

Dribble

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Magic News.....

Officeworks BBQ fundraiser

Our BBQ went off without a hitch last weekend thanks to the hard work put in by Leon McKenna in organising the event. Unfortunately there was a serious lack of customers so we just managed to break even with plenty of left over snags. Not the result we were hoping for but it certainly clarified any doubt we had over how Officeworks shapes up next to Bunnings for a sausage sizzle! We will now look forward to next year's Bunnings event on Father's Day which is sure to reap a much better result for the club.

We would also like to thank all parents, coaches and players who came along to help us out - the result certainly wasn't on account of the commitment and organisation put in by Leon and all our volunteers so a sincere thanks to you all!

Match Reports...

Mixed U8/2 v Vermont Vultures 2 Won 14 - 6

Coach: Jarrod Long
Team Manager: Sandro Beltrami

We played our first home game for 4 weeks so it was great to be back on home court, we played a really good game for the entire match, our defence is getting better and we are also starting to talk to each other and pass the ball to a player in a better position. At half time we were leading 6-4 so it was great to see that we only allowed them 2 points for the 2nd half. Great teamwork by everyone, let's put another team effort in for this week.

Goal scorers for the week were Cooper, Kyan, Lucas and Sam.

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Match Reports...

Mixed U8/4 v Heathmont Hornets
Lost 17 - 16

Coach: Nick Bradford
Team Manager: Vanessa Bradford

Another nail biter again this week with the team again going down by a point in a 17 v 16 thriller against the Heathmont Hornets.

Great performances all round with Jacob and Rhys's usual aggressive tactics forcing many turnovers and Daniel and Nick really stepping up in the rebounding stakes. Liam, Lachy and Ethan continue to improve every week and all contributed to a really hard fought game that unfortunately just didn't go our way in the end.

Boys U10/2 v Wattle Park Saints
Lost 22 - 18

Coach: Shannon Evans
Team Manager: Carolyn Fisher

A very tough game for the boys, and the coach, which saw Wattle Park take advantage of the fact that the umpires were not calling many fouls against them. The Magic boys got out to a slow start but fought back against the physical nature of the game and at half time it was 10 all.

A series of farcical calls- Wattle Park stepping outside the court but it not being called as an example- meant that the boys were fighting an uphill battle in the second half. As usual they put in everything they had but in the end it was another close loss. Great effort boys-your next win is not far away.

Boys U10/3 v Ashwood Wolves 2
Won 31 - 2

Coach: Greg Skien
Team Manager: Andrew Gibson

We were at Oakleigh for our game against the Ashwood Wolves 2 side. The boys were well matched for height and started the game well dominating possession. Josh got us on the scoreboard early with a nice goal. This was shortly followed by goals to Cayden, Dylan and Will and the game was quickly becoming one way traffic. Joseph and Damo scored and 2 more goals were clunked by Josh, which saw him with 3 for the first half and at half time we had shot out to a 17 – 0 lead.

The boys set out to play to the team structures in the 2nd half and set up a number of opportunities as a result of defensive interceptions. Goals to Sam and Adam in the 2nd half had meant that all boys had scored a goal and we ran out convincing winners 31 – 2.



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Match Reports....

Boys Under 10/5 Vs Nunawading Kangas

Won 18 - 4

Coach: Chris Leslie

Team Manager: Vanessa Bradford

A terrific effort from the boys on Saturday with an 18 to 4 victory over the Nunawading Kangas.

It was another whole team effort with everyone pitching in to ensure the win - end to end baskets from Kane and Xavier, with Jackson and Noah also scoring points, and Ben, James and both Ashtons getting right in amongst it and forcing turnovers, making it hard for the Kangas to even make it past centre court.

Great job boys - keep it up!

Boys U12/2 v Spirit Magic 3

Won 28 - 19

Coach: Paul Hayes

Team Manager: Peter Munro

It was the first local derby for the season and the boys were keen to take on their school yard buddies in what turned out to be a tight game that was played in great spirit by both teams.

We went into the match with 2 players down as Pat Fasan and Liam Chapman were both missing which meant we had to keep an eye on the boys as they still ran just as hard as every other week but had less time to recover on what was a hot day both on and off the court. SM3 got the early break and hit the first 4 points of the game before we were able to claw our way back and hit some baskets of our own in what was a fast paced counter attacking game by both teams. We went into the half time break with a well-earned 4 point lead but the game was far from over.

The second half was played in similar style to the first half and the boys from SM2 were able to hold sway and eventually run out winners by 9 points. In what was another even team orientated display, every player from SM2 scored points with Declan Woods and Ben Linkin having game high 6 points each followed by Jordan Habib, Cameron Hayes and Lachlan Munro scoring 4 points each and Lachlan Gawel and Ryan Smith also hitting 2 points a-piece.

The boys from SM3 were never far away and we look forward to another great match between the 2 Spirit Magic teams sometime in the future - until next week - Go Magic U12/2.



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Match Reports...

**Girls U12/2 v Ashwood Wolves 1
Won 21 - 24**

**Coach: Andrew Wade
Team Manager: Anthea Mitchell**

Once again the girls gave us an exciting game to watch, coming up against a taller team the end result doesn't show the fighting Magic Spirit exhibited throughout the game. With coach Andrew away this week, a team Dad stepped in, in the form of Craig Wenham. Spirit was behind right up until the final 1min 40 of the game when they finally got ahead, thanks to 3 quick goals by Olivia. Scoring throughout the game was commenced by Ella with two 1 point foul shots (2), Sarah totalling 10, Olivia 8 and Laura contributing 4 points.

This week the girls showed much improvement through demonstrating skills worked on in training by using long throws and anticipation of where teammates will be and throwing ahead. A fantastic effort and we look forward to more exciting Basketball this week.

**Girls Under 14/2 Vs Waverley Raiders 1
Lost 21 - 12**

**Coach: Shannon Evans
Team Manager: Michelle Swift**

The girls started off strong again this week and although we were still a girl down with Pheobe away on other commitments, the Raiders were down as well with only 5 players. I asked the girls to play more of a running game instead of the usual zone defence that we've been playing recently to try to take advantage of our undermanned opponent and for most of the first half, this seemed to be working and by half time, the scores were even at 6 a piece.

Unfortunately, the girls let the game slip away from them in the second half which is starting to become a bit of a habit.

Although there were a few good things done, there were too many wasted opportunities in offence and way too many holes our defence which the Raiders were quick to take advantage of. In the end, the Raiders ran away with a comfortable win, 12 – 21.

Remember girls, basketball is a tough, highly physical team sport, and if you don't push yourself and work together, it makes it even tougher!

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