



The Bear Facts

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

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Around 350 Bears are already there – join us!

Brave the Cave for the last time in 2015

This is not a drill!

Please make a big effort to join in on the last Bear Cave Family Night for 2015.

Finals fever is in the air, so please join your friends, team mates and fellow footy fanatics one last time for a BBQ and drinks.

When:

Sunday, August 9 – 4.30 to 7.00pm

Where:

The Mighty Bear Cave,
Koornang Park

Next Round – Round 15, August 9, 2015

Home Team	Away Team	Time	Venue
Caulfield Bears U8		4.30pm	Bear Cave Family Night!
Caulfield Bears U9 GRIZZLIES		4.30pm	Bear Cave Family Night!
Caulfield Bears U9 KODIAKS		4.30pm	Bear Cave Family Night!
Caulfield Bears U9 POLARS		4.30pm	Bear Cave Family Night!
Caulfield Bears U10	Lightning Carnival Fixture		
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Caulfield Bears U11 POLARS	Prahran JFC	08:30	KOORNANG PARK
Caulfield Bears U12	East Malvern Black	10:00	KOORNANG PARK
Caulfield Bears U13	East Malvern White	11:30	KOORNANG PARK
Northvale JFC	Caulfield Bears U14	10:30	WELLINGTON RESERVE
Caulfield Bears U15	East Sandringham	13:00	KOORNANG PARK
Caulfield Bears U17	Ormond JFC	15:00	KOORNANG PARK

Home Team – Blue Shorts v Away Team – White Shorts

Remember your mouthguard!

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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

Sunday was a pretty crazy day for most parents of Under 8 and Under 9 kids with the Lightning Carnivals, and hopefully the broader Bears family enjoyed the experience.

I missed Gabi's Carnival because I needed to get in a flight to China for some work. I flew a different airline to normal to be as late as possible in Melbourne, and then the League gave the Kodiaks a 3pm start.

I wish I hadn't flown a different airline, it was late leaving, late arriving and took well over an hour to get out of the Hong Kong airport... and by the time I got the train station I needed the trains had stopped.

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A few locals guided me on my way, and I finally hit my bed 12 hours after leaving Melbourne.

I have been to China a few times for work, but this experience perhaps highlighted to me the chaos of the place, and I was struck by the amazing analogies between junior football and China. Through the chaos and confusions comes a form of structure that seems hard to understand unless you are there.

In China it is life and death stuff, such as the little green man and a zebra crossing that means nothing more or less than a red man to those with motorised power. But somehow people get to where they want, generally in one piece. The road system expands and contracts its lungs to make enough room for everyone. To us, it is chaos, but to the Chinese it has a structure.

The same holds true for the modified rules games. The zones are there to help ease congestion and to stop kids from following the ball all day. To me, I sometimes find it hard to visualise, but when you see a wall of Kodiaks on the zone dividers you understand that this game too has a structure that our youngest Bears understand. And as they grow with the game, the structures will get more complex as some of the rules get relaxed.

Don't forget the final Family Night for the year, it promises to be a big night. And if you make it along, you'll get to see more chaos when the raffle is drawn. But somehow, it all works.

Secretary's Report

Hello Bears families!

Firstly a huge congratulations to all the under 8s and 9s in their participation in last Sunday's Lightning Carnival. The day went smoothly, and we're all proud of how the teams were so behaved and represented the Caulfield Bears club with excellence. Make sure you check out some of the highlight pictures on our Facebook page.

This Sunday, our Under 10s play in their Lightning Carnival and I wish each and every one of them a wonderful and fun day.

The next couple of weeks are going to be super busy so please make sure you don't miss out on any important events - keep up to date by checking in with your team manager and Team Spp.

This Sunday we have our last family night for the year. Let's make it the biggest and best one yet! Your kids will absolutely love being there, and it's a great way to celebrate another the end of another

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fantastic season. We look forward to seeing LOTS of Bears for a wonderful evening.

Presentation Days and other events

- We have presentation day on Sunday 16th August for the Under 8s, 9s, and 10s.
- The club is also hosting a semi final that day so there will be plenty of action around for all.
- Under 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s and 14s will have their presentation day on Sunday 30th August.
- Dates for the under 15s and 17s are still to be confirmed.

Finally, for those that have been asking about the whole of club photo, I will be getting a link shortly that you will be able to download it in high resolution for FREE. How cool is that?

That's all from me. GO BEARS!

Auskick Report

The rain held off again for us and we had another great morning on Saturday at Koornang Park. The Auskickers enjoyed their second last session of the season.

Some Auskickers got together for an amazing Grid game in the afternoon at the Senior Bears game at half time and had the crowds cheering away. Awesome game!

Thanks to all coaches and parents that helped out, the kids absolutely loved it.

Auskick Certificates

Yes, we only have one more Auskick this Saturday and we are hoping for full attendance for the Kids to receive their Certificates of Achievement, we are all so proud of these kids and hope all have enjoyed this season.

BIG thank-you

Coaches – thank you for all your efforts – you make this program what it is. You all do an amazing job, and also sincere thanks to all parents who help – if you are interested in coaching next year please let us know, you will love it and your kids will love it more!

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This Saturday

- Saturday August 8: 9.30 Start so get there by 9.15 to warm up
- Presentation Day
- BBQ – bring your gold coins
- Parent helpers needed

Things to Remember

- Sport is for FUN, it also keeps you active.
- Always try your best and you will enjoy.

