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**Premier League Divison 1 Games – All Reserves Grade games at 1.15pm, All 1<sup>st</sup> Grade games at 3.15pm**

Hi All,

With our second game of the first round falling in the holiday period, I know a number of teams have had difficulty fielding a whole team. For many of us it is something that we have learned to accept. However, if there are teams that can lend support to those experiencing shortages, it would be greatly appreciated.

May 15 is the next big club fund raising function, which is our Trivia Night at Thornleigh West Primary School. I am counting on each team to have at least one table of eager trivia enthusiasts. Please note that participants are required to have an IQ of at least 70. The secretary of the club will be conducting a random testing of trivia hopefuls to ascertain that they meet minimum requirements.

It has been brought to my attention that some teams have recently experienced ‘strikers’ cramp’. There were a number of isolated incidents over the past weekend found present even at the Premier League level. A particularly virulent strain was also noted at the 35/2 game. Coaches and managers are asked to take all necessary precautions to prevent any further spread of this debilitating affliction.

All the best for the next game! Remember that the Premiere League Reserves (unbeaten) and the Firsts (recent victors) will do battle with the North Epping Rangers at North Epping. I hope to see you there.

Cheers

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U6 RED No Report

U6 WHITE No Report

U6 PURPLE THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 8

A great turn out this week during the holidays. The morning was already warm at 8.30am and the sun very bright. CARLIE McALISTER, our goalkeeper for the first half, put up a brave defense against some strong kicking from the Epping team. MARK NEWLAND, BENJAMIN HURWOOD and CORY GILBERT were all in strong pursuit of the ball, whilst ALEX BORG managed to turn the play back around to our advantage a number of times. SEAN NOTLEY-RUMBENS was outstanding in attack and was unlucky to miss scoring a goal this week. WILLEM OATES kicked some great balls mid field and was tireless on the field. In the second half, our goalkeeper, AIDAN LANE saved many goals, diving after every ball that came towards him. Some great skills this week - better luck next time!!!

U7 GREEN No Report

U7 RED No Report

U7 ORANGE THORNLEIGH 6 vs PUTNEY 0

With only 5 players (due to school holiday absences) U7 Orange played an outstanding game of soccer! The defence consisting of BILLY ROSE and TOM SIMCOCK repeatedly held back Putney's attempts at attack only letting through 4 attempts at goal. All these attempts were foiled by our brilliant goalie MATTHEW JENNINGS. Well done Matt! On the forward line BEN SEPAROVICH and SAM DRUMM showed great skill in scoring 6 goals. In one great example of team spirit BEN SEPAROVICH got the ball all the way from the centre line right up to the goal, then selflessly passes it to SAM DRUMM to score. All 5 boys played with non-stop enthusiasms and commitment- Well done boys! Man of the Match with 5 goals was SAM DRUMM.

U7 WHITE THORNLEIGH 1 vs PENNANT HILLS 3

The score line doesn't represent the courageous effort we saw in the match. We started with 6 players, two of which were ill but selflessly chose to soldier on knowing the team needed them. For the most of the 1st half we were defending against a team of 8. JORDAN DAVIS made some great clearance kicks which provided much needed relief from the offensive PENNANT HILLS were unleashing. RYAN MALLETT again dominated our centre and made some promising runs. ROBERT JONES (goal keeper) despite being sick in the car park prior to the match, made some great saves. JASON CLARKE ran tirelessly both in defense and attack. We started the 2nd half - 2 nil down, but with the assistance of MAX KENNEDY (from U7 Red team) the tide turned on the game and NATHAN BIRRILL (Player of the Match) made a decisive run around the pack to score. But despite the barrage continuing where we saw JACK GREEN also make some spirited attacks on goal, our shots were deflected or not converted. Unfortunately the game closed with PENNANT HILLS slipping in a final goal. The team was running thin the whole match and the boys can be commended for their efforts. Well done.

U8 BLUE THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLENHAVEN 4

The scoreline does not reflect the way this game was played. The Blueys worked really hard given they were one player down against a very good team that were running three reserves on and off all day. We simply ran out of legs in the last 5 minutes when Glenhaven scored 3 goals. The defence today was wonderful with NICK leading the way with a non stop Player of the Match performance. Not far behind was MAX who never stopped trying. Both our goalies CAMERON and MITCHELL had more work than a drinks waiter at the Logies with MITCH in particular pulling off some brilliant saves which kept us in the game. JAKE scored our goal after a quick breakout of defence saw him unmarked in front of the sticks. The goalie never had a chance!! TOM D, TOM L and LUKE all ran plenty of miles trying to keep the opposition in check. The one thing the Blueys could improve is moving to the ball straight away rather than watching and waiting for someone else to win possession. We look forward to a re-match with Glenhaven later in the season with a full strength team!!

