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BLUE & GOLD NEWSLETTER

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*Premier League Division 1 Games - All Reserve Grade games at 1.15pm, All 1st Grade Games at 3.15pm
18/6/05 - Thornleigh vs West Pennant Hills - at Campbell Park - Support Your Premier League!*

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

There was some exciting soccer on the weekend and well worth the effort for those who were fortunate enough to get out and catch a game. A number of our teams were up for a double serve of soccer on the Queen's Birthday long weekend. Congratulations to those teams that won and those that gave it their best. Special mention goes to the I4/3 who played on Monday at Pennant Hills Park and were the curtain raiser to the Premier League. The I4/3 are one of several teams in the club who are doing it tough this year against strong opposition. I thank them for their resilience and determination to continue to give their best.

Most of our All Age teams struggled to find form on the weekend, although the AA/I were resolute in their determination and again only narrowly fell short of victory. Excellent results were posted by a number of our junior teams with good wins from I2/I and I5/I teams as well as others.

The Premier League suffered a shock defeat at the hands of our Nomanhurst cousins on Saturday. However, they bounced back on the Monday in a thrilling game to hold the Pennant Hills team to a scoreless result in a hard hitting, fast paced match that was a sure crowd pleaser.

There are a number of upcoming events that will need the support and patronage of the whole club. Assistance is required for the Under 7 Gala Day, Junior Presentation Day, and End of Year Club Dinner. The difference between a good club and a poor one is largely attributed to the level of involvement members are willing to provide. The time to get involved is now!

Yours in commitment

Rob Roberts

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U6 EMUS**THORNLEIGH 4 vs ROSELEA 1**

The best game of the season so far. There were plenty of stand out performers today but the biggest stand out was the team work that all the boys displayed. JOSH REIDY had a great first half in goals and on the field in the second made some great breaks coming so close to scoring. RYAN CLARK also in goals showed us exactly how the ball should be kicked by a keeper "massive" also a great half on the field. LACHLAN HARRIS once again showed no fear in amongst the play, SAMUAL KALNINS also played very well amongst the pack. REUBEN SPARGO and NATHAN POLLOCK covered lots of field defending well. CHRIS WATT put another goal to his collection a well deserved reward for his efforts. JOSH NATOLI put away 3 glorious goals showing some real skill whilst doing so. The "MAN OF THE MATCH" HARRISON DARGAN with his best game yet, had the opposition chasing him all game with lots of great kicks and goal attempts. Well done EMUS !

U6 PLATYPUS**THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORMANURST 5**

Well, what a match, the final score doesn't really reflect the tenacity and spirit that the boys displayed on the sacred Oakleigh No.3 turf! Despite only having the bare bones of the team and no one on the interchange bench due to the long weekend, the mighty monotremes lifted their game another notch and were unlucky not to walk away with a closer score line. ROBERT BRADLEY ran and chased like a terrier, only stopping to suck in oxygen. CODY JERVIS was stoic in goals in the first half, fending off a frenzy of fast flying shots on goal and then completing a half marathon on the field in the 2nd half. DANIEL MERRICK performed some great runs and tackles, giving his heart and soul as he chased the ball from pillar to post. WILLEM OATES threatened and dazzled the opposition with some simply superb running and passing in the first half and some defiant saves in the goals during the 2nd half while TOMMY JIANG was like a Duracell battery, on the job from the first whistle up until the final siren. JOSHUA DE SILVA played like a well oiled machine, dribbling the ball over every blade of grass, continually threatening the opposition and scoring a cracker of a goal in the first half for which he earned PLAYER OF THE WEEK honours. Despite the result, football was the winner and we can all look forward to our next game with great anticipation. Well done lads. You should be proud of a great effort.

