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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



Last Saturday evening's Trivia Night appeared to meet and exceed the expectations of all who attended. I am very grateful to our organising committee comprised of Craig Denyer, Fernie Fisher, Michelle Simcock, Graham Tingle, Glen De Nardi and Bruce Roff. Many thanks to our regular sponsors and to those who contributed to the auction, with a special vote of appreciation to Ray & Maureen Thompson for their generosity.

Part of my message for the evening is reproduced below:

"A club is only as good as the people in it. Tonight strongly demonstrates our commitment to the Thornleigh Football Club, to the future of football, but most importantly to us as a community. I thank you for your warm and enthusiastic support you have brought here tonight and for your ongoing support of Thornleigh FC.

As they say in Nimbin, 'May the sun shine all around you and all through your day.' Thanks, and thank you Tony Ruttyn!"

Yours in commitment,

Rob Roberts

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Christmas Punch Cards



Christmas Folding Fun



2 Step Stamping

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Match Reports

U6 ECHIDNAS THORNLEIGH 3 v EPPING EASTWOOD 1

This was an exciting game. We started with only three players and borrowed one from East Epping until our team finally decided to arrive. TIMOTHY REYNOLDS did a great job as goalie in the first half making 4 good saves and ELANI WILD had her first go at a goal, she and RHIANAN CRANE made some great runs down the field. It's amazing what you can do when there is no-one else to do it for you. Our hero of the first half was DYLAN DONOVAN who turned up despite looking like he should be tucked up in bed and gave it a real go. Well done DYLAN and get better soon. LOUISA LAWRENCE finally arrived and whilst her manager was berating the fact that LOUISA wasn't warmed up, she scored our first goal! The second half saw ELANI as goalie and she did some amazing saves only letting one fast, hard hitting goal through. THOMAS DAKIN arrived in time to give DYLAN a rest and THOMAS did some really good footwork for us. LOUISA scored another goal for us that just dribbled into the net as we watched with bated breath, and then our clinching third goal was scored by MICHAEL SREMECK who was playing like a demon today, along with TIM. It was a good game and a much anticipated win for the Echidnas.

U6 EMU NO REPORT

U6 KOOKABURRA NO REPORT

U6 MAGPIES NO REPORT

U6 PLATYPUS THORNLEIGH 1 vs SAINTS UNITED 1

Well the Soccerroos may have packed up and gone home from the World Cup, but the THORNLEIGH Platypus side were on fire this weekend. DANIEL MERRICK starred as goalie in the first half saving a few shots from the speedy All Saints strikers. CODY JERVIS was devastating in the mid-field tackling his heart out and making some great breaks up the field – unlucky not to score. ROBERT BRADLEY also made incisive breaks through the middle and kept the team organised from set plays – earning him joint Player of the Match together with JORDAN TAYLOR who ran hard all match delivering some great passes to his team mates. RHORDAN STEPHENS was his usual stoic best in defence – thwarting many breaks from the All Saints team, then turning defence into attack stealing some key yardage up the pitch. QUINN CAMPBELL took up goalie in the second half and did not disappoint the vocal crowd – saving many shots at goal and returning fire with lengthy goal kicks; while TASI VELE continued to tackle an enthusiastic attack creating a few chances for her colleagues up the park. Thornleigh's sole goal came mid-way through the first half, when JOSH DE SILVA volleyed a rocket from outside the penalty area landing a goal just a few inches under the cross bar. Overall the game was played at a fast pace and with a great spirit. While Guus and the boys weren't present I am sure they would have been as proud as all the parents and spectators were to see the mighty Platypus team strut their stuff yet again.

