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Diary:**

**FJFC Constitution
Adoption Meeting**
Sept 9th
7.30-9.30pm

FJFC AGM
Oct 28th, 7.30pm

**FJFC Presentation
Day**
Sept 7th



PRESIDENTS REPORT

***Hi, to all Players, Parents and Friends
of the FJFC.***

Its "Finals Fever" time at the FJFC. I take this moment to thank all at the FJFC who gave of their time to make this one of the most successful seasons we have had, both on and off the field.

Presentation Day is coming up on Sept 7th. This is a great day for all the Club to get together. At these events you get a real sense of how "big" the Club is. A free barbeque will be in operation all day and, hopefully, the weather will smile on us.

The Club Perpetual Awards will take place between 12:30 and 1:15....
Who will be Club person of the Year?...
Who will be FJFC Club Champion?

Well done to Tom Vinga (U10 Green) and Elliot Dunton (U12 Green) for being selected to appear on the Grand Final edition of the "Footy Show"....
Do we have a future Eddie McGuire in the making?

As I told you in the last newsletter, FJFC together with the Fitzroy Reds has been

FJFC CONSTITUTION ADOPTION MEETING

An historic occasion is fast approaching for the club when we meet to formally adopt the constitution. The third & final draft is on the website and we thank everyone for their verbal, email and written feedback – we really appreciate it!!! Please do take the time to read it and, importantly, attend the meeting and have a vote on determining the long-term future of the club!!

***Tuesday, September 9th, 7.30-9.30pm
Brunswick Street Oval Community Rooms***

We must record a special vote of thanks to Ian Shepherd, Vice President Football Manager, who undertook the mammoth task of drafting (and re-re-drafting!!!) the constitution – well done, Ian.

nominated as a finalist in the Victorian Sports Awards in the category of Community Partnerships. The winners are announced on September 2nd so I'll let everybody know how we went on Presentation Day.

Now, lets "PARTY"...on August 31st 5.30pm till late, We will be having Grand Final celebrations at Brunswick Street Oval Community rooms. This is a function for "EVERYONE" to get together and celebrate our Finals success.
Could we win "Five" flags?...Who knows?
A great effort to just participate.

"Yummy" food will be supplied free on the night and we will be having a "bar" operating for the event. Hope to see all of our great Fitzroy people at the "PARTY".

Best Wishes to all,

Steve Turner

President.FJFC

COACHING DIRECTOR'S REPORT – RON GAUCI

Well the 2003 home and away series has come to a close. Well done to all – you have done Fitzroy proud this year. Fitzroy will have teams represented in the finals for each age group from U10 to U14. Our representation in the finals series has grown from 4 teams in 2001, to 5 in 2002 and now 6 in 2003. This is an excellent performance. We had four of our teams finish in the top two positions and we won 97 games for the year compared with 93 last year and 88 the year before. This is a long way forward of our first year when our club kicked a single goal for the whole season. Our match success rate has also improved from 46% in 2001 to 48% in 2002 and 53% in 2003. Each team experienced the opportunity to sing the club song on at least one occasion this year – well done. The other interesting metric is indicated on the table below in terms of our rankings against other Clubs within the competition. The table below shows the Top 15 (of 25) Clubs in the YJFL, by teams in the finals this year. We have climbed this ladder to be in third position – our best position yet. Considering that we only fielded 11 teams this year, to have 6 of these experience finals football is an excellent achievement.

	Colts	U15	U14	U13	U12	U11	U10	Totals
St. Mary's	1	1	2		1	2	2	9
Beverley Hills	1	1	1	1	2	1		7
Fitzroy			1	2	1	1	1	6
Ivanhoe	1			1	1	1	1	5
Canterbury	1	1		1		1		4
Greythorn	1		1		1	1		4
Kew Rovers				1	2		1	4
Park Orchards				1	1	1	1	4
Warrandyte		1		1		1	1	4
Banyule				1	1		1	3
Glen Iris		1	1			1		3
Hawthorn Cits					1	1	1	3
Kew					1	2		3
SFX Whitehorse	1		1			1		3
Surrey Park	1		1		1			3



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If we look at our position after the first round of finals we still have 5 teams remaining in the running, being U10 Gold, U11 Brown, U13 Green, U14 Brown and U12 Green moving straight into a Grand Final berth. Congratulations too, to the U13 Brown team, who after sitting in second spot for most of the latter part of the season, slipped down to fourth after some crippling injuries and being hit seriously by the dreaded lurgies – a great performance and well done.

The real objectives are however, that our children enjoy their football and continue to develop. Clearly the results of this year, and the signs of progress indicate that this objective continues to be met.

As for next year, we are commencing the process already, as we do each year, of looking at the coaching panels and positions. We encourage all present and prospective coaches to express an interest early. All positions will be advertised, however please let our President Steve Turner or myself know of your interest to coach or be an assistant so that we can include you in our planning.

Best wishes to all our teams still competing in the finals series.

Ron Gauci
Coaching Director.

JUMPER RETURNS!!!

Please make sure you return your FJFC jumper to your team manager if you haven't already - Footy jumpers are one of the costliest items for the club, about \$65 per jumper, so we really need as high a return rate as possible.

Thanks everyone!

\$\$ CHOCOLATE MONEY \$\$

We still have some outstanding chocolate money. To make this fundraising drive a success we need all players/families to return their money. Please bring it along to Presentation Day, or contact our club treasurer.

Thanks to our many families that have returned their chocolate money.

FEES - 2003

We have a 75% rate of fees in as at 1st August, 2003.

