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Hi All,

One of our main fund raising events will take place on May 15 at Thornleigh West Primary School. In order to make the Trivia Night a success we require the support of all members of the club. A table representing each team would be a great result. Support your club and your community.

Thank you to Michelle Simcock and Chris Patterson for taking up the barbeque coordination on Saturdays. Your efforts are very much appreciated by the players and the club as a whole. Thank you also to the families of junior players who are rostered on.

A good win was achieved by our All Age Women's team at Harris Park on Sunday. Thornleigh came out on top against a very determined Normanhurst side. This places our AA women, over 35/2, 11/2 and 9/4 teams in the top spot of their divisions and perhaps a couple of other teams as well. Keep it rolling on.

Our Premier League First team continues to struggle for top form. The side although very young, is loaded with talent and determination. It is good to see so many people turning up to games in support. Time is on our side and we can all afford to wait patiently as the team experiments with various combinations and tactics.

Cheers

Rob Roberts

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Thornleigh Soccer Trivia Night – Saturday 15th May 2004

7.30pm Sharp, Thornleigh West Public School

Cost \$15.00 Per Person

10 people per table

B.Y.O.G.

Dress - Blue & Gold

More tickets can easily be arranged through Glen De Nardi

Visitors to Thornleigh Soccer Club are welcome

Tickets to be collected by no later than the 8th May

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U6 RED

THORNLEIGH 5 vs RYDE DISTRICT 4

Well done Reds - This week was a super game with all players taking part with skill and determination. A well deserved Player of the Match went to IZAAK MUNOZ for his great goals and a few more near misses. The goal keepers LIAM SHERMAN and CALLUM HANDS were kept busy in the goal area, but both defended it like Fort Knox. LUKE SPYER also helped keep goals at bay with his tight defensive play. JORDAN SIMONS, EMILY SUNNUCKS and MAX EDWARDS had a few good runs down the side, but missed the goals by a whisker. Congratulations to CHRISTOPHER WATT and ADAM WALKER for playing great all round positions with expertise. Keep up the good work everyone.

U6 WHITE

No Report

U6 PURPLE

THORNLEIGH 0 vs PENNANT HILLS 9

All the boys had fun this week - they are spreading out, sharing the ball and turning it back to our advantage. Some great skills and if not for a couple of key little players on the Pennant Hills team, we may have had a chance. We finally scored our first goals this week - oops into the oppositions nets!! CORY GILBERT was outstanding as goalkeeper in the second half this week - three fast consecutive saves and many more impressive saves gave him our player of the week trophy. ALEX BORG, BENJAMIN HURWOOD, AIDAN LANE, MARK NEWLAND, SEAN NOTLEY-RUMBENS and WILLEM OATES all played their hearts out. They have all increased their fitness levels and are managing to stay on the field for longer periods than at the beginning of the season. Thank you and well done to HUGH BARTCH from the U13s for a great job refereeing the second half.

U7 GREEN

THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLENHAVEN 5

What a tough game today! In the first half the boys played exceptionally well. MURRAY THORPE had three amazing strikes at goal but the goalkeeper for GLENHAVEN was just too good. DANIEL HABKOUK also had a great strike that was stopped. CALLUM TOOHEY (man of the match) showed some excellent attacking skills by driving the ball up to the other end of the field & also hunted them down in defence. JAMES PATTERSON, BEN MANCE, ANGUS McALLISTER, AIDEN BRIERLEY, CHRISTIAN FARRELL-DENINA & JEREMY PAK all had some great runs & displayed great attack skills. In the second half the GLENHAVEN goalkeeper was put on the field & made 5 quick goals making it impossible for us to win. THORNLEIGH played their hearts out today. Great effort guys!

U7 RED

No Report

U7 ORANGE

THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 2

A close and exciting game with strong play by Thornleigh throughout. With ALLAN in goals, BEN, HAYDEN AND SAM running the ball and having several attempts at goal, and good defense work by MATTHEW F, MATTHEW J AND LACHLAN. ALLAN stopped a goal attempt and SAM kicked our 1st goal. In the 2nd half HAYDEN played well with great coverage of the field and several attempts at goal. SAM AND BEN both were attacking and handling the ball with skill. BILLY was good in defense with some big kicks down field and MATHEW J was great in goals keeping the ball out. A good game played by all with HAYDEN taking out man of the match for good all -round play. Well done team!.

