



# The Bear Facts

Caulfield Junior Football Club – Koornang Park, Munro Avenue, Carnegie

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Around 350 Bears are already there – join us!

## Bears Diary Notes

### Annual Social Night –

The Bears Annual social night is on this **Saturday, July 18**. Come along and enjoy an exceptional comedy line-up including 'the hottest Comedian in Australia right now', Lawrence Mooney. Joining Lawrence will be Don Tran and the Bears' very own Tom Siegert (played the highest number of games for the Caulfield Bears in the club's history)

Join us in the Bear Cave to see some of Melbourne's most hilarious comedians do their thing.

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**Tom Siegert:** With a unique wide-eyed style all of his own, Tom features in "FHM Australia's Funniest Man DVD"

**Tickets are only \$25 – BYO** nibbles, with drinks at bar prices.

**RSVP ASAP** via Team APP, or let Clare Murphy know numbers at [sponsorship@caulfieldbears.com.au](mailto:sponsorship@caulfieldbears.com.au)

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## Next Round – Round 12, July 19

Home Team	Away Team	Time	Venue
<b>Caulfield Bears U8</b>	St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	8:30	KOORNANG PARK
Beaumaris FC	<b>Caulfield Bears U9 GRIZZLIES</b>	10:15	BANKSIA RESERVE
<b>Caulfield Bears U9 KODIAKS</b>	St Kilda City FC	8:30	KOORNANG PARK
<b>Caulfield Bears U9 POLARS</b>	South Melbourne Districts FC	9:40	KOORNANG PARK
<b>Bentleigh JFC</b>	<b>Caulfield Bears U10</b>	9:00	KING GEORGE RESERVE – OVAL 1
Oakleigh JFC	<b>Caulfield Bears U11 GRIZZLIES</b>	9:00	WA SCAMMELL RESERVE
<b>Caulfield Bears U11 POLARS</b>	East Malvern JFC	10:50	KOORNANG PARK
<b>Caulfield Bears U12</b>	St Bedes/Mentone Tigers	12:20	KOORNANG PARK
<b>Caulfield Bears U13</b>	Dingley JFC	13:50	KOORNANG PARK
<b>Caulfield Bears U14</b>	Oakleigh U14	15:15	KOORNANG PARK
Ormond JFC	<b>Caulfield Bears U15</b>	14:30	EE GUNN RESERVE – OVAL1
<b>Caulfield Bears U17</b>	Oakleigh JFC	12:00	WA SCAMMELL RESERVE

**Home Team – Blue Shorts v Away Team – White Shorts**

**Remember your mouthguard!**

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### Barry Gardiner Meats

There is a box behind the counter with Caulfield Bears Logo on it and when members of the club buy meat there if they let them know they will put their receipt in the box and he will donate 10% of the purchase price in meat to the club.

Koornang Road, Carnegie

## President's Report

Oh wow, they are among the toughest conditions I can ever remember in junior footy. It was cold, wet and really just miserable. The 'Feels Like' part of my AccuWeather App spent a lot of the day showing negative temperatures, and that is hard going without snow jackets and gloves.

It is times like these that I am reminded of the stellar commitment of the volunteers that keep this club running, especially the match day crew that could not find a place to hide.

So to all the coaches, assistant coaches, runners, trainers, goal

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umpires, parent umpires and team managers a big thank you from all of us involved at the club - that was an amazing effort by all of you.

I think at one of the games the coach was suffering from hypothermia more than the players.

Of course the players were sensational. There were some tears in the lower age groups – mostly from parents – but we all made it through with some great performances.

The early forecast is for a balmy 14°C next Sunday, so it should be a much easier day with which to cope.

Sunday did remind me of some of my junior days though with leather footballs that seems to soak up the water and woollen jumpers that quadrupled in weight as the game progressed.

Modern technology has given us jumpers that don't hold water, which makes me quite jealous. But importantly for a bloke who can remember copping a falcon as a young kid with a 10kg bloated footy – yes, it hurt which is why I still remember it – I just love the modern footy, especially the synthetic balls on soaking wet days.