U8 GREEN THORNLEIGH 1 vs ALL SAINTS HUNTERS HILL 0

It was a great day to play soccer. As the sun rose in the sky, our team was ready to "thunder" the opposition. We had a great start to the game. JULIAN and TAYLOR led the charge with the rest of the team members providing some good defence. Our enthusiasm to chase that ball at all costs resulted in a scrum sandwich at one stage - but at least we were involved! Thornleigh kept up the pressure on Hunters Hill in the first half with some excellent chasing and aggressive attacking by NICK and JESSICA. We kept up the pressure in the second half and it paid off with REBECCA scoring our first goal of the season. JOSH did a great job in goals, saving a few and providing some super kicks, while CALUM, ALEX and JAY worked solidly all match in the mid-field and backs. Our first win - good on you guys!

U8 WHITE THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST RYDE 1

Under 8 White played an amazing game today ending in a 1-all draw. CALLUM was determined all game and had many of his trade mark classic tumbles. MATT made some great breakaways in an effort to heighten the score. DELANEY was all over the other team doing the tense fans proud, and ANDRE could always be relied upon to bring the ball back home. LUKE and DANIELLE were away and missed all the excitement. JOSHUA made a star quality effort in goals and on the field. BEN, who was bored in goal for the first half, excelled on the field instead. TYLER and TESS were always in for the tackle just at the right moment. The team all worked well together and fed off each other to produce a very exciting game. Great job team!

U9/4

THORNLEIGH 4 Vs PENNANT HILLS 0

Once again the big field created a slower start. The boys took a little while to get orientated but soon found their lines. JULIAN COHEN hit SAM CARTER with a great pass for the first goal. TIM CLAREMONT followed shortly with our second. The team working well produced the third by JASON MOFFAT with a convincing strike. JOHN BAYNIE then cut through the opposition with the boy's final goal. ALASDAIR BELLING AND SAMUAEL LANE along with OLIVER JUDSON were outstanding in midfield. ROBERT STARREVELD excelled with a few classic swings. The passing was improved, and the team already looks good for a super season. Well done to all.

U9/7

THORNLEIGH 0 vs PACIFIC HILLS 7

Magnificent 7, With the Easter break we had a depleted team, 6 under 9's and our goal keeper, Jonathon Meikle an under 7 player making up the minimum required number to field a team. All players showed true grit and determination through out the game against a full squad of Hills players. Although out gunned with a 4 man overlap our team was still competitive with a strong game in midfield thanks to some big kicks by Raphael Harvey to our forwards Abby Spyer and Dale Edwards, who were unlucky in not finding the back of the net. Second half was played with tired legs and demanded the team to play a more positional game, resulting in good passing from Rebeka Field, Joshua Cooper and Katherine Meikle. The magnificent 7 played the game in true spirit and the score not a reflection on the game. A big thankyou to the parents who cheered the team on. Well done.

U10/6

THORNLEIGH 3 vs WEST RYDE RANGERS 0

U11/2

THORNLEIGH 3 vs NTH. RYDE 0

Well played guys. Considering the hot conditions this was another good team effort. Everybody contributed to this win and it's also a tribute to some outstanding defence that we haven't had a goal scored against us in the competition yet. Chris S, Chris G, Jarryd (Mr. Reliable) and Jake can take the credit for this. It was great to see Chris G playing with his head (as in thinking!) and making clever decisions. Jake had another strong game chasing and shutting down attacking raids on our goal with very strong and effective clearing kicks and he almost put one in the net from half way. Chris Smith's penalty save was outstanding. He applied such psychological pressure to the kicker it caused him to miss his shot. We are putting the ball through better and giving the forwards something to work with. We started strongly with a good goal by Anjan 10 mins into the first half that was wonderfully set up by Pat who had his usual energetic game. His efforts were rewarded with a goal of his own 5 minutes into the second half. Later on Jordan also managed to put one in the net while lying on the ground resting in front of the goals. Jordan's goal was set up after some brilliant lead up work by Tim who made a great contribution all game. Eddy and Mitchell both had strong games with each of them taking a couple of long-range shots from the sideline. They were both unlucky not to score themselves. We had plenty of opportunities as we successfully played the game in the opposition's half. Both Lachlan and Josh never gave up with penetrating runs and provided quality service for the forwards and Nth. Ryde were lucky not to have conceded more goals. A great win and lets keep it going!

