team Manager checks off the return of your jumper. Failure to have the return of your jumper recorded will result in you receiving a \$50 fee, which closely reflects the cost incurred by the Club for each jumper not returned.

Please don't just throw your jumper at your Team Manager and walk off. Ensure they have time to record its return, and be patient. As Team Managers have a lot on their plate at the end of games, it would be greatly appreciated if someone else from the team would offer to help them with this one task, as a way to say thank you for all their amazing work during the season.



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

CONGRATULATIONS

50 GAMES

James McLaughlin U13

Having a milestone game?

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



AROUND THE GROUNDS



U11 Albert Park. Even the ducks wanted a game!!



Meanwhile in Beaumaris, the U12s had a nice swim...



Excitement for the U9s at the Lightning Carnival



U16 Girls – Time for a mud bath coach!!



**PLEASE
RETURN YOUR
TICKET STUBS
BY THIS
SUNDAY**

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
- Sidcrome 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

U11 MIXED DARREN GRENFELL

Opponent: South Melbourne JFC **Away Game:** Albert Park – Oval 11

Result: Oakleigh Dragons won by 11 points (5.10.40 vs 4.5.29) **Match Day Captain:** Drew and Josh

Pre-Game: The weather was forecast to be a shocker, but we turned up to Albert Park with sunshine. The ground was very wet and covered in puddles though, and quite a few ducks had made themselves at home. With the recent cold weather, 5 of our players were ruled out prior to the first bounce, leaving us with the bare minimum 18 players. Josh and Drew were our match day captains, a well-earned reward for their vast improvements shown over the previous month.

The Match in a paragraph: South Melbourne had to win this week to make finals so a tough battle was expected. Despite having more scoring shots in the first half, the Dragons went into half time behind. To the kid's credit, there was not too much panic, and they lifted incredibly well in the third quarter to turn the scoreboard around. A small 4 point lead going into the last quarter was then capped off by keeping South Melbourne scoreless in the last, whilst also adding a goal ourselves to run out deserved winners.

Special mentions from the game:

- The courage of our kids to stand up (once again) to some physical pressure from oppositions.
- A career best game from Sam. Took the game on, grabbed some good marks, ran with the ball, and laid a couple of strong, fair bumps.
- Goal sneak Tom constantly presenting and being the most effective forward on the ground with 3 important goals.
- The continued hard work all over the ground - with special mentions to Oliver T, Tyson, Rayaana, Seb, Oscar, Josh and Patrick.
- Disciplined efforts and commitment by Mitch, Drew and Will and run with South Melbourne's best player to limit his effectiveness.
- The continued ruck dominance of the team's twin towers in Oliver P and Austin.
- Two goal saving (and possibly match saving) tackles in the last five minutes by Oliver T and Jacob.

Round 14 Goal Scorers: Tom (3), Rayaana, Zac

Most Pleasing aspect of the game: The courage of the kids to not give up, and fight out a gutsy win against a very hard opponent.

U16 BOYS JIMMY HUNT

This week Oakleigh hosted Ajax at Scammell.

Before the game we focused on winning the football and trying to work on how we move the ball. The boys did great at winning the footy and their switching off the half back was sensational.

Nikita's set the tone being hard at the ball. Connor stepped up in the important times and the boys ended up winning by 5 goals.

U15 BOYS GONZALO VALENZUELA

Oakleigh 22.12-145 Def Hampton Rovers 2.3-15

Well done to the boys. Hampton only had 15 boys and we provided 3 different boys each qtr.



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U10 MIXED **MARCUS SPENCER**

We played against: Ashwood At: Home

The final game of the home and away season saw us take on Ashwood at Highway Reserve. The overnight and morning rain left the ground covered in puddles. In addition to the anticipation of the wet and slippery conditions, the boys were excited to run through the banner for Patrik Bakalis's 50th game.

