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FROM THE PRESIDENT...



Congratulations to our U9's who participated in the lightning carnival and also completed their season. Reports from parents, players, coaches and support staff suggests it was a great day and players enjoyed themselves. Rest up over the off season and see you all back next year, don't forget to tell your friends about us and hopefully they will join as well so you can experience it together.

After Match – Fantastic turn out, great so see so many of our community people there. Our under 14 age group hosted the after match – Chicken Spit, gravy and coleslaw rolls on the menu –Special thanks to John Jenkins from who cooked all the chicken on the spit, as well as the lamb sticks for all of us to enjoy. They were fantastic, especially the ones with chilli. Thank you to all parents, players and families that helped out and to all that attended. Winners all round. – Meat Raffle was one by the Shaw

family and Player raffle went off as well to Liam O'Rourke. Congratulations to all. This Sunday is the last round of the season. For those teams not playing finals, please come along to After Match to celebrate the end of your season. Let's make it the biggest ever!!!!

Coaches & Support Staff Gifts – As many teams organise gifts for their coaches, team managers and support staff, why not purchase WPH Merchandise (Discounted Rate) and possibly get it personalised by marking you team and year on the back. If this is something you would like to do, please see Lynda Ross (Columbia Canteen Sunday's).

Help Needed – We are hosting finals August 16. We get to show case our great club. We do require many hands on deck. Understanding some teams are playing finals, however, finals run all day so there will be time to for your help before or after your game. Many hands make light work, so please get down there to help out. Your team managers will organise a roster. I will be there all day as will others.

Match Day Behaviour: - This week is our last home and away game and some teams will be playing finals. Don't get sucked in by the opposition, and do something that may cost you the privilege to play in the finals you worked so hard to get too.

Committee 2016 – As the season is quickly coming to the end we need to already consider next year. If you believe you have what it takes to get on the committee and make a difference, please email me.

Banners – We are seeing more and more players reaching milestone games in the later season. WPH have banners for purchase at \$65.00. A real inexpensive way to give your child the recognition they deserve. See Lynda if you would like to purchase one.

Merchandise – Merchandise is still available for those who wish to purchase coming into finals. We also have discounted hoodies and jackets that are discontinued stock that are also available to purchase. See Lynda if you wish to purchase anything.

URGENT HELP NEEDED – After 4.5 years Danny O'Neill our current registrar (who has done an amazing job) needs a change. Danny is also our current Vice President and will continue this role in 2016. We desperately seek someone from our club to take over the role in 2016. Danny will be happy to train and will be available with only a phone call away. Please feel free to contact Danny on registrar@wphaks.org.au if you have any questions. We have in excess of 1000 parents at WPH, only need 1 to fulfil this role. From Danny tells me you only need organisational and spread sheet experience.

Go Hawks Tony Ferracane

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NEWS...

After Match This Sunday—Thai Night Hosted by Under 11



The Under 11 age group will be hosting this week's After Match with massaman curry, panang chicken curry and jasmine rice on the menu.

All Under 10s and Under 12 Girls players who finish their seasons with their Lightning Carnivals on Sunday, will receive a free hot dog and rink at this weeks After Match.

Don't forget the weekly prize draw for a Rebel Sports voucher (\$50). The bar and canteen will be open from 5.30pm, with reports for all teams beginning at 6.15pm.

After Match is a great opportunity to get to get to know the families of your child's team, as well as other members of the club in a social environment.

Volunteers Required to Help Host SMJFL Finals at Columbia



The club will host the semi-finals of the Under 13 Divisions 2, 3 and 4 in the first week of SMJFL finals on August 16. 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
8:00-10:15	U11/U14s/U12 Brown/U17
10:15-12:30	U9s/U12 Girls/U12 Gold
12:30-14:45	U10s/13s
14:45 -17:00	U15s/U15 Girls/U16

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Do You Want To Coach In 2016?



The club has commenced the process of appointing the coaching panel for 2016.

