



# Waverley Park Hawks Weekly Newsletter



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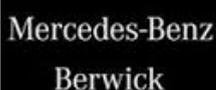
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## FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Blessed are we, another glorious day saw the end of our home and away season for 2016. What a weekend! . Spent Saturday morning helping out at Waverley Park Hawks JFC Auskick. Certainly grass roots football at its best, it's where the fun begins. Thanks for letting me be a part of it.

Sunday saw our U10 teams play their Lightning Carnival for season 2016. Thanks to coaches Mark Dell'apreciate (U10 Gold) and Damian Quinlan (U10 B), and all their support staff for their time and continued efforts given this year and the enjoyment they have brought to all our young U10 players and their families. I was able to attend their final training session. Seeing their smiles, skills and efforts in the cold winter conditions was certainly evident of their commitment and enjoyment. Enjoy your break, see you all raring to go in 2017.

WPH currently have 20 teams of which 14 teams are in age groups that play finals. Out of the 14 teams, 9 teams are involved in finals, and a couple of teams just missed out by percentage. Been a great year for WPH, good luck to all teams playing finals. Whether you made finals or not, BIG thank you to all the coaches, support staff and families for all you have done for WPH and more importantly all our children this season. The Club does not operate on individuals; it is a team effort. If you can, get your WPH's gear on, get to their games and cheer them on.

**HELP, HELP, HELP** – August 14 gives us the opportunity to show case our great club and all families that define who we are. We have been fortunate to be given U13 finals to host. There are games played all day so **we need help right across the day**. Hopefully you can find 1 or many hours to help with the running of this day. Goes without saying “many hands make light work”.

Thank you for the support of Councillors, Robert Davies and Bill Pantikos who gave up their time to join us at us after match. Although this was Bill's first time at Columbia, Robert has been there a few times assisting in Columbia's proposed re-development.

**Raffle prize winners:** Congratulations to Max Taborsky from U10s who won our special U10 Raffle and Liam O'Rourke who won this week's player raffle.

Thank-you to U14 Parent group who organised the after match; Soft Taco's. Another huge success. Thank you to all that attended to make these nights enjoyable. Hopefully we get the microphone working next week.

**17 Sept** – Winery Tour – This is a first time event at WPH. Get behind it, promises to be a great day. Any questions please contact Fiona Froelich or Michelle McCluskey.

**Committee 2017** – Club has been blessed with committee members over the past years, always positive and doing what we all do for the kids. If you would like to become a committee member and be part of an exciting Junior Football Club, please let myself or any member of the committee know. No matter how much or little time you have, there is always help needed.

Go Hawks!

**Tony Ferracane**  
President

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## NEWS...

### Semi-finals After Match This Sunday



There will be a Semi Finals After Match this Sunday with burgers on the menu.

Come and hear all the results of the eight teams playing in semi-finals this weekend. At the club rooms from 5.30pm on Sunday.

## Volunteers Required to Help Host SMJFL Finals at Columbia



The club will host the semi-finals of the Under 13 Divisions 1, 2 and 3 this Sunday. It is a great opportunity to raise the profile of the club within the league as well as to generate significant additional funds through canteen and food stall sales on the day.

We will require a large number of volunteers on the day to assist with all the duties required of the host club. All teams will be expected to assist and a roster has been put together for the canteen/food stalls. Contact your team manager if you are available to assist.

Time	Teams
8:00-10:00	Under 9s/11Gold/16 Gold/9Girls/15Girls
10:00-12:00	Under 10s/11Brown/13 Brown
12:00-14:00	Under 14s/12/12Girls/16Brown
14:00-17:00	U15s/U17/13Gold/Committee

## Hard Rubbish Collection



The City of Monash hard rubbish collection is next week.

The club will be doing some spring cleaning on Saturday - putting out anything that is no longer required or usable.

If anyone is able to assist with the tidy up of the scoreboard and pavilion storage areas drop by Columbia Park between 11.00am and 1.00PM on Saturday.

## Coach of the Year Awards

At the end of each season the Oakleigh region, of which we are a part, hold their annual end of year function and announce Coach of the Year for Junior (U8 –U12) and Youth (U13 – U19) categories with broad guidelines listed below:

Junior (U8-U12): Primary School-aged children, 8-12 years. Introduce beginner footballers, develop team concepts, emphasise skill development through training and games.

Youth (U13-U19): Secondary School-aged children, 13-19 years. Develop player potential, enhance team skills and foster competitive spirit and desirable attitudes through training and match play.

The purpose of the awards

1. To recognise the significant contribution of coaches to the conduct and development of Australian Football in Victoria and in particular in the Oakleigh Region
2. To recognise the achievements of coaches who give quality service to the game in that they:
  - 2.1 Display strength of character in the role of coaching
  - 2.2 Foster enthusiasm for, interest in, and an excellent attitude to participation in football
  - 2.3 Give quality value to the goals and purposes of Club and League football.

As a club in this region, the Waverley Park Hawks, will nominate a coach in each category.

