



Saturday 20th July 2013

Weekend Games – Some great games over the weekend. Our top squad ladies having a dominating weekend with a 5 – 0 win over Subs/Lions. They keep rolling on and continue with a great work rate during the game and while at training which has really given Head Coach Blake Burrows a team to work with. We cannot take this show of excellence each week for granted. These ladies train hard and play hard and deserve every win they get and the other teams while trying every trick in the book have not been able to stop them. We however cannot forget the opposition are ever present.

Another exciting game was our Men's top squad. Known for their skill and finesse it was actually their on the ball toughness which got them over the line in the dying minutes of the game. A well earned 2 – 1 game against OGMHC (who were victors last game) brought a smile to Coaches Peter Freer and Charlie Gaudoin (this is a feat in itself). We were all proud of them for the way they held themselves in control for the win at the end. For want of a better team description I must congratulate the **2's, 3's** teams both men and women. This is where the upward pressure comes from. The heart and soul of the club holds it up with a culture that must seek excellence. To these players I say don't stop trying to get into the ones, persistence and dedication will get you there. Coaches Craig Tate, Jordy Hunt, Greg Hunt and Jason DeWind thank you for your cooperation, team spirit and excellent coaching. We appreciate everything you coaches do. Well done to all players in this great club group.

Minkey Games – What a wonderful sight Friday night. 100's of minkey kids running around on the turf, off of the turf and on the grass. They were everywhere. Parents and carers chasing them around and trying to calm the dummy spit because the dropped snake or hot dog may have landed on the

ground. A great night was had by all with parents able to sample a calming tittle of red or white from the bar or a life saving coffee along with a hamburger, chips or other famous food from the MCHC BBQ. This reminded me what Melville was all about and took me back some years as I watched the new generation not stop for a second or miss a beat as they had their fun with coaches chasing them around and giving that all important advice which comes at the beginning of every hockey players career. I sure all slept well at the end of the night.

Special Thanks – Minkey Night - To the BBQ staff headed up by Maureen Welten, Lynda Forbes with assistants while serving those delicious meals which kept everybody going and the ever, abuse giving raffle selling bar staff, Nicola Ogden and Steve McEntee. I think we all came back for another joke inspiring drink while accepting our abuse at the bar. Thank you all so much from the club. The enormous effort you guys put in is sometimes not well known but without you it would not be such fun time and at the club.

Back to the Club Night – Thanks once again to Catherine Timmel, Tracy Hunt and Leonie Meacock. Another great night and record numbers I noticed with some distinguished guests In Matt Taylor – Bateman Council, Life Members Kingsley McGuire, Keith Timmel, Collin and Chris Willis and many more. It was great to see so many of you there with our member sponsors and what a game to see.

Volunteer Duties - A special thanks to two gentleman this week who seem to come through every year. If you look at our kitchen cupboards, counters and club tables you will notice that they have all been really spruced up and all match with a complete makeover. Thank you to long time member and stalwart Wayne Hudson for using his excellent carpentry skills to such good use and completing this makeover for the club. Definitely a kitchen in style.

You will notice the clubroom main floor has also been stripped back and recoated to a shiny perfect surface which would be the envy of any club grand entry way. To all people who assisted thank you for emptying the place out for Trevor Brockman who sanded back and recoated the surface.

Trevor also a long time member has completed this job several times over the years and we thank him immensely.

We are so lucky to have such volunteer members as Wayne and Trevor.

Snippet - Just a wee snippet of things to come. Email Out to Members in the form of a bulletin which will complement the website. Please watch this space for more news on this development.

I wish you all a very good bye week and look forward to seeing you at Melville Hockey soon.

Gary Bowater - Melville City Hockey Club – President.



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PREMIER LEAGUE

Mens Premier Alliance vs OGMHC (Won 8 - 0) 2013-07-06

Goals: A. Ricciardone (4), P. Rundle (3), J. De Wind

Not much to say coming up against bottom placed Guildford. We knew if we played our game style would blow them off the park. Guildford had no answers for Luigi and Patty up front and at times we made them look like cones. A great percentage booster and a big positive in not conceding.