Stay warm and see you on Sunday if not at training.

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## Secretary's Report

What a bunch of troopers we have! Such a miserable day for footy in terms of weather (although for some kids that's heaven) so well done to every player for battling on.

I'll keep this report very short and sweet as I'm currently on a family holiday, but what I really want to plug this week is our upcoming adult only social night.

I cannot stress enough how fantastic this evening is gearing up to be. Last year was such a huge success and an extremely enjoyable night.

I certainly enjoyed it, and it was a great opportunity to meet some wonderful parents and have a good time, so I encourage you to make the effort to enjoy a night that's all about the parents.

Go Bears!

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## Auskick Report

Being the end of the school holidays many Auskickers were keen to

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get back into training. We had freezing conditions and thankfully the rain stayed away from the morning. But the weather did not stop the eager Auskickers from getting into the action. Again I would like to say that the development of the children is amazing and each week I hear the coaches proudly discuss the improvement of their groups.

Well done to EVERYONE!

Thanks again for all our parent helpers and most of all our amazing coaches!

**Next week – 18 July**

All Abilities Auskick Session.

This will be an all-inclusive session – Bring your friends and family to join in – the more the merrier!

We will have some of the Bears Senior Players also joining in the fun.

**BBQ:** bring your gold coins

**PHOTOS:** See email that Silvana has sent out for these

Parent helpers needed – Please contact Silvana.

**Coming Up...**

**August 1** - Possible half time grid games at the Bears Seniors game at Koornang Park. Let me know if interested.

**Demon Awards**

If you received a Demon Award from your coach this week check out your name on the [deezone.com.au](http://deezone.com.au)!

**Star of the Week**

Don't forget to go online and nominate our centre for best Auskick. Nominate your coach (they deserve it) better still, even nominate your child... there are prizes to be won.

It's nice to be appreciated and it only takes five minutes...

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**Under 8**

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### *Modified rules game*

I'm pretty sure that if you looked up a definition of football it would read; "running after a ball in the rain and mud". I must say that last week nailed it on the head with it coming a close runner up for coldest day on record. The boys didn't even blink an eyelid and ran on to the field with gusto, while the parents donned beanies, umbrellas, wellies and snowboots.

**Q1** Started with some great taps to the ball from Rory and Johnny during ball-ups. There was some great passing throughout the first quarter and the boys realised pretty quickly there was some tough competition out with Prahran Red scoring the first point and shortly after the first goal. It was wet and muddy and there were head injuries galore with Medic Dave running to Rory on more than one occasion. The boys took it in their stride and the centres charged for the ball. Otis took a great mark and rocketed the ball down to Caulfield's goals to Tommy Walsh to score the first goal for the team. Quarter time bell goes and the boys come in for a refresh and pep talk from Michael.

**Q2** The boys are down to 16 players with Dominator going home unwell but that doesn't deter them. Mack Attack is on fire with some great plays for the ball working with Tom Ritchie and Noah to keep the ball on our side of the field. Oscar makes play for the ball in midfield tackling it away and winning a free kick, and a goal to Hotdog. Half time the boys come in. They're red, sweaty and thirsty and barely notice the oranges in front of them but listen intently to Michael's words RUN-CONTEST-GET IN THE GAME!

**Q3** The boys are strong on defence, with some great tackling and contesting of the ball from William, Bailey, Ben, James and Paddy. They're running like bulls to a red rag. Jakob has some fantastic kick outs long across the field to the mids who stomp through the mud bath in the middle of the field. Mack Attack takes two great marks and brings the ball back to Caulfield's goals. Johnny is relentless in his pursuit of the ball with Shane upgrading his name to 'Superdog'. Jacques only has eyes for the ball with a great defence. End of the third quarter rings and the mouth guards are out snakes are in and the boys should be proud it was a great round.