U11/4

THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST RYDE RANGERS 3

A beaut game of soccer. JORDAN did a fantastic job in goals, he and MATT D. did their share of the work to keep the ball out of the nets. WRR made numerous attacks at our goal and scored the first goal. Thornleigh worked hard together to keep sending the ball back up the field where LEROY was able to score his first goal of the season (LEROY then went on with BRAD, JORDAN and MATT W, and scored 2 more goals for the U12/5). PETE C. played a great game really strengthened the team. All the boys should be proud of their strong performance. It's very easy to see from the sidelines that each one loves to play their soccer. We look forward to seeing what you will do with a full team.

U12/1

THORNLEIGH 0 vs YMCA 1

After last week's whole hearted performance, supporters were expecting more of the same and they weren't disappointed. From the opening whistle the game was a very even tussle with both sides counter attacking often. A number of good moves from the backline through the midfield saw MATT LOWE and DANIEL TOMPKINS get in behind the defence but good 'keeping (and good luck) kept the ball out of the YMCA net. The second half stepped up in intensity with both teams throwing everything at the opposition. Mid-fielders LACHLAN BEENIE and JOEL CARTER were everywhere and great defence from NICK GEORGIU and ALEX HOUSE kept the 'Y' attackers at bay. In goals SIMON KRISENTHAL was outstanding - constantly snuffing out attacking chances with full length dives or tipping the ball over the bar. Alas, with only about 10 minutes to go YMCA scored with a lofted shot that even 'Super Simon' couldn't get to. Keep going guys, that first win is not far away! Special thanks to RYAN PYSAR and ALEX HOUSE who stepped up from the 12/5's for the game. Well done everyone!

U12/5

THORNLEIGH 6 vs. GLENHAVEN 3

With only nine of our regulars available and with two of our players on loan to the 12/1's (Kev, I forget to tell you about the loan fee), we enlisted the help of some very eager and skillful players from the U11/4's who played the prior game, on the same ground. Thanks need to go to LEROY MUNOZ (two goals), MATT WILLIAMSON, BRADLEY TUCKNOTT and JORDAN MANNING (Great hand in the first half) who stepped up to the mark and did more than hold their own. With their assistance, our regulars helped dominate this game with some soft goals let through as the boys tired. There were some special goals scored today: one from ALEX HOUSE who as one of our committed defenders who rarely gets that close, but today was pushed forward and cleverly put one away; and another to LINCOLN BROWN who continued to put pressure on the opposition and threaded one through; one from RYAN PYSAR our goal scoring machine; and one from BRENDAN DELLER who lobbed one at the goalie. PETER CHRISTIE now a fully-fledged member of our team showed that he is wonderful addition (Thanks Megan) and played solidly in the back line in the first half and in goals in the second. A great result considering the heat, that a number of the boys played earlier in the morning and most of them playing out of position. Everyone played exceptionally well and deserves a mention. Coach, well orchestrated from the sidelines.

U13/4 THORNLEIGH 3 vs LEA 2

U14/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 5

We knew it was going to be a tough match even before the kick-off. We had 9 players available and they had 15. Our players went out determined to make their mark and they gave it their all. Every player should be commended for the great effort and determination. Jonathan in goals was incredible and saved at least 7 goals, probably more, I lost count. Nicholas was solid in defence repelling their attack over and over. Deshan was everywhere and Ben's competitive drive was evident as he fought hard with a hurting knee. Oliver was very busy and brought a loud cheer when he scored an great goal over the keepers head and dipping into the corner of the net, with 10 minutes to go. Well done everyone. Final score of 5-1 was not a true indicator of the great effort the lads put in.

U16/1 THORNLEIGH 0 vs HILLS HAWKS 3

U16/3 THORNLEIGH 1 vs KENTHURST 14

A game on a hot April day with only 8 players is always going to be a recipe for disaster. Because of school holidays we were unable to field a full team but that didn't mean the boys didn't put in a totally committed effort. In fact after 10 minutes we were the team that was in front 1-0. Gradually however the heat and the lack of numbers began to tell. What was pleasing was the way the whole team continued to try their hearts out for the whole game. Never once was there a suggestion of any of them giving up. Special mention must go to LOUIS REDFERN who had a tough game in goals and who stopped far more than went in. All the boys should be proud of the way they played today and look forward to playing Kenthurst again when we have a full team.

