



# Waverley Park Hawks Weekly Newsletter



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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Well, the season is underway and round two is ready to go! I hope you all enjoyed your school and Easter holidays. This week is Anzac Day round and the club will be rewarding one player from each team with an Anzac Day Medal. Good luck to all players this weekend and make sure you play within the Anzac spirit! Winners of the Anzac Day Medals will be presented with their medal by The Honourable Daniel Andrews at After Match on Sunday night.

As a club we have been working extremely hard in the lead up to the season. The committee have been working since the end of last season to ensure a smooth start to season 2015. As you are all aware, we are a family club built by volunteers, anyone who can help with specific tasks or who would like to be part of the committee of our great club, please shoot me an email. Many hands make light work, we have tasks that need to be done that would involve very little time and some would involve

more time.

This year Waverley Park Hawks is fielding a total of 17 sides, great effort to all involved, thank you to all the coaching and support staff of every team and a thank you to all the players and families that have chosen our great club. Although our numbers are strong we can still accommodate players in all our age groups with the exception of U11. Places are limited so I would ask if you have any friends or family members that want to play to contact Danielle O'Neill (0438 407 525 or [registrar@wphawks.org.au](mailto:registrar@wphawks.org.au))

Looking forward to catching up with everyone at After Match this Sunday.

Go Hawks!

Tony Ferracane

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## NEWS...

### After Match This Sunday—Great Aussie BBQ Hosted by Under 15 Brown & Gold



This week's After Match is one of the highlights of the year with the presentation of the Anzac Medals. in recognition of the ANZACs and Anzac Day.

An Anzac Medal is awarded to the player in each team this round that best exemplifies the ANZAC spirit such as courage, self-sacrifice, teamwork, fair play and skill. The Anzac Medals will be presented to each winner at After Match by our local state government member and the Premier, Daniel Andrews .

The Under 15 age group will be hosting this weeks After Match with the Great Aussie BBQ on the menu as part of the Anzac round weekend. At the clubrooms from 5.30pm on Sunday.

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## Sponsorship



The club is still looking for Team Naming Rights and Coaches Award sponsors.

Team Sponsors receive a listing on the club's website including logo and internet link and are listed on the Sponsors Boards in the clubrooms and in the club's Weekly Newsletter. Cost is \$400 +GST per team.

Every player will receive a weekly Coaches award at some point during the year. We are again looking for generous Families or Businesses who would be happy to donate these. Cost \$100.00 + GST per team.

We thank the following for their donations towards Coaches awards this season: Poolwerx Sandringham and Pro Prefabs.

If you are interested in becoming a Team Sponsor or donating Coaches Awards contact Matt Webb on 0417 302 144 or Lindsay Moore 0417 358 342.

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## Seeking New Players

The club is still seeking additional players for the Under 9, 12, 13 and Under 14 age groups as well as the Under 12 and Under 15 girls. It is important for the Under 12, 13 and 14s that we recruit some additional players not only for this season but to ensure that these age groups can maintain 2 teams going forward.

If you know anyone in these age groups who would like to play football with our club please have them contact Danielle O'Neill [registrar@wphawks.org.au](mailto:registrar@wphawks.org.au) or 0438 407 525.

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## Social Media

The club has become more active in the social media space in the off season and is looking for content from each of our teams particularly for our Facebook and Instagram accounts. Please feel free to post photos/videos from your matches to our Facebook page and tag any club related photos/videos on Instagram with wphawks so the club can re-post.

We are using the following tags on our posts this season: #WPH15 and #WPH15Unn where nn is the age group, e.g., use #WPH15U9 for Under 9s and #WPH15U14 for Under 14s, etc. We are also using #AfterMatch for images/posts taken at After Match.



The club also has it's own mobile app for both iPhone and Android phones which includes club news, results, ladders, fixtures, team information, grounds, events and more. Download it from the App Store or Google Play.



For those of you who had the app last season a reminder that you will need to update your Team information so that you can receive notifications relating to a specific team. To update your settings navigate to the Settings page via the More tab. Press the Edit Information button. Update your Team, Second Team and Third Team information as appropriate and press the Submit button.

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## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

April 26	Anzac Day Round with Anzac Day Medals presented by the Premier, Daniel Andrews at After Match
Sunday May 10	Mother's Day. NO After Match.
May 26—28	Team Photos
Friday June 12	Annual Dinner Dance at Mulgrave Country Club
Sunday September 20	Presentation Day at Columbia Park

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# AROUND THE GROUND...

