



**Caulfield Bears**  
**Junior Football Club**

# The Bear Facts

Edition 1

Round 1 2016

## President's message

Welcome everyone to the Caulfield Bears Junior Football Club season 2016!

Round one was celebrated with fabulous sunshine and eleven of our twelve teams played their first game of the year. Congratulations to all those players making their Caulfield Bears debut!

With the first round under our belts, we can now take stock and update you on our main goals and objectives for the year. We want to focus on creating the best possible environment for every player to play to the best of his or her ability. This will be achieved in the following ways:

**Investment in facilities:** thanks to the efforts of Gary Birrell, we have just completed an upgrade of our flood lights on the oval, increasing the lux lighting levels so that they are now above the recommended levels for safe night time training.

The Club is also in discussions with our landlord (Glen Eira Council) on upgrades to the changing rooms and increased storage facilities.

**Coaches' professional development:** The Football Department will be providing the coaches with extra professional development and support throughout the season. All Assistant Coaches are being offered the opportunity to get formal AFL accreditation (consistent with the main Coach).

**Engagement with older teams:** we are going to be launching some exciting new initiatives to better engage with our older aged teams so that they also feel a valued and integral part of our Club.

Another important focus for us this year is having a platform for learning and player improvement. The coaches will be seeking your support to ensure that players (particularly in the younger teams) attend training, with the right attitude, ready to listen and train as instructed - this is vital if players are to improve their game.

As a final note, without the generous support of all our sponsors, the Club would not be able to operate and we encourage all members to show their support to our sponsors wherever possible.

In particular, we would like to thank our Diamond Sponsor, Gary Peer & Associates, for their generous support to the Club. We are excited to announce that Gary Peer has recently extended their commitment to the Club for another five years.

**Louise Nelson**  
**President**  
**CBJFC**



## Round Two Fixture | April 23 & 24

Home Team	Away Team	Time	Venue
<b>Caulfield Bears U9 GRIZZLIES</b>	Waverley Park Hawks	9:00	KOORNANG PARK
<b>Caulfield Bears U9 KODIAKS</b>	Oakleigh Dragons	9:00	KOORNANG PARK
Northvale JFC	<b>Caulfield Bears U10 GRIZZLIES</b>	9:00	WELLINGTON RESERVE
<b>Caulfield Bears U10 POLARS</b>	East Brighton Vampires	10:15	KOORNANG PARK
Mordialloc-Braeside	<b>Caulfield Bears U10 Kodiaks</b>	11:15	WALTER GALT RESERVE
East Brighton Vampires	<b>Caulfield Bears U11</b>	11:30	WILLIAM STREET RESERVE
St Paul's McKinnon JFC	<b>Caulfield Bears U12 Polars</b>	8:45	MCKINNON RESERVE
Beaumaris FC	<b>Caulfield Bears U12 Grizzlies</b>	11:30	DONALD MCDONALD RESERVE
Mordialloc Braeside JFC	<b>McKinnon Caulfield Bears U13</b>	8:45	WALTER GALT RESERVE
St Peter FC	<b>Caulfield Bears U14</b>	10:30	CENTENARY PARK Oval 1
Bentleigh JFC	<b>Caulfield Bears U15</b>	11:00	BENTLEIGH RESERVE
<b>Ajax U16</b>	<b>Caulfield Bears U16</b>	Mon 9:00	PRINCES PARK – Oval 1



Welcome to all our new Auskickers. We're glad to have you at CBJFC, and we know you'll have a great season ahead.

The **Caulfield Bears AFL Auskick** program is the perfect way to introduce children aged between 5-12 years to the skills of the game

of Australian football. Our program is based on a weekly coaching program that focuses on teaching the skills of the game through appropriately modified activities and rules. The emphasis is on providing a *fun and safe environment* for both kids and parents.

**To learn more about our AFL Auskick program, simply contact Jamie Fardell on 0405 574 691, or email [auskick@caulfieldbears.com.au](mailto:auskick@caulfieldbears.com.au).**

## Under 9 Kodiaks

### U9 Kodiaks vs. St Bedes/Mentone Tigers U9Blue @ Koornang Park

The Kodiaks put in a great effort for their first game of the year. The majority of the players had played in the Kodiaks U9 team last year but had some new additions this year.