Star of the Week

I hope you remembered to nominate your Coach, they deserve the recognition for all their efforts. We think all the kids are 'STARS' and look forward to an even bigger and better year in 2015

- Parents you can nominate your Child Online and maybe they could be chosen to be at the MCG on Grand Final Day... just go online and nominate your Child or your Coach, it only takes a few minutes -www.nab.com.au/auskick

Under 8

Lightning Carnival, modified rules games

The sun was shining (which was a relief for the parents) but there was definitely a chill in the air as the boys got to the JL Murphy Reserve in Port Melbourne.

There was anticipation and excitement before the first match and the boys were rearing to go.

Game 1 | CBJFC vs South Melbourne JFC

The boys had the wind at their back for the first half however the ball was hard fought in the centre for most of the first half.

The tackling was fierce and the Bears knew that they were up against a determined team. Otis was using his long kicks again to clear the ball from the backline and the centres were trying everything to move the ball into the forward line. Every time the Bears got the ball into the forward line there was a wall of solid defence from South Melbourne.

The second half there was some more space being created and Noah created some good run from the centre. William and Bailey were making some effective strong tackles. While Otis was solid again in defence. The centres ran hard after every ball. The boys were definitely contesting the ball better in the second half with Gus, Jonny and all the centres working hard, but it was hard for the Bears to get momentum.

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Game 1 Awards / Presentations

- Otis (footy cards)
- Tom W (Grill'd award)
- Jonny (Bear Bucks)
- Bailey (footy cards)
- Gus (footy figures)
- Ben (footy figures)

Game 2 | CBJFC vs Cheltenham JFC

After a well-earned lunch break Mike provided a clear message to the boys to contest the ball and make sure they have fun during the second game.

There was definitely a more positive start to the game against Cheltenham with a first up great tackle from Max and then Jakob with a great contested mark. Cheltenham scored first but this was against the flow and general possession of the first few minutes of the game.

Rory created the run out of the centre with one of his trademark arcing runs. Jakob marked in a pack and made a fantastic set goal. The forward pressure was fantastic and Rory ran clear again and goaled. Dom was also playing a strong half, running clear of several players in a pack and kicking a goal while under pressure. The boys were on a roll and it was a great half with strong running, contesting the ball, fearsome tackling and forward pressure.

The second half was played against a strong wind, but the boys were determined. Tommy kicked out of the centre straight away and Noah took a clean chest mark in centre half forward. This was a sign of things to come in the half. William was again good down low in contest and cleared the ball out of the pack. Rory made lots of excellent scoring efforts. Conor kicked a goal for which was set up by great teamwork and determination from several of the forwards.

Patrick showed clean hands in clearing the ball and Tommy kicked with accuracy to find a teammate in the centre. The final whistle blew and the Bears were elated with knowing it was a great team effort all throughout the game.

The team song was sung loudly in the marque.

Game 2 Awards / Presentations

- Noah (Grill'd award)
 - Dom (Bear Bucks)
 - Rory (footy cards)
 - Paddy (footy figures)
 - Conor (footy figures)
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- Jakob (footy figures)
 - Oscar (footy cards)

Game 3 | CBJFC vs St Bedes/Mentone

The cake, fruit and lollies for afternoon break were plentiful and the boys were in high spirits. The boys knew the last game against St Bedes/ Mentone was going to be a tough match and Mike had the boys in their best positions for the game.

It was a tough start to the game with vigorous tackles and eyes only for the footy. Bailey showed great skill with strong defence and a kick out of trouble to rebel St Bedes / Mentone. Tom showed a clean set of hands with tough pick-up and Jacques took a strong mark in the forward line.

Jonny showed skill in crumbing the ball at the ground level and showing his speed in running clear of the pack of players. Tommy and Oliver both scored, while Tom drew clear of a large pack of players in the forward line and kicked long and straight through the centre.

The wind picked up for the second half and the Bears were running straight into it making it hard to kick long. Jacques showed strength in the centre marking a hard ball and Noah and Max both kicked well to team mates.

Oliver showed fantastic skills getting ball off the ground and Mack and Paddy accurate hand passes to each other in the centre. The boys were contesting every ball. It was a hard fought half but it was obvious that the boys were really enjoying their football and playing for each other.

The final whistle blew for the afternoon and the boys were elated after shaking the opposition players hands.

The team song was again sung loudly like never before.

Game 3 Awards / Presentations

- Jacques (Bear Bucks)
 - Tom R (footy cards)
 - Max (footy cards)
 - Oliver (footy figures)
 - Mack (footy figures)
 - William (footy cards)
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- Zade (footy cards)

Sincere thanks again to Mike, Alistair and Shane for their hard work and positive energy that has made the season special for all the boys.

I would also like to thank again Katherine for her tireless work as team manager in ensuring everything ran smoothly throughout the afternoon.

Thank you to all the parents for bringing all the magnificent food and assistance during the games. The boys were definitely well fed throughout the day.

It was a fantastic day for the boys and a fitting end to the season proper.

The season has been a memorable one for the new friendships made and the positive experience of being part of the U8 Caulfield Bears team.

Under 9 Grizzlies

Lightning Carnival, modified rules games

It was a chilly but sunny day on Sunday and the team were excited to be playing in the carnival against new and old teams. The set up was great and the boys had trained hard for the last round of games for the year to end the season.