## Round 2 Fixture /Sunday April 26 – ANZAC Day Round

ALL PLAYERS ARE TO ARRIVE AT THE RELEVANT GROUND – 45 Minutes

PRIOR TO START OF GAME OR OTHER WISE AT COACH'S INSTRUCTION.

Home Teams (first named team): Brown Shorts      Away Teams: White Shorts

Team	Match Details	Time
Under 9 Gold McCluskey (Blue)	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Sandringham Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill.	10.30am
Under 9 Brown Morgan (Red)	Oakleigh vs Waverley Park Hawks Princess Highway Reserve (East), Princess Highway, Oakleigh East. MEL 70 B10.	8.45am
Under10 Gold Froelich (White)	South Melbourne Districts vs Waverley Park Hawks Albert Park – Oval 11, Aughtie Drive, Albert Park. MEL 2N H1	8.45am
Under 10 Brown Hickey (Yellow)	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Brighton Vampires JFC Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11.	9.45am
Under 11 Brown Rouse (South - White)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Beaumaris Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill.	11.45am
Under 12 Girls Atkin	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Brighton Vampires JFC Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11.	8:30am
Under 12 Gold Plaza (Blue)	Waverley Park Hawks vs. Mordialloc Braeside Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill.	1:15pm
Under 12 Brown Fisher (West)	Beaumaris vs Waverley Park Hawks Donald McDonald Reserve, Fifth St, Black Rock. MEL 86.	10:30am
Under 13 Gold Hall (Div 3)	Hampton Rovers vs Waverley Park Hawks Castlefield Reserve, Ludstone St, Hampton. MEL 76 J5.	1.00pm
Under 13 Brown Claxton (Div 5)	Prahran vs Waverley Park Hawks Toorak Park, Orrong Rd, Armadale. MEL 2M G12	1.15pm
Under 14 Brown Black (Div 2)	Dingley vs Waverley Park Hawks Souter Reserve, Marcus Rd, Dingley. MEL 88 G6.	11.00am
Under 14 Gold Stone (Div 4)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Northvale Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11.	11.00am
Under 15 Girls Wood	Waverley Park Hawks vs St Bedes Mentone Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill.	9.00am
Under 15 Gold McDonnell (Div 1)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Ormond Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11.	1.00pm
Under 15 Brown Palleschi (Div 4)	East Sandringham vs Waverley Park Hawks Petersen Reserve, Petersen St, Highett. MEL 77 B8.	9.00am
Under 16 D'Angelo (Div 3)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Ormond Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11.	3.00pm
Under 17 Deegan (Div 2)	St Pauls McKinnon vs Waverley Park Hawks McKinnon Reserve – Oval 1, Tucker Rd, McKinnon. MEL 68 G11.	1.30pm

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## Round 1 Match Reports

Under 9 Brown

**Waverley Park Hawks 8.11.59 defeated Murrumbeena 2.5.17**

**Goal Kickers:** Angus C. 1

**Coaches Awards:** Biraj K., Jesse S.

We were very proud of our boys in Sundays game. It was cold and wet but we managed to get through the game mostly unscathed and most of the boys seemed to enjoy the rain! We could see the boys' improvement as the game progressed and they listened well at the breaks and tried hard to implement those instructions in the 2nd half of the game.

**Great Effort Boys!!**

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**Waverley Park Haws 2.6.18 Defeated by St Kilda City 5.2.32**

**Goal Kickers:** Daniel, Thomas F.

**Best Players:** A Real Team Effort!

**Coaches Awards:** Cooper N.

This week saw the Under 9 Gold team take on the St. Kilda City Saints in the first home and away round for the year. In conditions that seasoned pros would struggle in, our boys battled manfully all day. A howling gale blowing straight off the ocean played havoc with both teams.

Our team was full of first game players except for two boys. Our Captain for the day was Ed Beck and he led well from the front, tackling well and providing good options up and down the wing. Nash was nippy around the packs, took a great mark and is fast becoming the team cult hero. Dane enjoyed himself all day and laid a hard tackle. Speaking of tackles, our tackling machine in Zac was red hot again today, laying 3 'bone crunching' tackles at pivotal times in the back line. Our 3 big men in Ethan, Sam and Lachlan S were towers of strength and all rucked well and provided good targets up the ground. Cooper and Luke both played hard running and hard defending roles excellently.

