



Mustangs News

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Important Dates - Reminders

- It was a privilege to play football today on ANZAC day.
- Congratulations to Mooroolbark Auskick on your first clinic in 2021.
- Congratulations to all our junior teams on another great round of football.
- Congratulations to the senior club on another very successful round.
- Well done to Holly Waite for umpiring 2 games of junior footy this weekend.
- Thank you to Cindi Wilson and her family for coming to dinners this week.
- Good luck to Trent from u12's in the recovery of your broken arm.
- Junior Disco is confirmed for Friday 21st May at the Heights
- Mother's Day is fast approaching – Sunday 9th May

A reminder Mooroolbark Junior Football Club requires new appointments for 2022 committee positions;

President, Footy operations Coordinator, Registrar, and Club equipment manager are essential for the ongoing future of the club.

We would like to appoint these soon so we can help you better understand the role throughout this season. This will be a sufficient handover.

We would also like to find person/s interested in **secretary for 2023**.

Please forward your expressions of interest to mooroolbarkjnr@efnl.org.au

Please enjoy the read of this week's edition of the newsletter, and we look forward to another great round of footy this Sunday.

See you all there!





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Coaches Report

U9 Green

Played	No Scoring	Best on Ground
North Ringwood		Cash, Levi, Hudson, Hayden R, Jake

Our first home game ever, we finally made the journey onto Kiloran for a match, some 4 years in the making for some, through Auskick and COVID.

Once again, the opposition didn't have enough players, North Ringwood had a total of 13 players to cover both grounds so again, our players selflessly nominated to play 2 players per 1/4 for them.

Again, we focused on trying to run and spread and be forward of our team mates creating options forward of the ball. We saw a few great passages of flowing ball movement from back to forward which is really good to see, however there were also time where we were too congested around the ball creating limited options. However, this is something that is getting better each week and when it works, it looks really good. Once again there was some confusion over the rules relating to the ruck contests, but this will get better as the umpires get more experience. They are also kids doing their first games and the game can't go ahead without the umpires. So well done to the boys umpiring today.

We were however, outrun by a few stars on the opposition, who given they didn't rotate in the bench and we did, makes it tough.

But hats off to all our kids for not giving up to the end, there were a couple of blood rules, heavy collisions and injuries, which kept our trainer (Justin) and runner (Gratten) busy all day. Well done gents, couldn't do it without you.

Congratulations to Cash. Who won the ANZAC day medal, judged by the opposition for his courage and speed.

Finally, thank you to all the parents, grandparents, siblings, family and friends for coming out on ANZAC day morning and for observing a minutes silence with us.

Go Mustangs and see you all next week.

U9 Gold

Played	No Scoring	Best on Ground
North Ringwood		All round team effort

Our focus for our first home game for the year was to be really strong trying to get the ball, run once we got it, and defend with our arms up our to try and trap our opponents.

It was very pleasing to see how hard we tried to get the ball all across the ground and there were lots of balls ups in the match because both sides refused to give up on getting the ball. Even when we played for the other team, we gave them 3 each quarter and sometimes 4, we were very strong in our intent to get the ball first.

We started very strongly in the first quarter - Jordan got lots of the ball and shared it so others could score, and Zach was the opposition's best first quarter player. In the second North Ringwood put their best players in the middle and they struck back. Joshua, their number 10, starred all over the ground and we gave Jordan the job of running with him for the rest of the game at half time. It was no surprise they both won the Anzac Medal from the opposing coaches and the match was very even in the last half as a result.

All players tried hard for the ball - Ronak was at the bottom of lots of packs, Robbie provided lots of run, Olivia showed her hardness at the ball, and Charlie played exceptionally well on the opposing team. Noah copped a head knock but was assessed and was ok to go back on the ground. Kobe got crunched late in the game by three players but bravely managed to get up again although he was very sore, for which he received our match medal for his courage on the field.

Thank you to all the kids who played for the opposition, played hard and did not complain which meant we had to rearrange a lot of our planned rotations. Great effort, solid game and a real team effort.