U7 ECHIDNAS**CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 1 vs THORNLEIGH 3**

Thornleigh came out victors after a convincing performance against the Redbacks. Thornleigh dominated possession in the first half and CAI HUGHES came close to opening the scoring when his hard hit shot was blocked on the line. However after consistent pressure GABE FRASER finally opened the scoring for Thornleigh. The midfield duo of MATTHEW ALLEN and LIZZIE WILDE kept a constant source of supply to the Thornleigh forwards and the defense of CARLIE McALISTER and ADAM 'bazooka boots' COOPER thwarted the few Redback's attacks. LIAM SHERMAN again kept a clean sheet in goal - his third of the season. The second half proved much the same as the first with Thornleigh dominating possession, CAI HUGHES and GABE FRASER each grabbed a goal to put the result beyond doubt. To their credit the Redbacks never gave up and scored a late consolation goal following a mix up in the Thornleigh defence.

U7 EMUS**THORNLEIGH 3 vs RYDE DISTRICT 2**

The Emus were caught unaware by the first goal which was scored in seconds from the kick off. This early set back spurred the Emus to greater efforts. MICHELLE the Magnificent KEZERLE was rock solid in goals and prevented Ryde from adding to their total in the first half. The play seasawed from one end to the other. Finally Majestic MARK NEWLAND slammed home an equalizing goal with his powerful right foot. Jostling JACK NAYLOR continually harassed the opposition and prevented them from moving downfield. He also made a number of forays up field. The coach SIMON NEWLAND gave a rousing halftime talk and the players responded. Lethal LIAM KIRK made a number of long runs and was unlucky when a sizzling shot rocked the post. After a goal kick from Ryde Awesome AIDAN LANE seized onto the ball and drove it into the back of the net. The Emus were ahead 2 to 1. Through a lack of concentration the Emus watched as a sprawling MARK NEWLAND was beaten by a well aimed shot by the Ryde team. Mark was determined not to be beaten again and pulled off some remarkable saves. His long goal clearing kicks allowed the Emus to go on attack after attack. RHIANNA the Remarkable MALONE was in the thick of the action and never took a backward step. Nearing the end of the game TESSA the Terrific GIBBONS after another big run downfield found herself with only the goal keeper in front of her and slammed the ball for a winning goal. Special mention must be made of SEAN the Stupendous NOTLEY-RUMBENS who played defence and was instrumental in preventing Ryde from mounting any meaningful attacks. He continually repelled Ryde and allowed others in the team to have scoring shots. Well done Emus for a great team effort and a well deserved win.

U7 KOALA'S**THORNLEIGH 1 vs PENNANT HILLS 4**

Saturday saw the Koala's 10 match undefeated run come to end with a valiant 4-1 loss to Pennant Hills. The effects of ALEX W. going to England, BEN being on holidays and HARRISON being ill, took it's toll and we effectively had 5 regular "Koala's" to take the field against a good strong opposition. Reserves were called on and we extend our thanks to RYAN CLARKE and JOSH NATOLI from the under 6's who came and contributed with great style. We were down 3-0 at half time and a 4th was scored early in the 2nd half. All the goals against us were very good goals. Going slightly up hill in the second half we continued to play away and the game was a much more even contest. CALLUM and ALEX chased well. BYRON put some great kicks in, and JACOB is going from strength to strength. HAYDEN played in goals in the second half and is now kicking over the half way with both the goal and gaolie kicks. Thanks also to TIM CLEASBY for refereeing the first half. It was also terrific to see the good sportsmanship by the West Pennant Hills-Cherrybrook team and management. This Saturday we play Glenhaven at Holland Park 10.45am then the U7 GALA DAY at OAKLEIGH on Sunday from 9am. Lots of encouragement support and cheering never goes astray. Hope to see you there.

U7 MAGPIES**NO REPORT**

U8 RED

THORNLEIGH 3 vs PACIFIC HILLS 2

When you get the coaches & managers from both teams saying “what a terrific game”, you know it must be good. The teams slogged it out from the whistle and it took a good 15mins for PACIFIC HILLS to open the score but fortunately it was levelled soon after with a nice strike from outside the penalty box from JOSHUA. THORNLEIGH maintained their formation and we saw a dozen passes where in the first game we were lucky for one. Another early strike from PACIFIC HILLS in the first few minutes of the 2nd half showed it was going to be tough game. It only took 3 minutes for THORNLEIGH to strike back with a short run from SAM and a quick succession of passes from BEN SEPAROVICH to DANIEL who scored to level the score again. This followed a nail biting 5 minute period where the boys went to sleep but thankfully it was only short lived and the team got the taste of blood, led by ANGUS and SAM. SAM was rewarded for his drive with a goal in the final minutes of the game. Whilst our forwards were on fire, our defence was also extraordinary. Our Player of the Match was BEN SEPAROVICH who contributed both in the midfield and in the backs to make some crucial tackles. Well done team!