Coach Michael was excited about seeing how the team would work together in the multi-game format.

Game 1 - Ashwood

H1

The boys ran onto the field against Ashwood. They looked bigger and the team needed some time to warm up and settle into the game. Defence was key as the Ashwood ruckman kept pushing the ball forward to the front line players – our defence line was forced to work overtime!

The play got very tight halfway through and Sebastian took a great mark to then boot the ball forward again for the team. Lachie M and Sam were competing effectively for the ball but found the tough going with the pressure of the Ashwood midfield. Sam had a fantastic kick out to send the ball forward - making full use of the goal square – to the delight of coach Michael. Tom P and Jeremy were tackling well but the team was finding it hard to get the ball to the forward line.

H2

In the second half the boys tightened up the play. Better tackling and excellent chasing by Lachie M was putting additional pressure on

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Ashwood and forcing turnovers to our team. Lenny had a great run down the wing to put the ball forward and linked up with Olie C and Olie C to take the ball towards our goals. Jeremy had a great handball that was recognised by the coach to put the ball into the forward pocket. Hugo and Hudson connected with Felix and Lachie to keep the pressure up on the Ashwood team.

The game was tight and our boys were contesting well for the ball – I think they were finally starting to warm up on this chilly morning!

Game 2 St Pauls McKinnon

H1

In game 2 Coach Mick made some changes swapping the boys around to different positions. The wind was at our backs and the boys were pumped to take advantage of the breeze. Chai was up front and looking for the ball to make a run at the goals. Tom P and Lachie F were niggling with the opposition in the forward line and calling for the ball to come downtown. Jake and Nick were connecting to push the ball forward from the ruck but it seemed that we were struggling to put 2 to 2 kicks together to get the ball out of the ruck. Oli Jackson was contesting hard in the ruck with Pat assisting to take the ball away from St Pauls. The play was tough and the boys were contesting but St Pauls were taking advantage of their height and precision kicks.

H2

In the second half (after a rousing speech from Coach Mick) the team was ready to get some goals. Sebastian – connecting with Jarvis and Jeremy – was in the thick of the ruck. He managed to have a solid run down the wing and put the ball forward for the team. With the ball now in our forward have we were pressuring for a goal. With the forward line ready and eager to take advantage of the ball being in their zone Oli C was able to convert the work into a solid goal. Good support play from Jake and Lenny to keep pushing the ball out the ruck.

The boy played hard in this game and contested well with some great runs of play!

Game 3 – East Sandringham JFC

H1

The final game – time to bring it all together! We were back on oval 2 and the team needed to link together to get some flow of the ball to the forwards. There were some good spots of play with Jake running the ball and kicking off his less preferred left boot to push the ball towards the forwards. Jeremy and Oli were getting in the action and contesting hard for the ball. The boys linked well with runs from Sam and Felix moving the ball and Jarvis and Tom P connecting to drive the ball into the forward area. Scoring opportunities were hard to come by but the team were still in it and trying all sorts of manoeuvres to get the upper hand.

H2

The last half for the season – time to put it all on the line! The boys in the ruck pushed hard to get the ball with Oli getting a soaring kick to the forward line Jeremy took a great mark – “fantastic mark” was the call from Coach Mick. There were some great pockets of play with the boys – Oli C, Nick and Pat connecting with some passes to put the ball forward. East Sandringham were kicking hard and pushing us off marks. We needed to step up a gear and make our mark on the game. Hudson linked up with Sebastian and Sam to get the ball forward. With support from Lachie F and Lachie M running and shepparding the opposition. Jack Kennedy was in the perfect position to take advantage – a fantastic kick from Jack and a Goal followed. Jack Kennedy – Great Goal!
The team contested well and pushed hard in the game – Well done to All.

Team:

Chai, Felix, Hudson, Hugo, Jack, Jake, Jarvis, Jeremy, Lachie F, Lachie M, Lenny, Nick, Oli Calder, Oli Couch, Oli Jackson, Pat, Sam, Seb, Tom P

Out for the day but Supporting the Team: Tom P

Under 9 Kodiaks

Lightning Carnival, modified rules games

Game 1 | Kodiaks v Ajax Jets

First half | Some hard fought defence by **Jed** and **Quinn** stopped the opposition flow on many occasions. **Marcus** was getting plenty of touches and our forwards **Ethan**, **Lachlan** and **Romy** were all working hard. **Luca** was also working very hard with long kicks to our advantage. **Romy** laid an excellent tackle to win a free kick. **Quinn** in defence stopped a lot of play and kicked the ball long to our forwards.

Second half | **Luca** started well, with **Quinn** still getting plenty of touches and kicks. **Phoenix** had good attack on the ball. Good team play by **Quinn** and **Lachlan** moved the ball well. **Joel** was playing well in defence with **Jed** still getting plenty of the ball. **Charlie** showed real endeavour and worked hard to stop the opposition. **Joel** stopped the ball on the goal line, which allowed Quinn to clear, and **Ignacy** to provide solid defence. Great tackling by **Jaikiah**, **Charles** and **Thomas** help stop the opposition.