U7 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 3 vs SAINTS UNITED 0

An exciting match where we saw some real improvement in the skills of the team. It was a well earned win with the boys fighting the whole match. The team was looking for goals but just couldn't convert when the opposition scored an own goal late in the first half. The second half was a different matter. JACK GREEN capitalized on a poor goal kick to score the second goal and NATHAN BIRREL maintained his stats (Goal a Game boy) by converting late in the second half to seal the match. ROBERT JONES had the best game ever (Player of the Match) in the centre of the field. Some extraordinary goal keeping to keep the opposition at bay from JACK GREEN and RYAN MALLETT., but this was underpinned by strong defense from ANDREW HADDAD and BEN WALLWOOD. JORDAN DAVIS made some great clearance kicks and also had a shot. JASON CLARKE made some great runs and also had a memorable shot from half way that was just off its mark. STUART BRUCE was a central figure in the middle. The boy's positional play is developing well and we even saw a pass between players that was very encouraging. Well done boys.

U8 BLUE

THORNLEIGH 4 vs HILLS HAWKS 0

This was a great effort from the Blueys against a pretty good team. The first ten minutes or so were very close with the two teams testing each other out, probing for a weakness. During this period our defense was flawless with some really strong tackling and ball winning from ADRIAN, MAX, TOM D & CAMPBELL and safe goalkeeping by MITCHELL. Then LUKE discovered that a killer left foot shot on the end of a fast breakout was a weakness he could exploit. Then he found another weakness he could use, a powerhouse shot from the sideline which left the goalie (and the crowd) speechless. We went to oranges two up. In the second half the team took control. JAKE blasted one from outside the box and LUKE went the length of the field and pushed the ball neatly under the goalie who had come out to meet the shot. What was most pleasing this week is that the team is starting to let the ball do the work with some accurate passing. The tackling was strong across the park and most 50:50 balls were won by the Blueys desire to be there first. Strong games from BLAKE and TOM L in midfield and CAMERON up front and in goal.

The sun was shining and the Thunders were ready to roar. The first half saw NICK play very strong in the backs & WILL clearing the ball with great skill. JESSICA handled the attack in goals saving several attempts. JAY gave his all in the midfield along with CALLUM, JULIAN & ALEX. Excellent passing was displayed. JOSHUA, REBECCA & TAYLOR were on fire in attack as fronts. JESSICA had a brilliant opening in the second half running the ball down the side on numerous occasions. CALLUM cleared some great balls as the last line of defence. JAY had a great pass to NICK who was unlucky not to score. Some great passing by the team saw TAYLOR with a shot at goal that unfortunately was well marked by the goalie. The great passing continued with ALEX running the ball several times down the line then crossing to the centre, showing great skill & enthusiasm. REBECCA was giving her all as goalie. Defence & attack was very strong right to the end. A little unfortunate not to come out on top.

Breakaways were the order of the day with LUKE, MATT, TESS and DELANEY each making a charge, with lots of back-up, to the All Saints goal. LUKE scored our three goals with great support from his teammates. ANDRE was as strong as ever in defense while CALLUM used his diving ability to great effect. Although BEN only played the second half he was excellent in defense. This trio made sure the ball didn't go in the wrong direction. JOSHUA was solid in mid-field TESS was bored in goal first half and made up for it by helping to set up one of the goals. DANIELLE was put to work by our opposition in the second half and showed her skills in goal. Great teamwork was the key to recording our first win of the season.

Another good performance from the whole team. We started with strong push up field that finished with a good goal to JOHN BAYNIE. ROBERT STARREVELD took the goal-keeping role in the first half and did well, as did SAMUEL CLARK in the second half. Most of the game from there was defensive and DOMONIC BORG AND JAMES PAEK were solid at the back. A hard fort wins against good opposition. Well done to all

The team scored their first goal for the season from a solid attack up the middle of the field . Raphael HARVEY finished the move with a powerful kick at goal and the ball finding the back of the net. Well done team, hopefully this is the start of many more goals. Charlotte WARD, played an outstanding role in defence, chasing down attackers and clearing the ball to our midfielders. To the parents, loved the cheering, keep it up.

Our boys encountered probably the roughest game of their sporting life against their last year's opposition in the grand final, Putney. They are to be congratulated for their sporting spirit conduct. Although they started out a bit slow at the beginning of each half, they really worked together as a team and won a game that they were not expected to. MICHAEL CSOMORE has shown even more improvement in the forwards from last week, and played a major role in our first goal kicked by MICHAEL GAMBLE. Our defence was very solid. XAVIER BOUCHER made his very welcome first appearance for the season, and excelled himself in the goalkeeper's position. JACK ANGEL, ANDREW CARDWELL and JEREMY TOOHEY had a great game at fullback. LACHLAN BRIERLEY was firing throughout the whole game along with TIMOTHY LOVE and HUW FISHER. ANDREW MEIKLE and DANIEL CHRISTIE played a good anchor role. It was a result and conduct that we should all be proud of.