Mens Premier Alliance vs Hale 2013-07-01

Goals: O. Mills-Edward, N. Tate, M. Bowater, P. Rundle

With Hale undefeated the boys knew that it would be hard to win but we knew if we played our style we would come home with the 3 points. In the first half we showed patches of spark, scoring the opening goal but some sloppy defence let Hale back into the game, scoring two of the softest goals this year. We went into the half 2 all. The first 10 of the second wasn't the prettiest and Hale punished us for it, scoring two more goals. With 10 to go Nick Tate finally but a flick away and we thought we were a chance to steal the win. The equaliser came in the 32 minute after Matty Bowater spanked one past the keeper. In last 3 minutes we had some chances to snatch the win but were unable to put the ball in the back of the net.

Ladies Promotion 1 vs OGMHC (Won 5 - 0) 2013-06-30

Best: C. Pickford, H. Grant, M. Eum

Goals: C. Pickford (2), C. Surman (2), S. Tweddle

Firstly can I apologise for ripping a goal each off Courtney and Lizzie last week. Don't get to write down 10 goals very often so I'll blame it on the fact that I was very busy. Sami your goal tally has come down a couple. Back to this week though as we began the second round. Four of our regulars took off over east but a fantastic team effort from everyone who stepped over the white line ensured we were 3 up at the half time break. The umpires were looking after our welfare at one end as India wore one in the face at the other end. A lovely "mouse" was the result. M and M helped out Nikki to keep the opposition under pressure and away from goal giving our forwards the opportunity to put another couple on the board to finish with a 5 nil win. We must keep up the tempo at all times. Great dancing Stacey.

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Ladies Promotion 1 vs Sub. Lions (Won 5 - 0) 2013-07-06

Best: C. Pickford, S. Gale, M. Eum/E. Stratton

Goals: E. Stratton (2), H. Grant, S. Tak, S. Bowyer

A warm sunny Saturday afternoon was a perfect day for a game of hockey out at the "smurf" turf. Sehee opened the attack with a blistering goal within the first 5 minutes which set the tone for the rest of the game. The directions given to the girls pre-match were put into place and executed well which then resulted in a further two goals by the half. The second half was again another disciplined performance. Nikki was able to use the pads to good measure against the opposition, Sami was able to hit the post 3 times (but who's counting) and with Sarah, Helen and Liz all finding the scoreboard we came home with a 5-0 win. Welcome school holidays, no making lunches, sleep ins, yeah.

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Ladies Premier 2 vs CT Pirates

No report

PROVISIONAL LEAGUE

Ladies Provisional 1 vs Old Aquinians (Lost 0 - 1) 2013-07-06

Best: S. Heal, B. Coleman, T. Latham

This was always going to be a difficult game playing the top team on their turf, with 5 of our team off on holidays. After an early goal we managed to hold them for the rest of the game. We had lots of passages of play and a few opportunities to score. Unfortunately we didn't find the back of the net. A huge Thank you to all the girls who filled in this week. Well Done.

Ladies Provisional 2 (Gold) vs Aquinas (Lost 1 - 2) 2013-07-06

Best: J. Hadley, R. Harries, E. Joynes

Goals: J. Holmes

Despite some tired legs from the girls who played the 3s game we regularly outpaced the opposition. We put Aquinas under some serious pressure. Some definite improvement in our forwards compared to previous weeks. Not to mention what could only be described as the most mysterious of goals by Jess against her old club.

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Mens Provisional 3 (Gold) vs Southern River (Won 4 - 1) 2013-06-23

Best: R. Spedding, C. Evans, G. Linstead

Goals: C. Evans (2), T. Neesham, G. Linstead

Happy Birthday Ted

Mens Provisional 4 vs Fremantle (Lost 1 - 3) 2013-06-16

Best: B. McGregor, M. Willis, D. Kidd

Goals: M. Willis

A game that was eclipsed in the last 5 minutes of the game with a minor scuffle with Fremantle on their baseline. What started with a minor push and shove affair escalated when Fremantle's goalie dumped his gear and went in swinging at the back of Willis's head! A total of 2 reds and 1 yellow were issued.

Ladies Provisional 4 vs Blades

No report

METRO LEAGUE

Mens Metropolitan 1 vs WASPS (Lost 1 - 2) 2013-06-29

Best: T. Barrett, R. Williams, C. Robinson

Goals: R. Weddikkara

Disappointing result for an important fixture. Does Metro 1's still get the Priority pick for less than 6 wins.....?

Mens Metropolitan 1 vs Vic Park (Lost 1 - 4) 2013-07-06

Best: R. Williams, A. Halliday, R. Weddikkara

Goals: R. Weddikkara

Breaking new ground.....unfortunately that new ground was a record losing streak. The turnaround will happen this week.....probably.