Game 2 | Kodiaks v St Kilda City Blue

First half | A good clearance from **Jaikiah** and run and carry by **Marcus** moved the ball to our forward line. A terrific tackle by **Ethan** who won the free kick showed great courage as he was previously injured and

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could not run fully. A great mark by **Quinn** and long kick resulted in a goal for Kodiaks. Good effort by **Romy** and **Gaby** to stop the ball and place tackles showed real determination. Terrific teamwork from **Coburn, Jed, Charlie, Isaiah** and **Lachlan**. **Marcus** was running hard and kicking long to our forward line. **Joel** cleared from our defence with a long kick and was helped out by **Coburn**.

Second half | **Lachlan** cleared well from the centre, with **Phoenix** having good attack at the ball and a long kick. **Lachlan** took a strong mark in defence who then kicked to **Romy**.

Joel took a good defensive mark and **Marcus** then applied plenty of pressure to force minor score for Kodiaks. **Luca** applied a great tackle that allowed **Marcus** to gather and shoot for goal, but only a minor score. **Quinn** was trying hard and was working with **Marcus** to keep up the pressure. This resulted in a terrific goal to **Ethan** and the celebrations with the whole team were amazing.

Game 3 | Kodiaks v East Sandringham Blue

First half | **Phoenix** and **Thomas** worked really hard and allowed **Lachlan** to gather the ball and kick out of defence. A great tackle by **Jed** and clearance by **Lachlan**. **Marcus** was running hard and kicking long to our advantage. **Jed** chased hard and applied a wonderful tackle. **Quinn** was tacking strong marks and running really hard. **Luca** stopped a certain goal right on the goal line. **Joel** cleared from defence and **Lachlan, Luca,** and **Charles** worked well together in defence. **Luca** stopped another goal right on the line, well done.

Second half | **Gaby** provided a good handball to **Romy** who kicked long to our forward line. **Marcus** tackled strongly and won a free kick. **Quinn** gathered the ball and passed to **Ethan** who provided an excellent lead and score.. **Marcus** and **Quinn** were providing plenty of run and carry and Joel was providing plenty of dash as well. **Luca** was hard at the contest and **Jaikiah** chased really hard. **Coburn** and **Luca** were working well together.

By now some fatigue was setting in and the weather turning colder.

A terrific lightning premiership by the Kodiaks and thanks to all who have helped out during the season.

Under 9 Polars

Lightning Carnival, modified rules games

Game 1 | CBJFC v East Sandringham

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The weather couldn't have been better for this year's Lightning Carnival at Toorak Park, and the boys were super excited. When the first bounce went down the enthusiasm was overflowing as we ran, chased, tackled, marked and kicked long at every opportunity. The defence was outstanding as East Sandringham was fierce at the goals. Jude's marks in defence time and time again stopped many attacks on goal, whilst James T and Finn were marking everything around the ground. Leo and Jacob's continued pressure on the ball carrier were highlights of the first half.

The second saw our boys do the attacking early. Lucas Agar's running and bouncing were awesome, whilst Michael's second, third and fourth efforts every time the ball came near him were outstanding. The boys went forward time and time again, but East Sandringham's defence was strong.

The tackling was outstanding with the likes of Ash, Matty H and Ryan G not letting anything go the other way though, and it was an extremely close contest.

Game 2 | CBJFC v St Bedes/Mentone

Game 2 saw the boys get off to a flyer, and we dominated possession and attacked at every opportunity. The team pressure was amazing and Marcus, Jude, Liam G and Jacob were continually stopping St Bedes/Mentone from going forward. Luke S took a great pack mark early on and his shot for goal was just stopped on the line, but seconds later the ball came back into the forward line and snapped one of the goals of the year over his shoulder.

At half time Jake urged the boys to continue to take the game on and attack and kick long at every opportunity. And again we came out with all guns blazing, but this time St Bedes/Mentone were up for the fight. They repelled many attacks and rebounded to send the ball into their forward line many a time putting our defence under extreme pressure.

Rocco and James Godfrey worked overtime, while Lachy T was showing mum that 'man flu' won't stop him from giving his all. Our continued pressure saw Liam C gets his hands on the ball many times in the forward half, whilst Lucas B broke tackles and kicked long, resulting in Marcus kicking our second goal for the game. Another great game boys and it was time to sing the song!

Game 3 | CBJFC v Prahran

Even though we were up against Nathan Buckley's boy in this game, the boys were not intimidated, and showed they probably could have

knocked off the Demons on the MCG if they'd been given a chance the day before.

Jono Lopes and Ged dominated around the ground and our half back line just wouldn't let anything through. Michael, Jude and Lucas B ran the opposition off their feet and got the ball into Marcus's hands resulting in him kicking a ripper goal from an impossible (well almost) angle, and Finn also 'marked and goaled' not long after.

Our last half of footy for the season saw us dominant all around the ground again. Tom A, Finn, Liam G and James Gearon stopped everything whilst Lucas B and Lucas A continued their runs around the ground, booting the ball long and into our forward line at every opportunity. Ryan G and Jacob tackled like men possessed and Finn out ran his opponent every time he had the ball.

Fittingly to finish the season off on a high, our little man who suffered probably the toughest season of all, breaking his arm mid season, kicked the last goal of the game, sending the boys and everyone in the grandstand into a mass of applause.

Well done to all the boys for a great day and congratulations to Jake and the coaching panel on developing a great group of boys into a true team, who look out for each other and celebrate everyone's successes. They really are a great bunch of friends who have had a blast this year!