Jakob Sekker and Ben Fardell were captains for the day. The game was of a very high standard with St Bedes taking an advantage of their great running game in the first quarter. For the remainder of the match the Kodiaks had a lot of the possession and converted two great goals in the 3rd (Dominic) and 4th (Grady) quarters.

Romy and Ethan provided a lot of drive out of the midfield. Mack O' Keefe played a number of different roles asked of him by the coaches. Oliver McCurdy and Ben had great games in defense. Jaikaih Honner (after being injured in the first half) was a very dangerous forward. Coaches (Dale and Damien) said everyone showed great effort and improved as the game progressed.

## Under 9 Grizzlies

### U9 Grizzlies vs. Highett I Turner Rd

The Grizzlies put in a brilliant effort for their first game of the year, and special mention must be made of the fantastic effort from many first year players.

Great teamwork, long kicking and determined chasing down of the ball. All players were active in the play, and strong in defense – a great opening game for what's sure to be a fantastic season ahead.

## Under 10 Polars U10 Polars vs. South Melbourne I Murphy Reserve

The under 10 Polars responded to coach Rowan's rousing pre-match address with an active first quarter of fine skills and sportsmanship. James Thomas in the ruck combined beautifully with Marcus Brittain, Liam Campitelli and Michael Liolios in firing the ball out of the centre to our powerful forwards in Jonothan Lopes, James Gearon and Lachlan Thurlow.

A team inspiring first goal from Luke Scicluna signaled the Bears' arrival. When strong defense was required Quinn Cooper, Matthew Hamilton (who bamboozled the opposition with his fancy moves), and Co Captain Amelie O'Meara acted like the great wall.

After the coaches called for more tackles, the second and third quarters saw powerful ruck work from Co Captain Liam Golding as well as some fine marking and kicking. With great play from James Godfrey in saving goals like a soccer keeper, Lachlan Thurlow who snapped truly for our second major and Gabby Clarke applying strong tackles, the opposition looked spooked.

The final quarter belonged to the brave and creative with Tekarne Leek-Postlethwaite shrugging a tackle with ease to snap at goal, which just missed by a whisker. Lachlan Hudson launched some great kicks, Marcus Prins was powerful in defense, allowing a golden combination to emerge of Marcus Brittain, and Quinn Cooper who kicked, marked and goaled giving us a taste of this team's bright future. Congratulations to every member of the team for a wonderful start to the season.

# Under 12 Polars

## Under 12 Polars vs East Sandringham I Koornang Park

Perfect conditions for football greeted the boys for their Round 1 clash with East Sandy. It was a bit of a scrappy opening with both teams tackling well and the pressure around the ball intense. The Bears attacked early, with Andrew and Charlie getting plenty of the ball and Hayden Short snapped the first goal of the season. Angus and Byron were solid in defense as Sandy attacked late in the quarter. As the quarter ended, honours were evenly shared between the two teams.

East Sandy started the second quarter well, putting the Bears backline under pressure. The Bears tackling was a highlight, with Andrew and Byron both receiving free kicks for strong tackles. East Sandy scored the only two goals of the second term. At half time Coach Short praised the boys for their attack on the footy, but asked for better communication on the ground and for the players to hold their positions.

The third quarter was all East Sandy. They attacked consistently and goaled at regular intervals. Angus Nicolay was a rock in the last line of defence, but it wasn't enough to hold out the consistent attacks. The Bears continued to fight and finished the quarter strongly.

The last quarter was a more even affair. Andrew and Luca showed great tenacity around any contested ball, which seemed to rub off on the rest of the team. The backline gelled together and quickly rebounded East Sandy attacks. Charlie continued his solid game while Tom, Noah, Lucas and Bailey proved a solid backline unit. The Bears fought the game out well, but the damage had been done in the third quarter.

Post-game Coach Short pointed out to the boys that they were evenly matched with the opposition in the first and last quarters, but a small drop in intensity in the second and third quarters meant that East Sandy were able to get on top. A good lesson for the boys that their best is good enough, but they need to play four solid quarters to compete with the good teams in this division.