U8 WHITE

THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS B 0

What a great game! It was hard to single out what to highlight, from a game full of highlights. There were the sprints up-field with the ball by JOANATHON MEIKLE, the nimble footwork by BEN WALLWOOD and CHRISTIAN FARRELL-DENINA, and the long power kicks by JACK GREEN, ANDREW HADDAD and ROBERT JONES, which all kept our supporters on the edge of their seats. JONATHON’s sheer speed in these sprints (which would impress even the Incredibles) earned him our Man of The Match award for this week. There were many attempts at goal, the results of some good strategic passing between our forwards. JAMES PATTERSON had a wonderful game, constantly taking possession of the ball and edging it closer to our goal. RYAN MALLET also starred in play, also with a near-miss at goal, and determined interference with any attempt by the opposition to move play down their end.

Our goal was scored by BEN WALLWOOD, originating from two great passes between JAMES and JONATHON. DANIEL FOWLER put in some energetic work in the first half, with a number of good tackles. Our goalies (CHRISTIAN FARRELL-DENINA in the first half, and DANIEL FOWLER in the second half) were kept busy exercising their long-range vision to keep sight of the ball. Some good defence work by the opposing team kept the score-line from reflecting our many attempts at goal. Well done!

U9/2

THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORTH EPPING RANGERS 2

It was a drab, overcast morning at Oakleigh Oval. There was the false hope of drought breaking rain in the air and the boys were up against the competition leaders. Last time we met we took a 4-0 drubbing. However 40 minutes after kick off if you had asked any of the spectators which team was leading the comp, they would have said “Thunder”. We dominated Rangers today and still went down (which is probably why they are leading the comp; they managed to win ugly!!) After we had all the field position in the first 10 minutes and had battered away fruitlessly, Rangers broke away and scored a length of the field goal. It was the only time they got into our territory all half!!! At oranges Coach Steve told the boys they were playing beautifully and to keep doing what they had been doing in the first half. They did and were eventually rewarded by a great goal. The ball was contested in midfield with BLAKE winning possession. He dribbled forward into the box, put in a shot which was parried by the keeper, and NICK C followed in and smacked the ball into the net. It was 1-1 and game on. Our backs tackled ferociously any time Rangers moved forward and kept their structure really well. The mid field was anticipating where the ball was going next with MAX in particular covering up well a number of times. BRANDON held everything together in the centre of the defence and is settling into the team really well. Unfortunately Rangers, in one of their rare sorties into our area, managed to jag a goal with about 5 minutes to go. Far from letting their heads drop the team went at the opposition like piranhas on a carcass and were unlucky not to get the draw with a couple of good shots just going wide at the death. Next week we meet our neighbours Normo and on today’s display we will give them an almighty fright. Well played team!!!

U9/8

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 1

U10/3

THORNLEIGH 0 vs GLENHAVEN 2

With only 9 players on the field against a team with 2 substitutes the boys met the challenge with enthusiasm and determination. A sterling effort by the ever solid backs – ROBERT STARREVELD and DARREN JOOSTEN with ALASDAIR BELLING and SAMUEL LANE sharing the goals - only one goal was conceded in each half. The fantastic team play by the mid fielders OLIVER JUDSON, SAMUEL LANE and CAMERON SHARIFI saw some wonderful team play and good passing. The forwards, JAMES PAEK, TIM CLAREMONT and SAMUEL CLARKE were up in the oppositions goals more than a few times, and due to the shortage of numbers we also saw some of the midfielders make some attempts at goal themselves. Boys, this was another game to be proud of despite the outcome – player of the match to every single one of you!

