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#### **FRIENDLY REMINDER – Upcoming Events**

10<sup>th</sup> August

**Junior Ladies Cocktail Party** Saturday @ The Heights Commencing 6.00 pm

#### 50 & 100 Games Milestone

Congratulations Josh Kist U14 Gold - 100



Congratulations Hunter Bourke-Finn & Jayden Isbester U14 Green - 100



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#### Congratulations Jai Brough U10 Gold - 50

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#### Congratulations Ryan Boland and Lachlan Uilderks U13 – 50





#### **Coaches Report**

#### **U8 Green**

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground

5th straight win for green team this week. Great achievement for such a young group. Very pleasing we had most of the general play around the ground on Sunday but we still have to learn to spread and present up to the footy to give our ball carrier options around the ground. Overall awesome effort team green and let's make it 6 in a row next week.

No awards this week.

# U8 Gold

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
Croydon		

Really proud of our boys this week, last time we played Croydon we barely touched the footy all day but this week was completely different, was real even contest all day, was a great feeling to see how far these kids have come in such a short time. Should be a great last month of footy coming up!! Best players-too hard to separate any of the 12 this week.

# U9 Gold

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
Wantirna South	Callum – 1	Harely
	Ava - 1	Aidan
		Tommo
		Caeleb
Wantirna win:		
2.4.16 to 3.4.22		

So today we travelled to Templeton Reserve expecting our first full ground match of the season only to find the match time had been changed back to its original 9am time slot.

We got a sorry tub of snakes from their team manager as they realised we had been stuffed around. Unfortunate for the kids but at least we got a 20 minute quarter in so they could have a run around even though there was not much time to rotate positions. Apologies to everyone but on the bright side we all got a mini sleep in.

With Tyson already out, and Lincoln and Blake being match day withdrawals we were fortunate to have the help of three Under 8s from Troy's Mooroolbark Green team. Special thanks to Brax, Luke and Ollie who did extremely well in their first outing in Under 9s.

Kicking into a stiff breeze and a man down for the first five minutes, we started well and Brodie got our first clearance and possession of the game. Callum showed some good run and carry and after marks to Patty and Daniel, Ava got our first goal with a good scramble in the goal square.

Aidan, Daniel and Harley were unlucky not to get us another goal with some close misses before Wantirna started to beat us in the middle of the ground. Jake, Harley and Tommo all smothered balls to stop too many goals getting scored and our Mosquito Fleet of Under 8s acquitted themselves well in our backline. Brax stood out chasing hard after a player twice his size.

Our run from Aidan, Caeleb, Harley and Tommo were very good and Callum kicked our second and last goal of the day with a classy finish. And just like that the siren went and we were all done for the day. We were down by a goal overall, but it will be interesting to see how we go with a full match.

# **U9 Green – NO MATCH REPORT PROVIDED**

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground

# U10 Gold

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
Vermont	Jake H	Jai B
	Jai B	Noah
	Oscar C	
Mooroolbark win: 3.10.28 to 4.2.26		

#### "PROUD" adjective

1. Feeling deep pleasure or satisfaction as a result of an achievement, quality, or possession or those of someone with whom one is closely associated. = "ALL Mustang Gold families and supporters vs Vermont"

What can we say about our Mustangs after a colossal turn around against a quality opposition? Last time (the Mother's Day Massacre), we were kept goalless as The Eagles put on 7 to win by 43 points. A special occasion for the Gold team as hard nut Jai Brough rocked up for his 50th game. The team was asked to pull one out of the bag and play this one for him.

We have typically been slow starters against stronger teams, today kicked off the same way. Although we were having a crack, the Eagles had jumped us with 2 goals. Then presented a pivotal moment, the ball in our forward line and Vermont fighting tenaciously to reject our effort. A young lass was given a task, which was to lay tackles. Vermont was running the ball out and then BANG, Katherine nailed the defender with a perfect tackle which should have been paid dropping the ball. Not to worry though, Mustangs were there in support scooping up the loose ball and pumping it to the goal square. Fitting, a perfect crumb off the pack by 50 gamer and he snaps truly to open our account. This spurred, our defence to be committed and switched on. Half time and we were down 1.4.10 to 3.1.19, but we were playing with momentum.