If you are interested in coaching one of the club's teams next season please complete the <u>2016 Coaching</u> Application Form.

The club's Coaching Co-ordinator, Simon Fisher (0409 219 981 or simfisher@deloitte.com.au) would be more than happy to discuss your coaching aspirations if you require any additional information. Coaching applications close this Wednesday 2 September.

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Committee Members for 2016



The club is always looking for and welcoming of parents who wish to join the committee. We especially would like parents and/or guardians from our younger age groups (Under 9 to 11) to consider becoming part of the committee. Parents from the younger age groups assist the club in knowledge transfer and continuity as children progress through the age groups.

Should you have the desire to be on the club's committee, please speak to Tony Ferracane (0419 367 593) or Lindsay Moore (0417 358 342) who will be happy to answer any questions you may have.

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Banners for Milestone Games



If you have a milestone game coming up, the club can provide you with an easy and inexpensive way to create a run through banner.

The club has available for purchase, *Run Through Crepe Banners 2m x 2m in Brown and Gold*, which can be easily personalized with the players name and the number of games (50, 100, 150).

Cost is \$65 and they can be purchased through our merchandise co-ordinator, Lynda Ross at the Columbia Park canteen on match days or alternatively contact Lynda 0466 326 633 to make alternative arrnagements. Suggest that you purchase it at least a week in advance to allow time for adding letters/numbers to the banner.

All you need to do is prepare the lettering for the players name and number of games and affix this to the banner. Letter and number and instructions are available from the <u>club web site</u>.

Social Media

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and to download the mobile app (available for both iPhone and Android)





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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY...

Sunday 9 August Under 10 & Under 12 Girls Lightning Carnival

Round 15 (Under 11- Under 17) After Match Hosted by Under 11

Sunday 16 August Under 13 Division 2/3/4 Semi-finals hosted at

Columbia Park

Under 11-Under 17 Semi Finals

Sunday 23 August Under 11- 13 Grand Finals;

Under 14-17 Preliminary Finals

Sunday 30 August Under 14-17 Grand Finals

Thursday September 10 Under 17 Presentation & Farewell Dinner

Sunday September 20 Presentation Day at Columbia Park

Wednesday October 28 Annual General Meeting

AROUND THE GROUND...

Round 15 Fixture Sunday August 9

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						
BUON Print Solutions Under 9 Gold McCluskey (Blue)	Season Completed	Time				
Under 9 Brown Morgan (Red)	Season Completed					
AAV Tiling Under10 Gold Froelich (White)	Lightning Premiership King George Reserve, East Boundary Rd, East Bentleigh	9.00am				
Under 10 Brown Hickey (Yellow)	Lightning Premiership King George Reserve, East Boundary Rd, East Bentleigh	12.00pm				
Executive Security Solutions Under 11 Rouse (South - White)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Sth Melb Districts Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11	1.30pm				
Under 12 Gold Plaza (North)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Sth Melb Districts Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11	12:00pm				
Under 12 Girls Atkin	Lightning Premiership King George Reserve, East Boundary Rd, East Bentleigh	3:00pm				
Gunn Electrics Under 12 Brown Fisher (West)	Waverley Park Hawks vs East Brighton Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill.	9.00am				
Action Aluminium Under 13 Gold Hall (Div 2)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Ormond Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill.	10.30am				
PRO Prefabs Under 13 Brown Claxton (Div 4)	Murrumbeena vs Waverley Park Hawks Murrumbeena Park – Oval 1, Kangaroo Rd, Murrumbeena. MEL 69 B7	11.30am				
Advanced Office Interiors Under 14 Brown Black (Div 1)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Prahran Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11	10:00am				
JB Commercial Under 14 Gold Stone (Div 4)	East Malvern vs Waverley Park Hawks DW Lucas Oval – Dunlop Reserve, Moira St, East Malvern. MEL 59 K11	12:00pm				
Under 15 Girls Wood (Div 2)	Mordi Brae vs Waverley Park Hawks Walter Galt Reserve – Oval 1, Victoria St, Mordialloc. MEL 87 F8	10:00am				
Under 15 Gold McDonnell (Div 1)	St Kilda City vs Waverley Park Hawks Peanut Farm Reserve, Blessington St, St Kilda. MEL 58 A11	10:30am				
Austart Air Starters Under 15 Brown Palleschi (Div 4)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Mordi Brae Lum Reserve (West), Cintra Ave, Wheelers Hill.	12.00pm				
Under 16 D'Angelo (Div 3)	Waverley Park Hawks vs Beaumaris Columbia Park, Columbia Drive, Wheelers Hill. MEL 71 H11	3:00pm				
Under 17 Deegan (Div 2)	St Pauls vs Waverley Park Hawks McKinnon Reserve – Oval 1, Tucker Rd, McKinnoin. MEL 68 G11	10.30am				