If you have had a great coach this season and would like us to nominate them, please send feedback to our Coaching Coordinator Simon Fisher via email : [football@wphawks.org.au](mailto:football@wphawks.org.au)

When nominating your coach please take the following into consideration. Has your nominated coach:

- 1) Undertaken a significant coaching program or initiative at your club
- 2) Gone above and beyond with regard to their role as coach
- 3) Reflected the broad guidelines for the awards outlined above

## Do You Want To Coach In 2017?



The club has commenced the process of appointing the coaching panel for 2017.

If you are interested in coaching one of the club's teams next season please complete the [2017 Coaching Application Form](#).

The club's Coaching Co-ordinator, Simon Fisher (0409 219 981) would be more than happy to discuss your coaching aspirations if you require any additional information.

Initial Coaching applications close on Wednesday 7th September 2016.

It is club policy that all coaching positions at all age groups are reviewed annually. As such, all coaching positions will be reviewed and applicants interviewed at the end of this season and the successful candidates for 2017 will be appointed as soon as possible.

## Ladies End of Season Yarra Valley Winery Tour – Saturday September 17

This year there will be a Ladies End of Season Yarra Valley Winery Tour which is being organized by Fiona Froelich and Michelle McCluskey.

Saturday 17 September 2016

9:30AM – 5:00PM

Pick up/drop off at Columbia Park

Cost \$95 per head (includes bus/host, 2 course lunch & 3 wine tastings)

Book online via <https://form.jotform.com/wphawks/ladieswinerytour>

Any queries contact Fiona 0409 944 466 or [af\\_frols@optusnet.com.au](mailto:af_frols@optusnet.com.au)

## SMJFL Drug Education Seminar Presented by Victoria Police

SMJFL has combined forces with Bayside Senior Sergeant Shane Cashman to offer its members, friends and parents a valuable Drug Education Seminar.

The seminar is recommended for all players aged 15 and older and will feature guest speaker Gavin Crosisca (Collingwood FC, AFL Premiership player). The seminar is not just for players, with parents, coaches, team / club officials all encouraged and invited to attend as well.

The seminar is on Tuesday 16th August from 7pm at the Kingston Town Hall, 979 Nepean Highway, Moorabbin

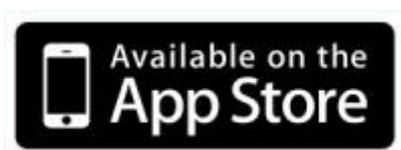
Please register your interest in attending via online form, <https://form.jotform.com/SMJFL/drug-education-seminar>

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## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...**

### **After Match Schedule 2016**

<b>Round</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Team Hosting</b>	<b>Menu</b>
<b>Semi Finals</b>	14/8/2016	Committee	Hamburgers & sausage in bread
<b>Preliminary/Grand Finals</b>	21/8/2016	TBC	TBA
<b>Grand Finals</b>	28/8/2016	TBC	TBA

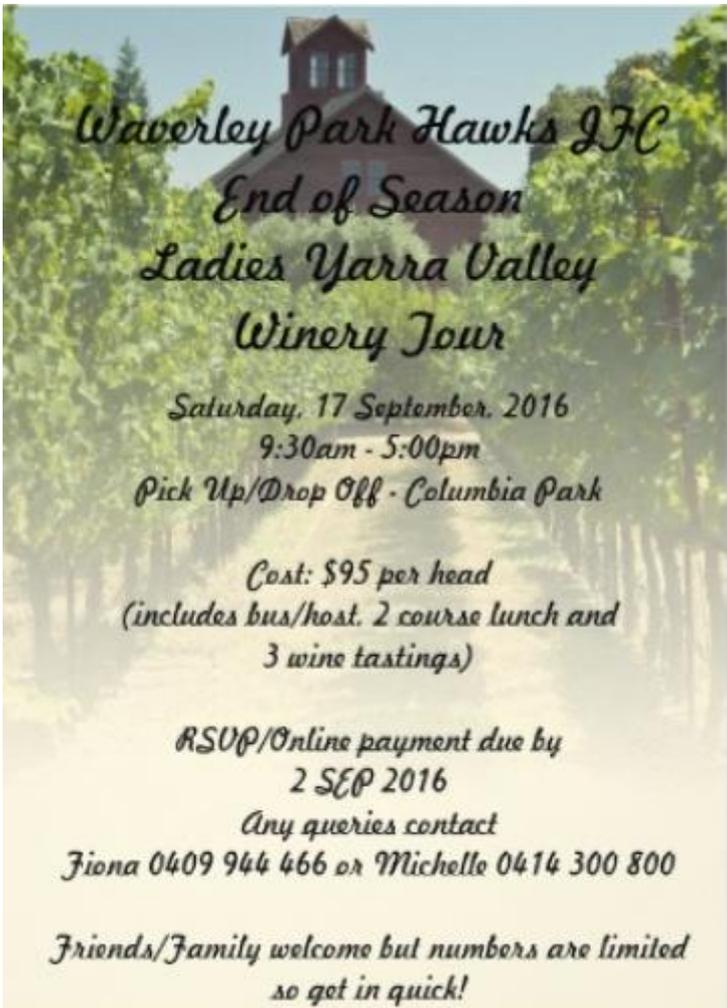
### **Other Important Dates**

**August 14** – Waverley Park Hawks hosting finals

**September 8** – Under 17 Presentation Dinner

**September 17** – Ladies Yarra Valley Wine Tour

**September 18** – Presentation Day



*Waverley Park Hawks JFC  
End of Season  
Ladies Yarra Valley  
Winery Tour*

*Saturday, 17 September, 2016  
9:30am - 5:00pm  
Pick Up/Drop Off - Columbia Park*