The two Thomas' combination repelled numerous challenges and linked up and marked well all day. Frankie provided great drive and used his long kick into the forward line to our advantage. Nikola was a dynamo in the middle of the ground and Nicholas was a key 'link man' in the back line. Lachlan B read the play beautifully all day and subsequently racked up possessions at will. Noah was his 'nuggety' best and really displayed some great team play and took a handy mark in defence.

Daniel was in everything and really held up well against the wind and attacked hard when we had the wind. The dynamic duo of Joshua and Jonathan beat opponents twice their size and found their feet well when moved into the midfield. Lucas was 'Hodge-like' in the middle of the ground and set up numerous forays forward and displayed great skill.

All in all, the boys will be better for the experience and acquitted themselves excellently.

Goals to Daniel and Thomas F this week, while our award winner was a deserving Cooper Negroponti.

## Under 10 Brown

**Waverley Park Hawks 1.1.7 defeated by Brighton Beach 5.4.34**

**Goal Kickers:** Rafael K.

**Best Players:** Nick F., Andrew P., Lenny H., Liam O.

**Coaches Awards:** Nick F., Herbie F.

## AAV Tiling Under 10 Gold

**Waverley Park Hawks 8.11.59 defeated Murrumbeena 2.5.17**

**Goal Kickers:** Evan P 3, Campbell F 2, Patrick W 1, Brody N 1, Jacob S 1

**Best Players:** Evan P, Brady P, Josh C, Harper V, Mitch W, Cam F, Pat W

**Coaches Awards:** Evan P, Brady P

We played at Lum Reserve against a 17 man Murrumbeena. We lent them a player each quarter so thanks to Pat W, Brady P, Dan K and Luke C for volunteering to fill in. We started off strongly and Evan's 3 goals in the first quarter set us up for the rest of the match. The midfield worked hard to supply the forward line and there was some good ruck work from Pat to Shilo and Nick. The second half saw Murrumbeena come out with a lot more desperation and made our back line work hard in defence. They were well held back by Josh C who used his pace and commitment at the ball to repel attack after attack. The last quarter saw an even contest again and we had to make the most of our opportunities up forward. Cam snapped two majors with some fine roving and then provided a nice ruck hit out to Pat who duly slotted it home. A really pleasing four quarter effort from the boys and they continue to work hard on the small things like manning up, playing in front, second efforts, team work, tackling and centring the ball in the forward line.

## Under 11

**Waverley Park Hawks 7.3.45 defeated St Bede Mentone Tigers 5.4.34**

**Goal Kickers:** Tommy Warner 2, Nathan Jago 2, Martin Jones 1, Harvey Emery 1, Aidan Rouse 1

**Best Players:** Brayden Cairns, Liam Doherty, Martin Jones, Nathan Jago, Joseph Sasso, Tommy Warner

**Coaches Awards:** Brayden Cairns and Liam Doherty

For the first game of the year the under 11s travelled to Mentone to take on St Bede Mentone Tigers.

Although it was a cold and wet morning, the sun was out and the boys were ready and excited to be playing their first game this season.

The game started and the boys attack on the ball was first rate. Mentone also started well and the ball moved well between the two half forward lines.

Lachie R, Rhys and Kobi were defending well. Zac and Ash were working hard with Tommy and Jackson T who were providing the ball into the forward line. We finally got our chances, having gained control in the middle and that lead to three quick goals to Tommy W, Martin and A.J. A late goal to Mentone evened things up. Quarter time scores WPH 3.0.18 to Mentone 1.3.9.

The second quarter started and the hawks continued to play really well. The mid-field with Kobi, Rhys, Brayden and Nathan were driving the ball forward and Jackson T, Harvey and Lachie T were doing all they could to score. The defenders were under pressure as Mentone did all they could to score but Jackson M, Oliver Thomas and Blake tried hard to stop the Mentone forwards. Again the hawks were able to break the dead lock with a goal to Tommy W followed by a goal to Nathan. Mentone then had their time in attack and scored two quick goals. In the last few minutes the hawks moved the ball forward and Harvey snapped a goal from the boundary line on the behind post. Half Time WPH 6.0.36 to Mentone 3.4.22.

The third quarter started with an even game but then the wind came followed by a heavy downpour of rain. Mentone were kicking with the wind and the majority of play was in the Mentone forward line. The constant attacks of Mentone were being repelled by AJ, Martin and Tommy with Hunter and Tommy K taking timely marks to stop Mentone forward drives. The midfield was working very hard to assist the defence with Thomas, Blake, Joe and Oliver working hard. Then against the run of play the boys got the ball forward and Nathan scored a goal. Three Quarter time WPH 7.0.42 to Mentone 5.4.34.