U6 KOALA NO REPORT

U6 WALLABY THORNLEIGH 4 vs EPPING EASTWOOD 0

This was our best game of the season so far. LACHLAN HARRIS scored from a shot across the face of goal that was drawn into the net. Strong runs and chasing by RORY AHEARNE, LACHLAN CHAPLIN, TIM LANE, JAMES RICKWOOD and JAMES YOUNG all contributed to a solid team performance. DANIEL BIDWELL had a great first half as goalkeeper, keeping out numerous shots by the opposition. JAKE DARGAN scored the second goal after following his first shot and pouncing on the spilt ball and slamming it into the net. TIM LANE took over as goalkeeper in the second half and maintained the team's clean sheet. The second half started well with a goal to JAMES YOUNG. All the boys put in the extra effort in the second half chasing down the opposition's breaks on all occasions. LACHLAN HARRIS the team's leading scorer sank the ball into the net one final time. The player of the match was JAMES YOUNG for a brilliant game and who over the past few games has always put in a strong performance.

U7 ECHIDNA NO REPORT

U7 EMUS THORNLEIGH 0 vs SAINTS UNITED 3

The Emus had a ripper of a game, in a match where the score had no reflection of the way the boys played. From the kick off the Emus went straight into attack. NATHAN POLLOCK and REUBAN SPARGO were awesome in attack busting through their opponents all game and REUBEN having a great half in goals. In defence our standouts were CHRIS WATT and JOSH NATOLI always there in support taking the attackers head on every time. JOSH REIDY had a great half in goals saving plenty of attempts and got stuck into it while on the field. TOM KENNEDY had a great game beating his opponent on most occasions upfront and in defence. SAMUEL KALNINS had one of his best, getting amongst it and breaking through the defence on several occasions. The "Man of the Match" went to a well deserved HARRISON DARGAN who was in the play all game passing, clearing and attacking all game. Well done Emus.

U7 KOALAS**THORNLEIGH 4 vs BEECROFT SOCCER CLUB 2**

A great result once again for the boys who were unlucky not to have scored several more during the game. YASHAR ELLIIN started the game with his characteristic carving of the opposition to put away two quick goals. He was able to do so both times by virtue of the sound defending and clearing kicks of DOMINIC MANNELL and TOMMY JIANG. Our first half goalie WILLIAM DUNN did not want to be left out of the action. So naturally he made a searching run from his own goal line dribbling up the sideline to the halfway before passing forward and making a nonchalant retreat to the goal mouth once again. Our third goal came from WILEM OATES who came running thorough full of determination and giving his shot all the strength he could muster. Goal number four was TOM McDOWALL who had threatened the opposition several times during the game before sending the ball through the goal to seal the victory. Similarly unlucky not to score himself was LACHLAN DAWES who once again scared the opposition by appearing in different positions on the field at just the right time to make their life difficult. His efforts during the game earned him MAN OF THE MATCH this week. Another fine effort by the boys who clearly had a great time.

U8 GOLD**THORNLEIGH 1 vs BEECROFT 1**

In another great game against one of the form teams of the competition Thornleigh produced a big second half to level 1 all with Beecroft. In a very entertaining game where both teams created some great chances it came down to a couple of great plays that saw Thornleigh draw with Beecroft. From the kickoff it was a see-sawing affair with some great running from ERIKA LOVE who enjoyed her new found forward play and the ever dangerous ADAM WALKER whose hard and straight running is great to watch. At the back Thornleigh continued to stifle Beecroft's counter attack through some great defence by NICKLAUS RASSMUSSEN who tackled hard and also ran forward strongly, CHRIS WATSON who continued to clear the ball forward and his shutdown play display earned him "most improved player of the week" and BEN HURWOOD whose positional play, tackling and running is a joy to watch. In the middle of the park ADAM COOPER had his trademark game with some great running and tackling and passing. On his left and right he was served well by JACK TOWNEND who continued to win the ball back with his never say die commitment and JACK STEVENS who grated away, tackled hard and put in some boomer kicks towards the opposition's goal. Unfortunately the Beecroft team scored a great counter attack goal after a great attempt to save by goal keeper LIAM KIRK. With the goal came an opportunity to interchange some of the players on the bench. JULIAN HASSARATI came on and immediately challenged the defence with some strong running from midfield with one memorable pass that linked a play from our backs to the forwards. ISABEL SEAMAN with some strong challenges and smart dribbling opened up the ground for AIMME LOVE who with her trademark do or die running continued to stretch the opposition defence. After a quick pep talk at half time a piece of orange and a mouthfull of water and with Cameron (GUSS) Hurwood calling the shots off the bench the kids were ready to attack. The game continued to see saw but there was a sense that something special was going to happen and happen it did from just inside the half way LIAM KIRK ran the ball forward a few metres and then let loose a thunderbolt right foot to tie the game. LIAM'S great goal and his near flawless Goal keeping in the first half earned him "player of the week". BEECROFT immediately responded and pushed players forward in the hope of scoring a decisive goal and it nearly occurred in one of the last plays of the day the Beecroft created a chance in front of goal after cleverly switching play from the left and smashed a low and hard ball towards what seemed to be a certain goal. However JACK TOWNEND was on the spot and pushed the ball around the post to save the game. Another great game enjoyed by all!