U10/7

THORNLEIGH 2 vs BEECROFT 1

What a great game! Beecroft scored a goal in the first 5 minutes and it proved to be their last for the match. A strong attack by CLAUDIA, TRISTEN and REBEKA who persistently challenged their opponents with tackling and pushing the ball down to their goal. Constant attack kept the ball in Beecroft’s half and a constant solid defence from DALE, GUS and JOSH ensured Beecroft scored no other goals. Superb kicking and goal keeping from DANIEL. The midfield comprising of LINDSAY, HABID, KATHERINE and worked hard with some real persevering skills from HABID. With good teamwork, maintaining positions, Tristen put the ball into the goals. Thus, Thunders won 2-1.

U11/5

THORNLEIGH 0 vs EASTWOOD ST.ANDREWS 0

This was an exciting, evenly matched contest, which had every player on the field working over-time. Early pressure from Eastwood was relieved by strong defence work from ANDREW C, LACHLAN D, and JEREMY T, who were well supported by the safety of XAVIER B in goals. Continued improvements in teamwork paid off, with some excellent passing and running by MICHAEL G, ALEX C, NATHAN L, and ANTHONY F, as well as some great breaks by TIM L and HUW F. Midfielders ANDREW M and MICHAEL C again showed persistence, and good tackling skills. LACHLAN D stepped in as goalie during the second half and made a great save with minutes to go to keep Eastwood to a draw. Well done everyone, and thank you to STEVE GAMBLE for all his efforts as coach - it's much appreciated!

U12/1

THORNLEIGH 5 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 1

Thornleigh bounced back from their previous week's loss by unleashing their impressive firepower. Goals were scored EDWARD, PAT, TIM, LACHLAN, and HARRY. ANJUN was unlucky with a narrow off-side call. CHRIS SMITH ensured the opposition was limited to one lucky goal and no more. The defence held tight and the game was securely in the bag. With renewed confidence the team is looking forward to the next upcoming game.

U12/3

THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 3

The first half started with NICK in goals, SCOTT in defence did a good save and there was a great kick from SAAMID. After that MATTHEW W. scored the first goal. SCOTT was doing brilliant work in the back clearing up a lot of balls. Then a good save from the corner kick by NICK. TOM was doing great work on the left wing with JORDAN, BRADLEY and MATTHEW D. providing midfield support. In the second half DANYON made so much difference to the team when he came on the field. KELSEY was working very hard in defence and there was good team work from NATHAN in both halves. Great goal attempts were made by KEL and JOSH. There then was a hand ball from the other team. A lot of credit should be given to DANYON for great team play. The final score was Thornleigh 1 Hills Hawks 3. The reporter's choice was TOM and coach's player of the match was NICK.

U12/3

THORNLEIGH 4 vs BEECROFT 4

13/6/05

Within the first five minutes the game started with KEL scoring from a pass by JOSH. JORDAN was holding the midfield very well, positioning himself for interceptions, setting off attacks and covering for defenders. KELSEY, SAAMID and SCOTT defended well and Thornleigh was able to switch from defending a Beecroft corner to attack with JOSH arriving at the Beecroft penalty area in twenty seconds. There was a very well hit shot by Beecroft No 13 from a free kick and sustained pressure from Beecroft. Beecroft got a corner and Thornleigh was able to get the ball with midfield assistance by TOM, DANYON and BRADLEY to JOSH who executed a sharp attack again to the other side of the field. A goal kick by Beecroft was then intercepted by JORDAN, who kicked a beauty from all the way outside the penalty area. Power, precision and persistence! From a Beecroft corner again the defence got the ball and Thornleigh was able to make a fast switch on the break and JOSH scored the third goal. There was sustained Beecroft pressure and switching of players by Beecroft. NATHAN was working hard in defence. Good goal keeping reflexes by the Thornleigh keeper NICK saved a certain goal. There was a goal by Beecroft on the start of the second half. Sustained Beecroft pressure left our boys tiring, then two more goals by Beecroft. The score was now 3-3. An attack by Beecroft from the left ended with a good shot from outside the penalty area- all attack at this stage of the game was by Beecroft. Then a shot by Thornleigh was saved by the Beecroft keeper. A quickly taken throw in by our team resulted in a shot on goal by MATTHEW D. which was dropped by the Beecroft keeper and deflected off a Beecroft player for an own goal. This was followed by good work by KEL and again a good save by NICK. Then Beecroft scored the equaliser. Final score 4-4. The reporter's choice was JORDAN and coach's player of the match was NICK. Great Game!!!