We started the game strongly with the midfield group well on top and providing plenty of opportunity to score to the forwards. Hunter and Henry took full advantage and both scored two goals in the first quarter. Despite the tough conditions, we put together chains of possession that made it seem like it was dry. We shared the ball well and for the most part controlled the game.

The only area we let ourselves down was in picking up an opposition player when they had the ball. We have a habit of doing this when we think we are playing against a team with less ability than we have.....a bad habit to get into.

The final result was a six or seven goal win. A good lead in to this week's Lightning Premiership, which will be more of a challenge. Well done to Patrick on his 50th game and to all the boys for a great home and away season.

U14 GIRLS **SIMON GREELY**

Jim – you are a star! Thank you for all your work setting up the ground. Thanks to the parents who helped clear the sticks and branches and to all of the girls who helped remove the covers off the centre wicket area. We are on setup again this week so we will do it all again.

Four weeks of consistent, tough, hard, fair football – it was another great game by our girls. They were relentless in their pressure and tackling, desperate to win the ball and were rewarded on the scoreboard. Even though it was a bit chilly the girls didn't deviate from the task of getting the ball forward – #Dragon to Dragon – some of the link-up handball was particularly wonderful. Even when 2 players went to help the Under 16s at three-quarter time, the 13 remaining players managed to kick 3 goals in the last with 2 less players than the opposition.

After Sophia kicked the first goal and Mercedes kicked one in the last quarter, all of our girls have now kicked a goal this year, which is a fantastic achievement for the team.

We have a big game this week against St. Kilda City who kept us scoreless last time. Hopefully our girls can bring the heat and perform for the 5th week in a row. St. Kilda are a top 3 team and are very physical and have several good goal kickers, so it will be a great challenge for us.

Oakleigh 9.10.64

Hampton 0.0.0

Best players – Awesome team effort – no passengers.

Goals – Alice 2, Ruby 2, Elise, Britney, Mercedes, Mya and Sophia



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U17 BOYS NATHAN LITTLE

Oakleigh JFC v Waverley Park JFC

A tough ask for our U17s this week as they faced top of the table, Waverley Park in a do or die confrontation at home. With a full contingent of talented players, we gave ourselves every chance and scores were level going into the quarter time huddle. Unfortunately, the Hawks pulled away from us in the second quarter and held the lead for the rest of the match. A great team effort though and we couldn't be prouder of the boys as they go into the last home and away match of the season next week against traditional rivals, Murrumbena. We know they'll give it their all to come away with the four points and finish the season on a high.

Go Dragons!

U16 GIRLS GEORGE WINTLE

On the weekend the under 16 girls played Port Melbourne away. It was very noticeable on arrival we were up against it with plenty of Mercedes and Bmw's parked around the ground. But with the Dragons and there Holdens and Toyota's Port Melbourne were no match for the hard working Dragons. Thanks to the under 14 girls Ruby and Elise for helping us with the win.

U12 MIXED TIM MORELAND

Early, cold and wet wintery start to our Sunday down at Beaumaris with the ground covered in water and tacky mud in the middle. Really pleased with everyone of the lads today. They all played their role in difficult conditions and even though Beaumaris kicked a couple of easy goals, we thought we were in control for most of the game. Very solid team win 33-19. It seems we can't be knocked off top spot now so a huge congratulations to everyone. We now have to stay focused and hungry leading into the finals! Team selection for the finals is going to be very difficult and we are yet to finalise what this looks like. We were always going to have this dilemma with 29 players on our list. We'll keep everyone informed as we get closer.

Will just about run out of good things to say as individuals today as we're seeing improvement everywhere!

Aiden was our Captain and led from the front. He was in everything and showed great leadership.

Yanni and Theo continued to hunt the ball and their leadership in setting up walls and clearances was exceptional.

Antonios continues to improve and his understanding of controlling the back half is incredible. He never gives up!