U8 ORANGE**NO REPORT****U9/2****THORNLEIGH 2 vs EPPING YMCA 2****U9/5****THORNLEIGH 1 vs ROSELEA 1****U10/6****THORNLEIGH 6 vs CARLINGFORD REDBACKS 1**

After an extremely slow start where they conceded an early goal, the "Sixers" awoke from their lethargy and apparent over-confidence to record a solid win. The Redbacks goal came from all our defenders being caught too far forward. TESS in goal put her body on the line and made a cracker of a save but unfortunately the rebound found the net. From then on the "Sixers" took control. There were patches of really good football with clean passing through midfield with JOSH S in particular playing some great balls forward from right back. Goal scorers today were BLAKE (3), JULIAN (2) and ADRIAN, who with one more could have got a new pair of boots!! He also hit the post with one shot so I think his parents should loosen the purse strings!!! ANDRE had a rare stint in goals today and made one good save but for the most part was bored senseless with all the action being at the other end of the park. No one player stood out today with everyone playing their part in a good team effort. Next week sees the return grudge match against Roselea who inflicted our only defeat for the year. Teamwork will beat Roselea guys so hold your position and you'll go OK. Speaking of teamwork; the "Sixers" supporters group showed great bonding skills in upholding the traditions of Trinidad & Tobago at the Thunder Trivia Night. Amid the red, white and black colours, rum fumes and dreadlocks, they managed to be equal first at the end. The tie breaker question was however a bit like an Italian entering the penalty box, huge expectation followed by skulduggery!!! What sort of person knows whose National Day is held on 1 July!!! Where is Canada anyway!!!

U11/3

THORNLEIGH 1 vs RYDE DISTRICT 5

The score today certainly doesn't reflect the good game played by the boys today. With only one goal conceded in the first half things were looking promising. We had our first goal converted to an offside by a late decision but this did not undermine the team's determination at all. An excellent goal initiated by CAMERON SHARIFI and XAVIER BOUCHER resulted in some brilliant passing with the goal coming off the boot of TRISTAN ZEID. SAMUAL LANE also had his fair share of goal attempts as did JACK ANGEL. Some good passing and thoughtful play saw us at the opposition's goal a number of times. Good defence work was provided by MATTHEW FORD, DARREN JOOSTEN and JAY STEPHENS while REBEKA FIELD and TIMOTHY JONES featured well in the mid field. We saw some good saves and goal kicks by SAMUAL LANE, JAY STEPHENS and XAVIER BOUCHER. Overall the team really did play cohesively today with some great passes from midfield to the forwards. Thanks to JAY from the under 10/6's for helping us out today.

U11/6

THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 2

A terrific tussle between our team, (still a player short) and Hills Hawks, next below us on the competition table. The opposition was not going to give in without a battle and CALLUM should have been paid overtime for the number of strikes he held off. Our forwards worked tirelessly and the mid-field players consistently regained possession. ANDY LEE scored the single goal of the match. The entire game was a tribute to the, tight play, teamship and enjoyment of the game that has developed within the TEAM over the season. OLIVER JUDSON deserves special mention for supporting the team even though unable to play due to injury. We look forward to seeing OLIVER on the field next week. Players of the match ANDY LEE and CALLUM MOSES.