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Under 17 11 6 72 defeated Highett 8 9 57 >> DETAILS

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Round 14 Match Reports

Under 9 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks Lightning Carnival

Coaches Award: Harry and Dean

The Under 9 Browns played in the Lightning Carnival on Sunday in which the boys were really pumped.

We played 3 games for the morning with 2x12 minute halves and a 3 minute break in between. We decided to have the same side for each game and just change the interchange which worked out really well.

We finished off on a high in which all the boys played a really strong game of football, being back line, mids and forwards for all the 3 games. Jackson and I are sooo proud of our team this year as we can see how much they have improved throughout the season and I also believe the parents can see the improvement!

I would like to do a great big THANK YOU to JACKO, he has been my right hand man!

Also a great big THANK YOU to ADAM WHITE who has just been the be all and end all of our team. Hats off to him as Team Manager with all the issues he has had to face, I know it's not an easy job and I also think in the younger ages it's harder than coaching!!

Also a great big THANK YOU to all the other parents that have helped out during the year and I'm especially grateful for all the parents' support for me coaching your boys this season. It has been an absolute pleasure and the boys are a credit to Waverley Park Hawks Football Club. We can't wait to see all the boys back next year either in the under 9s or 10s.

See you all Presentation Day!

GO HAWKS!!!

BUON Print Solutions Under 9 Gold Lightning Carnival - Bentleigh, East Brighton & Murrumbeena

This week was our last week for season 2015, culminating in the Lightning Carnival. We travelled down to King George Oval to take on Bentleigh, East Brighton and Murrumbeena.

The conditions were far from ideal as far as the strong wind goes, but the grounds were in great condition and the rain held off as long as it could before letting go half way through our last game.

It was a tough day at the office for our boys playing some very big and well developed boys, both in size and in a football sense. To their credit, our boys did exactly what they have done all year. They battled hard for every minute of every quarter. We managed to play some really good passages of football with some link up handball, kicks to leading players who marked and some very solid tackling. Every boy had a hand in a passage of play at some point and it was fantastic to see a contribution from all boys.

Mark and I have really enjoyed coaching the boys this year. We have seen them grow from a mixture of different school, friendship and social groups to a team of boys who clearly enjoy each other's company and have relished the team environment, while enhancing their individual development along the way.

Mark and I are looking forward to speaking about each boy individually, when we have presentation day later this year. To the boys, Mark and I, along with all of your families and friends, are very proud of your efforts this year. You are both a great group to be a part of, as well as on an individual basis, fantastic boys.

I sincerely hope that you all come back next year, and maybe even bring a mate along. With a great year under your belts, you'll enjoy your footy even more next year.

See you all Presentation day.

Go Hawks and Go Gold!

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Under 10 Brown Waverley Park Hawks vs Mordialloc-Braeside

Pretty windy down by the bay on Sunday morning! The WPH Under 10 Browns took on Mordialloc-Braeside in what was a pretty even game up until the last quarter. A strong wind favouring one end blew in after half time and Mordy-Braeside were able to use it to their advantage. We were very pleased with the effort of the Hawks' boys though. They were working hard to get to the ball first, although with the wind it was tough to gather possession on the first try. Multiple efforts at each contest was the key to clearing the ball in these conditions. The Hawks were sticking to our game plan and they always tried to give the ball to a team mate in a better position. Coaches award for the day went to Max Penprase. He's a little fella who plays with a big heart and he's not afraid to go in hard and get that ball. Well done Max! Well done to all the boys in our last home and away game - now we're ready for the Lightning Carnival!