The last quarter WPH were kicking with the wind but unfortunately after the effort of the first three quarters the boys started to tire. Our structures disappeared, and whilst we dominated play for the last quarter, with the ball remaining in our forward line for all but a minute we could only manage to score three behinds as Mentone defended resolutely.

A great start to the year. Great effort boys.

## Gunn Electrics Under 12 Brown

**Waverley Park Hawks 4.5.29 defeated East Brighton Vampires 2.4.16**

**Goal Kickers:** Pearce x2, Soligo, x1 Delahunty x1

**Best Players:** Palleschi, Buzza, Kolak, Pearce, Jameson, Gubatanga

**Coaches Awards:** Matthew Jameson

A great first up win by the Gunn Electrics U12 Brown. Nicholas led the team as Captain and set the standard with his strong marking and attack on the ball. With Ryan & Josh B rucking well, it gave Will, Buzz & Jake the advantage in the centre in a very competitive first game. The boys worked hard in



slippery conditions, tackling well and being first to the ball. Noah, Matty J, Cadyn were all at the bottom of the packs feeding the ball to runners in Flynn, Peaky and Josh K. The backline led by Zach D held strong and kept the Vampires to 2 goals while our forwards took our chances to score a narrow win. Matthew Jameson won the coaches award with his efforts to get in and under, hold the ball up in the backline and run and find space.

Well done to all players this week. A great team effort! Go Hawks

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## Under 12 Gold

### Waverley Park Hawks 9.6.60 defeated Caulfield Bears 0.0.0

**Goal Kickers:** Mackenzie Suppa 4, Thomas Warner 2, Ethan Plaza 1, Nicholas Montano 1, Michael Adams 1.

**Best Players:** Mackenzie Suppa, Luke Gaudion, Bryson Cowie, Ethan Plaza, Harrison Rodgers, Wes Wieclow-Suchomel

**Coaches Awards:** Mackenzie Suppa

We welcomed Mackenzie into our team, took the game on, never dropped our heads when mistakes were made, we simply learned & moved forward. Players followed instructions set by the coach & what they agreed plus committed too. This is what pre-season training was all about.

Our ruck & centre players won the ball & it was a pleasure to watch. Players on both wings ran in to assist then work forward to attack & back to help the back line to defend.

Back line Players stayed on their players & didn't give them space. Also the forward line did get a bit crowded but players were simply following their opposition player.

Overall, players had fun, followed instructions therefore coming home with a win was a bonus.

Well done to all the players & look forward to training.

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## PRO Prefabs Under 13 Brown

### Waverley Park Hawks 3.3.21 defeated by Ajax U13 Jets 8.9.57

**Goal Kickers:** Connor Cheney, Daniel Walklett, Thomas Raymond

**Best Players:** Connor Cheney, Thomas Raymond, Joshua Gomas, Julian Starvaggi, Timothy Russo, Michael Ferracane

**Coaches Awards:** Connor Cheney, Thomas Raymond

In tough conditions the boys fought out the game. Our focus this week was to "have a go", and that's what they did for 4 quarters.

Whilst the score line doesn't show it, the boys' efforts were excellent and couldn't be questioned, and they put a lot of pressure on the Ajax boys. They played hard tough contested football for most of the game and also managed to get some free flowing footy, with great passing and marking, but couldn't quite convert it into goals.

They're learning to gel as a team and getting to know each other, so taking that into consideration I think they've done exceptionally well. It was great to see them out there playing as a team and enjoying being back on the football field.

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## Action Aluminium Under 13 Gold

### Waverley Park Hawks 11.18.84 defeated Highett 1.3.9

**Goal Kickers:** James Marchese 2, Thomas Sullivan 2, Jordan McDonnell 1, Austin Dean 1, Cooper Thompson 1, Kyle Harris 1, Andrew Saliba 1, James Mucha 1, Angus Bailey 1

**Best Players:** Lachlan King, Jordan McDonnell, Samson Cimino, Kyle Harris, Justin Savage

**Coaches Awards:** Justin Savage

**Team Mate Award:** Samson Cimino

**Captain:** Austin Dean

It's been obvious for a long time the success starved Under 13's wanted to be more competitive. Their attitude during the pre-season and early training sessions has been first class, and when you endeavor that way, things seem to fall in place on game day and they did today. Convincing losses to this team last season was enough to ensure everybody was switched on and ready to play from the beginning. From the opening bounce to the final siren we had a relentless attack on the ball and used the slippery conditions to our advantage leading all day. Lachlan King did a fantastic job making Highett's best player accountable, whilst Kyle Harris repelled magnificently off half-back, Ben Heller was at the bottom of every pack and Justin Savage showed a new found confidence with every possession. Jordan McDonnell used his penetrating kick to great advantage and amazing 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th efforts from Samson Cimino, set the tone of what was a great result for the team. Ultimately it was a very even team performance with contributors in every position. We will continue to work on the on field talk and decision making at training.