U13/2

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U13/5

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U14/3

THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 7

Despite the score's one-sided result, the game was very entertaining and the team played well as a whole. The Hawks made the most of their opportunities while thornleigh was unlucky on a number of occasions. MATTHEW traded places for the nets in the second half of the game and made some great saves. Sam was always dangerous up front and was our goal scorer for the game. MELISSA D'ARCHY and TIM HOUGH put up stiff resistance to numerous attacks launched by the opposition. MELISSA ROBERTS played a solid game and earned the 'person of the match' award. However, it was a great effort by the whole team who are remaining positive despite the sometimes overwhelming odds. Well done!

U14/3

THORNLEIGH 0 vs PENNANT HILLS 2 13/6/06

It was a thrilling game from beginning to end. Everyone was revved up for the Queen's Birthday Holiday match including our three replacements from the 12/1 team, MITCHELL, PAT & JARRYD. We started out strong and didn't ease up until the whistle had blown. There were outstanding performances from the backs, TIM, ALYCE and JAMES who hurried the invaders out of their end. MATTHEW was steady and confident in nets and looked like he had been playing that position for years. Our forwards were superb in their determination with great efforts from MELISSA D'ARCHY and SAM who took the fight to the opposition with gusto. JOE and ADRIAN were always dangerous and impressed everyone with their fancy footwork and excellent ball skills. They were very unlucky not to score. MELISSA R and JOHN constantly pressured the other side with some good passing and strong tackling. Our 12/1 players refused to be intimidated by the larger opponents and attacked and defended without hesitation or fear. All in all it was a great result even it luck didn't go our way on the day. Keep your chins up!

U15/1

THORNLEIGH 6 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 0

A good win to the team, avenging the first round loss when we were under-strength in the last school holidays. The early part of the first half was goal-less, but we were on top and just having no luck, perhaps even a little panicky at not being able to score. Finally, OLIVER WELLS drove the ball past the keeper after good lead up by STEVE SMITH off RYAN HOWISON and we went to the break 1 nil up. After the break, the team really found its rhythm at times and just plain outplayed the other team. STEVE SMITH landed two goals, the first a long curler, the second a screamer from an acute angle. MICHAEL PARK came on up front and created havoc and two good goals, the first after a good ball by OSCAR MARONEY and the second by way a great turn and strike to beat the defence. OLI WELLS capped off a fine game with a second goal from a long individual run. Great team support play by everyone on the day, especially HA-MIN JEON, MICHAEL BROWN and BEN HOLLIDAY at the back and ANDREW GAMBLE and DESHAN JEGASTHESWARAN on the flanks.

U17/2

THORNLEIGH 0 vs EPPING YMCA 3

From our 15 players we could only field a team of 11 today, against a team we drew with in the first round. The first half was a very even, scoreless affair and coach Craig was extremely happy with the boys' performance at the half time break. MATT ELDRIDGE played in the sweeper position today, swapping with JAMIE SEACH who played full back. LIAM RAYNER was also very aggressive in defence and we were particularly solid down that end of the field. The passing amongst the mid fielders and forwards was working great, setting up the strikers with quite a few chances, a couple of which rebounded off the YMCA hardware but couldn't be potted. In the second half we were holding together well and had some more good chances, but the YMCA attack eventually wore us down. With the boys tiring through no available substitutions three goals were scored against us and that was the ball game.