Ladies Metropolitan 1 vs Fremantle (Lost 1 - 5) 2013-06-29

Best: J. Olde, M. Margetts, R. Cawley

Goals: C. Caydamar

No report

Mens Metropolitan 2 (Gold) vs CT Pirates

No report

VETERANS

Ladies O35 Division 2 vs Uni (Drew 1 - 1)

Best: L. Coss, D. Goundrey, A. Hall

Goals: D. Goundrey

A great draw against a hard Uni team. We had our chances and so did they hence Lindy getting best on ground! While we were one down at half time we stepped up our game in the second half and became a little less lady like which resulted in a well earned equaliser. Great save off the helmet Lindy!

Mens O40 Midweek vs NC Raiders (Lost 3 - 4) 2013-07-01

Best: M. Starling, A. Scanlon, T. Barrett

Goals: M. O'Sullivan, M. Starling, D. Wilson

A very tough match against the competition leaders ... so considering the number of blokes we had out/away, not a bad result at all.

Mens O40 Midweek vs Newman Knights (Won 4 - 0) 2013-07-08

Best: M. Starling, A. Scanlon, D. Wilson

Goals: B. Rushton, A. Starling, M. Starling, D. Wilson

Decimated by injuries and blokes away, this was an outstanding result against a side renowned for its running game. A long way to go, but it keeps us in the running for a September gig.

Mens O40 Division 1 vs YMCC (Drew 0 - 0) 2013-06-29

Best: S. Willett, A. Scanlon/M. Watton, D. Loffell

A very tough match, against the top-of-the-ladder YM. Everybody gave it their all, and it shows in the result. Even Crowley, (relatively speaking) wasn't too shabby - somehow raising to the level of Incompetence Nirvana, whereby he actually transcended incompetence and (I'm sure very temporarily) became somewhat competent! Not only did he save one or two goals, but he actually saved a stroke! Of course he was going the wrong way, but Incompetence Nirvana interceded on his behalf, sending a tremor down his blubber as he moved to his right, ultimately the building tsunami of fat propelled his left arm into the air and into the path of the ball. Nobody is expecting this transcendental incompetence to last, but at least it happened in a match that counted. :p

Mens O40 Division 1 vs Modernians (Won 2 - 0) 2013-07-06

Best: A. Scanlon, M. Starling, J. Cooke/D. Wilson

Goals: B. Rushton, D. Wilson

An outstanding result against a quality opposition.

Mens O40 Division 2 vs YMCC (Won 3 - 1) 2013-06-29

Best: M. Girdlestone, C. Simpson-Bint, L. Bint/A. Spear

An excellent result against a useful opposition.

Mens O40 Division 2 vs John XXIII (Lost 2 - 3) 2013-07-06

Best: A. Criddle, D. Doak, L. Bint/M. Girdlestone/C. Simpson-Bint

Goals: B. Potter, C. Simpson-Bint

A disappointing result, but having said that, the team had lost a lot of players to injury and the school holidays, so a pretty good result under the circumstances.

Mens O40 Division 4 vs OGMHC (Won 2 - 1) 2013-06-29

Best: B. Gibbins/D. Stonehouse, S. Walker, M. Lawrence

Goals: M. Berkovic

A hard fought game and some outstanding play from the backs driving the ball forward. they could have had some more goals and so could we have scored a couple of more times. Was that the Goalie save of the season that Brett slapped down with his stick - great stuff.

Mens O40 Division 4 vs West Wolves (Won 3 - 0) 2013-07-06

Best: C. Bontempo/I. Munns, B. Kennington, G. Gelfi

Goals: M. Berkovic, B. Kennington

Great all round team play. we dominated the midfield play and cut off thier supply of the ball to thier forwards. Even though it was a goal less second half we were well in control of the game with some great runs from individual players as well as outstanding forward pressure from our full backs and half backs.

Mens O50 Division 1 vs North Coast Raiders (Lost 2 - 5) 2013-06-29

Best: K. Harper, A. Reynolds, G. Ross

Goals: K. Harper (2)

It was always going to be a tough match at Raiders and letting in early goals didn't help. But after that initial setback we started to play some better hockey and had them scared for a while when we got 2 goals back. We appeared to outlast Raiders but couldn't finish off in front of goals and fell short by a few. It's some comfort to a few of us to know that even our ultra marathoner still struggles with the 5.4 kms of hockey running. Interval running training at Buzza on Thursday night?? - NOT!