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AAV Tiling Under 10 Gold Waverley Park Hawks v Mordialloc-Braeside

The Hawks travelled to play Mordialloc-Braeside for an early start. We'd had two cracking games against the combine decided by less than a kick so were expecting another great game. Mitch and Ryan started us off well with a clearance out of the middle and Orlando got on the end of this in the forward line. Dan contributed with a contested ball to lock it in which opened up the forward line for Brody to run onto a loose ball and snap a nice goal. Sam was working well in the ruck and combined well with Brady E who earned a free kick. Evan was working overtime in the back line and provided a great contest to save a certain goal. The first quarter was evenly poised at one goal all. The second quarter continued on at a hectic pace with the ball moving up and down the ground quickly. Cam got a nice clearance out to Pat and then ran forward and received for a nice mark. He moved it on quickly to the forward and after a stoppage, Harper provided a great tap out to Nick who kicked forward where Luke F snapped truly for a great goal. The backline continued to work hard and Damon made a great spoil on the line to save a goal. Mordi kicked two goals to our one but we were still well in the game at half time.

Thomas started us off well in the third quarter in the midfield and was in everything. He moved the ball quickly into the forward line where Shilo roved a loose ball for a snap but couldn't find the goals. Max competed well and took a great mark in the midfield. We moved it into the forward line and Evan made a great intercept and streamed towards goal. His kick found Brady P playing in front who took a nice mark and went back and converted the goal. Our one goal to Mordi's two for the quarter had us under some pressure. The boys responded really well and threw everything at the opposition in the final stanza. Thomas continued on his fine game and was defending well while Spencer provided some drive in the midfield. Cam won a free kick in the forward fifty and from a centring kick found Jacob who competed well. Ryan picked up the crumbs and snapped a long goal. Josh was using

his pace well in the midfield and got to many contests. Brady E made a great contest and got the ball out to Jacob. His long kick into the goal square found Ryan for an easy goal. The Hawks were within a couple of points but couldn't convert another goal and we went down by two points. They fought the game out really well and should be proud of their "never give-up" attitude.

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Executive Security Solutions Under 11 Waverley Park Hawks 2.2.14 defeated by St Kilda City 9.9.63

Goal Kickers: Tommy W - 2

Best Players: Thomas T, Tommy W, Xander, Blake, Nathan, Jackson T & Brayden

Coaches Award: Xander and Liam T

Milestones: Ash Pensa, Harvey Emery and Tomas Kiprillas (50 games)

This week the under 11s played at Columbia Park against St Kilda City, and we celebrated three 50 game milestones – Ash Pensa, Harvey Emery and Tomas Kiprillas. It was cold but sunny when the game got underway. After the first bounce the boys started very well with the ball being moved into our forward line where it stayed for the first half of the quarter. All the attacking did not produce any score as St Kilda defended very well. Then against the run of play the ball went into St Kilda's forward line and they goaled. At this time the whole complexion of the game changed despite the hard work of our defence St Kilda dominated play and we were unable to get past half back. St Kilda scored a further two goals. The quarter time scores were WPH 0.0 to St Kilda City 3.3.

The second quarter was more of an arm wrestle and the ball was travelling between the two teams' forward lines. Again the boys were able to control play for long periods but we were unable to score. We again were suffering from an inability to man up, as we routinely left St Kilda players on their own, and allowed them the space to move the ball with ease. This is a problem that has plagued the team all year. Whilst we did not score we did get ourselves back into the game. The half time scores WPH 0.1.1 to St Kilda City 3.6.