*Cost: \$95 per head  
(includes bus/host, 2 course lunch and  
3 wine tastings)*

*RSVP/Online payment due by  
2 SEP 2016*

*Any queries contact  
Fiona 0409 944 466 or Michelle 0414 300 800*

*Friends/Family welcome but numbers are limited  
so get in quick!*



VICTORIA POLICE



# DRUG EDUCATION SEMINAR

Victoria Police, in partnership with the South Metro Junior Football League and Sober Living Housing presents a Drug Education Seminar focussing on ICE and Alcohol addiction.

**When:** Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> August, 2016 – from 7pm

**Where:** Kingston Town Hall  
979 Nepean Hwy, Moorabbin

Please join us to hear experts educating our youth and families on the effects of drug use in the community. This is a fantastic opportunity to assist our future leaders and guide them on a path to a healthy lifestyle. **This seminar is recommended for young people aged 15-18 years and parents/guardians.**

*Speakers include Senior Sergeant Shane Cashman (Bayside Police Station), Belinda Walsh, Gavin Crosisca and other experts.*

**Belinda Walsh** has served as the Director of Help International for 6 years, and has been working in the drug and alcohol field for the past 30 years. Belinda holds extensive experience in the public and private sectors, working in Western Australia, New South Wales and Victoria. Belinda does not believe that people have to "hit rock bottom" before they get help and is passionate about dispelling that myth through her work in drug and alcohol intervention. Having trained in three different models in the USA Belinda is a USA Board Certified Clinical Interventionist. Wanting to leave a legacy Belinda continues to educate families and the Community to intervene as early as possible no matter the crisis.



**Gavin Crosisca**, former AFL player, co-founder and Director of Sober Living Housing has a Graduate Certificate in Alcohol and Other Drugs in addition to being a USA Board Certified Intervention Professional and, a registered trainer.



**For more information about the seminar, please contact:**  
**Shane Cashman 8530 5100 email: [shane.cashman@police.vic.gov.au](mailto:shane.cashman@police.vic.gov.au)**

**[REGISTER YOUR ATTENDANCE TODAY](https://form.jotform.com/SMJFL/drug-education-seminar)**  
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# AROUND THE GROUND...

## Semi Finals Fixture Sunday August 14 2016

ALL PLAYERS ARE TO ARRIVE AT THE RELEVANT GROUND – 45 Minutes  
PRIOR TO START OF GAME OR OTHER WISE AT COACH'S INSTRUCTION.

Team	Match Details	Time
AAV Tiling Under 11 Gold Froelich (Div 3)	Murumbeena vs Waverley Park Hawks Highett Reserve Oval 2 Turner Road Moorabbin MEL 77 H9	3.00 p.m.
Under 12 Girls Aitkin	Waverley Park Hawks vs Beaumaris King George Reserve Oval 2 East Boundary Road Bentleigh MEL 77 K3	9.00 a.m.
Under 12 Thompson (Div 3)	Bentleigh vs Waverley Park Hawks Murphy Reserve AAnenson Oval Williamstown Road Port Melbourne	9.00 a.m.
Under 13 Gold Jago (Div 4)	AJAX Jets vs Waverley Park Hawks Koornang Park Munro Avenue Carnegie MEL 68	3.00 p.m.
Under 13 Brown Fisher (Div 1)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Mordialloc Braeside Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill	3.00 p.m.
Under 15 Girls Davey (Div 2)	Beaumaris vs Waverley Park Hawks King George Reserve Oval 2 East Boundary Road Bentleigh MEL 77 K3	1.30 p.m.
JB Commercial Under 15 Gold Deegan (Div 4)	Beaumaris vs Waverley Park Hawks Toorak Park Orrong Road Armadale MEL 2M G12	9.00 a.m.
Display the Game Under 16 Brown Palleschi (Div 4)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Murrumbeena Princes Park Oval 1 Beech Street Caulfield South MEL 68 B6	11.00 a.m.
RJ Ryan Partners Under 16 Gold Gervasoni (Div 1)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Mordialloc Braeside Murrumbeena Park Oval 1 Kangaroo Road Murrumbeena MEL 69 B7	1.00 p.m.