**Q4** The whistle blows and on cue the rain gets heavier. The mercury is hovering around 7°C but the boys play on. The ball is muddy, it's slippery and is becoming harder to hold onto but they persevere with a strong defence. The sirens blow for the end of the game and there is no argument the boys are cold, wet and muddy and ready for a bath, warm clothes and hot chocolate.

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With one of they're toughest games yet; a strong opposition, near snow like conditions and down two players, they played a fantastic game all round working well as the strong team they are. Awards this week went to Noah (great centre), Superdog (fantastic three quarters), William (great tackling in the back line) and Rory, Mack and Jacques for their strong defence. Well-done Under 8's. Now let's just hope that's it for the bad weather...

## Under 9 Grizzlies

### *Modified rules game*

On the return from the school holiday break we were met with real wintery conditions sitting around 6°C. It was a big task ahead after last time getting a bit of a touch up from St Peters but the boys were fired up and raring to go.

With Seb unavailable, Tom G a late withdrawal (due to his father's dislike for the cold?) and Lachie F here in spirit courtesy of the self proclaimed Fyfe factor, it was up to the leadership of captains Couchy and Paddy to set the tone. And that they did with a passionate display early leading to a quick goal by Oli C which amazed Coach Gurry with our continued improvement and skills.

The first half was tight with teams trading goals and some inspirational work around the centre by Lenny (the money man) regularly driving the ball into attack. Felix, Sam and Jack K kept the pressure on around the ground with good tackling and attack on the ball. Nick and Chai contributed with a few possessions and a free kick to Jeremy from way out on the 50m line on the half time siren presented an unlikely scoring opportunity. Jezza steadied, took the shot and snuck it through for a goal.

Half time was tough with many frozen fingers and cold toes taking their toll, particularly on those with Mediterranean blood or those who had returned from warmer climates over the break. A rev up by coach and refocus on the task at hand had the boys inspired leading into the third.

Lachie M showed he had been listening to the coach by providing some strong shepherds and Hudson and Hugo were starting to work their way into the game with consistent efforts in pressure situations. Henry was working at the bottom of packs gathering hard ball gets, handballs and tackles.

We started the final quarter with Sam exploding out of the centre bounce and in an inspirational move, which confused many, kicked it the wrong way hitting Caiden on the chest at centre half back.

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Caiden continued his good form providing plenty of drive through the midfield and out of defence and after almost kicking a goal in the third quarter from the centre square, Jake was really working his way into the game providing plenty of opportunities for the forwards.

Jarvis' booming kicks out from full back and Paddy's consistent efforts across half back split the opposition in half allowing Jack J at his elusive best to turn on his left to drive the ball into the forwards. Tom P finally took the game by the scruff of the neck becoming the rock of Gibraltar, dominating on the last line of defence.

This was highlighted by another end to end effort by the boys with a big kick from Tom to Caiden, pass to Jake, handball to Jack and then long to Oli Calder who marked and goaled.

It was the Oli show up forward in the last quarter where Oli J who had been solid all day took control of the forward line in the last quarter peppering the goals constantly. Oli Couch hit the point post and knocked it over with a powerful kick. Then right on the siren Hudson snuck one through to finish a great day and amazing effort by the whole team.

Well done boys and thanks to all parent helpers. A special mention to Trainer Jacko who kept the boys' minds off the cold, Umpire Dalton who engaged well with the players and crowd and Runner Mackie who completed his first mid quarter player move without incident and looked very fresh and fast after the week's break.

Go Bears!

## Under 9 Kodiaks

### *Modified rules game*

**Q1** Beaumaris had a very tall forward line that placed Kodiak's defence under pressure. After a slow start by the Kodiaks Joel laid an excellent tackle and this was followed up by Isaiah with great defence. Quinn was doing great ruck work and bringing the ball down to our players.

Romy cleared the ball well from the centre and laid a good tackle. This resulted in a great mark and kick by Charlie. Luca provided terrific attack on the footy which resulted in a ball up. Quinn was dominating in the ruck and produced a terrific clearance and mark to Coburn. Pressure was applied by Jed which resulted in a turnover. A free kick was paid to Marcus and a long straight kick unfortunately was touched for a point. Marcus was working really hard around the

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contest and a tackle by Lachie, a smother by Jed, a tackle by Quinn and a tackle by Ethan rounded out a hard fought first quarter.