The second half started again with the boys having the challenge of staying close to their opponents and to work hard to be first to the ball. The boys started well with Blake showing the way, and Xander working hard in defence but about half way through the quarter the wheels fell off and we allowed St Kilda to get the ball to unmanned players and then a few three on one hawks in their forward line and they scored. To their credit the boys were still trying hard and they still had a lot of possession but we were just unable to score. The score at three guarter time WPH 1.1.3 to St Kilda City 5.6.36.

The final quarter started and the boys threw everything into it with the ball immediately into our forward line where but again we were not able to score. Again St Kilda finally got some possession and they scored, from that point on the boys were trying but they knew the result. Again we let the opposition have loose players and St Kilda scored freely. One great effort by Xander when confronted by five St Kilda players managed to force a behind. Final scores WPH 2.2.14 to St Kilda City 9.9.63.

Boys were a little off this week but still tried hard and we were a little unclean when we had the ball in our forward line but the boys need to really knuckle down on their defensive game to improve.

See you all at training.

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Under 12 Girls

Waverley Park Hawks v Cheltenham Coaches Award: Kate, Prathiksha, and Amber

The Under 12 girls played another inspirational game this week. We played at Columbia for the first time since Round 1 and it was great to be back home. Once again the girls were up against a team in their 2nd and 3rd years but you wouldn't have known it watching the game.

Our girls matched their skills and displayed the heart and courage that they have each week. They all touched the ball and all contributed.

The coaches award was given to Kate, Prathiksha, and Amber.

We are looking forward to our lightning carnival and next season

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Gunn Electrics Under 12 Brown -BYE-

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Under 12 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 2.2.14 defeated by Oakleigh 2.9.21

Goal Kickers: Ethan Plaza 1, Michael Adams 1

Best Players: Ethan Plaza, Harrison Rogers, Christian Athans, Nicholas Montano, Cristian Vormwald, Bailey Robinson

Coaches Award: Brad Jago

The low score reflects on how contested the game was in windy conditions.

Our players should be proud of their achievements to date & look forward to our final game at home.

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PRO Prefabs Under 13 Brown

Waverley Park Hawks 1.2.8 defeated by Ormond 9.12.66

Goal Kickers: B.Addison

Best Players: B.Addison, G.Vasser, J.Duggan, T.Morgan, T.O'Neill, J.Gomatos, D.Skantzos

Coaches Award: J.Duggan Captain: J.Starvaggi

Milestones: B.Addison 100 Games

We celebrated Brodies 100th Game - what a milestone for this age group.

The boys fought it out and the first qtr we were only down by a goal, which was a great effort against one of the top sides.

We lost our way a little in the 2nd qtr and we talked in the rooms about getting more effort and toughness around the contest.

To the boys' credit they went out and fought it out.

Whilst we didn't win the game the boys were still upbeat in the rooms at the end.

I'll give them a big thumbs up for their endeavour and love for the game. You can see they all enjoy their footy and have bonded well as a group.

One week to go boys! The second half of the season has just flown by.

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Action Aluminium Under 13 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 0.4.4 defeated by Ajax 4.10.34

Best Players: Kyle Harris, Jake Soligo, Lachlan King, Dale Argus, Joshua Hall

Coaches Award: Dale Argus Captain: Josh Hall Team Mate Award: Jake Soligo

The Action Aluminium Under 13s played the 2015 division 2 premiers, a team that was a division 1 team but was relegated purely because it struggled to get a full team every week. Murrumbeena will win the flag by more than 5 goals (our losing margin) which sums not only our game up but the tenacity and effort that the boys displayed today. After our promotion to division 2 earlier in the year our draw perhaps was the hardest for any division 2 side having to play the 2 teams relegated from division 1 twice, both of whom will feature in the finals. We battled hard led by our captain Joshua Hall who gave as good as we got, and was supported by Kyle Harris who was tough, persistent and effective, Jake Soligo was tireless with his attack and clearance work and Lachie King was clean and tried to take the game on when he could. Dale Argus was as courageous as we have become reliant on and worked hard all day. The boys can learn from the increase in competitiveness of a division 1 side, but take away the knowledge that the opposition coach had done his homework on us as a team because he felt we were as good as the best teams in division 2.