U12/5

THORNLEIGH 2 vs KENTHURST 0

U13/1

THORNLEIGH 1 vs EPPING YMCA 1

Unfortunately Epping had control for most of the first half, making numerous attempts at goal. Great work by CHRIS and the backs kept them scoreless. Some breaks made by LACH, LEROY and KEL gave us a couple of chances but Epping finally scored just before the half time whistle. The second half was more of an even game with Epping not being able to make as many attempts. Again the backs and mid-field did a wonderful job keeping them scoreless for the first 20 minutes of the half. We turned the play around a couple of times but were unable to find the back of the net until the final 10 minutes with a play that was too quick for the reporter or the parents to recount but finished with a pass that LACH put to the posts and KEL making certain it went in. Coaches' Man of Match: KEL and EDDY. Reporter's Choice: JARRYD.

U13/3

THORNLEIGH 1 vs ALL SAINTS HUNTERS HILL 1

Despite being two men down to start, (who needs a new alarm clock??), we managed to match these guys and even got off the first shot on goal. Play went from end to end with Thorns covering most attacking raids with the ever solid and fast sprinting BRADLEY ably assisted by CHARBEL and SCOTT in the backs, then counterattacking. A well-controlled attack down the right saw TOM execute a beautiful low header, which unfortunately went straight to the keeper. "Kiss of death" Terry turned up and declared "I've arrived - now they'll score a goal", which painfully resulted in All Saints scoring. Well done Terry! NATHAN in midfield executed some excellent defensive blocks of the ball and KHAN played with growing confidence. Thorns still kept the pressure up and STEFAN got off a great shot, which just went wide of the left post. Half time 0-1. In the second half play seesawed from end to end again. The best chance came to NICK when he got a cross and "finessed" his way past three players but was beaten by the keeper, who came off his line very quickly to fall on the ball. This was followed in short order with a break by LEE who was only just called offside. STEFAN then had a shot, which the keeper again intercepted. JORDAN was having to deal with some tense moments in goal but was rising to the challenge each time. Raid after Thornleigh raid was coming to nothing. Then, great play by TOM, NICK and DANYON saw a fantastic goal cracked into the back of the net. Well done DANYON! Unfortunately despite numerous chances we just couldn't slot home the winner. Final score 1-1. Great game guys. Men of the match- BRADLEY & NATHAN.

U14/1

THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 2

A cold early morning and holiday mode led to a slow start from our Thornleigh team. Hills scored early in the game and it was due to solid defending by NIC that Hills score wasn't higher in the first half. There were some strong attempts at goals throughout the game by JOEL and STEVE.

However, it wasn't until midway through the second 1/2 that a great header by LACHLAN to score a goal saw Thornleigh come alive and show us what a great team they really are. You showed us what you can do in the later stages of this game. Lets see it for the whole game next week.

U14/2 Girls

THORNLEIGH 2 vs WENONA 0

Whilst we were in 5th position before this match this is an incredibly tight competition with only 3 points separating 1st to 5th. We were fortunate to strike 4th placed Wenona having only 9 players today due to school holidays, but it was still a pretty close match. The other factor in our favour was the amazing Girl Thunder teamwork which improves every week. RANI PAII was a star in the sweeper position clearing everything out wide of Wenona attackers. RANI was well supported by a strong backline with PHOEBE KIEL and BEC WICKHAM clearing beautifully. What a difference going wide makes from defensive play! Our first strike came from a clearance from RANI up the left flank finding LUCY JONES on the hunt who crossed it into the goal mouth. Our other striker EMMA FORD played a strong and dependable match keeping the play within striking distance of the Wenona goals. In mid field today, CHLOE BERESFORD, OLIVIA CLARKE and CLAUDIE GROVES played probably their best matches to date. Whilst we were one up at half time this wasn't really enough from a determined and skilful Wenona and, as suggested by coach Craig "the auctioneer" Denyer our girls put paid to any attacking forays by great defending and a second goal off a CHLOE BERESFORD pass from the mid field position. In all a very satisfying match which has eased us into the top 4, but with a few patches of "statues" in the second half which the girls will need to overcome for the last two matches against the teams coming 1st and 2nd. Love your work Girl Thunders - make sure you get plenty of sleep next Saturday night!