**Q2** | A centre clearance by Quinn, unfortunately was gathered by Beaumaris and a terrific goal line stop by Ethan stopped a certain goal. Luca received a free kick and kicked long into attack but again gathered by Beaumaris who were putting pressure on our defence. Good mark in defence by Joel, and real tenacity by Ethan stopped another goal.

Lachlan put his body on the line and cleared with a long kick. Defensive marks by Charlie and Quinn were good efforts. A good mark by Romy provided solid defence. Charlie kept attacking the ball and was kicking long into our forward line. Good stop and handball by Ethan and a clearance by Marcus. Great mark by Quinn and a tackle by Ethan ended a tough second quarter

**Q3** | Coaching staff swapped some players around during the long break. Ruck work by Luca, and free kick to Phoenix was a good start to the quarter. Good endeavour by Charles and Ignacy with a slippery ball. Jaikiah provided some good run and was well shepherded by Romy. A good mark by Joel in slippery conditions was a terrific effort. Jaikiah attacked the play and won a free when slung to the ground. Phoenix laid a strong tackle and terrific effort from Marcus allowed a free kick to be paid to Joel. A solid chase by Jaikiah and attack at the ball from Jed ended out the third quarter.

**Q4** | It was certainly getting colder and wetter as the fourth quarter started. An early injury to Marcus was not good news, however he bounced up quickly and played on. Lachlan took a solid mark in defence and Marcus followed up with a good mark, and Luca provided a good effort to clear the ball. Jaikiah tried really hard to score a goal and ended up with a minor score. Coburn and Charlie were trying very hard in defence to stop the ball and Joel kicked into attack but met solid defence from Beaumaris.

Lachlan took a solid mark in defence and efforts by Charlie and Gabi stopped a certain goal. Quinn tried with a long kick to goal but touched on the goal line.

The game was played in trying conditions with light drizzle in the first half and rain settling in during the second half. The temperature dropped to 7 degrees by the end of the game and this left the players, coaches and support staff wet and cold.

A tremendous effort from everyone.

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## Under 9 Polars

### *Modified rules game*

**Q1** | Out of the warm heated clubrooms and into the freezing cold and rainy conditions which didn't stop the boys from starting like superstars. The football was that cold and slippery that it had to be swapped halfway through the first quarter, as the boys freezing cold hands just couldn't hang onto it. Some of the highlights of this quarter included the tackling pressure by Ryan and Jacob, and considering the conditions, the marking by Lucas B, Finn and Lachy was a standout. The boys also did exactly what the coach said and kicked it long at every opportunity. Quarter time saw the ground overtaken by a plethora of dogs laying landmines everywhere. Yuck!

**Q2** | The boys dominated play. Jude was everywhere and had the ball on a string, whilst the marking by Matty H and James T was amazing. Lucas Agar was running, bouncing and kicking long into our forward line at every opportunity, whilst Rocco, Liam and both the James G's were working overtime running their opponents off their feet. The consistent pressure by our boys resulted in the highlight of the quarter, when big Tom took a great mark in the goal square and kicked truly for our first major.

**Q3** | Thanks to our umpire Andrew G for thinking ahead and bringing a thermos with hot water, and a bucket for the boys to warm their frozen hands at half time. This definitely helped as the boys started just as they left off in the second quarter. The tackling was strong and the marking by Marcus and Lucas B meant the ball stayed in our forward half for most of the quarter. Jacob, Ged and Jono were running hard and kicking long, whilst Michael and Leo were running their opponents off their feet. A great mark about 25m out on a 45 degree angle saw Lucas B slot through our second major.