## Round 15 Results Summary

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Under 12 7.6 .48 defeated by East Sandringham 13.11.89

Under 13 Brown 7.11.53 defeated Beaumaris 3.3.21

Under 13 Gold 5.6.36 defeated Caulfield 1.9.15

Under 14 Gold 7.5.47 drew with Bentleigh 6.11.47

Under 14 Brown 10.2.62 defeated Mordialloc-Braeside 8.10.58

Under 15 Girls 4.3.27 defeated St.Kilda City 2.8.20

Under 15 Brown 15.7.97 defeated by Highett/Cheltenham 16.11.107

Under 15 Gold BYE

Under 16 Brown 17.11.113 defeated Mordialloc Braeside 4.10.34

Under 16 Gold 16.15.111 defeated Mordialloc Braeside 1-4-10

Under 17 6.5. 41 defeated by Ormond 13.16.95

## Round 15 Match Reports

### **Under 10 Brown** Lightning Carnival

On Sunday the Under 10 Browns played in the Lightning Carnival at King George Reserve.

The boys continued to impress us all with their skills and team work. They played with passion and determination. The teams they challenged were St Paul's, Mordialloc and Caulfield. The day was a huge success which saw the boys play their best footy for the season.

Congratulations to Biraj Koirala, Oscar Gallagher, Angus Cassidy, Joshua White, Jared Lim, Benjamin Wickham, Eugene Skandalis, William Rice, Neil Thukral, James Montano, Gabriel Choi, Daniel Kaveh, Isac Quinlan, Edmund Hambridge, Thomas Downs, Oscar Azemat, Thomas Giles and Max Addison for their excellent efforts on the day and throughout the course of the season. Due to being injured, team members Rafael Choi and Thayden Stewart were unfortunately unable to participate, however, they came to support their team mates on the day which gave the boys a real lift and motivated them.

It was an exciting end to the season and a very special thanks must go to all of the parent helpers that assisted throughout the year. Without you, our game days could not have been possible. Extra special thanks must also go to Gary Cassidy for his outstanding communication and team management skills and Adam White for his never ending support and assistance with coaching.

It has been a fun filled season and we hope to see all of the boys back again next year to continue their friendships, skill development and sportsmanship. 1-2-3 Go Hawks!!!

### **Bertocchi Under 10 Gold** Lightning Carnival

What a way to finish the season! Beautiful day for footy and three hard fought games at the Lightning Carnival with the boys giving everything they had. We won two out of three and played some great football. It was go from start to end with only 10 minutes rest between games. Our first game playing against Malvern we took a early lead and then hung on for a solid win with some great defensive pressure. Our second game against Sandringham was a little different as we were up against a bigger and stronger side, but to the boys credit they took it right up to them and had plenty of chances but fell short by a couple of goals. It then brought us to our last game for the season as an under 10's group. Up against St Bedes we asked for one more big effort, with tired legs the boys managed to come out strong and played attacking football to take the win. It was great to see the boys finish the season off strong and sing out the club song!!!

With all parents, families and helpers watching every game, we all couldn't be more proud of their efforts, attitude and participation towards their football this year!

Go Hawks !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

### **Under 11 Brown**

**Waverley Park Hawks 9.16.70 defeated Cheltenham Panthers 4.2.26**

**Goal Kickers:** Liam O'R 2, The Herbinator 2, Paddy 2, Lenny 1, Plow 1, Maxibon 1, Nick D 1.

**Best Players:** Liam O'R, Paddy, The Herbinator, Lenny, Savio, Charles, Cammo, Nick F.

**Coaches Award:** Charles, Savio, Paddy, Cammo, Nick F.

Nobody can say we didn't finish our season off playing great footy! Last week against the top team our boys played very good footy for 3 quarters and in our last game against Cheltenham Panthers it was a 4 quarter effort from the boys that resulted in 25 scoring shots to 6. Last time we played the Panthers at Columbia Park we only beat them by a point so it was a strong improvement from the under 11 Browns. We had so many players across the whole ground giving a maximum effort. On average, over time, effort equals reward and I was thrilled for the boys that their effort against Cheltenham was matched with a win on the scoreboard. While we didn't notch up enough wins this season to play finals, I was very pleased with how the boys finished the season. So proud of you guys! And that's our season done for 2016. Thanks to all the parents for your support during the year and good luck to all the Waverley Park teams playing finals over the coming weeks. Go Hawks!

### **AAV Tiling Under 11 Gold**

**Waverley Park Hawks 3.4.22 Defeated by Ajax 5.9.39**

**Goal Kickers:** Jacob S, Orlando P, Mitch W

**Best Players:** Evan P, Dan K, Peter D, Mitch W, Thomas S, Harry S, Shilo H

**Coaches Award:** Brody N, Brady E

We travelled away to take on Ajax who had beaten us earlier in the year. The boys knew they had to win to be assured of finals or else rely on other results. We didn't start well though and the opposition had the majority of the play. Our backline was under enormous pressure but stood up well. Dan, Mitch and Evan at half back did a great job while Max, Thomas and Alex on the last line saved several goals. We didn't trouble the scorers as

Ajax put on 2.3 but it could have been worse for us. The second quarter continued on in much the same vein but we started to get our hands on the ball a bit more. Shilo was starting to work into the game and Ryan and Harry laid some great tackles. Nathan was a welcome return to the team and he and Brady P were working overtime in the backline. We still couldn't crack it for a score but Ajax was only able to put 4 points on so somehow, we were still in the game.

