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Key Dates 2011

Preliminary Finals

11th of September

13's - 11:30 am - City Beach Upper

15's - 1:00pm - Barry Britton Res

Grand Finals

18 September

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The News in Brief

- Past player Kane Mitchell (Claremont) has just been invited to the AFL Camp ... well deserved! Other past Marist players Patrick McGinnity (Eagles) and Travis Colyer (Essendon) have both had strong AFL performances despite injuries!
- Sponsorship has been fantastic this year and all teams have achieved their own individual sponsors. The club really appreciated the efforts of the sponsors and the dollars that they pump into the club.
- To thank our sponsors visit our website and download this year's sponsorship booklet so that you can use their goods and services. Don't forget to mention that you are from Marist FC.
- The Ground Lighting Project has now crossed all major hurdles and we can confirm they WILL be installed in advance of the next season. Michael Milne and club sponsor Michael Lovegrove of Lovegrove electrical have put a huge amount of the time and effort into this project. The club is very grateful for this.



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Preliminary Finals

This Saturday we have two teams in preliminary finals. Come down and support our teams, we welcome the support of all!

13's - 11:30 am - City Beach Upper (Carine 13s Cats) – Good luck Phil and the Boys!

15's – 1:00pm - Barry Britton Res (Kingsley 15s Tigers) – Good luck to Matt and the Boys!

Concussion in Junior Football

Concussion should be suspected in the presence of **any one or more** of the following: symptoms (such as headache), or physical signs (such as unsteadiness), or impaired Brain function (e.g. confusion) or abnormal behaviour.

Any athlete with a suspected concussion should be IMMEDIATELY REMOVED FROM PLAY, urgently assessed medically and should not be left alone.

GUIDELINES FOR RETURN TO PLAY

Children and adolescents should NOT return to play without clearance from a Medical Practitioner.

Graduated Return to Play (GRTP)

The management of a GRTP following a concussion or suspected concussion of a Player should be undertaken on a case by case basis and with the full cooperation of the Player. Players **MUST** have clearance from a Medical Practitioner before they can return to play.

If GRTP is NOT managed by a Medical Practitioner,

- A Player **MUST NOT** play until at least the 21st day after the incident.
- The GRTP process may commence after a 14 day stand-down period from playing sport and/or training for sport and only if there are no symptoms of concussion. Where the Player completes each stage of GRTP successfully (without the reoccurrence of any symptoms), the Player would take approximately (1) one week to proceed through the full GRTP rehabilitation protocol.

Where GRTP IS managed by a Medical Practitioner,

- A Player completing each stage successfully (without the reoccurrence of any symptoms) would take approximately (1) one week to proceed through the full GRTP rehabilitation protocol.

If any symptoms occur while progressing through the GRTP protocol, the Player **MUST** return to the previous stage and attempt to progress again after a minimum 24-hour period of rest.

The AFL concussion policy is now on our website.

Memory function

Failure to answer all questions correctly may suggest a concussion.

“At what venue are we at today?”

“Which half is it now?”

“Who scored last in this game?”

“What team did you play last week / game?”

“Did your team win the last game?”

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Youth Report (13's-17's)

Youth (13's-17's)

What a year season 2011 has been !

7 senior sides (it was great have our "flagship" side , the 17's back), with 4 making finals . I must make it clear that it is NOT all about making finals at Marist , and I think some of our better team achievements have come from the 3 teams who did it tough all year ! Keeping your head high and striving for improvement when most weeks you're being belted on the score board , shows true character , and we're very proud of the efforts of the coaches , players and support parents involved with our two 14's teams , and 13's Blue , who battled for players against very strong competition !

The landscape changes every year , and next year (season 2012) will look totally different again !

I'd like to personally thank all of our coaches and managers this year for all of the help they give us behind the scenes !

Some of the tasks are "thankless" , but essential , and keeping a club with nearly 600 kids involved , up & running requires alot of people pulling in the same direction .

We have had a few more "issues" than we would have liked this year , involving on-field altercations , melees and umpire disputes . We need , as a club , to address some mind-sets and attitudes , and get back to the basic reason we're here FUN !

As usual , we have had some stand out achievements at Marist this year ! We have a large number of individuals from our 14's , 15's & 16's in District Development Squads . We have had players from MFC from our 15's & 16's representing WA at national carnivals . We have our 17's team who finished the Home & Away season in 3rd place , and competing in the finals , hoping to have a crack at our club's first "three-peat" , having won premierships in their previous 2 seasons (in the top divisions of the 15's & 16's) !!!!

Finals times are mentioned elsewhere in this Newsletter , but please make sure you take the time to support all the Marist teams involved . We will keep info updated on our Maristfc website , with results and next finals fixtures !

Sometimes we can lose sight of what a great club & facilities we have . We are Claremont District's largest junior footy club , and the envy of many with our history & tradition . Our facilities are second to none , and about to get even better with the addition of "match-quality" lights . This project has proven to be a huge task , with many unforeseen hurdles along the way . It now looks to be approaching the finish line , and we would be remiss if we didn't acknowledge to huge amount of work that has been done behind the scenes by our committees Mr. Everywhere Michael Milne ! Well done "Milnie " !

Again thanks to all , good luck to Phil , Matt , Bevan and Jack(&Jordan) , our finalist coaches . Win , lose or draw , fly the flag & do us proud with sportsmanship in the "Marist" tradition !