As usual the younger age groups have done best, with some teams already returning 100%.

Unfortunately, this year the Colts (Under 17s) has been very disappointing with only 6 out of 24 players having paid **OR** contacted the club with enquiries about receiving a subsidy and/or deferred payment.

As most people would be aware the club is happy to subsidise players **if** we are contacted – either directly to the treasurer or secretary, or via your team manager to discuss the issue.

If we have not heard from parents or players in relation to unpaid 2003 fees OR jumpers are not returned those players will be ineligible to play for FJFC in season 2004.

TEAM PHOTOS - \$10 each!!

We are very fortunate this year to have had an offer from TOM FAHIE, brother of Alister in Under 10 Gold, ably assisted by dad, Michael (Under 10 Gold team manager) to take team photos at the cost of about \$7-\$8 per photo.

Basically, Tom & Michael have donated an enormous amount of time to get to as many teams as possible. The finished product is fantastic, with an individual insert of each player added to every photo.

The photos will be available to buy on Presentation Day. For ease of distribution, we will try to coordinate this through each team manager on the day, but we will also have a table and someone to collect the money.

A big thanks to Tom & Michael for their contribution.

FJFC PLAYER AGE POLICY

It is the policy at FJFC that all players play in their age group.

Players may spend 2 years at Under 10 level as players must be turning 9 years old as a minimum entry age into the Under 10s in their first year of playing.

At Under 17 Colts, players may also spend 2 years in this age level, as this is the next available age group after Under 15s.

The age level is determined by the calendar year, Jan 1st to Dec 31st. For example, if you are turning 11 in 2004, you will be in Under 11s for the 2004 footy season.

The complete policy is available on our website.

MILESTONES

Congratulations!

100 Games

Billy Burstin

Under 14/Brown

David Lettieri

Under 15s

David McMullin

Under 15s

Aidan Finn

Under 15s

David Jennens

Under 15s

50 games

Dylan Patcas

Under 11/Brown

Declan Ryan

Under 12/Green

What a wonderful achievement!!

The Junior Lions are online at www.fitzroyjuniorfc.com.au <<http://www.fitzroyjuniorfc.com.au>> The club invites players and parents to pay a visit to the new revamped club website at www.fitzroyjuniorfc.com.au <<http://www.fitzroyjuniorfc.com.au>> for all the latest stories, club news and information. The redesigned site (managed by under 10 parent, Lisa Gye) has loads of exciting features including -

- a newssection (changed every few days during the season and pre-season)
- a newsarchive (if you miss a newsletter, it'll be here)
- new specialsections for each age group including action photos
- important club information
- information for parents
- a suggestion box
- loads of other features, including a new "Flying the Flag" section where players are photographed in exotic places in their Lions jumpers

GRAND FINAL CLUB FUNCTION

Everyone is invited to attend the Grand Final celebrations at the Brunswick Street Oval Community Rooms on Sunday, August 31st, from 5.30pm onwards.

Yummy **free** meals of pasta, curry, soup, salad & bread plus one free can of soft drink for each child attending. Wine & light beer on sale, and all the usual canteen items.

As of going to print we have one team in the Grand Final (Under 12 green – congratulations!) and 4 others in preliminary finals – Under 10 Gold, Under 11 Brown, Under 13 Green & Under 14 Brown. Commiserations to Under 13 Brown who got knocked out in the Elimination final.

Wouldn't it be great if the remaining 4 teams also made it to the Grand Final!!!

Check out our web site for details of which teams made it to the Grand Final and when and where they play. Maybe you can go along to one of them and support their crack at the flag!!!

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FJFC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The FJFC AGM is scheduled for **Tuesday, October 28th, 7.30pm**, Brunswick Street Oval Community Rooms.

Put this date in your dairy now!!

We cannot post "formal" notice of the AGM until after the finalisation of the constitution as that will effect some of the matters required to be undertaken at the AGM, particularly the elections for the FJFC committee for 2004, and eligibility to vote.

We will post the details **by mail** to every family who had a child playing at the club in 2003, as part of our September newsletter, as well as on our website.

See you at the AGM!!!

TEAM MANAGER & COACH'S POST SEASON SUPPER & KIT RETURN NIGHT

The club will be holding a supper & post-season get together for all team managers & coaches combined – to debrief the season, return kits, & thank them for all their efforts!!

We would like to take this opportunity to thank **all** the parents & friends who have volunteered their time to assist the teams & the club over 2003.

This is very much a volunteer based organization and without your contribution we wouldn't be a club!!

Well done everyone!

YJFL BEST & FAIREST AWARDS

The YJFL umpires vote for the best players (3,2,1) in each game. Those players who are invited to attend the YJFL Best & Fairest Awards Presentation night are in the top 8-13 players in their division for receiving the most umpire's votes during the home and away season. The YJFL uses the minimum number of 10 votes to be included in this top group. If there are less than 12 players overall who have received this number of votes they will look at the next group of players who have achieved 9 votes, or 8, and ensure there are a minimum of 8 players invited to the YJFL Presentation Night in each division.

This year 11 FJFC players have been invited to the YJFL Best & Fairest Presentation night to be held at The Centre Ivanhoe, Tuesday 26th August commencing 7pm.

Congratulations to:

U 10 Gold Jordan Smith; Hal Hunter.
U 11 Brown James Hodson; Vivian Michie.
U 12 Gold Jasper McMillan; Kit Harvey.
U 12 Green Adam Biggs; Nick Demelis; Ned Hunt
U 13 Brown Ben Omizzolo;
U 13 Green Ross Borland.

We wish you the best of luck!!!