Mens O50 Division 1 vs Fremantle (Won 4 - 3) 2013-07-06

Best: K. Harper, G. Ross, P. Dawkins

Goals: P. Matthews (2), G. Hunt, G. Coleman

Fremantle played good hockey and we played just slightly better in order to win the game....thank God. Quite a few opportunities went begging but enough were converted. We might be dangerous if we converted more! Anyway - enjoy the week off, freshen up the body and see you on the park the next time.



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Mens O50 Division 2 vs Rockingham (Won 2 - 0) 2013-06-29

Best: B. Morrison, R. Knyn, T. Brooks

Goals: A. Marshall, M. Pitcher

Back on the winners board, after some average performances in recent weeks. We are possibly the best team not in the four in our comp. This may be the start of the winning streak we need to make the "F" word. Check out the Toyota leap on the Melville face book page.

Mens O50 Division 2 vs Moderians (Lost 2 - 8) 2013-07-06

Best: R. Knyn, T. Brockman, B. Morrison

Goals: A. Marshall, R. Nottage

The game was a bit closer than the score suggests. We were outplayed by a far better team.

Mens O50 Division 3 vs Willetton Reds (Won 4 - 0) 2013-06-30

Best: R. Bell, T. Patton, F. Williams

Goals: S. McEntee, T. Ganzer, M. Hudson

A slow start to this game with the first goal being hit from around the half line and in off the goalies pads - our first own goal. In the second half our play improved, we were moving the ball around more and were constantly in attack and putting good pressure on the defence. An all-round good team effort and great to have some players running off the bench, this will allow the players with injuries to take some bench time and recover.

Mens O50 Division 3 vs Vic Park (Won 7 - 0) 2013-07-07

Best: F. Williams, T. Patton, G. Bowater

Goals: M. Hudson (2), S. McEntee, D. MacPhail, A. Wood, L. Welten, G. Bowater

A fitting finale to Frank Williams' season as he and Ann head off to work in the Middle East. We wish them a safe journey and hope that they enjoy their stay - look forward to their return in 1-2 years. The game was played to a very high standard and it was very good to see that all players contributed to the best of their abilities. There are some very good signs emerging as some of the better players are coaching the lesser skilled players and assisting them with their approach to the game and isn't that what playing as a team means. Well done team.

Mens O60 Division vs Old Aquinians (Drew 2 - 2) 2013-07-01

Best: T. Parker, G. Riley, J. Smith

Goals: T. Parker, P. Hall

This was a lot harder game than our first match against Aquinas and went down to the last minute. A draw was probably a fair result. Terry scored our first stroke for the year and after a great cross by Tommy on left wing gave Pat Hall his first goal with the 60's. It was a good team effort with the whole team contributing in a fairly physical game.

Mens O60 Division vs Westside Wolves (Drew 0 - 0) 2013-07-08

Best: P. Hall, J. Smith, T. Rushton

Our side was missing a number of players and with our best player on one leg we did what we have not been able to do before, take a point off Wolves.

Wolves have a number of ex Australian players and attacked for a large part of the game. We were lucky to have Murray Parker play as Geoff was away and together with Kingsley made some great saves. Tommie played left half and played a great game against the odds. Well done to everyone, it will be one of the highlights of the season.

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Boys 11/12A vs Wolves (Won 8 - 0) 2013-06-28

Best: Julian Bocking, Jayden Lawrence, Josh Wakefield

Goals: F. Hay (2), J. Wakefield (2), J. Antoncich, A. Ranford, P. Rundle, J. Lawrence

Half way through the season has seen ups and downs, more ups but has highlighted what we need to work on. Round 1 saw us venture out to Wolves and have a solid 7-0 win over a strong Wolves team and Friday night saw us enjoy another 8-0 win over them this time at home. We played good controlled hockey and made the most of our chances early but still have a 20 minute patch which we need to make sure doesn't happen coming into the tough part of the season. Great win boys, enjoy the holiday, 3 beep tests and shuttle runs will have to be completed during this break.... well done boys!!