The young Hawks were asked for a massive lift in the second half. Evan moved into the middle and started to give us some drive and from his quick kick forward Jacob was able to take a mark and convert truly to give the boys some hope. Nick was starting to get involved at half forward and Pat was working hard in the ruck. We finally had our equal share of the ball and outscored Ajax 1.2 to 1.1. The last quarter was a tight affair but it seemed we had more run and our opponents put a loose man in defence to clog things up. Pete was in everything in the midfield and with a nice shepherd from Cam found Orlando who snapped a nice goal. The boys had some momentum now and when Mitch took a mark inside the forward zone and converted truly we had a real chance. But our opponents steadied and were able to close out the game. We had outscored them in the second half and must take that belief and momentum into next week's finals if we get the chance.

## **Under 12 Girls**

**Waverley Park Hawks 18.03.111 defeated Cheltenham Panthers 2.0.12**

**Goal Kickers:** Maddy 6, Kiara 6, Angelina, 3, Charlotte 1, Nicole 1, Amber 1

**Best players:** Cadence, Charlotte, Angelina, Megan

**Coaches' awards:** Cadence, Charlotte, Angelina, Megan.

The girls completed a wonderful season today and treated everyone to another great display of footy. Finishing the season with 14 wins and only 1 loss is a remarkable achievement in any competition but when you consider our team has a huge variance in age, size, and experience it truly is a great thing. They played for each other, they encouraged each other and kicked beautifully. Their infield passing was superb and kicking for goal, brilliant, with 18 goals and only 3 behinds.

Massive improvement was demonstrated by Bellami, Angelina, Nicole, and Swagta, all playing a good half in the middle.

Congratulations to all the girls on their fantastic efforts this season. It has been a privilege to coach them all and we wish them all the best in their first ever final next week. Whatever happens we are all very proud of you.

## **Under 12**

**Waverley Park Hawks 7.6 .48 defeated by East Sandringham 13.11.89**

**Goal Kickers:** Warner 3, Emery 2, Jago, Morgan

**Best players:** Warner, Taborsky, Morgan, Soria, Jago

**Coaches' awards:** Tommy Warner and Kyle Medley

Well a tough day to say the least for the under 12s as we travelled over to East Sandy and had very little go the way we had planned. This one is on the coach I'm afraid.

I wanted to give a number of boys opportunities in positions that they hadn't played in and expose them to a fair bit of responsibility that they may not have been used to throughout the year. Unfortunately East Sandy came out with all guns blazing in the first quarter and we weren't able to withstand the attack. At quarter time we were down by 8 goals and much of that margin stood for the rest of the day.

The second and last quarters were a lot more pleasing with us in control throughout. However as you can see by the result, it wasn't enough. I thought in general the two teams were very evenly matched and I'm sure if we had gone out in the normal format we would have been every chance of coming out on top.

The game was marred by a disappointing incident involving one of the opposition officials in the last quarter and this coupled with the result are great reasons to draw a line under this game and move on as quickly as possible. Therefore I won't go on any more about it and we can all look forward to our first final next week against the ladder leaders Benteigh.

Here's hoping this is the third last report that I write for the year.

Go Hawks

## **Under 13 Brown**

**Waverley Park Hawks 7.11.53 defeated Beaumaris 3.3.21**

**Goal Kickers:** Plaza 2, Fisher, Buzza, Gaudion, Pearce, Skandalis

**Best Players:** Kolak, Plaza, Harris, Rogers, Skandalis

**Coaches' Awards:** Nathan Buzza, Cooper Fisher, Harrison Rogers

Our final game at home this week vs Beaumaris. We were assured of a finals spot but wanted to win to hold second place on the ladder. The boys were led out by Noah and we started well against Beaumaris who ran and moved the ball well. The backline led by Harrison, Deakin and Josh Kolak stood firm while we peppered the goals but only 1 goal 5 behinds in the first.

A good second quarter with goals to Cooper and Will and we were 4 goals up at the half with the midfield of Jake, Spiros, Ethan and Cayden having good games. Harrison and Deakin also had a run in the midfield and worked hard around the ball. The boys began to run in the 3rd, moving the ball well and putting the backs under pressure. Ethan Plaza had his kicking boots on and with two long bombs from outside 50, the ball sailed through for goals.

Buzz chimed in again for a great snap and Luke also snapped one through to send us 7 goals up going into the last. Beaumaris fought back in the last to kick 2 goals but the game was done and we finished the home and away season with a win and a season record of 11 wins out of 13 games. Harrison enjoyed his run in midfield and showed what he can do when let loose around the ball. He received the coaches' award for his efforts. Buzz was again lively around goals and when we needed one he snapped truly earning himself a coaches' award. Cooper was in and under all day, hard at it and getting hands out to the runners. He finished with a goal and a coaches award also.