U14/4

THORNLEIGH 12 vs WEST PENNANT HILLS CHERRYBROOK 0

What a performance! Today was the near perfect display. And the opposition had a full team. We had about 15 shots at goal and that's a normal expectation. The difference was the chances became goals through perfect goal shooting from six players including a hungry player called JAMES "CAPPA" CAPETANAKIS who scored 4 goals. JAMES is our very good second goalie. Today was a great story. An example of a player who has not scored for 2 years and has played fullback mostly, when not in goals. Wow did he step and take his chance. It was no fluke, he chased and fought hard for that ball. We all enjoyed his fortune with much laughter. His father George, was dizzy from all the head shaking. A player who was having a rest said (after he could stop laughing) to the coach on goal 4 "he must be on something have a look at him" this is a joke. It was no joke, but it was fun! He scored the goals by working hard from midfield and pushing up. Whilst, not tested too much he would have moved back in defence if needed. Yes Cappa?

The boys were entertaining, brilliantly skilful and confident. In past years we struggle against teams behind us and reserve our best games for the top teams. Today we gave it "good" to a struggling side. The big game is coming and history proves this team is mentally tough and hard to beat. Our training session before this game was at a skill level our best. The real season starts now and the boys must train hard every Thursday to take the skills shown today into every game.

This is a strong team of 14 players, and that's always been our strength. CAPPA proved it today. On the day, JOSH ZADRO scored 3 classy goals, (mate, 3 more if not offside) 1 was a special deft flick, not easy to do. ALEX HOUSE bagged 2 goals, 1 a long range 35 metre effort that you just knew was going to happen. HARRY "KEWELL" BROWN got a well deserved goal. HARRY put together many long attacks beating players and then gave the ball to supports. RYAN PYSAR and Michael Dennett each scored.

Our second half goalie had a great game entertaining his team mates and those on the sideline. Thornleigh don't condone jokes at the expense of other teams. The humour was directed by JACKO at Jacko, we didn't know Jacko was so funny. He had a great show, he did the under 6 with the tonka truck in the sandpit, contested half a dozen 100 metre sprints to half way and spent most of the second half asking the coach was it alright to play midfield as well in a goalie jumper. He did stop one shot at goal and I think I recall he fell over himself. But, such was the domination of this team, they had fun and pleasingly made a point of shaking the hand of every "Cherry" player after the game. It ain't a good feeling for the other team.

We will start serious training now boys. The boys rely on many players to do their job in a game. Who will be the next Cappa in this team? Cappa you are now a striker!! Jacko you were funny but you're not a goalie, thanks and you're retired, goodbye and back to the wing. Oh and the number was not 6 Jacko!

Breaking news after the game. The drug squad was called. "Cappa" was drug tested after game. He was found to have positive levels of satisfaction. It had affected his face, his teeth were permanently clenched and his lips grotesquely wide open. He will carry long lasting affects for many years! George could not drive home until the side affects from shaking your head so vigorously had worn off. We missed Peter C., hope your off the "toot" for the start of school holidays.

Team Game Points: 3pts James "Cappa" Capitanakis, 2pts Harry "Kewell" Brown, 1pt Josh "Happy" Zadro. Training Points Points: 3pts Jackson "Tonka" Smith, 2pts James "Crash" Fowler, 1pt Ryan "Pies" Pysar.