Whilst on the backline, love Nick's game at the min and Spencer keeps rebounding the ball. Both are really important to our team. Nice attempt at that hanger too Spence!!

Ethan is improving every week as well and his attack on the ball is important.

Raffa really showed how smooth he is today in tricky conditions so this was pleasing. Along with Angus & Daniel's rebound attack is fantastic to watch.

Nicho and Jake have formed an unreal Ruck combination. They are both different types of players but equally important to our team. Both are improving out of sight. Well done boys!!

Mason has impacted our forward pressure over the past couple of weeks and along with Bailey M are making our forwards look really dangerous. Both played really well again today. Add Matt R, Matt F & Jimmy who are giving everything and improving each week and it's a dangerous forward line.

Caleb shows us what he can do by getting to and influencing several contests which was great. Lachie, Henry, Bailey & Zach are trying hard so keep attacking the footy and we'll see some big gains in form.

Again a big thank you to everyone. We are all in it together so we really appreciate everyone's support. They boys were really good today.

Go Dragons



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U13 MIXED GAB ROBINSON

Oakleigh Dragons 1.3.9 defeated by Waverley Hawks 9.10.64

The Dragons were beaten by the undefeated Hawks, however, a lot of good came out of the game.

Though not reflected on the scoreboard we put together a very solid four quarter performance that we can be proud of.

We played a physical brand of footy which often left the Hawks on the book foot.

Add to that, the effort to get numbers to the ball and keep competing for the full game.

Our ability to switch play and open up space is getting better every week and has become a real weapon.

Big JMac played a solid role in defence today to mark his 50th game.

Pat on the back to Sunny, Tommy and Max.

Outstanding performances once again from Stevie, Pete and Bailey.

And so we now look forward to the last game of the home and away season.

Win that and we play finals!!

Your destiny rests in your hands boys – make the most of it.

U9 MIXED BLUE NICK SOURRIS

Wow. The season has come to an end.

The under 9s blue were at McKinnon reserve playing our Lightning Cup carnival.

We played two games under trying conditions, but to the boys credit they were all eager to play.

The first game began with a bang. Our boys came out firing in the first half. Sasha and Jaron were in fine form. In the second half the boys were kicking into a strong head wind and could not put on any scoreboard pressure. The boys lost the game by a couple goals against East Brighton.

The second game was against Ajax

We won that game by a couple of points. I was really pleased with boys tackling pressure and perseverance. Xavier, Harrison, James, Curtis and Thomas all had a great game.

Looking forward to coaching the boys again next year.

U12 GIRLS EMILY HEVERIN & JACQUIE MORGAN

This week our under 12 girls played against Mordi Brae @ Princess Highway at 12.15, they played awesome and lifted their intensity. They played as a team and got the ball down the field and kicked some awesome team goals. It was great to see the girls celebrate when they got goals. The girls played with sportsmanship and respect. We have had two wins in a row! The score in the end was Mordi Brae 17 to us Oakleigh Dragons 32.

Our last game of the season is at Como Park Against Prahran at 9.00am. So please get down to support our girls!



COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U13 MIXED CHRIS MORTON

This week we hosted St Peters at Scammell. Finn got the job of leading the side out as captain for the day. Thanks to Yanni (U12s) and Zoe (U12 Girls) for joining us for the game.

It was a tight battle from the start. The tackling pressure was great early on notably by Tom, Oscar and Jackson. Through a good passage of play that started with Dylan on the half backline, went through Alex on the half forward and ended with Billy running into an open goal, we scored the first major. Our opponents managed to score one towards the end of the quarter.

The second quarter was no different. In defence, James wasn't letting his opponent get near the ball. Jake was either spoiling his opponent from behind or getting in front to take marks. Rhys was heavily involved in the play and was making his coaches happy with his 1 percenter efforts around the ball. Finn was picking off any rushed kicks from the opponents and propelling the ball back into attack. Jovan was providing plenty of run out of the back line and Will was being an option up forward. Our opponents snuck through a goal and took a lead of 4 points into the main break.