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Advanced Office Interiors Under 14 Brown Waverley Park Hawks 2.3.15 defeated by East Malvern 21.8.134

Goal Kickers: Fraser Robertson, Chayce Black

Best Players: Jack Neil , Jean-Luc Dubois-Conte , Vincent Zagari , Kya Gubatanga , Mitch Kohne , Matt Tighello

Coaches Award: Fletcher Ford, Anthony Gallucio, Zane Rayden and Jack Neil

The definition of a tough day at the office was the end result for the Browns today. After a great run of 3 wins, the boys more than came back to reality against a formidable opposition.

On a blustery day, we set ourselves to be hard at the contest at every opportunity and while the boys did their best to stay with the talented opposition, it only takes small lapses in concentration to be punished. And we had periods of quarters where the Knights had it their own way and scored at will it seemed.

Nevertheless, Kya had his best game for the year marking everything and getting in the right spot for many possessions. Jean-Luc once again tackled everything in his way coping a decent second quarter bloody nose and Boyley was courageous showing his improved determination to win the ball for the team this season. Special mention to Jack who again lead the way in the ruck and all over the ground to continue a great year of U14 football.

We would like to thank our sponsor and good friend John Jenkins who not only supports the Club financially but also gave up his Saturday to cook the very tasty chickens we enjoyed at the after match this week. Jenko has always demonstrated the meaning of "Club" for our team in the past in many roles and continues to 'put in' for our boys in many ways. Thanks again Jenko.

Special note: This week our two captains Jack and Chayce play their 100th games of junior football. We are very keen to celebrate their milestone game with a win at Columbia at 10AM. We hope to see all our supporters there as always to cheer them on.

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JB Commercial Under 14 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 23.18.156 defeated Highett/Cheltenham 0.2.2

Goal Kickers: Razga 6, Jackson 5, Webb 4, Battisti 2, Durant, Pond, Wensley, Beck, McDowell & Caia

Best Players: Battisti, Kosta, Jackson, Razga, Kokkinias, Durant, Kreidl

Coaches Award: Brodie Caia Captain: Jackson & Kosta

A big turnaround from the week before, an outstanding team performance from the very first bounce. It must be put into perspective however that the opposition have really struggled this year and the Golds cannot get ahead of themselves.

Johnno again with complete domination in the ruck and Webby rove perfectly to him lead the way, out of the centre and down to our 2 big forwards in Eric and Daniel.

The 2 of them were just a fantastic combination and just controlled the forward line. Daniel's game was outstanding with his confidence growing he is getting better all the time.

Kosta had his best game ever and although not able to kick a goal his efforts were excellent and he should be very proud of his game.

With 10 different goal kickers it was just domination and everyone was a contributor to the win.

With only one game left in the season the boys must focus on the game against East Malvern, a team we have not beaten.

Awesome team performance boys and must bring same intensity next week.

Well Done Boys!

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Under 15 Girls

Waverley Park Hawks 3.0.18 defeated Mt Waverley 1.17

Goal Kickers: Phoebe Taylor McKain, Chloe Rundle, Charlize Rundle

Best Players: Maddison Suppa, Mackenzie Suppa, Charlize Rundle, Chloe Harrison

Coaches Award: Maddison Suppa, Mackenzie Suppa

Today's game was an important one for us, as we will most likely face off against Mt Waverley in the first round of Finals. The girls knew this going into the game and were ready to give it their all. We started a little slow but only improved from there. The chatter and talk amongst the girls was great to see. Maddie used her leg speed, picking the ball up with ease and breaking away from the packs. Mackenzie played a great game in the midfield taking marks and pushing the ball forward. Charlie always puts in 110% she's not afraid to get the hard ball, her 2nd and 3rd efforts today were fantastic. Chloe H's ability to read the play and position herself in the right spot is fantastic. All the girls worked hard today and it was a great team effort!