Girls 11/12A vs Westside Wolves (Won 2 - 1) 2013-06-28

Best: P Hudson, I Nelson, A Watson

Goals: R. Harrup, A. Watson

It was ground hog day this week, another team that we should have been on top of had us one goal down at half time. As with last week, the girls rallied to come away with a two to one win but if it wasn't for Paige's excellent goal keeping the result would have been completely different. The Wolves had improved markedly since their round one 6 – 1 loss and we need to do the same if we are to retain a top four spot. We now have a few weeks to think about things and hopefully Amiee and Ash will be able to join us for a few games once they return from State duties.

Girls 11/12A Res vs WASP/Southern River (Lost 1 - 2) 2013-06-28

Goals: B. Fitzgerald

No report

Boys 11/12B vs Kalamunda (Won 2 - 0) 2013-06-30

Best: J. Templeman, G. Bloem, C. Cumper

Goals: T. Mansfield, A. Toogood

This was our first game this season at Melville on grass. The 2-0 result was great reward for our many attacking moves and we defended well to deny Kalamunda their forward play. We now look forward to a break before resuming late July.

Boys 9/10A vs Hale (Drew 2 - 2) 2013-06-23

Best: J. Thorn, A. Rayfield, J. Rayfield/C. Thompson

Goals: C. Joynes, A. Howells

This was an interesting game where momentum ebbed and flowed for us. Our biggest improvement was in our second half midfield play where Alex, Conor, Jonno Thorn and Jordan kept up a supply of ball to our forwards. All game we attacked well down both flanks, but we were in control of the game when we went down our right side. Treat the end of the game as a lesson, all be it a painful one. Jono, in goals, made some crucial saves with his reverse pike with full twist diving stick slap to safety being the best. Good signs for the team as we enter the second round.

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Boys 9/10A vs Westside Wolves (Lost 2 - 4) 2013-06-30

Best: C. Thompson, A. Rayfield, N. Page

Goals: A. Rayfield, E. Swan

Another step in the right direction. Wolves in round 1 could have beaten us by a lazy dozen goals if not for the heroics in goals by Jono. Today we dominated the second half and had our chances to cause an upset. It was terrific to see the penalty corner battery break its duck: Callum – the ball is coming out much faster, Jack – top trap and Alex (at last) the drag flick that I'm sure will be mentioned again and again and again. We saw, today, how important it is to get our midfielders into the play and have our high strikers running off the ball. It was also pleasing to see a training drill pay off in a game – very nice deflect goal, Eddie, and top assist to Conor.

Girls 9/10A vs Rockingham (Drew 0 - 0) 2013-07-07

Best: Team effort

What a great game today. These girls performed today in stepping up to the next level. With lots of attacking in the forward line. We could not convert even one goal. Mikayla Stephens did a great job on our left side shutting down the opposition and feeding the ball wide. Thank you to Zoey Hopkins for shutting down our mid with good ball skills. Hannah making good progress in possession of the ball. It was a team effort well done girls, let's go out with our next game and take over the pitch.

Boys 9/10A Res vs West side Wolves (Lost 0 - 1) 2013-06-30

Best: Team effort

14 best player nominations as all contributed equally in this overall team effort. A special mention I will give to Mac who was very impressive. Matt and Haydn positioned themselves well, tackled ably and distributed and with width. Eugene, Cameron, Jamie and Bailey controlled the midfield with tight presses and adhesive attention to deep Wolves forwards. Ben played his most mature and balanced attacking game and was well supported by other strikers Will, Jackson, Hamish and Tony. Henry also had his best game to date and Connor served his designated task with usual determination. Boys, we're all proud of your efforts and you were so unlucky not to score.



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Boys 9/10A Res vs Lions (Lost 0 - 1) 2013-07-09

Best: J. Howells, E. Tang, M. Dixon/C. Deaville

Another disappointment given the amount of attack that we had. Once again the team showed that it has become an efficient, well organised unit. The place where we let ourselves down is our finishing. The defence spread wide and attacking wings always caused turmoil for the Lions defence. Goals win hockey matches though, and until we get more desperate in front of goals, we won't see due reward for effort. Guess what we'll be doing at training! Many thanks for Mac, another sound game, and Henry and Tim who proved that they were capable at this level.

Girls 9/10A Res vs Westside Wolves (Lost 0 - 2) 2013-06-30

Best: Team Effort

Melville were without 3 players but that did not deter them from making a good start to the game. Unfortunately they found themselves a goal down early. This spurred Melville as they launched attack after attack. The wingers put constant pressure on the opposition but the equaliser eluded them. The second half saw the Wolves dominate early with Melville struggling to get the ball outside their 25 yard line. Credit to the defence and some great goalkeeping kept Melville in the game. There were tense moments as Melville came close to an equaliser on several occasions. A penalty corner goal after the final whistle made it a 0-2 loss. Considering the huge loss last time against the same team, this performance shows how much the girls have improved their skills and their teamwork. Well played – the second half of the season will be great!