Cheers

John Goldie

V.P. Youth MFC



Diary of a Coach

Marist 12's Kings of the MCG

After many months of planning the big day had arrived. Every member of the Marist 12's team and their Dad's assembled at the 10am in the morning on Friday 3rd June. The last people to arrive at the Airport were the coach and his son!

Excitement was in the air as 23 boys and 22 Dads checked in. Check in went smoothly and soon we are all on route to Melbourne. For many of the boys and some of the Dad's this was their first trip to Melbourne - the home of Sport in Australia.

After a quick 3 hour flight the touring party assembled , grabbed their bags and headed to meet the bus which collected us from the Airport and whisked us all away to our fantastic Hotel. The Hotel that we stayed at was called the Mantra and is within 200 meters of the gates of the MCG. There is no better Hotel to stay at if you are going to watch or play Footy in Melbourne.

Each boy and their Dad shared an apartment with another Father and son. Checking into the Hotel was like everything else over this weekend – well organised. Thanks to the efforts of a core bunch of parents including Sean Pearce, John and Vanessa Dawson and our rarely sober team Manager Simon Beaumont.

Friday night was free time and a bunch of Dad's and boys walked the 200 meters to the pearly gates of the MCG to watch the Melbourne versus Essendon game. I don't' know who was more excited the boys or the Dad's to see the MCG under lights! The parents were astounded that the price of tickets for kids was a whopping \$2.50. We entered the ground and made our way to the top tier of the Great Southern stand – what a view!

The game was special to the Marist contingent as we were able to see Michael Evans "Pickles" playing for Melbourne and Travis Colyer playing for the Bombers. Both of these boys had been playing for Marist less than 2 years ago. At one point the former Marist boys were playing on each other. Many of the Dad's were wondering how many of the boys playing in the 12's would actually make it to the AFL?

A crowd of 50,000 were at the ground that night and the atmosphere was electric as the Dee's ran over the top of the Bombers in the second half. We could see the excitement in the faces of the boys as we walked the 200 meters back to our Hotel that night – tomorrow night we would be there playing in from of 70,000 on the MCG!



That night the Dad's assembled in the bar (excluding Mick Lee) who needed his beauty sleep. It was a very messy night, apparently the boys put themselves to bed!

The next morning we met in the Hotel lobby had breakfast and prepared for what was going to be a massive day. We did the tour of the MCG and spent hours in the interactive museum of sport. The museum is a fantastic venue for adults and kids alike and there is an amazing amount of interactive virtual reality footy, cricket and almost any other sport that you can name. There really is something there for everyone.

Around 2 o'clock in the afternoon the boys wondered back to the hotel some of the boys went home and rested and some of them went to the gym to "pump up their guns" prior to that evening's game.

At 4.30 in the afternoon most of the boys wanted to have a kick across at the local park. They were pumped and needed to blow off some nervous energy. One boy told a cracker joke on live TV and Radio.

At 5.15pm we met the new members of the touring party and all 60 of us wondered over to the gates of the MCG. The crowd was buzzing – after all the game tonight was Marist versus Subiaco under lights. There was also another game being played that night which happened to be a replay of the 2010 AFL Grand Final – Collingwood versus St Kilda!

We met the contact from the AFL and the boys and their parents were escorted to our seats where we watched the 1st quarter of the AFL game. The crowd was a solid 70,000 but it felt like capacity. Before the game started the Marist boys got their faces on the Big Screens shown around the G. At quarter time we were escorted down into the belly of the MCG where the boys got changed. We were wearing the Collingwood strip tonight and all of the boys were able to wear their usual Marist numbers.

Subiaco were in the same change room as us and we could see them getting changed and could hear their pre – game address. They were pumped, but we were in frenzy! We stood in the race for 5 mins before we got onto the ground. The 23 boys and 5 Dads' in the race were standing as a group like Gladiators about to enter the Colosseum. The atmosphere was electric – for many of the boys this would be the highlight of their football careers.

Only 18 boys were allowed on the field at a time. We had 23 boys so we needed to swap 5 boys at ½ time. The boys who only got ½ a game played in the middle so that they got a fair go. The game was comprised of two 7min halves.

Subiaco, our opponents were a very competitive team and 3 of their boys had recently been included in the WA State 12's team - mainly because they were very big units. They were a very big, strong team and they scored a goal within the first 30 seconds. As a coach in this situation all I could do was cross my fingers and hope that our boys would rise to the occasion.





I shouldn't have worried, our teamwork and ball movement kicked in and we kicked the next 6 goals. The ball moved like an electric current between our boys and we played the brand of team football that our side has become renowned for. Run, stun and share! It was awesome the way the boys played on the biggest stage!

After the game had finished the boys sprinted around the MCG they were high - fiving all of the toothless, tattooed Collingwood supporters. They ran past the Marist parents who were in a frenzy having seen such a great exhibition of team footy on such a massive stage.

I have never seen any of the boys or their parents with a bigger smile on their face! By the time I made it back into the change rooms the Boys were in full flight singing the Marist team song louder than it has ever been sung. We shook hands with the Subiaco guys, the Marist boys got changed and we headed back to watch the second half of the Collingwood versus St Kilda game. As usual Collingwood won!

When the game was finished we walked (or should I say floated back to our Hotel). The boys were very excited and Mick Lee and I had finally gotten a kick on the MCG!