### Final scores:

**Under 12 Polars 1.5. 11**

**East Sandringham: 11.6.71**

# Under 13

## U13 vs. East Malvern McKinnon Reserve

After a testing pre-season, the Bears who remained from last year's U12 team had merged with the haloes from up the road. (St Pauls McKinnon for those who don't know). The new team had trained together for a couple of weeks in preparation for the season. Captains Beet and Penhall won the coin toss and the game got underway.

We kicked into the wind and some good teamwork and passages of play resulted in our first goal. We defended strongly and kept East Malvern scoreless throughout the quarter.

Second quarter began well, with teamwork and smart ball use coming to the fore. We held it in our forward line early in the quarter, and then the torrent of goals began. Kazza (Nick K) kicked four goals, each the result of good teamwork from those around him, and his excellent finishing skills. The boys were very upbeat at half time.

The third quarter was similar to the first, defending stoutly, and keeping them goalless, and we moved the ball well into the forward line. Final quarter did not result in the same amount of goals as the second, as the boys tired in the first game of the season, but their endeavour was still evident. Kazza's rucking and around the ground play was a joy to watch. Freezer (Morgan) and Chocco (Will) played intelligent kick behind the play football, and defended strongly. Harry B. roved tirelessly all day, and moved the ball *tres bien* throughout the game. Harry P was very good at winning the ball, and delivering it. Arnie (Andy) was like a terrier in the way he defended his back pocket. Boopa played the consummate full back's game, taking marks, and distributing well to teammates. Max delivered the ball beautifully to the spot more than once, and Hughesy and Edgy were tireless all day.

Post-match, both songs were sung, and the boys are to be commended on their effort and teamwork.

### Final scores:

**Under 13: 8.9.57**

**East Malvern: 0.2.2**



# Under 14

## U14 vs. East Brighton I Koornang Park

On a cracking day for football, we were playing our first game of the season at home to East Brighton. Before the game the new Leadership team for the year was announced, after a vote from each of the players. Fraser and Beau were announced as joint Captains, and Henry as their Deputy.

We started very well, and probably having more of the footy in the first term, Mazz saw a bit of the footy early and registered our first score for the year, albeit only a behind, one of our new recruits, Harrison was proving a great focal point up forward, crunching packs, taking marks and ensuring the ball at least came to ground when he didn't mark it. Fraser scored our first goal and this was shortly followed by a goal to Beau after some good work again from Harrison to get the ball to him. Dylan was doing a fantastic job in the backline, repelling many opposition attacks, and looks like a big year ahead for him if he can continue to display that form.

In the second term, East Brighton got on top on the scoreboard, however generally the game was played on an even keel, we just didn't convert all of our opportunities when we went forward. Matty kicked a nice goal from in front from a free kick, and our midfield led by Henry and Fraser were as usual getting plenty of the ball.

The third term was very similar to the second,. Another new player, Ben, was providing an alternative target forward to Harrison in a promising Bears debut, and Kai had a long shot on goal which unfortunately bounced backwards after landing right near the goal line. At 3/4 time we were 27 points down, but this did not truly reflect what was an even game.

After a terrific effort for 3 quarters, the final term was disappointing, Bully has been telling the boys that many of them need to get fitter, and hopefully the boys will now understand this Good luck for the remainder of the year, and get behind your coach and work hard.

**Final scores:**

**Under 14: 4.9.33**

**East Brighton: 13.0.78**

## Under 16

### U16 Team vs. South Melbourne Koornang Park

**Final scores:**

**Under 16: 4.7.31**

**South Melbourne: 25.13.163**

## Under 15

### U15 vs. St Kilda FC I Koornang Park

A mild and warm day for the opening game of the season saw our boys pushed hard by a very determined St Kilda City FC. While the final score wasn't what we like to see, today's game was a great opportunity to build match fitness, and get a feel for the season ahead. Lots of hard knocks taken and given - a great effort for our first round. Bring on next week at Bentleigh!

**Final scores:**

**Under 15: 4.4.28**

**St Kilda FC: 10.12.72**

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