Girls 9/10A Res vs Lions (Lost 0 - 8) 2013-07-07

Best: Team Effort

Without five of their regular players at the start of school holidays, Melville looked like a team out of sorts right through the first half. They looked slow and flat-footed and could not match their speedy opponents finding themselves 0-4 down at the break.

But the girls stormed back in the second half and had several chances to get on the board. But the tide slowly turned and the Lions dominated the last quarter adding more goals to finish with a 8-0 scoreline. The double-ups Jess, Ashley and Abby helped Melville field a team and made good contributions.

The emotion shown by some girls after the game showed that this defeat hurt after great performances in the last few games. I am sure this is only a hiccup and the girls will be back at their best after the holiday break!

Girls 9/10B (Gold) vs Westside Wolves (Grey) (Lost 0 - 4) 2013-07-01

Best: A. Graham, S. Urbano, B. Irvine

The girls played a very good game which the score line did not accurately reflect. We had many opportunities but unfortunately couldn't put them away. The girls played in a number of different positions this week and adjusted very well. Big thank you to the amazing Alice who stepped up to play goalie this game and did a fantastic job! Well done girls!

Girls 9/10B (Gold) vs Lions (Lost 0 - 10) 2013-07-08

Best: S. Urbano, G. Walker, R. Wickham

Big thank you to Morgan for filling in for us this weekend.

Boys 9/10C vs Joondalup (Won 1 - 0) 2013-06-30

Best: J. Walkemeyer, J. Hardbottle, E. Rayfield

Goals: R. Breuer

Bit of a heart stopper of a game on a beautiful winters day which saw Melville win 1-0 against the Joondalup Lakers. Thanks to all our double up players who played very well. Once again a real team effort with lots of attempts at goal for our 1. Joondalup's defense was exceptional and ours was too to stop them from scoring spearheaded by our goalie Joel.

Boys 9/10C vs Kwinana (Lost 1 - 4) 2013-07-07

Best: J. Walkemeyer, L. Hill, R. Breuer

Goals: R. Breuer

The boys played well however were beaten by a better team on their home ground. Kwinana were faster and more organised and there was a lot to be learnt from the loss that will make our boys a better team. Joel our goalie has really stepped up in the last few weeks and has not been afraid to run out to meet an approaching player.

Boys 7/8A vs Wolves (Lost 4 - 5) 2013-06-29

Best: R. Bright, M. Tate, D. Forbes

Goals: D. Whibley (2), R. Bright, D. Forbes

Couldn't be more proud of the way the boys played today. A performance full of desire which saw us go very close to drawing, and even beating the top team which beat us 10-1 at the start of the season. Just goes to show how good we are when we want to be, but that desire needs to be shown week in week out. Great effort today from everyone.

Boys 7/8A vs Lions (Drew 3 - 3) 2013-07-06

Best: D. Whibley, R. Bright, J. Manassis

Goals: R. Bright, J. Manassis, D. Whibley

This was truly a game of two halves. The first half was a perfect demonstration of our unique ability to play so well one week and so poor the next. Poor skills, poor decisions and poor commitment meant we trailed 2-0 at the break. To our credit, however, the boys came out all guns blazing in the second half after a few truthful words at half time. Once again, our ability to go from playing poorly to playing sensationally in the space of a 5 minute team talk is truly amazing. Our pressure, desire and overall quality increased dramatically and we were back to 2-2 within 5 minutes. We probably should have snagged a win, but regardless of the result I couldn't be more proud of the boys for their display in the second half, especially with no subs and guys having to play in unfamiliar positions. Well done boys, I still await the day we play like that for the whole game, because whoever we play will cop an almighty beating.

Girls 7/8A vs Wolves (Lost 0 - 1) 2013-06-29

Jess had a fantastic game and kept the ball out of the back of the net again and again but in the end the wolves girls broke through to score the only goal of the game. The girls played some great hockey and there was some fantastic passing and talking but we unfortunately they couldn't get the ball in the wolves net. Thanks to Eildh for joining the team and having a great game.