This game was always set up to be a good one with both teams undefeated as well as neither having conceded a goal against them. It certainly lived up to expectations and was our best effort yet. Kenthurst responded to our pressure with plenty of their own and if not for three good saves by Chris S. we could have been on the back foot early in the first half. It was great to see everybody committed and hustling Kenthurst off the ball. Once again our backs were outstanding shutting down their very fast forwards. An opportunity presented itself not long before half time when a very good corner by Mitchell S. made Anjan's eyes light up and he was unlucky not to score. They counter attacked strongly and if not for Lachlan's tackle they probably would have scored themselves. Our fast breaks kept plenty of pressure on and clever passing at different times by Ed, Chris G, Josh and Pat created opportunities all the time. The game was very evenly poised at nil all at half time. We came back strongly after the break and about 10 minutes into the second half Stefan made a great shot at goal which almost put us in front. Finally a good pass from Jordan found Anjan . He gave it on to Tim who had been hovering with intent all game and he slammed in the winning goal. We didn't relax and at times looked like we would get another. Great team commitment and a well deserved win.

The game started well with the Thornleigh Thunders passing the ball well to each other. The first goal was from our corner and came off a Ryde player. It was a fast start with multiple near misses and lots of pressure on Ryde. With many heads the second goal was scored by JORDAN MANNING. As the second half started defence and attack was played on both sides. The third goal was scored by MATTHEW WILLIAMSON. The game ended 3-1 Thornleigh's win. It was fast all the way through, great game!

U12/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLENHAVEN 2

U12/5 THORNLEIGH 0 vs SAINTS UNITED 0

This was always going to be a tough match, playing a team that have already scored fifteen goals, but the coach had every confidence in their ability and played for a win, pushing players forward and keeping our defence lean. The game started with the boys under siege in their own half and finding it hard through the oppositions defence. But as the game progressed the team's confidence grew, and showed superior passing and dribbling skills to the opposition. As the first half drew to a close we had no clear scoring opportunities but we knew that they were in their're with a strong chance. There were several scoring opportunities in the second half, with the best one just seconds before the game finished, when JACKSON fired it marginally over the crossbar. This was a real team effort where everyone performed above themselves and lifted the team to a new level. Congratulations need to go to every single player. Special mention to LUKE MESSINA who as goalie in the second half dived on a loose ball as the opposition was ready to score. This was the most exciting game so far for this year and if they keep playing at this level, will be premierships contenders.

U13/4 THORNLEIGH 7 vs EASTWOOD ST ANDREWS 1

U14/1 THORNLEIGH 0 vs HILLS HAWKS 0

A fantastic and often exciting game. We came so close to scoring many times. The kick over the goals from five metres out with the goal wide open had parents gasping on the sidelines. Everyone played well and with determination. It was admirable the number of times Thornleigh was first to the ball. STEPHEN SMITH and JONATHAN BARAKAT combined well with some clever play. BEN HOLLIDAY was everywhere, always determined and a great example and encouragement to the team. Fantastic effort from everyone.

U16/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs WPH 2

U16/3 BYE

U16 GIRLS THORNLEIGH 0 vs RAVENS BLACK 2

If only the halves would have been a minute shorter. Overall it was a very entertaining match. The passion with which it was played took the chill of an otherwise cold seat along the sideline. The battle of the midfield was crucial to the match and ABBY ANDERSON, HEATHER PATTON, KRISTY DEVRIES and TESS PHILLIPS played their best game yet. A truly wonderful mixture of elegant ferociousness and feminine power. Yet in the last minute of both the first and the second half a goal was conceded. If only the halves would have been a minute shorter.

