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MARIST AUSTRALIA FOOTBALL CLUB ANNUAL YEARBOOK



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“We are the Blue and Blues”



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PRESIDENTS REPORT

2014 has been a successful year for the Marist Australian Football Club with 226 boys registered across 8 junior teams and 1 senior team. Our numbers continue to grow, as does our enthusiasm and commitment to running a well-resourced, financially sound Club that provides a safe and welcoming game day environment and supports all boys. Of particular significance is that in 2014, the MAFC was awarded the Prime Minister's Cup, for Club of the Year. This award recognises the club who has performed best in the following areas throughout the season: quality of administration, level of sportsmanship displayed by coaches, officials, spectators and players, support given to the league and its executive, adherence to the aims of junior football, recruiting and junior development programs and on-field performance. Eligibility for this award is reliant on a team effort – and it is therefore one that we all share and should be particularly proud of this year.

The 2014 competition

The 2014 season was structured as it was in 2013. The inclusion of only one division in each age group has continued to be problematic for clubs like the MAFC who have the numbers to field more than one side in several age groups. Based on a parent survey early on in the season, and in consultation with the coaches and college, all junior boys, with the exception of a handful of Under 10 boys played in their own age group. This led to larger teams than the MAFC would normally like to field. Coaches agreed to work together to implement a player rotation system that ensured all players were provided maximum playing time.

Concerns also continued regarding the changes to the Rising Stars competition. In 2013, the rules were changed to allow teams the opportunity to include up to eight 19 year olds in their sides, except when NEAFL sides were playing against the MAFC and Gungahlin. Against these clubs, NEAFL clubs were only allowed six 19 year olds on the field. Tuggeranong pulled out of the NEAFL in 2014 and as a result, a lot of their top 18 and 19 year olds moved to other NEAFL clubs. This resulted in a six team competition for 2014. With the number of NEAFL teams reducing to two in 2015, we are at this stage unsure as to what further changes may be made to the Rising Stars competition in 2015.

Social events

Events to celebrate 41 years of AFL at Marist commenced with our season launch on Friday 28th March. Held at the Pavilion, nearly 100 parents, friends, supporters, sponsors and life members met to launch season 2014. However, the celebrations really took full swing at the annual dinner. Held on Saturday August

2nd at Eastlake Football Club, nearly 160 committee members, coaches, managers, players and supporters enjoyed a wonderful evening with two main highlights – the running of raffle and an Auction that raised over \$9,000 for the MAFC community and a speech by AFL legend, Michael Green.

Michael is grandparent to two MAFC players, Tom and Josh Green, 4 times Premiership medal winner and 3 time premiership player with Richmond Football Club. Michael spoke to several hundred boys at the Service Day held on Friday 1st August, then addressed the MAFC boys at the end of that day, watched his grandsons play on Saturday morning and then spoke at the dinner on Saturday night. It was a real honour to have such an AFL legend donate his time and share his knowledge and experience with both players and parents.



Contributing to our community

During 2014, the MAFC directed its efforts to supporting its own. While funds were raised through Pink Sports Round for the Breast Cancer Network Australia, over \$9,000 was raised at the annual dinner to support MAFC families. This year saw several MAFC families face the emotional, physical and financial burden of serious illness, and the community was quick to respond.

There was one young man however who stole our hearts. Under 14 MAFC player Harrison Morton was diagnosed with Ewings Sarcoma very early in the season. His courage and strength, as well as that of his parents and siblings, brought our community together. While Harrison's coach of several years Chris Maher, as well as team managers, Phil Brearley and Alan Caines provided immense support to the family throughout the season, additional support from across our club included the Under 11 teams donating their end of season social allowance to the Morton family and the First XVIII awarding Harrison the Number 1 jumper. He

is a special boy who we look forward to seeing back on the field in 2015.