Boys 7/8A Res vs Westside Wolves (Lost 0 - 7) 2013-06-29

Best: B. Delaney, L. Downey, S. Curran

Apart from a select few no we were completely lacking in intensity at the tackle. A lack of passing and minimal no manning up inside the 23. Frustrating when we all know we can play much much better.

Boys 7/8A Res vs Lions (Drew 0 - 0) 2013-07-06

Best: George, Damien, Liam, Lochlann, Sean, Jordan,

A really solid effort today. A huge improvement in Team play with the use of the quick pass. These passes really created many of our chances and for the sake of a few cm's it may have been a different result.

Great work by Liam in goals and our fullbacks putting in another huge effort. Brilliant save on the goal line by Lochie, which save a certain goal.

Our inners and Halves still need to focus on their defensive work (manning up) whenever the Opposition has the ball.

WELL DONE BOYS!

Girls 7/8A Res vs Lions (Lost 0 - 1) 2013-06-29

Best: L. Mellor, M. Bedford, L. Martens

The girls were unlucky to go down in this game as they fought hard and they had plenty of chances but were unsuccessful inside their own D.

Girls 7/8A Res vs UWA (Lost 0 - 6) 2013-07-06

Best: C. Thompson, M. Bedford, L. Martens

No report

Boys 7/8B (Gold) vs Canning (Lost 1 - 3) 2013-06-29

Goals: J. Hardbottle

What a game! It was always going to be a tough one going against a top 4 team, especially with the opposing goalie built like a firetruck and just as tall (!) - however the boys held their own. A special mention must go to Mitchell, Oliver and Thomas who played a consistent game throughout.

With no subs it was an exciting match, Jarvys nearly getting KO'd by the goalie was a heartstopping moment but the boys rallied. Some beautiful work through the centre by Oli, Jarvys, Josh and Mitch worrying them with some quick breakaways. The magic teaming of Anthony and Mark in fullback worked to our advantage with them going in for some great tackles and shooting the ball back to our hard working wings, Ben and Thomas who also played a great game. Kelvin and Kaleb were working hard in the centre and

really helping to feed the ball to our forwards. Some perfect teamwork resulted in our fantastic goal delivered by Josh! Joshua R (JT) was a star in his first outing as Goalie! The score did not reflect the game played..simply put they got a bit lucky. Fantastic team effort boys.

Boys 7/8B (Gold) vs Kalamunda (Lost 0 - 8) 2013-07-06

Best: E. Blechynden, M. Ogden, J. Richards

A very tough match this week with our team only playing with ten. But you boys did yourselves proud. You had a quite a good start to the match and worried them with some good attacks on goal, but they managed to get some shots in and then the wheels fell off our game for a bit. The second half was tough and some things to remember boys is to mark those players, to try and take some quicker frees to put them off balance and hopefully out of position and to start creating more opportunities. All in all though you played a very strong team with one less player the entire game and you didnt give up. Look forward to the next game after the holidays!

Girls 7/8B (Gold) (Maroon) vs WASPS 2013-06-30

Best: J. Christie, J. McDonald, N. Yuen

The girls came out firing in the beginning of the first and second half of the game, with some exciting opportunities to score. Unfortunately however, they weren't able to nail in any goals and the opposition and warm winter sun, slowly took their toll. The WASPS were relentless during the game and came away with a 4/0 win.

Girls 7/8B (Gold) (Maroon) vs UWA (Drew 0 - 0) 2013-07-07

Best: T. Tindale, C. Hobbs, C. Marrington

The girls came out firing on all cylinders today and managed to sustain the intensity throughout the whole game. Well done! Despite being minus a goalie as well, we came away with a nil all draw, but technically a win for us! Most of the game was spent in attack, but when it crept into our zone, our defense was excellent. A big thank you also to the wonderful 5/6 girls who played for the Team and did a smashing job!

Girls 7/8B (Gold) (White) vs Lions (Won 2 - 1) 2013-07-06

Best: S. Chisholm, P. Knudsen, B. Illman

Great game by the girls! They all put up a real fight against the Lions.

Boys 7/8C vs Hale (Won 4 - 3) 2013-06-29

Best: B. Munnings, J. Lawrence, T. Scott-Jones

Goals: B. Munnings (3), M. Vaughan

Wow - what an exciting game! This was a close fought game all the way to the end. We were 1-3 down just after half time and despite having a few injuries everyone kept at it. The hard work paid off resulting in a great win.