Great Win today girls!

A big thanks to Mackenzie Suppa who filled in and helped us with numbers today!

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Austart Airstarters Under 15 Brown Waverley Park 4.3.27 defeated by Caulfield 7.11.53

Goal Kickers: H. Dimopoulos, J. Cincotta, L. Goldsworthy, A. Palleschi

Best Players: W. Hayes, A. Cappello, T. Mannix, L. Goldsworthy, K. Parisi. B. Gravell

Coaches Award: Brodie Gravell

We travelled down to Caulfield to play the penultimate game of the season with a win needed to cement out spot in the top 4 and keep our second chance by finishing 2nd. We started very brightly taking the lead in the first half thanks to a goal each from Harris, Alexander and Joey. But in a game that proved to be of two halves we started to drop off significantly. At the end of the third quarter the boys were rocked by an injury to one of our best players for the day in Kristian Parisi who copped a boot to the face. As he was being stretchered off the ground I left the boys with an ultimatum. They could either go down without a fight or stand up and win the game for their mate who showed what it means to put your body on the line.

Unfortunately they took the former of the options and seemed to crumble under the pressure. Another fantastic game by Will Hayes and Angelo Cappello with both boys proving omnipresent throughout the game. However, It was a disappointing finish to what started as a solid performance for the first half. It leaves us now with one game remaining in order to keep our finals hopes alive. A loss to Mordialloc leaves us dependent on other results as to whether we finish in the top 4 or not. I'm hoping the boys will turn up Tuesday with a change in mindset and attitude that will take us past next week and into the finals. It's out of my hands now, I've done everything I can do to prepare them, and I hope that all the boys see this and decide how much they really want to be in the finals this year and prove to the coaching staff, parents and each other that they are better than their performances of late.

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Under 15 Gold

Waverley Park Hawks 9.10.64 defeated East Sandringham 7.8.50

Goal Kickers: Jake Gasper 3, Nick Pascuzzi 2, Jackson Dean 1, Mona Ter 1, Marcus Mariette 1, Lachie McDonnell 1 Best Players: Jake Gasper, Lachie McDonnell, Jaxon Gervasoni, Francis Connolly, Bobby McGivern, Andrew Beer

Coaches Award: Cooper Gervasoni Hard as award: Callum Maclean

Sitting equal top with East Sandringham and St. Kilda City meant that the winner of this high quality fixture would in all likelihood grab the all-important double chance heading into the finals. After easily defeating East Sandy earlier in the year, we knew that they would come out firing and keen to atone for that loss. With seven Division 1 interleague players in their line up, it was going to mean that we would need to bring our A game if we wanted to take the chocolates. In a difficult cross breeze that never really favoured either end, East Sandy started the better and had us looking a little wobbly. Their skill and fast running game plan was working to perfection and with every forward taller than any of our defenders (some by a considerable margin) they jumped out to an early lead of 15 points at quarter time despite having the same amount of scoring shots.

When East Sandy kicked the first two goals of the second quarter to take a 6 goal to 1 lead, things weren't looking great. How dare anyone doubt the fibre of this side. If there is a more resilient group of footballers, I would be surprised. The boys had come to an intersection where you step up or step down. Stepping down was never going to be an option for us. We moved big body stars Jake Gasper and Lachie McDonnell into the midfield and they changed the game with their ferocious attack on the ball and the contest and set the tone to change the flow of the game. Two goals to Nick Pascuzzi who returned to the team after a two month absence due to a hamstring tendon injury was due reward to such an important player in our line-up. An inspirational goal from big Mona Ter where he smothered a kick with a giant leap from on the mark to then gather the ball and snap truly had us only 10 points down at the main break.