U18/1 THORNLEIGH 1 vs HOLY CROSS COLLEGE 5

Thornleigh played an entertaining style of football for the first 30 to 40 minutes of this match. After a five minute settling in period, during which TONY LAING bagged a goal, the Thunder gained the ascendancy in the midfield. There then followed a sustained stretch of play characterised by promising passing combinations, sustained pressure on the Holy Cross goal, and repeated wining of the ball in the open field. With TIM SOWDEN and MATT THOMSETT combining intuitively on the right wing to time and again bring the ball downfield and cross it into the box, the home side appeared to have control of the pitch. However, the visitors climbed back into the match with two goals against the run of play as the first half came to an end. This proved to be a harbinger of things to come, and the second half saw Holy Cross running at will across the park, picking up three unanswered goals in the process. So, this was a disappointing outing in the end for Thornleigh, made all the more so by the realisation that they had the measure of their opponents early on. But, in that opening stretch of play hopefully the seeds of better things to come were sown.

AA/3 THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORMANHURST 3

AA/7 THORNLEIGH 0 vs WPH 3

AA/10 THORNLEIGH 1 vs RYDE 2

AAWOMEN THORNLEIGH 2 vs NORMANHURST 1

The Derby. Sunday afternoon, 3pm Kick off. A good crowd in attendance. This match had it all as any derby game does. Hard tackles, niggling off the ball. Thornleigh started well with the girls playing there game. A great solo run by JULIA down the right hand side saw her beat 4 players and a hit one the best shots I have seen result in our first Goal. We then backed off a little bit and allowed a goal against us. We got our heads back on and applied more pressure which saw TARA following in to score our 2nd goal. Some great running down the side by KELLI nearly resulted in a 3rd but wasn't to be. SAM our keeper making some great saves kept us in the game and Normo unable to equalize. Excellent game by LIZ, ANNA, ANNE, AMANDA, BRON MARISSA all holding solid. Good work by KATE and BROOKE as well as the ever reliable JO at the back. A special mention to all the supporters, thanks to the President and the Premier league guys for the support And as always the regulars every week. THUNDER STILL UNDEFEATED.

Over 35/2 THORNLEIGH 4 vs WPH 0

Thornleigh 0/ 35/2 Shake off Scandal to Win!

In a scandal to rival the Bulldogs our mighty warriors produced some late form to beat West Pennant Hills 4 – 0 and stay top of the table. Rocked midweek by the revelation that new recruit MICK CARTER and others were attending training, manager ALEX McINTOSH decided to impose a suspended sentence, claiming “Mick’s new, he’s young, and doesn’t know the o/35 protocol. Any future attempts at training will result in immediate suspension and 2 days painting at Jay’s house.”

Meanwhile at the game itself...after 3 minutes ROSS GALLAHER put us ahead for what looked like an easy afternoon. Not so, with 20 shots later and 15 minutes to go it was still 1 – 0!

Finally some form emerged and STEVE THOMPSON, ANDRE ARNDT and our best player – OWN GOAL – all contributed to make 4. Special mention to JIMMY (I didn't have a big night out) HAMILTON, who pretty much managed to kick everything/everybody but the ball.

Stay tuned loyal readers ‘cos next week we have the bye.....and even this fixture will be embroiled in a shock/ horror scandal. Rest assured all the wives will turn up anyway.....amazing what a good Chardonnay will do.....Mr X

Over 35/4 THORNLEIGH 2 vs WPH 0

Over 35/6 THORNLEIGH 0 vs DURAL 10

PL1/Res THORNLEIGH 1 vs PENNANT HILLS 1

Thornleigh were in command right from the kick off and constantly tested the Pennant Hills defence. In the first half Thornleigh had seven shots saved until MATTHEW BARBER latched onto a through ball from STEVE JACK to score the opening goal. At half time coach Davies was full of praise for the team's first half efforts but told them to beware of a Pennant Hills fight back. Pennant Hill's replacement keeper was tested early in the second half and made several good saves. This lifted the Pennant Hills team and led to an equaliser midway through the second half. The last 20 minutes of play was very exciting with a number of GAVIN TAIT crosses just failing to find our strikers in the box. Man of the match was LINTON ISTEED who never stopped running all game.

PL1/1sts THORNLEIGH 1 vs PENNANT HILLS 3

This was the fifth game in a row where the opposition scored the first goal - Thornleigh were on the back foot for the rest of the game. Pennant Hills scored their second goal three minutes before halftime, when their playmaker was left unmarked. The dressing room was very quiet at halftime. Coach Hignett told the players they were still in the game and were capable of scoring three second half goals. Thornleigh lifted in the second half and were unlucky to concede a third goal. Thornleigh finally scored with 10 minutes to go when RYAN ROFF scored a pearler from just outside the box. The second half finished 1:1. MATTHEW FRENCH was awarded man of the match for the second time this year for his tireless work in the midfield. Players will have to improve on this effort if they are to beat Epping YMCA next week.