



2016 Newsletter # 12

Dear Mighty Knights,

This weeks newsletter we are reporting on the progress of our 2 girls teams. Coaches, Grant u/15 and Rich u/12 have sent some highlights of the season to date. As we approach the half way mark of the season both teams are well placed and are progressing nicely towards finals.

Under 12 Girls

2016 has seen a major change to the structure of the U12s with 13 of last year's team no longer eligible to play, the introduction of 15 new girls, 8 girls returning from last year and another coming back to play after a year off. Even with all of the changes and a very inexperienced team we are playing a good brand of team footy. We are currently fourth of ten on the ladder having played all of the teams above us with a good run to come. The more experienced girls are bringing the younger girls into the games giving them the confidence to develop further. We have also struck up a relationship with the St Kilda Sharks, a senior Women's football team that plays at the highest level who provide players to assist at training on Fridays nights. We even had their coach (Shaun Smith – ex Melbourne player) down last week who showed the girls how to take a "screamer". The girls are improving each week and more importantly enjoying their footy. We invite you all down to have a look at a game if your sons are playing nearby. Those that do make the effort are always surprised at the skill level, the physicality of the games and just how much the girls enjoy their footy. We are currently fourth of ten on the ladder having played all of the teams above us with a good run to come.

Under 15 Girls

The U15 Girls team has had a great start to the 2016 season. We have a list of 25 players, with a good mix of girls returning from 2015, girls returning to the Club after a break, girls coming up from the 2015 U12's and new players to the Club. The skills and enthusiasm on display from all of the girls has been great from the first training session, and this has translated to some really pleasing results on the field.

So far the season has seen us win 3 out of 4 of the grading games to get into Division 1 of the competition, and then the first 3 of the season post grading, including a very exciting 1 point win last Sunday over one of the other, to then, undefeated teams! The results have been particularly pleasing as we have had a number of our taller/ older girls unavailable through a mix of school trips and

injuries over the last few weeks, so the rest of the team has had the opportunity, and the challenge, to play in some different positions and roles and help to maintain the success of the team. Every girl in the team has shown some notable development through the season already, and they have all made some great contributions to what we have achieved so far, and we expect that this will continue.

We have also had 3 of our team, Bryanna Arnold, Lily Enders and Mia Cowan recognised for their great starts to the season by winning selection for the SMJFL Rep Team. Unfortunately Mia hasn't been able to play due to an ankle injury, but each of the girls deserves to be proud of making the representative team!

Go the Mighty Knights

Player numbers during school holiday period

Please think about informing your Team Manager if you will be unavailable to play during the upcoming winter school break. This period is always difficult for our volunteer coaches and managers to ensure we have competitive numbers in order to fulfil our team quota.

Raffle Tickets are due back to your Team Managers ASAP

SHARE YOUR FOOTY LOVE!

Did you know that we're on Facebook?

Make sure to like our page for photos and updates

<https://www.facebook.com/EastMalvernJuniorFootballClub>

PLUS - we can't get around all the teams / games but we'd still love to see & share YOUR photos on the Knights page.

Just post them to the page or text them / email them to Fiona Doyle - 0408 364 219 / buffham@optusnet.com.au.

Every week we'll choose the best photo to be our cover photo!

MERCHANDISE STALL - WILL NOT OPEN THIS WEEK

THE BAR WILL NOT BE OPEN THIS FRIDAY

NO TRAINING FRIDAY 10TH JUNE

**WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT
THE CIRCUS TOMORROW NIGHT**

www.trybooking.com.au/LHZL

NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.

AMAZING RAFFLE PRIZES

2016 IMPORTANT DATES:

Friday 3rd June - Night of Knights

Sunday 12 June - Queens Birthday Weekend - NO FOOTBALL

Sunday 3rd July - School Holidays - NO FOOTBALL



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