Celebrating our successes

- The main business of the MAFC is of course is to support our boys to play footy. In 2014:
- Under 11 Royals came 2nd on the premiership ladder and made it to the preliminary final of the Pool A competition before bowing out to a very competitive Queanbeyan side.
- Under 11 Sky came in 8th on the premiership ladder and made it to the Grand final of the Pool B competition losing in a hard fought match to Eastlake.
- Under 12s came in 2nd on the premiership ladder and ended up PREMIERS defeating the Magpies who had been undefeated all season.
- Under 13 came 5th on the premiership ladder, had a great elimination final win over Ainslie to lose in the semi-final round to Eastlake.
- Under 14s were PREMIERS. They were undefeated throughout the season, won their grand final over Ainslie by a convincing 9 goals with Daniel Cerni named best on ground in the Grand Final.
- Under 15s came 4th on the premiership ladder and went through to the semi-finals, losing a hard fought match to Eastlake.
- Under 17s worked hard to make it into the finals, coming in 6th on the premiership ladder, but lost their elimination final to a very strong Gungahlin Jets.
- First 18 came 3rd on the premiership ladder, had a hard fought 6 point win over Eastlake in the elimination final to lose to Ainslie in the preliminary final.

In addition many boys went on to represent the ACT:

- Tom Highmore and Sam Fisher both in the GWS Under 16 Academy were selected in the U16 NSW/ACT RAMS squad for 2014.
- SSSA: James Williams, Billy Clark, Rhys Pollock, Ryan Crowley, Daniel Cerni and Max Beaumont.
- PSSA: Will Brearley, Josh Green, Edward Angus, Zac Cooney and Sebastian Quirk.
- The following boys were announced in the ACT/ South Coast squads that played in the State

Zone trials in September 2014:

- Under 13: Jarred Gardiner, Thomas Green, Jude Henderson-Burch and Spencer Mooney.
- Under 14: Max Beaumont, Sam Brearley, Daniel Cerni, Nelson Dunphy, Oliver Hicks, Ted Maher, Luke Palisi and Patrick Sharp.

The Club was well represented at both the Junior and Senior AFL presentation evenings. At the junior presentation the following boys came in the top 5 in the ACT best and fairest for their age groups:

- Daniel Cerni came 2nd in the Under 14s
- Tom Green came 3rd in the Under 13s
- Ryan Fitzgerald came 4th in the Under 11s

At the AFL Canberra Senior Presentation evening, the following boys were named as players in the 2014 Future Stars Team of the Year: Tom Highmore, Sam Fisher, Matthew Pert and Clem McManus.

Celebrating our heroes

The 2014 Volunteer of the Year. John Clark or Clarky has since 2009 been actively involved in coaching roles in the MAFC, including the coaching of the U12s, U14s and U16s, and as a general committee member. In 2012, John accepted the position of Assistant Coach of the College's senior team playing in the Rising Stars competition, a role that continued in 2014.

In 2014 senior training commenced in mid-January, the season commenced in March and finished in September. As an assistant coach John rarely if ever missed either of the two training sessions or a weekend game. In addition to supporting the boys in his assistant coach role, he was a sounding board for the senior coach and a key liaison point between the coach and the committee, regularly attending and contributing to committee meetings.

However a most significant contribution John has made to the MAFC in the last two years is his role as Coaching Coordinator. A level 2 accredited coach, John has overseen the development of the junior coaching community at MAFC. In 2013 and again in 2014, through a community of practice, John brought the coaches together to share their learnings. In addition, he invited speakers to talk to the coaching group. This resulted in a cohesive group of coaches who learn from one another and provide great opportunities for their players.

In 2014 he has ensured that each of our teams had at least 2 coaches, and that all coaches are either accredited or in the process of becoming accredited. John attended the AFL Coaching conference held at

the start of each season throughout Australia and has shared that knowledge throughout the season with other coaches within the club.

In addition, John has contributed to the game day environment and is often seen at Lindwall oval helping with the set-up and pack-up from games and even as Ground Manager. He is committed to the welfare of the boys, ensuring injured boys seek medical advice. He then works with and supports the boys in returning to footy from injury. He regularly liaises with the school to ensure ground availability for game day and training and follows up on any issues with the facilities.