**Q4** | It was really starting to get cold and you could swear the snow was pretty close. The boys were frozen solid, but stirring words by the coach fired them up to finish the game strong. The tackling and marking were again a highlight from Jude, Ryan and Marcus, whilst the long kicks out of defence from James Godfrey, Luke S and Ged kept the opposition from scoring a major for the quarter. Play in the back half was consistent all game and this quarter was no exception with Lucas B, Finn and Marcus taking some beautiful marks and long kicks to get the ball going our way at every opportunity.

Every single Bear on the ground today can be proud of their determination and bravery on the coldest and wettest game of football all season. They were determined and focused with everyone being a part of the play. Well done U9 Polars!

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## Under 10

### *Modified rules game*

As the season resumed for the final few rounds of 2015, winter struck with a vengeance. The day dawned as predicted, icy cold and wet, just perfect for a classic wet weather game of Australian Rules Football. The Under 10 team, ably led by co-captains Niko and Fish, looked forward to the continued contest with St Peter's.

Conditions were difficult, the ground sodden, but the siren sounded to start the match regardless. In the early stages the ball travelled back and forth as both teams tried to gain the upper hand. Teddy was tackling and going in with his usual determination, as were Webby and Rhino. Wolfie found the ball and kicked long while Bucket and Rubex were both working hard. Fish and Haydos were in there tackling. Wizza also showed his class with the wet ball by kicking long from defence where Gubba was also going strong. Despite the Bear's best efforts St Peter's finished the quarter stronger. The difference could have been greater had it not been for the efforts of Maxy and Banjo, both playing strong defensive footy.

The second quarter saw the cold starting to impact with players finding the conditions increasingly uncomfortable. Scoring was difficult and the ball was in our defensive half for a lot of the play. Ossie intercepted one well to stop a potential score, JJ stopped another. Maxy and JJ were terrific in defence and showed determination through their second efforts. Wolfie made an excellent smother, Lucky took a couple of good marks and recovered from a hard tackle while Niko's tackling succeeded in turning over possession of the ball. Scores were hard to come by. The situation looked even grimmer as we lost Yeamos to injury after a solid half, and Bucket was forced to retire too.

At half time Adrian tried to warm the players with rousing words (the bucket of warm water came out to soothe cold hands also helped). In particular the coach asked his players to just keep on keeping on and also suggested the forwards move further up the ground. The third quarter got off to a more promising start with a good smother by Lucky before Banjo ran hard to chase and clear the ball well from a the pack.

Ram laid some strong tackles and hand-balled well, TK made a good tackle and had a shot on goal, while Fish and Haydos continued to tackle hard down back. Teddy spent time in the mud, crumbing well and getting the ball forwards. With an improved team effort the Bears kept up the pressure whilst Ryan kicked our first goal. TK and Hazza were working hard all through the quarter with more success in both

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the midfield and up forward. As the siren went Lucky showed great team spirit, running back on field to assist his teammate Banjo who had copped a heavy tackle.

During the three quarter time break, Adrian asked the team for a big effort in the last, encouraging them not to give up the chance to finish well.

It seemed like a big ask as, with Webby now forced off the ground, the Bears were down to 17 players. The final quarter saw the midfield get on top with Hazza driving the ball forwards. One great passage saw Teddy pass to Ryan who scored a much need goal.

A short while later Hazza passed to Rhino who scored another 6-pointer. Throughout the last five minutes the ball remained down in the St Peter's forward.

Fortunately the team held strong and the desperate and frantic efforts of TK, Maxy, Banjo, Wizza, and Haydos really paid off. Niko stopped what seemed to be a certain score while Maxy, Banjo and Wizza all took great marks.

Congratulations to all the Bears players for their grit, determination and courage in exceptionally difficult conditions – the team played true Bears football and the match may well go down in history as the stuff of legends!

Awards winners for the match:

- Grill'd award to Rhino for his goal kicking
- Bear Bucks award to JJ for a great four-quarter effort in the midfield
- Footy cards to Haydos for following coaches directions with a fierce day of tackling

Go Bears!