Under 10

Modified rules game

A welcome dose of winter sun shone over Banksia Reserve as the U10 Bears prepared to play their last home and away game for the season. The boys were fired up after a great game last week and some inspiring words from Coach about how they were going to do the same to the Beaumaris Sharks as Mick Fanning did.

Q1 | The Bears took to the field a man short but that didn't stop them playing some of their best footy of the year early in the quarter.

The ball started and stayed in our forward line for some time. Nivvy took a great mark, Gubba was laying hard-hitting tackles, and Big Fish chased like his life depended on it. Bucket was everywhere, and managed to set Rhino up for a goal. Shortly after, Banjo also kicked one through the big sticks.

Towards the end of the quarter, the ball made its way to our back line. Wolfie and Hazza were desperate in defence, and Teddy went in so hard he nearly had his arm taken off, but he recovered quickly to execute a crushing tackle moments later.

Q2 | After a strong first quarter, the Bears seemed to lose some steam. Beaumaris scored and the ball then spent most of the quarter in our backline, where Haydos, Wolfie and Teddy saw a lot of the action. The Bears struggled to get past the wall of bigger players in the Beaumaris mid-field but Lucky, Banjo and Banger never stopped trying.

Q3 | Back at the scoring end and with a few strategic changes at half time, there was a more positive vibe from the team and some signs of better teamwork. The Shark pack continued to dominate the middle of the ground but the Bears were determined to go around and forward.

Leggy worked hard to feed the ball up the ground and Ossie did the same out on the wing. Our Ram and our Wolf tackled strongly, with Rhino and Banjo both putting in fantastic second efforts.

Q4 | The final quarter of the game (and the season) was tough on tired legs, but the Bears showed their fighting spirit right to the end. Wizza and Rhino kept marking whatever came their way. Niko and Nivvy were still making strong tackles. Bucket was still everywhere and Haydos continued to chase every opportunity. Ram and Lucky showed great determination, each holding their ground while being tackled by several Sharks. Lucky copped a ball in the face at close range but came back on the field moments later to finish out the match.

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The Bears can be proud of the improvement they showed compared to when they played Beaumaris earlier in the year. The Under 10 boys are now looking forward to the Lightning Premiership in Bently next week.

Captains: Wizza and Hazza

Awards (food vouchers): Wolfie and Niko. Both impressed everyone with how hard they went in for the ball all day. Niko even went in hard at the coach's box at half time.

Under 11 Grizzlies

Q1| A sunny but windy day greeted the boys for their second last game of the season. Coach Gary Birrell's focus today was on the boys to be aggressive at the ball.

The game started with the Bears going forward but did not have an opportunity to score. Northvale were taken by surprise by a different and improved Bears from previous rounds. Great defending on a couple of occasions by Angus O'Donnell repelled Northvale's attack.

This was followed by a good mark and kick into the forward line by Jesse Rawack. Eventually the Bears were rewarded after a ball up with Byron Clarke kicking long where Jackson Cauchi pounced on the ball, broke a tackle and kicked a great goal.

Great defending from Nicholas Johnston on the last line saved a goal, as well as desperate play from Jack King and Miro Foldvari forced a behind for Northvale. A great first quarter by the Bears with Byron Clarke and Clem Beazley playing a great quarter.

Q2| The second quarter was similar to the first with the Bears first to the ball holding Northvale without a goal in the first half, which was a great effort. It was a tough day for the boys to show their skills due to strong winds and congestion around the ball.

Highlights for the quarter were Byron Clarke's ruck work around the ground, Clem Beazley's clearing kicks and Griffin Beveridge's clearances.

Also, great defending by Hunter Soroczynski, Jacob Spilkin, Patrick Gerrand and Nicholas Johnston, our rock in defence.

Q3| The Bears continued their good work from the first half holding Northvale to a few points for the quarter.

Highlights of the quarter were great defending again by Angus O'Donnell and Jacob Spilkin. A long kick by Aiden Chen after a handball from Jackson Cauchi, led to a good mark from Atticus O'Meara. Another great pick-up and clearance from Clem Beazley got the Bears out of trouble. At the end of the quarter the Bears still had their noses in front.

Q4| In the last quarter the effort of both teams lifted up a gear. Both were desperate to win this tight, tough contest. Unfortunately Northvale eventually kicked their only goal of the game, which led to wild celebrations from their boys. But the Bears were not finished yet.

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They continually attacked including a snap from Nicholas Mavropoulos, which fell just short, and was rushed through for a point. Another good mark by Byron Clarke saved the Bears.

With the boys defending desperately the siren sounded, signaling the end of a very tough, tight game.

Two close losses in a row were heartbreaking for the boys but we will be back stronger and hungrier next week. There is no doubt that each boy in the team has improved remarkably since game one, and they should be proud of how far they have come.

We commend the great coaching all year by Gary Birrell and John Cauchi.

Score	Caulfield Bears	1	3	9
	Northvale	1	6	12
Awards	Byron Clarke, Miro Foldvari, Jacob Spilkin, Clem Beazley and Jackson Cauchi.			
Goals				

Under 11 Polars

As the season starts to get to the pointy end, every game is a must-win. As was this match, the return clash against McKinnon. And with Jack, Haddi and Kobi celebrating their 50th games, there was plenty of motivation.