In the third quarter we were able to keep them goal less. Yiannis was putting his body on the line to be first to the ball. Sam, was busy accumulating possessions and driving the ball forward. Zoe was working hard to get to contests and pressuring the opposition. Aiden was battling it out in the ruck. Play of the day went to Yanni late in the quarter, when he intercepted a pass, played on, took a couple of bounces and kicked a fantastic goal. At the change of ends we were 2 points up.

Early in the last quarter our opponents scored to get in front. The last 5 minutes were played in our forward line with a mass of players circling the ball. Stoppage after stoppage ensured with the umpire putting away the whistle. Everyone was working so hard to try and get the ball free. We had a couple of shots that were ever so close but unfortunately the siren blew before we could get in front and we went down by 2 points.

It was a great contest and played in good spirit from both teams. A thank you must go out to the other team for lending us a player even though the rules allow a team to play with one more on the ground.

We didn't get over the line in the end, but the coaches and supporters were all very impressed with the huge four quarter effort from everyone in the team.





COACHES' REPORTS CONT...

U9 MIXED MARK D'ROZARIO

The season came to an end for the U9's yellow this weekend. The weather promised to be a miserable Melbourne morning, instead the sun was out and although there were plenty of wet socks the weather held out and there was plenty of sunshine during the 3 games. The kids started well in the first game against Hampton rovers kicking 8 goals to 1. The midfield set up the goals ably lead by Fionn and Harland as the goals were shared in the forward line. Everyone in that zone got a shot at goal. A terrific effort. The second game was a physical challenge with some heavy tackles from the opposition, but our boys showed great endeavour and only hunted the ball and in a tight struggle kicked the only goal for the game. The third game was tough at the start but when we got the first goal it opened the flood gates opened and we ended up kicking 5 goals to 2. Darcy M was terrific and there was great team work in the forward line caused the goals to get on the board. All three games showed the boys never gave up and gave three or more efforts and the keenness to stop the goals in defence as well as keep the ball in the forward line was very impressive.

- Fionn and Darcy M use of his left foot with great effect.
- Eamon, Robbie Oliver & Josh kicking their first goal for the club
- Great run and carry and clearing the packs from Fionn, Harland, Darcy M, Darcy R, Troy, Andrew, Archie & Eamon.
- Fantastic multiple efforts by Andrew & Darcy Ryan
- Troy's quick recovery after being body slammed in a tackle.
- Archie being a link man and showing terrific hand and foot skills
- Harland's rebound efforts and reading the game in the midfield
- Darcy M and Fionn clearing zones
- Jonathan, Oli, Andrew & Darcy Ryan terrific defensive work with constant tackle pressure.
- Ewan and Paul getting the ball out in numerous contests
- Max's banana shot at goal that just missed
- Ally's tackle pressure and clean ball handling
- Big mark and set shot to Jethro & Aiden.
- Eamon's dribble kick & goal #save the dribble
- Josh's snap around the boundary for his second goal
- Aiden and Darcy M being a target in the forward line and midfield, plucking big marks.
- Darcy Ryan's diving save on the last line of defence when the half time siren had gone. He did not hear the siren because he just wanted to stop the goal. Terrific commitment
- 2-3 Goals starting in defence then finding a target through the middle, then finding a target in the forward line.
- The general ability to look for and hit a target and one touch picks ups and run and carry by the kids on a wet surface
- Team work and finding targets and looking for team goals rather than their own goals.
- Excellent parent group helping during the year.





SET UP / PACK UP DUTIES

Duty	Date	Team	Time	Venue
Set-up	18/8/19	NO GAMES		Princes Hwy
Pack-up	18/8/19	NO GAMES		Princes Hwy
Set-up	18/8/19	U14 Girls	8.30am	WA Scammell
Pack-up	18/8/19	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