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## Under 11 Grizzlies

**Q1** | The first of the wet and cold winter games for the boys, ended with frozen fingers but warm hearts with a win over St Peters. The Bears first quarter they worked together to keep the opposing team from a major score. Miro had great accuracy in marking, with Byron consistently the first to knock the ball from the bounce. Tackling was made easy with the rain and the mud so James took down the biggest kid on the field. "Stick Together, Stay Together" were Coaches words.

Bears 2. 1.13 v. St Peters 0.2.2

**Q2** | Staying with Coaches advice the Bears were again in control of the game, the cold not quite affecting them yet. Straight kicks and strong contest in the pack, kept the ball in our half most of the quarter. Clement put his body on the line to stop a run from the St Peters team. Reminding the team to talk to each other when they have time for a run was the Coach's advice.

Bears 3.2.20 v. St Peters 1.2.8

**Q3** | The boys, who at that point can no longer feel their fingers, still have the will to keep the contest alive. Hard chasing, good bumps and putting their bodies over the ball to pick it up, extended their lead again. Coach's wisdom to keep warm, just run in circles.

Bears 4.2.26 v. St Peters 2.4.16

**Q4** | The last quarter the rain came down harder so the boys stepped up to the challenge and added another goal to the score. With icicles forming on their noses and steam rising from their shoulders the siren sounded and a cheer went up as they realised the win was theirs. The club song melted the chill but Coach sent the boys to the showers with awards to be announced at training.

Bears 5.2.32 v. St Peters 2.5.17

St Peters awarded Miro with a special Coaches Award.

<b>Score</b>	<b>Caulfield Bears</b>	5	2	32
	St Peters	2	5	17
<b>Awards</b>				
<b>Goals</b>				

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## Under 11 Polars

**Q1** | It was arctic conditions down at Donald McDonald Reserve in Beaumaris and you know who loves Arctic conditions? Polar bears

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and our own U11 Polars did a magnificent job in just about the worst conditions possible for football. Our captain courageous, Andrew scored the first goal of the match, followed by a goal from “big bad bustling” Callum and another from Darcy. Haddi, Henry and Sahill stood strong in the backline made sure the Beauie Black Tails were frozen out of the game.

Caulfield 3.2.20 v. Beaumaris 0.2.2

**Q2** | In the second quarter, the rain eased a little and the Polars displayed some amazing skills on the soggy ground. Long kicks and short handballs from the mid field to the forward resulted in 3 more goals in the term. Lucas kicked the first goal of the second term and played an outstanding 50th game not to mention being a very welcome addition back in the team after fracturing his thumb a few weeks ago. Nathan and Andrew kicked the next two with amazing assists from Kobi, Jake and Noah.

Caulfield 6.5.41 v. Beaumaris 1.2.8

**Q3** | The boys thawed their frozen fingers under hot showers at the half time break and it must have helped as they kicked another 4 goals in the 3rd term. Jack B put in a gallant effort in the mid field for the first half, however illness and the relentless conditions took their toll and he had to retire for the rest of the match.

Our secret weapon, Jude from U9s stepped in to fill Jack’s spot and what a star he was. Jude kicked a goal within the first minute of the third term. Other goal scorers were Lucas and Cal with plenty of help from Nathan, Darcy, Seamus. The rest of the third term was a scrambly affair with big efforts from Angus, Raj and Jackson keeping Beaumaris scoreless for the term.

Caulfield 10.13.73 v. Beaumaris 1.2.8

**Q4** | As the rain poured down in the fourth quarter, the Polars’ determination set in and they finished off the game with 4 more goals. Jude scored another goal and Callum finished the day with 5 more goals to add to his already amazing tally. Special mention has to go to Thomas, who arrived back from the USA the previous day and still fronted up and put in an outstanding effort in the final term.

Hayden was Mr Persistence, putting in 2nd, 3rd and even 4th and 5th efforts and was rewarded time and again. Tom put in another fine performance and was instrumental in assisting with the scoring shots in the final term.

The Polars should all be very proud of their determination and team effort put in by all, under very trying weather conditions.