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## Advanced Office Interiors Under 14 Brown

**Waverley Park Hawks 7.12.54 defeated Mordialloc Braeside 4.3.27**

**Goal Kickers:** L. Jenkins 2, F. Ford 2, V. Zagari, D. Marchese, M. Tighello

**Best Players:** L. Jenkins, V. Zagari, J. Neil, Z. Fisher, F. Robertson, C. Black

**Coaches Award:** L Jenkins

Well Round one is finally here! After a long pre-season it was great to see the boys playing again.

It was hard to make much of the game with so many numbers around the footy, it was like an Under 9s match at times due to the wet & windy conditions.

Mordialloc came to play that's for sure. They physically challenge the boys in the third quarter but to their credit we weathered the storm and had a strong final quarter to win the match.

All round team effort!

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## JB Commercial Under 14 Gold

**Waverley Park Hawks 2.2.14 defeated by Caulfield Bears 15.14.104**

**Goal Kickers:** Daniel Battisti and Johnathon Kokkinias

**Best Players:** Razga, Kokkinias, Beck, Durant, Stone, Spiteri

**Coaches Award:** Jay Speteri, Alex Skantzios

**Captains:** Jack Stone and Jay Spiteri

**Milestones:** Not applicable

First game of the year and we knew it was going to be a tough match starting with just 19 players and ending up with 15 for the JB Commercial under 14 Golds.

The Golds started off well with Battisti kicking a really nice goal early. We knew Caulfield were going to be a strong team and they had some big boys in their team that were very good footballers.

Johnno was sensational all over the ground and JJ played and a fantastic game, probably his best ever!

It was a tight game midway through the 2<sup>nd</sup> then we started losing players to injuries and before we knew it we only had 17 on the field and from that point we were not going to be able to match Caulfield and they exploited it very well. After half time we lost more key players and in the last we only had 15 players on the field.

To the boys' credit they never gave in and fought it out as best they could.

Ben Beck has had a good 6 months off and he is going to have a big impact on the team this year and played a good game down back and on ball. Lucas Durant continues to impress with a solid game. Between Ben and Lucas we are starting to get some size and strength into the team.

Johnno went down with an injury when he was having a blinder, and JJ was just everywhere. His running and taking on the opposition was just great to watch and I am looking forward to see how he goes this year.

Jack had a good start to the year with a pretty good game. Jay Spiteri, what a little fighter he is, he had a ripper of a game and to see one of the smallest players take on some big opposition (and win) is just awesome to see. Max Burgess got lots of the ball and had his best game for the Golds to date, keep it up Max! The new boys, Pond, Skantzios and Segal all had good first games and will be good for the Golds, well done boys and welcome.

It doesn't get any easier next week and hopefully we can field 18+ players next week!

Well done boys.....Go Hawks!!!

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## Under 15 Girls

**Waverley Park Hawks 3-4-22 defeated Mount Waverley 2-5-17**

**Goal Kickers:** Abbey Goullet, Jessica Nguyen, Isabelle Taylor

**Best Players:** Phoebe Taylor McKain, Melanie Walklett, Abbey Goullet

**Coaches Award:** Phoebe Taylor McKain

The girls came ready to play today, full of excitement to get round one under way. First quarter we wanted the ball more than Mount Waverley. We fought hard and worked it into our forward line. Abbey and Jessica both kicking goals. In the second quarter the rain and hail came, all the girls worked hard and their attack on the ball was fantastic. In the third quarter we started to get tired. Phoebe worked extremely hard in the midfield clearing the ball and her second and third efforts were fantastic! In the last quarter Bella kicked our third goal which sealed us our first win for the 2015 season.

Well Done Girls!