U16/1

THORNLEIGH 0 vs PUTNEY 2

AA/2

THORNLEIGH 2 vs RYDE DISTRICT 1

AA/3

THORNLEIGH 1 vs HILLS HAWKS 1

AA/5 WOMEN

THORNLEIGH 0 vs FLYING BATS 1

The game was full of great talent and skill and the final score is definitely not a true indicator of the girl's ability. We owe thanks to ANNA and KEL for joining in to make up numbers this week. JACKIE gallantly stepped into the position of goalie for the first half of the game and did well to concede no goals throughout. There was a display of terrific coordination and confidence within the match as LUCY flaunted her wonderful skills and MADDIE really found herself up front. It was good to have MEL on the field once more as she confirmed her value to the mid field. ERIN did well to support the forwards constantly putting pressure on the opposition. For the second half, ANDREA braved the goalmouth, slipping on the gloves for Thornleigh. KATE was consistently strong in defence and proved to be a definite asset to the team. LYDIA added in some huge boots and held the backs, keeping it all tight. ANNA and LEE did very well today and they attack and conveyed moments of pure talent. There were plenty of opportunities and shots by LUCY, MADDIE and MEL and it is hard to believe we didn't actually score. Due to an unfortunate handball by ANNA, leading to a red card, the Flying Bats were presented with a direct penalty. ANDREA prepared herself the best she could, though it was an unbeatable shot, altering the score to 1-0. Well done to both JACKIE and ANDREA who did an awesome job of goalie, and also well done to the girls for playing a great game.

AA/8

THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLENHAVEN 0

AA/8 WOMEN

THORNLEIGH 0 vs WEST RYDE ROVERS 3

AA/15

THORNLEIGH 0 VS GLADESVILLE SHARKS 2

Forget the score line, this game was one of our best this season. we were up against one of the competition front runners who whacked us 5 zip in the first round and were looking to repeat the dose. Our boys were fired up to give a better account for themselves and they certainly did that. We attacked the Sharks from the first whistle and we were desperately unlucky not to put a couple away. Our passing game from the backs through the mid field to the forwards was a joy to watch as we continuously built pressure on the Gladesville goals, our finishing let us down a little as we failed to capitalise on our good work. The Sharks led by 2 goals at half time after they converted a free kick and a lucky header went in.

After the break we battered the Sharks defence time after time with several shots from LIAM and CHRIS just being saved by outstanding work from the Shark's keeper. At the back our keeper BRYAN had a fine game while the defensive team of TOM, EDWARD, LIAM, MATT E and MATT T kept the Shark's strikers quiet. In the Mids MATT O, TERENCE, DAVID K, CHRIS and ANDREW (who was playing his first game back in months due to injuries) all defended well and continually attacked and set up for our Forwards HAYDEN, DAVID P, PAUL and PETER who all tried hard to score the elusive goals. Well done guys you played without any luck today and certainly showed the opposition and the crowd just how much you have improved this year as a team. A big thank you to LEIGH who played for the AA 8 team instead of us as they were short (and they had a 1 nil win).

O35/1

THORNLEIGH TICKLERS 3 vs EPPING YMCA 1

WE DID IT FOR LUCAS"

Dear Reader,

In scenes not witnessed since 1992 when the under 6 Red Bellied Platypii 3rds beat Beecroft Endangered Bilbies 1 - 0 after food poisoning at Freddie's 10 pin bowling birthday party, Oakleigh Oval erupted when your heroes snotted Epping Y 3 - 1. After our weekly crisis meeting at the Bowlo on Monday it was great to see happy players (and I must say happy partners) arrive at the ground all sporting the Lucas Neil "tickler". Could this razor magic turn into a razor sharp performance? - no - but we won anyway.

First goal by "Ross" (the little tickler), followed by "Alex" (the silver tickler) claiming it was his and then "Andre" (the german tickler) left us all dining at the Y's expense (most of you get it). No win comes without "thank you's" so stand up Hornsby Adultworld who supplied some great German motivational videos to get us in the mood (hmmmm...better keep the tickler on another week).

"Tim" (the tiny tickler) whipped out his abacus (is that what they call it now) to state that we are only three 12 - 0 wins away from the semis...so get to the game next week when the boys pay homage to good ol' fashioned German dicipline - yes go the back of the cupboards and break out the jackboots (easy girls) and anything with studs.