After our trio broke the magnificent crepe paper banner with a ferocity they rarely exhibit on the field, we were off. And the Bears didn't disappoint, playing with the team effort, desire and commitment our coaches have been developing all season.

As a tribute to that total team ethos, which this frazzled dad believes can carry them far; this report focuses on the team not individuals. Those things the boys did well, and those things they can focus upon for the finals.

Q1 | It was tight early. McKinnon were ferocious, well-drilled and fought hard. But our measured confidence, faith in our structure and adherence to team rules shone through. We played in front, rebounded from half-back, and made incisive forward moves. Our talls played tall, and our small reaped their work. It was a tough quarter, but playing as a team we held a handy goal advantage at the break.

Q2 | Some impressive centre square work and almost telepathic understanding from our smalls brought gasps from the sidelines. Our pressure around the ground was reciprocated by McKinnon who moved up a gear and kept pushing the ball forward. But we held firm in defence. We didn't panic. Remember that boys, you didn't panic. And when we went forward, we trusted our structure and that our players would be in the right spots. And you were. And we scored. Repeatedly. Great quarter. Dare I say, mature footy.

Q3 | Memo to Bears: good sides respond when they're challenged, especially after a break. Which is what McKinnon did with a goal so quick the siren was still sounding when the ball sailed through. Like a man finally conquering an Ikea assembly, McKinnon started getting that swagger. That certain, 'I got the measure of this beast'. But the Bears hung tough, conceding goals, but fighting every inch of the way. Another memo to the Bears: you lost your structure and played the way your opponent wanted you to play. Have faith, my little cubs.

Q4 | And then you did something really great: you regrouped and paid back McKinnon with interest by playing your game again. You ran, you spread, you went forward with total confidence. And that

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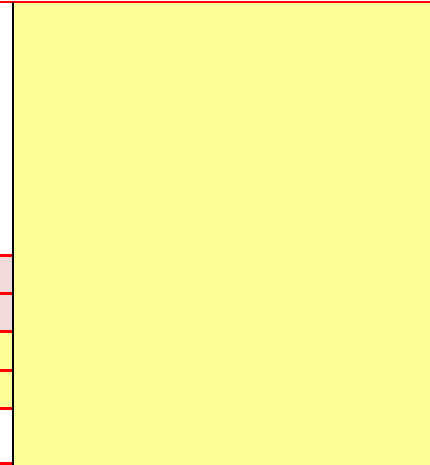
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goal, with a player running alongside the ball carrier, was a magnificent example not of individuality, but of a total team effort, confidence and a belief in each other. Bravo.

Coach Justin's post match both sums up the game and the simple instruction for the road ahead: "play great footy as a team."

Scores	Caulfield Bears	6	7	43
	St Paul's McKinnon	3	5	23
Awards				
Goals	2 - Hayden, 1 - Jackson, Jake, Nathan, Thomas			



Under 12

It was a sunny morning that welcomed the under 12 Bears at Mordy Braeside however the brisk wind straight down the ground would prove to be a telling factor.

The Bears were celebrating young Ryan Cox's 50 games, and after some false starts, he finally made it through the banner unscathed and the match was underway with Mordy kicking with the wind first.

Q1 | The quarter saw Harry Beet again provide great run off halfback with some great individual efforts from Archie Lord and Gus Edgar. The backline stood up very well, gallantly lead by joint captains Nicola Tomic and Cormac Dungan who incidentally took a great mark to stop a certain opposition goal.

Q2 | This quarter saw some great passages of play with Nick Karamihos and Gus Edgar combining beautifully to slot through our first two goals. Nic K again added a terrific goal when he took the ball out of the ruck and kicked truly. The match paused suddenly for several minutes when a spectator, attempting to kick the ball back over the fence, failed and failed and then failed once more however this did not unsettle our boys and we went in only 8 points down at the break.

Q3 | Sabastian Land did great work in the ruck and around the ground. Sabastian, together with Michael Michaelides and Gus Edgar worked the ball up the ground in a great team effort. Archie and Andrew Kim took some important marks and Nicola again was resolute in defence. We finished the quarter in good shape however with work to do.

Q4 | The last quarter began with Nic K again taking a great mark and kicking truly. The boys continued to battle it out with some great pressure applied to the opposition from the likes of Alec Regan and Sam Sciffer; however the team could not bridge the gap. Credit goes to all the boys though as it was a very good team effort.

Final scores 4:4 28 to 8:9 57

Goals

Awards to

Scores	Caulfield Bears	4	4	28
	Mordialloc Braeside	8	9	57
Awards	Alec Regan, Michael Michaelides and Grill'd voucher to Nick Karamihos			
Goals	Angus Edgar (2) Nick Karamihos (2)			

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Under 13

On a lovely sunny and mild morning we ventured to our neighbours in McKinnon to take on St Pauls.

Q1 | It was a 9.00am start, and the boys looked like they hadn't woken up properly in the first few minutes, St Pauls dominated possession and continually attacked, at one point Joel was pitted at full back competing against four opponents whilst his teammates were further afield kick chasing.

It was only Joel's great pressure that forced the ball out of bounds and stopped them scoring. After a period the boys woke up and started playing footy, Henry and Joel were swapping between ruck and full back and doing well, Mazz was marking everything in his area in defence, LT was doing well on the ball, Finn Od and Matty provided targets around the wings, Flynn was presenting well at centre half forward and Finn H layed a nice shepherd for Kai. At quarter time we were 2 points down, but would have been much worse if not for the backline desperation.