3/4 was played at the Mustang end of the field. Jai was having a game that was above his lofty standards. At times you would have thought there was 3 of him out there. Sam, Zac B and Jake were instrumental in the relentless attack. There was a key move that had assisted in the shift in absolute dominance, which was Noah into the ruck. Hungry and determined, his midfield brigade was confident of where the ball was coming from any ball up. From there it was one way traffic. Unfortunately our finance was not being rewarded as we posted 1 goal and 5 behinds for the quarter. But there was a key outcome in the quarter.....Vermont went without a goal.

This team, proud and finding for their mate on this special occasion, delivered in spades. A tight one but a welldeserved win 3.10.28 to 4.2.26. The bench could not have been prouder of their team, it was a massive turn around in form from their first outing. Congratulations Jai, a great achievement and a deserved result. Well done Mustangs - today you were all outstanding in effort!!

#### U10 Green

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
Vermont		Thomas
		Tyler
		Max
		Ollie A
Vermont win:		
4.0.24 to 0.0.0		

We were short on players and could only field a team of 15. Vermont were also short and only had 16 so both teams played with 15. We were missing some key players so it was a good opportunity for some other players to stand up.

We played Vermont, who in Round 5 beat us by 8 goals so our focus for the day was to ensure that we put lots of pressure onto Vermont with our attack on the ball and tackling. In the first quarter, we kept Vermont goalless and I was really happy with how the team played. In the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> quarters, our pressure dropped off and Vermont managed to kick 2 goals in each quarter to have a 4 goal lead at 3 quarter time. Our message was simple at 3 quarter time, bring the pressure back to our game and our aim was to keep Vermont goalless for the quarter and to the teams credit, we were able to do that. All in all, with missing 6 players, I was really happy with the team as previously we had lost by 8 goals and this week it was 4 goals. A good improvement against a very good team. Thomas was a standout today and really stood up and played a super game and won the \$5 voucher to spend at the Canteen. Well done Thomas. Captain Max gave a great talk before the game and tried hard all day. Our medallion winners for this week were Max and Trent.

#### U11 Green

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
The Basin		
Basin win: 1.2.8 to 6.7.43		

In contrast to last week's game, the boys started well, applying good pressure, as we laid some strong tackles and ran hard to slow the Basin's ball movement, while also looking dangerous on the counter attack. Heading into the half time break the scores were tied with one goal apiece.

In the third quarter, Basin lifted their pressure and intensity around the ground and we struggled to go with them. Basin were winning the contested ball more often than not and were able to run and spread more effectively, hitting the scoreboard with greater ease and our chances in our forward half were very few.

The message post game was that this was a game that we were very capable of winning but we needed even contribution and to play our best across four quarters.

#### U12 Green

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
Montrose		
Mooroolbark win: 6.8.44 to 6.5.41		

What a win!!

Considering we had many quality players missing and Montrose had its best team in we stuck to the task and won by 3 points. Aided by Harris and Keats from under 11's and Camden and Jai from under 10's the boys were asked to try and reward themselves with hopefully a win against a team equal to us, considering we had played against the better teams over the last month. And they did!! Those that watched the game witnessed a very committed team, doing what the coach asked of them and contesting every time the opportunity arose. A great team effort and thank you boys.

# **U12 Gold – NO MATCH REPORT PROVIDED**

Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
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# U13 Green

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
Waverley Blues	Lachie – 1	Rory
	Langers - 1	Dicko
		Нах
		Куе
Waverley win:		Sheeds
2.6.18 to 7.5.47		

#### A big Congratulations to Ryno and Lachie for playing their 50<sup>th</sup> game.

After a really good month of footy, we came into the game with some real confidence. Our first qtr was great, kicking into the wind we managed to break even. Wanting to take advantage of the wind in the 2<sup>nd</sup> qtr the boys were encouraged to use handball from contest, take risks and go direct and for a few minutes it looked likely. Unfortunately it became more apparent that Waverly was playing more like we wanted to. Throughout the last half we tried to correct some earlier mistakes, but we seemed to miss on that ball use connection. We know what makes us a good team and will continue to work on finding that consistency. Stay positive boys!!!

# U14 Gold

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
Donvale	T Wolf – 2	1. J Atkins
	L King – 1	2. D Glennon
	L Wind – 1	3. B Condon
	Z Di Ludovico – 1	4. J Kist
Mooroolbark win:	J Kist – 1	5. R Wyngaard
7.10.52 to 3.5.23	N Jorna - 1	

#### First of all Congratulations to Josh Kist on playing his 100<sup>th</sup> game!

It was a very windy day at Donvale, it ended up being a close game until we ran away with it in the last quarter. It was a good test to see how the boys reacted to some pressure again. With 4 games to go we need to step it up a bit and listen to instructions about how we are going to play in certain conditions. We have Ferntree Gully next week which will show us were we are really at. Cheers Troy

#### U14 Green

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
Lysterfield		Liam G Campbell W Josh G
Lysterfield win: 4.9.33 to 9.6.60		

Today we played Lysterfield who always seem to grow a leg to beat us and today was no different as they just wanted to win more than we did.

