

# From the Field

## Round 2 Match Reports



### Under 5 Kangaroos White

Excellent start for the white K'roos! They had a lot of fun. Team spirit was very high, and everybody helped in defense and offense! Each one scored a goal and celebrated it in his own way! Training with Alex has really paid off. Watch out for the White K'roos!

### Under 6 Whales

Even with a 9:00 kick off, it was a hot morning. The team started with only 3 players, and our opponents St Pats were kind enough to lend us a player to help out. Our trio of Layla, Yara and Gabriel got off to a flying start, and were running all over the field chasing the ball, kicking and dribbling and even passing to each other just like we practiced at training. In the end the heat and lack of subs to give players a break took its toll and St Pats had the better of the remainder of the game. However, I'm super proud of the efforts of the team, and I can see they will get better each week. Player of the week trophy winner was Layla with a great effort in her first ever game. Gabriel and Yara were well deserved McDonalds award winners as well.

### Under 6 Lions

With only three players on our team, Minchinbury offered to lend us one of their player to even things up. Elizabeth and Addison did an awesome job of kicking and chasing after the ball for the whole game. When Zander eventually joined in, he too played enthusiastically. Great effort by both teams playing their first game of the season, which proved exhausting on such a warm morning.

### Under 7 Kangaroos

Great to have the boys back together this year! An outstanding game played under coach Michael with all the boys giving it their all. Particular mention to Dean for being on the ball, getting in there and calling for passes. The St Pat's team gave us a good work out with some excellent goals on their end. The match highlight was Aryan smashing his goal from halfway. Looking forward to next week!

## Under 7 Magpies (Red)

First game for U7magpies Red even though it was very hot in the morning the boys did fantastic. Great team player's.

## Under 7 Magpies (White)

first game for the team with only 3 players, guys showed loads of heart and ran the whole game. Difficult to slow down a team with bigger players and 2 reserves

## Under 8 Echidnas

The other team were in a bit of a shambles. Their coach was absent, and they did not do the electronic team sheet. They showed me a hard copy of their players regos. The boys played like superstars

## Under 9 Lions

Under 9's Lions first game for the season kicked off with all players putting their best efforts in. Teamwork was on point with great passing by many players, and defence was strong with spectacular tackles. Great work team!!

## Under 10 Whales

Wow....absolutely on fire, great trainings, worked together and back each other up, Teamwork stood out big time! Great way to start the season, everybody on their feet with terrific support, thank you Parents! Proud of your great work!

## Under 11 Kangaroos

The kids did well considering it was their first game of the season (no trials and 1st round washed out). The extreme heat at that time of the day (12.30 kick-off) didn't help things. There are many promising signs from this team and I'm sure the positive results will come. Congrats to Dymon on getting the players trophy.

## Under 11 Dolphins

Brilliant start to the season with all players contributing. Most pleasing was the team's improvement in the passing and positioning departments. Some crisp passing from the backs and mid fielders provided plenty of scoring opportunities with Tyrell, Chris and Henry all cashing in. With Chris's unselfish assists, coupled with Tyrell's patience, footwork and positioning, all the little extra efforts from the backs and midfielders helped the team to a memorable start to the season. Highlights - Two long range goals, one each from both Chris and Henry. The tireless efforts from Joshua, Travis and Reshwan in the midfield. Our almost impenetrable defense from Ethan, Karanveer, Maddison and J, which left both keepers with very little to do in both halves. Special Moment - Although the game was played in the middle of a hot day, it was great to see everyone on the field having fun, especially the massive smiles.

## Over 35/6

Starting off the season with just 11 players and no bench was always going to be a challenge in Over 35s. We started strongly and took it to Parklea, and by midway through the first half had opened up a 2-0 lead. The defence repelled a number of strong Parklea attacks, although Parklea was able to narrow the gap just before half time. In the second half, the lack of substitutes began to hurt, and the opposition were able to push harder as they regularly rotated fresh legs on to the field. A couple of quality goals saw Parklea take the lead and hold on until the final whistle. The boys put in a solid performance, and it could well have been a different story with a player or two on the bench to help give people a rest (if anyone reading is interested in playing O35, contact the club!)