Boys 7/8C vs OGMHC (Lost 1 - 2) 2013-07-06

Best: J. Walkemeyer, R. Stewart, W. Robinson

Goals: B. Munnings

Another great chance to play on the turf this week. Each week the boys are improving and building on great team work. Everyone except Joel was asleep until the last 10 minutes then everyone woke up and showed great determination to want the ball – we nearly scored on 3 or 4 occasions.

Boys 5/6A vs WASPS (Won 3 - 0) 2013-06-26

Goals: D. Moulin, H. Watkins, F. Stephens

Another great effort by the boys. The improvement since round 1 has been dramatic, and we are developing into a very good team. Our attack is looking dangerous with a big score is not far away, and our defence is solid, but we still need to work on our marking.

Girls 5/6A vs Wolves (Won 3 - 1) 2013-06-29

Best: N. Flynn, K. Cowan/G. Farrow/G. Munnings, C. Forbes

Goals: N. Flynn (2), G. Farrow

Wow! What a fantastic game to watch. Wolves kept up the pressure early on and although we scored the first goal (perfect positioning Georgia F), they soon matched us 1 for 1. We just fought harder and kept the play out wide which enabled Neasa to score a fantastic goal before half-time. We dominated the play for most of the second half, although Wolves had a couple of chances, our defence was just too strong and we further strengthened our lead with another goal, bringing our final score to 3-1 which was a very convincing win against a strong team. Well done everyone for another great team effort!

Girls 5/6A Reserve vs Westside Wolves (Won 1 - 0) 2013-06-30

Best: Team effort, Team effort, Team effort

Goals: G. John

Success! The girls played to their full potential and came away with a 1.0 win against Wolves. An even performance by all, and with the goal coming near the end of the match. Well done.

Girls 5/6B (Gold) vs UWA (Lost 0 - 2) 2013-06-29

Best: E. Miller/J. Riordan, S. Moncrieff

Another early morning start! The team play continues to improve. There was some solid defence by the backs and we were a bit unlucky with the 2 goals scored against us. The forwards had a few good runs, but we still need to improve our attacking play so we can put more pressure on the opposition and score some goals!

Boys 5/6 Regional (Gold) vs WASP (Won 3 - 1) 2013-06-29

Goals: J. Williams (2), R. Marshall

What an amazing first half! Great running and passing, resulting in 3 goals. So now at training we just need to work on the second half. Get ready for a lot of fitness work.

Boys 5/6 Regional (Sand) vs Canning (Red) (Won 4 - 0) 2013-06-15

Best: M. Burton, C. Rynvis, J. Smith

Goals: B. Abrahams, M. Burton, M. Harler, R. Barraclough

Due to high school testing, the team was a few players short, but with the assistance of two eager grads, we were able to field our youngest team ever. Special mention goes to Mathew whose first goal was disallowed, but he soldiered on to score a second legitimate goal.

Boys 5/6 Regional (Sand) vs Kalamunda (Won 3 - 0) 2013-06-22

Best: S. Beck, Z. Swinton, J. Birmingham

Goals: Z. Swinton, L. Drake-Brockman, S. Beck

The boys had a great 3-0 win against Kalamunda on Saturday with Lachlan, Sean and Zac slotting them through. Zac had some amazing runs through the forward line and the team needs to work a little on intercepting and talking. Overall a great team effort and all the training is paying off.

Boys 5/6 Regional (Sand) vs OGMHC (Drew 0 - 0) 2013-06-29

Best: L. Drake-Brockman, M. Harler, B. Abrahams

The last few games were perhaps a little too easy and the boys were surprised to face a tougher team. This led to a few skill errors, but nothing that the team couldn't handle. In the end they held out for a draw and maintained the team's undefeated status. We'll be hoping to improve on that in the second half of the season by turning a few of these draws into wins.

Girls 5/6 Regional (Gold) (Maroon) vs WASPS (Won 1 - 0) 2013-06-29

Goals: S. Richards

An early morning game at Steven's Reserve saw another great game by the girls 5/6 Melville Maroon's team. They started quickly with Sasha Richards taking great run with the ball into the forward line and was able to follow her great work up with a goal shortly after within the first 5 minutes of the game. Melville were able to launch continuous attacks in the first half by using the ball out wide and running hard to defend when WASPS had possession. The second half was more even and WASPS just missed a goal but Melville continued to press forward always keeping their structure and ran out the game to win one – nil.