Great effort to get this far from where we started and we are now in the finals where anything can happen.

Enjoy! Go Hawks!

### **Under 13 Gold**

**Waverley Park Hawks Under 13 Gold 5.6.36 defeated Caulfield 1.9.15**

**Goal Kickers:** Glass 2, Nathan Jago, Brad Jago, Addison

**Best Players:** Delahunty, Plowman, Faulkner, Vormwald, Brad Jago

This week it was a pretty simple equation – win and we stay 4th or lose and we are out of finals.

The boys were really keen and picked up from last week's good form kicking the first goal and we were off to a good start. On a big ground we had a lot of run from Christian Vormwald, Zac was good in the middle and once again my backline stood firm.

Going into the last quarter a goal up, this game was there for us to win. Nathan Jago, Brad Jago and Brodie all goaled in the last term to seal finals for us. These boys really work hard for each other and play well as a unit. The real business end of the season is upon us now boys. Let's have a crack and see how far we can go!!

### **Under 14 Brown**

**Waverley Park Hawks 10.2.62 defeated Mordialloc-Braeside 8.10.58**

**Goal Kickers:** M.Mortaruolo 3, M.Ferracane 2, D.McCusker 2, T.Morgan, S.Howells, J.Peake

**Best Players:** D.McCusker, O.Mahon, C.Claxton, M.Cappuccino, J.Mucha, G.Vasser, J.Starvaggi, T.O'Neill, J.Peake, J.Franchi

**Coaches' Awards:** C.Claxton, J.Franchi

**Milestone:** M.Palmer 50 games

Belief equals power.

First we celebrated a (very) belated 50 game for Mitch Palmer. He went out and played one his best games as well – well done mate.

What a way to end a great season. I've never seen these boys play like they did. They played with grit, determination and above all else belief.

We discussed how to handle this game at our last training session on Tuesday. Seeing as there was some sort of mathematical chance they could play finals, we gave them the option to choose

Go out and have a serious crack with the hope that finals is still a chance, or go out and enjoy our last game.

Unanimously they wanted to have a crack.....

Before the game the big focus was around our commitment to this game, and how we had made a team decision, and that to even have the slightest of chance they need to believe if they can overcome Mordi-Brae.

Who, in our last match up, smashed us by 112 points.

Mordi-Brae came out hard and we mostly withstood their pressure, only to be down 6 points at the first term (thanks to a very late goal to us just on the siren)

Our focus and pressure needed to lift to take control of the game to have a chance.

The boys went out and did that we came out on top at the long break after kicking 4 straight to 2.2, giving us a slight 3 point lead – but sometimes this can work in our favour psychologically.

The 3rd term saw much of the same – relentless pressure from both sides, but our boys came out on top again kicking 4 straight to 3.2.

It was still tight coming into the last quarter and we knew Mordi-Brae would come out at us. They were sitting fourth on the ladder and we knew they didn't want to drop this no matter what.

They did come out hard and they took the lead eventually late in the final quarter.

The boys stood tall and quickly responded back and snatched the lead back by 4 points. It was tremendous to see them withstand so much pressure and keep cool heads and fight back – esp against a true division 4 side.

Whilst Mordi-Brae had more scoring shots in the last, we managed to snatch the win.

This will go down as our best win to date.

It's the proudest I've seen them, as a group and individuals, and the proudest I've been too.

I've never heard the song sung so loud.

We ended up 5th on the ladder only percentage short of playing finals. It's the most successful year yet for a lot of these boys.

It's been a real blessing to be able to coach you guys and you all should be extremely proud of yourselves.

Well done and GO HAWKS 2017

## **Under 14 Gold**

**Waverley Park Hawks 7.5.47 drew with Bentleigh 6.11.47**

**Goal Kickers:** McDonnell 2, Raymond 2, Argus, Perez, Harris

**Best players:** Long, Mariette, Russo, Hall, Sullivan, Lyons, Saliba

**Coaches' Awards:** Austin Dean, Tom Raymond

Well, we played our last game for season 2016 away at Bentleigh. On a great morning weather wise, on a surface that was pretty good for this time of year, both teams left nothing in reserve to finish the year. Once again our bench was empty and the coaching staff was left to making basic changes during the quarters to hopefully get the boys through in a fairly tough game of footy.

We play a Jekyll and Hyde brand of footy. At times it's great and exciting to watch, using the football by hand and foot the way we've practised and then we'll go back to old ways, fumbling and turnovers.

Each boy can be pleased with the efforts in fighting out the game to the end and we did have the last 2 scoring shots, an indication of their desire to play out the match.

The Golds had good contributions throughout the match from all players which was great to see.

I would like to thank all parents this season for allowing me the opportunity to coach your child. Hopefully they have improved and enjoyed their year.

A big thanks to Jackie Cimino for being a great team manager, Andrew Saliba for assistant coach, Tonia Dean for trainer and Carl Perez as runner. You guys have been fantastic in your roles and it's been great working with you.