Not a lot to say today another than we were distracted by a couple of their players. We need to learn from this and knuckle down to the task at hand playing footy.

Next is a must win against Vermont so we will know put all-out effort into this game.

#### U15 Green

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
The Basin	Kylal Dight - 3	
	Josh Amiet – 2	
	Harry Broszek - 2	
	Jye, Jaylan, Seb Dickson, Lachie	
Mooroolbark win:	and Harrison 1 each.	
12.10.84 to 4.4.28		

After a disappointing loss last week we asked the boys to lift their intensity and attack at the football. What a great game to watch and after an even 1st quarter we took a 34 point lead at half time. The boys continued their good form in the second half and ran out convincing 54 point winners. A great all round effort with no stand out players is the basis for a successful team. Well done and enjoy the break. Let's keep that form when we play Rowville.

# U17 Green

Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
Devon McKernan – 5	Devon McKernan
Lincoln Hailemariam – 2	Tom Wyatt
Rhys Studzinsky - 1	Jordan Wheeler
	Lincoln Hailemariam
	Ryan Symons
	Lincoln Hailemariam – 2

Coming off a near 100 point defeat last week and playing a team who beat us by 10 goals when we last met, the focus this week was on enjoying our footy and playing a disciplined, team oriented game style. Last time we met, Wantirna kicked 7 goals to our 1 in the first quarter so we were determined not to let that happen. The boys started great – hard running, tough contested footy put us up 3 goals to 1 at quarter time. We flattened in the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter and allowed them 5 un-answered goals putting us 3 goals down at half time. 3 goals to 1 for us in the 3<sup>rd</sup> and only 3 points down at ¼ time we were in with a massive chance. The last quarter was a real battle and in the end, we fell 1 point short. We had 4 more scoring shots and missed some easy goals. We also had 3 goals kicked against us which should never have happened – 1 from a kick-in infringement, 1 from the 6-6-6 rule infringement and the other kicked after the half time siren that 3 of our players on the goal line should have touched. For all the great effort and quality of ball movement today, the small errors and in-accurate kicking have cost us the game. Today we proved we can mix it with the best teams – we just have to find the winning feeling again. Everyone contributed today, absolutely no passengers which was great. Devon in the mid-field and kicking 5 when resting up forward was a clear stand-out performer today. The next 10 best players could have all been in the votes – this is how we become a successful team.

# U14 Gold Girls – NO MATCH REPORT PROVIDED

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground

# **U14 Green Girls**

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
East Ringwood	Summer 2 Ava 2 Ella G 2	
Mooroolbark win: 6.11.47 to 4.3.27		

We were in for a tough game today. E/Ringwood kicking 20 goals in the past 2 matches.

The battle began from the toss, loosing that we were kicking up hill against the wind. To the girls hard work we came out on top after the first kicking 3 straight to east's 1. In the second we had most of the play but didn't capitalise on the board kicking 2-5.

The challenge was on going into the 3<sup>rd</sup>. Backline did an awesome job with 99% of play in their half. East kicking a late 3 goals. Going into the last we had the hill/ wind advantage, wasn't the best looking football kicking 1-5 but this sealed the win.

Great battle, great first quarter - that's what won it for you well done

#### **U16 Green Girls**

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
Upper Ferntree Gully	Mikaela O'Brien – 4	
	Jess Kearton – 2	
	Georgia Ciancio – 1	
Mooroolbark win:	Tiarna Byrnes – 1	
11.14.80 to 0.2.0	Chelsea Nunn – 1	
	Tilly Hardy – 1	
	Madi Fraser - 1	

Another good solid win today girls! First half we controlled the game and go out to a 10 goal lead which was how we had planned. Second half the opposition applied tactics to unsettle us and put us off our game. To the girls credit we tried hard to continue our game plan but were unable to get goals on the board. Teams will continue to do this to us so we have to rise above them and play footy. Some rushed shots for goal saw us kick to may points so a bit more talking in the forward line is needed.

Well played and keep winning!