Finally, in an open plea to Thornleigh S.C. committee - can we cancel next weeks "Men Of Thunder " nude calendar shoot - we're all struggling with our equipment as it is let alone producing the goods when its 5 degrees celcius - yeh, yeh, except you Andre. ..

Yours in through balls..... MR X....

O35/4

THORNLEIGH 1 vs GLADESVILLE RAVENS 5

Thunder started well against the competition leaders and were the first to score when AVAN YOUNG hit a pearler of a free kick into the back of the net. Pennant Hills struck back right on half time when they scored from a corner. The second half was gripping with both teams showcasing their attacking and defensive skills. AVAN YOUNG had the best scoring chance in the second with a header that was some how tipped over the bar by their keeper. Unfortunately for Thunder Pennant Hills scored late in the second half to cement their spot at the top of the table. LUKE SMITHERS played well until he was forced to leave the field with his troublesome hamstring injury, while AVAN YOUNG and TIM HILL were amongst our best players. The next game is against Normanhurst on July 8 at Normanhurst Oval.

While a 4:0 score line is a disappointing result we kept pace with the competition leaders up until half time. Pennant Hills had many chances in the first half but were denied by some outstanding goal keeping by ADAM MOODY. In the second half Pennant Hills dominated play scoring 3 unanswered goals. While our players tried hard sickness and injury weakened our team to the point that we had to play 2 of our regular keepers in field positions. Thank you to GAVIN TAIT and MATTHEW FRENCH from the AA2's for helping out. ADAM MOODY, DISH SINGH and a sick WILL JENKE were amongst our best players.

GALA DAY — Special Report

Report from West Ryde Rovers - it was their first Gala Day and they loved it! (Permission was obtained to publish photos).



With the grip of the World cup upon us the WRR Wallabies traveled north on Sunday June 26, 2006 to participate in the Thornleigh Thunder Gala Day for a day of fun and feverish football to bring home the runner up medals in the medallion final.

Our U7 Wallabies team was at full strength with all our families presenting themselves for this great day. The sun shined all day and we played a total of 6 games including the medallion final. A few words on each player (in alphabetical order) are as follows:

- Ben was consistently involved in midfield attack and defence which allowed him to score a great goal in the semi final.
- Charlie chipped away in attack all day and scored the first goal of the day for WRR U7 Wallabies. He also tackled bravely during the day.
- Dharmesh defended fantastically with frequent tackles that resulted in him taking the ball from our opposition and counter attacking. He played hard in every game.
- Flynn couldn't wait to get on the pitch for every game and attack. His confidence continues to climb and it hindered the opposition in every game during the gala day. He came close to scoring several times.
- Jesuran was a tower of strength in both the midfield and in defence. His tackling saved many goals and he also managed some very close shots on goal. He never stopped trying all day.
- Julian attacked all day and also defended both in the goals and in midfield with some spectacular saves. He was another one who did not want to stop playing at anytime.
- Lachie defended like his life depended on it. The team has come to rely on him being our last line of defence on many occasions and his strong kick is fantastic. His goal keeping in the second half of the final was fabulous and he was congratulated by the coach of the opposition for his brave saves !
- Ned never stopped attacking all day and his strong kick changed the course of play to help us in every game. He also ran to defend constantly and he left Thornleigh exhausted from the day's play.
- Ollie thrived up front and in the midfield. He never gave up attacking and he was unlucky not to score in the final with his constant peppering of shots on the oppositions goal.
- Ryan played like a machine in both defence and attack and scored several goals on the day. He was injured a few times with his brave attacks which most notably resulted in his 2 goals in the semi final.

Our coach, Phil flew out to London that afternoon for a week' s work. Whispers amongst the crowd after his departure was that he may be a late call up for the English team! On a serious note, all of our families and friends were very proud of our boys who played with spirits and smiles all day. We would like to extend our appreciation to the Thornleigh Thunder Soccer Club for such a fantastic, friendly and well organised day.