And to the all the Gold Players this season of 2016, well done on your efforts. It's been a difficult year with numbers and playing with no bench for most of the year.

See you presentation Day!!

## **Under 15 Girls**

**Waverley Park Hawks 4.3.27 defeated St.Kilda City 2.8.20**

**Goal Kickers:** Mackenzie, Billie, Laura, Charlotte

**Coaches' award:** Mackenzie

For the last home and away game of the season, the Under 15 Girls returned to Lum Reserve to take on the as yet undefeated, St.Kilda City Girls. Wow did our girls come to play!

Our captain for the day, Charlotte, once again played a selfless role for the team early, then after half time when she was thrown onto the ball, produced those second and third efforts that we have become used to seeing from her. Chloe started like a house on fire and racked up numerous 'hard ball gets', took a few good grabs and set up some of our productive forward thrusts, before being sidelined through injury for the remainder of the day. Caitlyn had to contend with the wrong end of a two on one contest regularly, due to our set up for the day, but did so with great determination and showed the advantage gained by providing a contest each and every time. Stacia played in the central part of the ground as instructed, but also was willing to push both forward and back when required, and not only repelled the opposition, but indeed helped set us up to score as well. Doing some of that scoring was Laura, who with sure marking, smart play making and positive approach to goal kicking, dished a beauty from outside 40 to give us some breathing space. Mackenzie played an inspired game and again showed the consistency that makes her an invaluable part of the team and was a truly deserved, yet long awaited, recipient of this week's Award. On the end of some of that play was Billie, who after positioning herself in exactly the right position for a 'hot spot' hit up, took a ripper pack mark and nonchalantly, played on to boot one right through the middle, much to the delight of the roaring crowd.

The Jess show was on display again this week. Jess N was an absolute ball magnet this week and had probably her best game of the year, which is saying something, Jess N is a marvel with her ability to read the play two kicks ahead and this week was no different. Her 'partner in crime' in Jess B again gave her all and battled her heart out in the ruck and when resting at Full Back, made some heart stopping, goal line saves of which a Soccer World Cup Goalkeeper would have been proud. Likewise, Tahlia again showed that she has taken her footy to a complete new level and played a sensational game to be a back line player, not to be messed with. Tahlia cleared the ball with authority both on a kick out as well as through heavy opposition traffic. Leah has learnt quite quickly to get where the ball is about to be and as such, took some telling marks for us through the middle and kicked to waiting Hawk team mates. Likewise, Dion has really stepped up her football development and worked hard, at every opportunity, and wasn't going to be denied on the day, yet again. Steph was hard as nails down back and never gave up an easy ball and will prove handy come finals time, being able to play at both ends with equal comfort, as she has shown numerous times. Maddie was rock like in defence and was even prepared to run forward to lock the ball in our forward line, again showing she is willing to make personal sacrifices for the team, while her overhead marking was superb.

Bethany started deep in our forward line, but when the Coach finally realised she was being wasted, Bethany moved further afield and provided instant results with great pace, marking and delivery. Charlie saw every blade of grass at Lum this week, as she was everywhere. Whether it was pushing back to assist, laying a tackle or driving us forward, Charlie had a great game and her fitness is a massive asset. Speaking of tackles and fitness, Amelia was nothing short of sensational in not only those, but all other areas of the game this week. Her speed, tenacity and ability to apply unbreakable tackles, was something to behold. Coupled with her uncanny knack of extracting the ball from congestion and running it forward, Amelia was the complete package this week. We were fortunate to be joined for the second half by Ebony, in just her second game for us this year. Ebony was good enough to

help out last minute and what an impact she had. Taking marks, laying tackles etc, Ebony seemed to enjoy herself nearly as much as we enjoyed having her play with us. Hopefully we see a lot more of her next season.

We are hopeful for the return of Zoe and Annie this week, who have both been sidelined through injury.

The icing on the cake for the Girls this week, was simply the reward for effort, over many weeks, by winning against an opposition who are not only the benchmark of the competition, but have been until now sitting at the top of the ladder, undefeated. The girls had a 'blinder' and we are all so very proud of their efforts! Finals, here we come!

Go Hawks and Go Girls!

### **Advanced Office Interiors Under 15 Brown**

**Waverley Park Hawks 15.7.97 defeated by Highett/Cheltenham 16.11.107**

**Goal Kickers:** Sean Watson 5, Chayce Black 2, Josh Webb 2, Zac fisher 1, Vincent Zagari 1, Jake Razga 1, Bailey Thompson 1, Frazer Robertson 1, Christian Cardaci 1

**Best Players:** Sean Watson, Fabian Stellato, Jack Neil, Chayce Black, Vincent Zagari, Chris Kopec, Lochy Jenkins, Josh Webb, Zac fisher,

**Coaches' Award:** Jake Razga

After the opposition decided to play funny buggers with the timing of this game it was decided we would kick the dew off the ground at 9am at Le Page oval and I must say for the amount of rain we have had the ground was in tip top condition.