Q2 | We started the term very well, Finn Od laid a big tackle on the wing, and with the resultant free, got it down to Rex, who shot off a sharp handball to Beau to pump the ball forward. Shortly after Rex received a free and passed to Josh, gave off to Joel, but a wobbly kick went out of bounds.

It was now a very even contest with lots of very good passages of play from both sides, with much skilful passing by hand and foot. Mid term Paolo shot a pass off to Beau who snapped truly from 20 metres out for a goal. Jaffa then had an inspirational few minutes of play, firstly charging through 3 opponents to retain possession and we had a shot on goal which unfortunately hit the post, then Jaffa got on the end of a Dylan handball to kick a point, Rex got another handball, which found Mazz, and Mazz snapped a goal to put us 10 points in front.

Charlie G was providing a great target at CHF, Max and Lurch were dominant around the midfield, and Nick and Billy continued their recent terrific form in the backline, playing tight and stopping several opposition attacks.

Q3 | We had a 9 point lead going into the 3rd term, Bully shuffled the midfield around, starting Flynn, Gordo, Henry and Lurch there. St Pauls began the term strongly and were looking dangerous, Vas provided several strong tackles, Mazz took on 2 to 1, and won the contest, but with continual ball in their forward line, St Pauls eventually goaled to make it game on. There were several inspirational plays, Beau and Mazz in 2 separate instances stopped

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certain goals with smothers right on their goal line, and Gordo , Nick and Henry repelled several attacks.

The ball hardly went forward for the Bears, but when it did, Kai did some fantastic work to keep the ball in our forward zone. At three quarter time we were two points down, and under pressure to win this battle.

Q4 | St Pauls start attacking early, and this time Jaffa was in the backline and twice repelled opposition attacks, Dylan took a strong overhead mark deep in defence and the entire backline stood firm under pressure. St Pauls had the ball in the forward line for the majority of the term, but deep into the last quarter neither team had added to the 3 1/4 time scores, and defeat was looking likely, then in the last minute, up steps Mazz. He marked the ball 50 metres out, went back, played on, sidestepped his opponent, and then kicked a goal from 30 out. Ball back to the middle, a quick clearance by St Pauls, but the siren sounds and a four point win to the "good guys"!

A great result for the boys, and the improvements in the past few weeks have been tremendous, and a great tribute to the coaching crew.

Scores	Caulfield Bears	3	2	20
	St Paul McKinnon	1	10	16
Awards				
Goals	Mazz 2, Beau 1			

Under 14

On a bright yet chilly morn, the Bears once again lined up on the prestigious Koornang Park ground to play their worthy adversaries, East Sandringham. Of special note, they were also celebrating Liam's 100th(ish) game, a fine milestone for this fine young fellow who always impresses with his silky smooth skills.

A hefty wind blew in from the northwest, so having the wind behind them in the last quarter was going to be a boon to the Bears. Even though they were licking against the wind in the first quarter, they sprung out of the blocks like Usain Bolt running to a Nike 25% off sale and handpassed beautifully to a waiting John who then didn't hesitate to ping it through the big sticks to have the enthused Bears supporters cartwheeling past the grandstand.

After the centre bounce, the ball again defied the laws of nature and flew into the goal square where there was a flurry of attempts to once again grab a major score. It was the well-mannered and polite Shamus who introduced the ball to his foot and then gave clear and polite instructions to travel through the big poles.

East Sandy wasn't going to let two goals go unanswered so pushed up into attack but Harrison was in fine form, running on the ball and pushing it

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back into attack, disappointing the East Sandy team as much as dropping an ice cream down on the beach. Tim then followed up with a big fat kick and put the Bears three goals up. However, although the Bears had got off to a good start, both they and the Coach felt that they could go harder, faster and better. Thus into the second quarter they matched.

Kicking this time with the wind, one would have thought that the goals would have flowed like a ruby red wine from a Greek urn but the East Sandy boys were not going down without a fight. However, they have a bit too much fight and thus gave Jack a nice free kick in front of goal which he converted faster than we could think – also Jack's first goal for the year as he's usually busy on the backline.

John then decided to add to his tally with a great roving goal, the ball having been delivered sweetly from the great work the mid-fielders were doing. Aidan was wandering dangerously down at full forward and finally found some space and picked up a nice chest mark. Feeling a bit nervous, he looked over to his father for support ("KICK IT OR YOU'RE GROUNDED FOR A MONTH!!!"), these paternalistic kind words steadied him and he converted nicely.

Tim booted another one of his big ones – with the wind behind him I think he kicked it from the volleyball court at the Carnegie pool. Of course, one of the great pleasures in football is to see one of the smaller players take flight with the ball and confound the opposition so it was a luxury indeed when Max spun out of pack with the ball and deftly lifted one through for some major points. This was quickly followed by Matt curving in from the left hand side, no doubt with the East Sandy players thinking "There's no way he can curve that through for a goal unless he kicks with his left foot...oh no..."

The boys were at their boisterous best at the break but were behooved to put the brakes on their behaviour because a bitter battle could be building in the burgeoning half. So while a healthy score was affixed to the board, a cool calm approach was needed. Kicking into the wind again, it was a much tougher battle to find goals as East Sandy won everyone's respect by coming out and giving the Bears a good nudge.