AA/1

THORNLEIGH 1 vs KENTHURST 2

AA/3

THORNLEIGH 1 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 1

AA/6 WOMEN

AA/7

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS 9

AA/15

THORNLEIGH 1 vs KENTHURST 11

We met up with our fancy-pants opponents from our first match of the season. Despite our failed initial optimism, it was always going to be a difficult task against the top team. We started the game strongly against our fancied, northern opponents. We were down four of our regular/irregular players but were lucky to have snaffed two very experienced players from the 35/1, RON and DICK. By half time we were down a surprising 5-0 despite some excellent play from our players. With still some optimism that we could come back, the game suddenly took a turn for the worse when the team manager emerged onto the field from nowhere having found a spare pair of shorts and shirt in the kit. Pleas for him to withdraw from the field fell on deaf ears (unfortunately, he really is half deaf but fully dumb). The opposition made full use of the ensuing turmoil and soon the score had blown out to 11-0. DICK SHIELDS salvaged some respect with our lone goal and our first for this round. In the cold, grey drizzle of the afternoon the team quickly dispersed, no doubt in search of a kind therapist and a sane manager.

O35/1

NO GAMES

O35/4

THORNLEIGH 2 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 3

11/6/05

PL1/Res THORNLEIGH 0 vs NORMANHURST 2

Normanhurst had already cemented a spot in the top 4 and were looking to boost their goal difference. Normo opened the scoring with a shot from the edge of the box that gave our keeper no chance. With a score line of 1:0 at the break we were not out of the game. The second half was a scrappy affair with neither team really controlling play. To the credit of our players they never gave up trying and kept the score line respectful. STEPHEN JACK was forced from the field following an ankle injury, which looks like keeping him out for the next few games. Defenders JASON HOWELL and GAVIN TAIT, showing true Thunder spirit, played on in the second half with ankle injuries. Best & Fairest points went to JASON HOWELL 3 points, JAMES RUSHTON, 2 points, and STEPHEN BLACKBURN 1 point.

PL1/1sts THORNLEIGH 1 vs NORMANHURST 5

The final score line did not really reflect Thunder's efforts in this local derby. Normanhurst opened the scoring in the first 5 minutes of play and scored again just before halftime with a well taken free kick. Thunder scored next when AVAN YOUNG was on hand to tap in a fumble from the Normo keeper following a cross from RYAN ROFF. Thunder then had a number of scoring opportunities but concede a goal on a counter attack. Norm wrapped up the game with 2 more second half goals. Normo scored 3 of their goals from free kicks and it's an area I'm sure the coach will be working on this week. Best & Fairest points went to Ryan Roff 3 points, Steve Lansley 2 points, and Layn Mellish 1 point. A big THANK YOU to all our supporters who turned up for the game.

13/6/05

PL1/Res THORNLEIGH 0 vs PENNANT HILLS 3

Pennant Hills opened their scoring just before half time and were never really threatened by our injury weakened team. Pennant Hill's second goal was scored following a free kick, which was initially saved by keeper JAMES RUSHTON, that rebounded to a Pennant Hills player. Thunder had a chance to score following a penalty, but unfortunately MATT DOIG's shot went skyward. Pennant Hills wrapped up the game with another goal mid way through the second half. BRENDAN HARRIS played his best games of the season while LINTON ISTED looked sharp with his limited chances. Best & Fairest points will be listed on next week's report.

PL1/1sts THORNLEIGH 0 vs PENNANT HILLS 0

Thunder's defender LUKE SMITHERS was given the task of marking Pennant Hills main play maker, who was the main difference between the sides in the first round. Luke followed him around like a drover's dog. Both teams had scoring opportunities in the first half but were prevented from taking the lead by excellent goal keeping. End to end chances and last ditched tackles made for a very exciting second half. LAYN MELLISH and DAMIEN SUPLINA had shots saved, while a diving header by RYAN ROFF was pushed wide by the Pennant Hill's keeper. Pennant Hills had a chance to seal victory near the end of the game when their main player was left in front of goal with only the keeper to beat. Thankfully his shot landed well in to the Pennant Hills bush. Best & Fairest points went to LUKE SMITHERS 3 points, LUKE DAWSON 2 points, and LAYN MELLISH 1 point. Thunder takes on West Pennant Hills next week, at Campbell Park.