We knew we had taken the Zebras best shot and that we could take over after half time if the same effort was applied. That it was. Jake Gasper who when on song is clearly the best player in the league then put on a highlight reel show for the ages. It was the best quarter of football I have seen played by any junior player in 30 years. Jake looked like an AFL player playing with boys. He almost kicked goal of the century early in the quarter when he gathered the ball in front of the pavilion at Columbia, taking off on a four bounce run where no one could match him for pace before unleashing a long 50 metre bomb on the run that hit the post at the Jells Road end of the ground. It was inspiring play.

The near miss didn't deter 'The Snake'. He then proceeded to dominate play and win every stoppage (and I mean every stoppage) for the next 10 minutes, kicking 40 metre goals on the run firstly on his opposite left foot and then for good measure on his right foot in the brightest of purple patches. Marcus Mariette used his bulk and aggression around the stoppages to assist our great midfield which had superb contributors in Jaxon Gervasoni, Bobby McGivern and Francis Connolly along with Jake and Lachie. Marcus kicked a great running goal late in the third term to give us a handy 9 point lead at the last change.

The last quarter saw us at our best. Our motto of "win it or kill it" was evident as we never let East Sandy win any contest. An inspirational goal from Lachie McDonnell early in the last quarter after beating a string of Zebra players with just more effort and aggression at the contest and then kicking a 40 metre goal on the run gave us some breathing space. Our defence was superb after conceding the early onslaught to keep the Zebras to just one goal after 5 minutes into the 2nd quarter. They continue to provide the platform to which we can attack from. Callum Maclean summed it up best in the dying minutes when after spoiling (another) marking contest he attacked the ball with the vigour that he brings every week to win the next contest and deliver an old fashioned shirtfront that was perfectly legitimate. It summed up our attack on the ball.

We now sit equal top with St. Kilda City and play them in the final round in what looks like a dress rehearsal for the following week. We will be keen to notch another win to complete the home and away season on top of the ladder of Division 1. I don't know how many times the club can lay claims to that over the years.

With less than a month to go now, the boys continue to strive to take this side and the club to "The Promised Land".

Under 16

Waverley Park Hawks 10.6.66 defeated Dingley 6.6.42

Goal Kickers: Bradie 3, Adrian 2, Jonathan 2, James T 1 JP 1, and Tom W 1

Bradley, Phil, Bradie, Chris F, James Tighello, Adrian, Jonathan & James Wanders

Coaches Award: James Tighello & Jackson D'Angelo

Today was going to be a big test for us, coming off only our 2nd defeat for the year and with a couple of key players missing, it was important that everyone stepped up to do a little bit extra. After a tight first quarter, where we wasted the advantage of a nice breeze, the boys regrouped and started to run the ball into the wind. Rather than blazing away haphazardly they began to hit up and honour leads from their team mates, after a very lucky goal on the half time siren to Dingley we went in with a 13 point lead. Unfortunately we started slowly again in the second half and conceded the first goal of the second half, however our backline stood up to a number of attacks and we started to run the ball out, and find our forward targets. We went into the last quarter 19 points up and extended on that lead into the wind to win by 24 points. A great TEAM effort by all the boys today

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Under 17

Waverley Park Hawks 11 6 72 defeated Highett 8 9 57

Goal Kickers: Joel Welsford (5), Josh Cochrane (3), Joe Galluccio, James Deegan, Conrad Dickson

Best Players: Team effort Coaches Award: Peter Neil

An undermanned Waverley Park Hawks took on a physical opponent in a must win game to be a chance at a top 2 finish. We were able to build a 2/3 goal lead early in the game and maintain that for the duration of the match. We now take on St Pauls in the final home and away game with the winner securing a top 2 spot. Well done boys on a gutsy win.

Coaches Awards: Peter Neil – we welcome back Pete to the team who has missed most of the year through injury. He slotted straight back into the side, was able to win his position and earn himself the Coaches award – well done Pete.

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Under 9 Brown



Under 9 Gold



Under 14 Gold



Harvey Emery receives his 50 games milestone trophy



Ashley Pensa receives his 50 games milestone trophy



Brodie Addison receives his 100 games milestone trophy

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