Max once again got his hands on the ball and booted a belter into the wind, kicking slightly to the right and letting the breeze bring it back, gently navigating its way past the right hand post. So for this half it was much tougher for the Bears to score as the breeze picked up and the opposition hardened their luck up.

Last quarter the Bears were kicking with the breeze but, full credit to East Sandy, they did not drop their heads even being a fair whack of goals down and kept pushing to try and score. Liam, who had been doing nicely, lifted in the last quarter to be at his mercurial best, repelling all of the attacks swimmingly. What can I say about the last quarter? Not much really because I had to get this report in about 4 hours ago so I am going to have to leave it all to your fading memories!

Awards were given out to:

Charlie Joe – Played out of his skin for this match; He was everywhere and was obviously leather starved as he was chasing that ball like his life depended on it. Obviously his parents don't let him anywhere near the Sherrin during the week so he is after it like a man in the desert after a glass of ice water

Tim – Played his usual central role but one we never take for granted. A pivotal player who is a joy to watch and a great team member

Frenchie – He's always been a star in the ruck, but his game has expanded in the past few years to be one of the best close to the ground ruckman we have seen, scooping up the ball sweetly and, this year, had built up his kicking skills as well. I am desperately trying to get him recruited for Carlton!

Scores	Caulfield Bears	10	9	69
	East Sandringham	2	5	17
Awards	Charlie Joe, Tim, Frenchie			
Goals				

Under 15

The Bears took on second-placed Waverley at home on Sunday. Last time we played them we had a poor turnout and got belted, so everyone was hopeful of a much better showing this time around.

Trailing by a few points at three quarter time, the belief in the faces of our guys - along with a handy wind - gave everyone in the huddle plenty of heart.

What followed was a really strong team effort, which involved every player lifting his work rate and great conversion by Spencer and Max.

Special mention to Avi as well for putting aside some early frustrations and continuing to present a strong marking target up forward - a big bag of goals might be just around the corner.

Thanks too to Ollie Lord (U14) and Luke Mazzeo (U13) who pulled on jumpers for us and played important roles at both ends.

Waverley hit the contests hard and at one win each, will be looking forward to the prospect of a further finals encounter.

A really pleasing thing about our team has been the strong way the boys have been finishing off games. This demonstrates better fitness and maturity - traits that will become even more important if we get to play finals.

We'll also monitor Bhayne's knee, which was on the receiving end of a heavy clash right on half time. Bhayne's a fantastic team man, a regular on the training track and a gem of a bloke. Chin up mate!

We're at home again this Sunday for Daniel Smith's 100th - should be huge.

Go Bears!

Scores	Caulfield Bears	7	11	53
	Waverley	4	3	27
Awards	Another great team effort			
Goals	Spencer 5, Max 2			

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Under 17

Hello Caulfield Bears U/17 Families, Friends and Supporters.

Again, I report from the frontline. The news this week will be brief - for there is no joy nor pleasure in reporting a loss.

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From the first bounce, you could have been reminded of an early scene from 'Gladiator'. Maximus Meridius is lining his legions up against the Goths in the forest and shouts -

"At my signal, unleash Hell".

And Hell was what our sons endured for the next 88 minutes.

The Knights could smell blood in the water and with a full complement of 22 players, they set about trying to destroy our depleted team of 18 courageous young men.

A better show of numbers than the preceding weeks team of 16 players. With credit to the opposition, they showed no quarter and played to win, which they eventually did. The scoring floodgates breached in the final 7 minutes where they opened up the winning margin by 38 points. Prior to that point it had been a far dourer affair.

Malvern took their much needed win and left the field feeling like they had secured a psychological victory over our men. Teams with serious injury woes must still present on game day - regardless.

Poor deluded Malvern.

What they had not counted on was the fight put up by our gutsy determined practitioners of never give-in football.

Many other teams would have shrunk away from the task at hand. Spurred on by support from their injured teammates on the sidelines, our group showed their mettle by keeping the day from becoming a complete runaway goal fest for the opposition.

Malvern were never more than 20 odd points ahead at any time during the game and yet these Bears kept coming at them. They kept dragging the margin back and on occasion getting ahead on the scoreboard.

Everybody contributed out there in that bloody freezing sou'wester. No interchange, bone jarring exchanges, gut running, corkies, cramps, second, third and fourth efforts by some, running the full length of the field to provide defensive support, smaller players throwing themselves at the pill, while bigger players maintained a high physical presence.

They were possessed by a will and determination not to lower their colours. These boys were driven by pride to honourably account for their actions on the footy field.

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However, in the end, our lads succumbed to fatigue and the game drew to a close with little hope of victory.

These men show a willingness to listen and learn from their onfield endeavours - carefully guided by a coaching team that sees their true potential.

So there you have it.

The lesson this week has to be from an old Latin expression - "delapsus resurgam" - When I fall, I shall rise.

And that game, my beloved young warriors, is played "between the ears". Gambatte kudasai - good luck to one and all from the mAN in the grANDstANd.

Scores	Caulfield Bears	9	7	61
	East Malvern Blue	13	16	94
Best				
Goals				

Web Links

Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club – <http://www.caulfieldBearsjfc.com.au/>

South Metro Junior Football League – <http://sportingpulse.com/assocpage.cgi?assoc=4901andpID=1>

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