U10 Green – No report

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground

U11 Green

Team Name	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
Croydon v Mooroolbark Final Score MK 7.2.44 v CROY 5.7.37 Q1 – MK 1.2 to CROY 1.1 Q2 – MK 5.0 to CROY 1.1 Q3 – MK 0.0 to CROY 3.2 Q4 – MK 1.0 to CROY 0.3	Billy Neal - 1 goal Harley Anstee - 1 goal Christopher Muller - 1 goal	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Logan - Great 1st half on the ball, saved 3 goals with great tackles. 2. Billy – Great marking and kicked 5 crucial goals. 3. Xavier - Showed speed & skill in the forward line and set up plenty of goals. 4. Christopher – Kicked a nice goal, strong in the midfield. 5. Riley - Four strong tackles, showed great improvement.

Highlights – Croydon V Mooroolbark – Barnegeong reserve

Assistant coach Jason Anstee delivered an inspirational Anzac Day speech before the game. The boys were fired up and in true Anzac Day spirit they were sent out to focus on tackling and hard ball gets.

The on ballers showed up early in the 1st Quarter, winning the ball out of the midfield, led by Harley, Patty, Huddy, and Logan. Xavier set the forward line on fire with his speed and delivery to Billy who took great marks and went on to kick 5 goals (4 of which were in the 2nd Quarter).

3rd Quarter Christopher was great attacking the ball in the midfield but Croydon really stepped it up and had a lot of the play in their forward half.

Riley was here to play with 4 strong tackles, improving every game.

Today's Anzac Medal was awarded to Xavier Cooper who showed true Anzac spirit, a brilliant team player in the forward line.

Great win today, improvement from last week.

U12 Gold

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
U12 Gold v Lysterfield M 1.1.7 - L 9.12.66	Ryan Rodolico	Ryan Rodolico, Cameron Terrill, Hayden Williams, Taiha Lovie, Liam Williams

On a special day our kids did us proud with their ability to lift when the chips are down. Our team seems to only switch on for a half and at the moment it has alternated from week to week. Something as a group that we look forward to eliminating and put together a good four quarter effort.

All players had their moments, but there were some special ones to raise

Liam was switched to the backline in the second half and became a tackling machine, reward with multiple frees as reward Cam was a bull all day, literally busting his gut time and time again with great intent to win the ball.

Hayden also played his usual consistent game and rotated perfectly with his teammates to see him run out a full four quarters.

Noah and Charlie put together some real hardnosed passages of footy during significant periods of the game.

Sienna was a fighter, happy to mix it up as usual. The fight was even more evident when she came off sick after 3/4 time and she still came back on to tough it out.

Ryan was outstanding all day and received the coaches toughest award. Went in hard, took the game in and was rewarded with a great goal. First half was ordinary and our second half was miles better. Positive signs and then team is building good foundations.

U12 Green – no report

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground

U13 Green – no report

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground

U14 Gold

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
Mooroolbark 4.16 40 Lysterfield 7.7 49	Bailey C 3 Ethan H 1	Bailey C Jake M Cooper B Ethan & Kaden H Michael P Billy P (celebrating 50 games)

20 scoring shots to 14, other than the 1st and 2nd quarter.

We were again jumped at the start proving a little slow out of the blocks

We dominated the whole second half, but it was our inaccuracy that lost us the game

Very proud of my boys, and I believe we are not far away from a win rewarding all our hard work and effort.

Lets front up again next week against Montrose and hopefully walk away with the chocolates.

U14 Green – No report

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground

U15 Green –

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
Mooroolbark 2.5-17 Waverley hawks 18.14-122	Richo Dylan Best Chilly Chuck Haz Sheeds Teej	

After a slow first quarter the boys really fought hard for the rest of the day.

They didn't give in and showed plenty of grit in the contest.

It's been a difficult few weeks but we are seeing improvements and positives each game.

U17 Green – no report

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground

U17 Gold – no report

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground

U16 Green Girls – no report

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground

U16 Gold Girls

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground
Mooroolbark 4 -12, def SBL Wolves 2-6	Haylee 2 Yalanie 1 Summer 1	Shayla A Niamh Summer Maddie G Haylee

A very slow start from the girls. Took time to get into the contest.

Second half saw a huge improvement all over the ground.

Some great tackles and chase downs.

Very proud of them today getting a win.

Shayla A was a well deserved winner of the ANZAC medal today.

U18 Green Girls - Bye

Played	Leading Goal Scorers	Best on Ground

Congratulations Billy Parry on your 50th this week.