U16 GIRLS THORNLEIGH 0 vs KENTHURST 4

It was never going to be easy against last year's finalist. Still, the girls delivered an extremely entertaining match, even though they lost with 4-0. Kenthurst attacked relentlessly and were highly skilled. Our defenders and goalie PAM KLINGLER deserve a pat on the back for playing a solid game and limiting the score to only 4 out of at least 20 shots on goal. As the game progressed, our girls even managed to break through the opposition's defensive line. LUCY WORKMAN scored a well-earned goal that brought tears to the eyes of the supporters. The tears were because the goal was disallowed for off-side, even though the ball came off one of their players! Talk about bad luck. Nevertheless, our girls showed character and class; they didn't give up, but kept going as if their lives were at stake. Well done girls!

U18/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 4

This was an uninspiring effort from a team that, on their day, can play good exciting football. However, today was not one of their better displays. Play was scrappy for large segments of the first half, ball control skills were lax and when passes were attempted, as often as not they were to nonexistent players. The second half saw an improvement of sorts, but by then the side was three goals adrift and would have had to lift their standard of play several notches to get back in the hunt. Despite the outcome, many Thornleigh players worked hard throughout the match. MATTHEW THOMSETT, BEVAN CALVERT, JASON BURT and MICHAEL PAVITT particularly come to mind, as well as ALEX REDFEARN who battled away all day in goal. BEVAN CALVERT persevered in grabbing a consolation goal late in the match, but by then the horse had bolted.

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 1 vs RDP 4

AA/7 THORNLEIGH 1 vs RFL 4

AA/10 THORNLEIGH 1 vs WRR 2

AAWOMEN THORNLEIGH 3 VS PUTNEY RANGERS 1

A good start for the team, after our last match was a forfeit win. Some good all round play, saw the mighty Thunders slot home the first goal. We relaxed a little bit which saw Putney equalize. Great goal keeping saw the Putney attack diminish very quickly. Half time saw the girls relaxed and ready to exert more of the same pressure and resulted in two more goals. A great effort from a team with only eleven players, well done...

Over 35/2 THORNLEIGH 3 vs GLENHAVEN 2

Over 35/4 THORNLEIGH 4 vs GLENHAVEN 3

Over 35/6 THORNLEIGH 1 vs PUTNEY 5

Putney Rangers were too good on the day. Thornleigh did well to keep them out for most of the first half and went in at half time 1 nil down. Putney's superior numbers in attack took their toll in the second half and they ran out comfortable winners. The whole team played as well as could be expected, but special mention again to SERGE INSUASTI in defence and DARREN OATES in midfield.

Thornleigh started strongly and it looked like we were in for another goal feast. STEPHEN LANSLEY was unlucky not to score the opening goal after his solo run from inside our half finished with the ball hitting the post. Our first goal was a vintage TRAVIS PRICE special. He beat a number of players then hit a perfectly timed shot into the back of the net. TRAVIS next time please leave your shirt on when celebrating the goal. A number of opportunities then followed for our strikers but their goal scoring radar was off target. The defence and midfield combined well with GAVIN TAIT and KARL DAVIES showing their years of experience with many well time passes. Thornleigh were always in control but it was not until late in the second half that TIM COURTNALL sealed the victory with his second goal of the season. Keeper GILL MACLEAN kept another clean sheet and also managed to finish his uni assignment before full time. Remember guys you can ask a question of the referee but there is only won winner when you argue with them. STEPHEN JACK was man of the match for his non-stop effort in the midfield.

Putney scored first and it looked like we were in for a long afternoon. Thornleigh then regrouped and DAMIEN SUPLINA opened the scoring with a beautiful goal from the narrowest of angles, a Ned Zelic special. Putney then had a player sent off for retaliation in an ugly goalmouth incident. AVAN YOUNG scored the second goal after a penalty was awarded for a handball. Thornleigh were now on top and RYAN ROFF scored a goal that was disallowed after the stand-in linesman ruled the ball did not cross the line, a point hotly disputed by Thornleigh players. LAYN MELLISH was in a good position to score the next goal as Thornleigh went to the half time break with a two-goal lead. The second half was a scrappy affair as Putney tied and Thornleigh were continually penalised for offside play. MATTHEW BARBER scored a header with about 15 minutes to go, which sealed the win. Keeper GILL MACLEAN, backing up from the reserve grade game, made a number of good saves, including one fingertip push over the crossbar. Coach Hignett said after the game our midfield of LAYN MELLISH, AVAN YOUNG, MATTHEW FRENCH, and RYAN ROFF laid the foundation for this victory with their tireless efforts in a very physical game. Thornleigh's discipline was rewarded with no yellow cards, compared to the handful issued to Putney players. Man of the match was the ever-persistent MATTHEW FRENCH.

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