Caulfield 14.17.101 v. Beaumaris 2.2.14

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<b>Scores</b>	<b>Caulfield Bears</b>	14	17	101	
	Beaumaris	2	2	14	
<b>Awards</b>					
<b>Goals</b>					

## Under 12

Match report not available.

Scores	Caulfield Bears
Awards	
Goals	

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## Under 13

It was never going to be a good day, a game start time at the ungodly hour of 9.00am, a cold front coming through Melbourne that was predicted to be the worst in Melbourne for 5 years, and then on arrival at Scammell Reserve craving a nice flat white coffee, we found that Oakleigh had no milk. Perhaps foolishly thinking that as we were in the middle of suburbia the milk would arrive soon enough, but alas even at 1/2 time, still no milk!

As the match evolved, I think the least said about this game the better, so only an abbreviated match report, and I feel the sooner we forget about our Sunday morning at Scammell the better for all.

**Q1** | A very good start by the boys, even though we only kicked 1 point, courtesy of Beau, to their 2 goals 1, we had as much of the play as Oakleigh but just struggled to score. Fraser, Henry and Mazz had great terms and continually pumped the ball forward and Gordo did some great work at full back with some great defensive work. At 1/4 time it was felt we were in the game and capable of pushing the opposition.

**Q2** | In the steady rain Oakleigh's bigger bodies come to the fore and we were completely outplayed, we didn't score and conceded 4 goals. If it wasn't for Josh doing some great work at full back playing on a boy twice his size, the scoreline would of been much worse at 1/2 time. Oakleigh ran harder at the ball than us, and really showed us what is required to play wet weather footy.

**Q3** | As poor as we were in the 2nd term, it got worse, we barely touched the ball in the 3rd quarter, and Oakleigh piled on 6 goals 5 points in the heavy rain. Enough said about this term.

**Q4** | 73 points down at 3/4 time, it would be a test of character to see how the boys went in the last term, and to everyone's credit, all had a good hard dip at the footy, and like the 1st quarter, we had plenty of the play. Finn Od worked particularly hard up forward and Woodsy kicked our 1st and only goal of the game.

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At the final siren, all were relieved, and the boys could go home to a warm shower, and the parents could finally get a coffee! Just a morning to wipe from our memory banks.

Oakleigh were certainly a much bigger and skilled team, but they showed the boys the basics of wet weather footy, you need to put your body in and attack the football if you want a kick.

Bully and Julian need to keep getting all the boys to training for the remaining month of footy and keep working on their skills.

<b>Scores</b>	<b>Caulfield Bears</b>	1	1	7
	Oakleigh	13	9	87
<b>Awards</b>				
<b>Goals</b>	Woodsy			

## Under 14

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<b>Scores</b>	<b>Caulfield Bears</b>			
<b>Awards</b>				
<b>Goals</b>				

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## Under 15

The U15s made it two in a row on Sunday with a hard fought win at home against Murrumbeena.

It's always a bit of an unknown how the team's going to go after a week off, but in this case there was could be no greater incentive than to put in a big one for Jacob Thompson's 50th.

Jake's been an absolute excitement package since he first walked in to the under 12s and is a ripping bloke to boot. Everyone took a leaf out of his book and committed bodies in a day made for ugly footy.

Our backs, mid-fielders and on-ballers run and tackled relentlessly, while our forwards kept us really dangerous around goals.

Murrumbeena competed really, really hard and it was a great relief to hear the final bell.

With four weeks to go, we have a decent chance of playing finals and everyone involved with the team is excited and proud of the way these guys have kept battling against the odds.

<b>Scores</b>	<b>Caulfield Bears</b>	3	13	31
	Murrumbeena	2	2	14
<b>Awards</b>	Jake, Ari, Avi, Daniel			
<b>Goals</b>	Avi 2, Spencer 1			

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## Under 17

Opposition side forfeited. All were happy!

<b>Scores</b>	<b>Caulfield Bears</b>			
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<b>Best</b>				
<b>Goals</b>				

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