We didn't have anything to lose with no finals on the agenda for the Browns. The boys had an extremely enjoyable night at training during the week and the coaching staff knew we would be up for this game. Playing in what is arguably the toughest U15s competition in the state, yes it's been a tough season but also a most enjoyable one with the boys' knowledge of the game developing each game we played.

THE GAME: We had some tricks up our sleeves at the start and they paid off. Last time we played this mob they blew us away in the first 10 min of the game. Not this time. We kicked the first and from there it was an old fashioned shoot out all day with 31 goals kicked in 80 min of junior footy good to watch.

Watson was tremendous in playing his role as small forward kicking 5 and giving away several more, the back line was working as a well-oiled machine and mids were also on top. We almost had the fairy tale finish with Christian Cardaci kicking a goal to put us in front with 3 minutes to play after coming from 20 points behind at 3 quarter time. Unfortunately it was not to be.

In my opinion we saved the best 'til last although not winning this game, I thought the strength of character from the boys was magnificent and that is what makes a great football team.

GREAT TEAM EFFORT BOYS!!!! Stick together and your spoils will come soon.....

### **JB Commercial Under 15 Gold**

Bye No report

### **Display the Game Under 16 Brown**

**Waverley Park Hawks 17.11.113 defeated Mordialloc Braeside 4.10.34**

**Goal Kickers:** H. Dimopoulos 8, B. Beck 3, A. Palleschi 2, D. Tennent, A. Cappello, W. Bolch, W. Hayes

**Best Players:** H. Dimopoulos, T. Mannix, A. Palleschi, A. Cappello, D. Tennent, M. Wellington

After a couple of disappointing performances, we got ourselves back on the winners list. Our aim for the game was to send a message to the rest of our finals bound competition and play intense, high pressure and relentless footy. Whilst keeping the pressure up on Mordialloc, we were able to show glimpses of our fast flowing, attacking brand of footy which resulted in some lovely ball movement and a significant win.

The game was set up by half time with some hard work through a depleted midfield by Declan, Tom and Max providing our forwards with first hands on the footy and ultimately allowing us to kick away from the opposition with a sizeable lead.

A very impressive performance from Harris, getting back into form at the right time, kicking a career high 8 goals, leading us to victory.

However, the real season has yet to begin and finals start next week against a constant rival of ours in Murrumbeena. All the effort we have put in throughout this year has come down to these next few weeks and hopefully we can really dig in and go one better than last year.

## **RJ Ryan Partners Under 16 Gold**

**Waverley Park Hawks 16.15.111 defeated Mordialloc Braeside 1-4-10**

**Goal Kickers:** Mariette 6, Gasper 4, Beer 3, Pascuzzi 1, Tellis 1, Viccars 1

**Best Players:** Gasper, Beer, Mariette, Ross, Fewings

**Coaches Awards:** Team effort

We found ourselves in an interesting situation on Sunday; two games clear on top of the ladder, playing the second side, who irrespective of the result could not lose second and knowing that we would suit up to play each other again in the second semi final next week. We lost both Lachie Mc and Bobby due to unavailability and injury however, our numbers remained strong unlike in previous years. We started the game well, dominating out of the middle, while our forwards applied constant pressure, highlighted by two free kicks awarded to Beery who calmly slotted 2 goals for the quarter. Marcus and Jake continued their fine seasons booting 6 and 4 goals respectively, while our back 8 continued where they left off from the previous week by only allowing our opponents to kick one goal for the game (and that was in the last quarter). We dominated the game winning by over 100 points.

While we have had an exceptional season, losing only one game, it counts for nothing if we are not switched on and play to the best of our ability over the coming three weeks – the real fun starts this week at 1pm at Murrumbeena Park., where we have a semi final against our opponents from last week, who have also had a stellar season (let's face it, they did finish second). We have the players, the skill and the mental toughness to win on Sunday which puts us into the Grand Final in two weeks time. However, things will not happen unless we make them happen. Good luck to the boys – we have a chance to do something very special for our club

## **Pinewood Community Bank Under 17**

**Waverley Park Hawks 6.5. 41 defeated by Ormond 13.16.95**

**Goalkickers:** Josh Webb 2 , Long 1 , Payne 1 , Tilyard 1 , Kreidl 1

**Best players:** Ilic, Tilyard, Jago, JP, Kreidl, Gallagher Declava , Long

**Coaches' Award:** Phil Ilic

We played against Ormond who needed to win to try and get a double chance for the finals and for most of the game we were competitive.

We started well however a lapse just before half time saw us 3 goals down.

They overpowered us in the second half however, as per all our games this year we never gave up and continued to apply pressure all day against a bigger opposition.

Great thanks to the 3 boys from the under 15s (Josh, Daniel and JJ), who helped us out and were strong competitors all day.

We had an even team effort with lots of contributors however I need to single out the game played by our Ruckman Phil Ilic who was dominant all day and I estimate took at least 20 marks for the game.

While it has been a tough season the boys have stuck together unbelievably well and have shown a great fighting spirit in all games.

Thanks to all the people that have helped throughout the year and we look forward to being able to acknowledge them individually at the under 17 end of season night.

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