## Austart Airstarters Under 15 Brown

### Waverley Park Hawks 18.14.122 defeated Mordialloc – Braeside 1.12.18

**Goal Kickers:** T. Mannix 5, A. De Marco-Toro 4, H. Dimopoulos 2, M. Wellington, B. Gravell, W. Bolch, A. Palleschi, J. O'Neill, J. Cincotta, N. Horner

**Best Players:** T. Mannix, W. Hayes, A. De Marco-Toro, J. O'Neill, H. Dimopoulos

**Coaches Awards:** A. De Marco-Toro

The boys came out strong in the first quarter kicking 7 unanswered goals which set the tone for the rest of the game. Despite the horrible conditions the boys continued to fight for possession and play hard, tough footy. After half time the intensity went up a notch and the boys responded by piling on the pressure keeping Mordialloc to 1 goal for the entire game. Great all-round team effort and a terrific start to the year, hopefully we can keep it up!

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## Under 15 Gold

### Waverley Park Hawks 7.8.50 defeated by St. Kilda City 14.7.91

**Goal kickers:** Jake Gasper 4, Starsy Gountras 1, Jack Ross 1, Jackson Dean 1

**Best players:** Cooper Gervasoni, Jake Gasper, Jaxon Gervasoni, Jacob Zsolt, Lachie McDonnell, Starsy Gountras

After a really positive pre-season we headed to the Peanut Farm to play the premiership favourites in St. Kilda City. We welcomed nine new players into our side and were keen to follow on from our hot 9ndeavor match form from the previous week. Unfortunately we put in a very average performance. The Saints players showed us how to run and spread and to be disciplined in two way gut running. They were harder at the ball and the man (fairly) and it showed. Kicking into a strong wind we started ok but by quarter time we trailed by 26 points as our defensive pressure fell away in the second half of the quarter.

We had chances in the second quarter but unfortunately we hit the post twice and missed a couple of other chances. At half time despite having the same amount of scoring shots we were behind by 20 points. Unfortunately one of our co-captains and star players – Jack Ross broke his leg after landing awkwardly in a marking contest. Jack will be sorely missed for in all likelihood for the season.

The boys were flat in the third term and the game was taken away from us with the Saints outscoring us five goals to nothing. The last quarter we fought the game out outscoring the Saints by two goals but we eventually fell by 41 points. The loss could be best summed by the fact that they outscored us by 31 points when both sides kicked into the wind. That was due to their ability to run hard and work hard defensively which all our side didn't want to do. It is easy to run hard when we have the ball but it wasn't the same when we didn't have the ball.

I thought our rick division of Marcus Mariette, Starsy Gountras and Jacob Zsolt tried hard against bigger opponents and never threw the towel in. Jake Gasper showed his class with four goals and Cooper Gervasoni did a great job on the Saints star onballer when switched to him during the second quarter.

Luckily for us one game doesn't make a season and we get the chance to redeem ourselves back at home this weekend. We can talk all we like but it will be our actions that determine our fate and I look forward to seeing how the boys respond to the loss knowing now what is required to compete against the very best.

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## Under 17

### Waverley Park Hawks 9.14.68 defeated Highett 7.05.47

**Goal Kickers:** Nathan Antonucci (2), Josh Cochrane(2), Joe Galluccio (2), Finn Bloomer, Arlyn Khaiyath, Chris Casset

**Best Players:** Joel Welsford, Jack Robertson, Conrad Dickson, Josh Cochrane, Arlyn Khaiyath, Marc Urban, Nathan Antonucci, Alistair Bailey, Peter Neil

Firstly welcome to our 7 new players and their families to the Under 17's Squad this season (Josh, Finn, Marc, Tom, Conrad, Jayden and Luca). Really solid first round win against a very physical opponent in Highett. We were able to hold a 2/3 goal buffer for most of the match and was impressed with the way the team stuck to their task every time Highett threatened. Our boys' 9ndeavor at the footy was first rate and our team first actions were evident and helped us create goals that ultimately won us the game. Our scoring efficiency was poor and we have to work on this over the next few weeks. We come up against another tough opponent this week and will require four quarters to come away with the four points. **Coaches Awards** go to two of our new players. **Marc Urban** playing as a small crumbing forward found himself in front of a high ball with the oncoming pack descending on him. He courageously stood his ground, got absolutely smashed, bounced straight back up and went into the next contest-very courageous. The Second **Coaches Award** goes to **Conrad Dickson**. His role at Centre Half Back was crucial to our sides win as he won his contest and his maturity and attack on the footy was first rate.

Well done boys on a great first up win – see you all at training!!!!

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Under 9 Brown players with their coach, Stacie Morgan



Round 1 Coaches' Award winners with Vice-President Matt Webb



Round 1 weekly prize draw winner, Daniel Kreidl with Vice-President Matt Webb

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