John Clark has made a significant contribution to junior Aussie Rules over an extended time at Marist and again in 2014. He is a much respected member of the MAFC, not only with the parents and coaches who will often seek his advice on matters, but also by the boys. He has shown his versatility in developing a rapport with boys of all ages given he has coached at the most junior level in the years up to 2013, and more recently in the Rising Stars in 2013 and 2014.

Thank you John for your ongoing contribution to the Club, but most notably your contribution in 2014.

The 2014 Damian McMahon Coach of the Year. Richard Williams or Rich, made the huge leap from juniors to seniors, taking on the First XVIII. Rich started coaching with the MAFC Under 12s in 2011, he co-coached the Under 14 Div 2 Royals Grand Finalist team in 2012 and in 2013 he co-coached the Under 14 Sky team, a team that made it all the way to the preliminary finals before losing a very close game. In 2014, he decided to take on the Club's most senior team. In doing so he took on a very junior First XVIII side. Knowing the boys did not have the power and size of the NEAFL clubs, he focussed on the boys fitness and skills. Aply assisted by John Clark, Rich started training the boys twice a week in mid-January, incorporating time trials at Stromlo Forest and the Cotter, team BBQs, as well as a day trip to the Coast, to develop just as importantly, a bond between the boys.

This bond that developed was so strong that the boys took a season, which on paper should have seen

them at best end up fifth on the ladder, to a team that ended the home and away season in third position, beating each of the NEAFL Clubs in the home and away rounds. In the elimination final the team scraped in by a goal to beat Eastlake, then losing to a powerhouse Ainslie side in the preliminary final.

A level two coach, Rich approaches his coaching with total professionalism. He offers encouragement to all the boys and ensures that they all grow as football players. The boys find him very approachable and he often takes considerable time to give the boys feedback on how they are progressing. He never rests during the football season – as I'm sure his family can attest.

Thank you Rich for your contribution to, and passion for, coaching. You are a worthy recipient of the Damian McMahon Coach of the Year.

Final thank you. It is with enormous gratitude that I also thank:

- The coaches – a very special thank you for your tireless commitment to the boys all season
- The managers –for getting all the admin done in a timely manner and being the number one support to the coaches.
- The first aiders – for caring for our boys in time of injury and for their assistance in preventing injury.
- Eastlake Football Club - the MAFC principal sponsor who has a long association with the Club and continues to provide significant support for AFL at Marist.
- Suzanne Paterson Podiatry – first year sponsor of the First XVIII. Suzanne was seen at every First XVIII game and provided invaluable support to the boys (or their feet) in their time of need.
- Aspen Medical Supplies – a returning sponsor who provided our senior squad with their warm up shirt which was proudly worn throughout the season.
- Our team sponsors -Prostyle Building Group, Streamline Creative, Brooks Marchant Industries and Callida Consulting.
- The College – in particular Mark Winchester as

our school representative, Michael Lloyd and the Ground and Facilities staff who ensure Lindwall oval and our facilities are well maintained.

- Collingwood Football Club, St Kilda Football Club, Richmond Football Club, Greater Western Sydney Football Club, Lisa Kelly Photography, Georgina Karo and the Realm Hotel who donated prizes for the MAFC dinner.
- The parents who volunteer each weekend in various roles.
- The MAFC boys who have proudly represented the MAFC throughout 2014.

To the 2014 Committee. This year has been a particularly busy year, but we have achieved everything we set out to do. With sincere thanks to:

- Philippa Brearley and Sharon Hart – for organising the season launch and 41st anniversary dinner and to Mark Henderson for being such a wonderful MC.
- Michael Cashion – for his significant contribution in his many roles as registrar, photographer, canteen manager and photo day organiser!
- John Clark – for his commitment to supporting the coaches and running the coaches forums.
- Helen Delahunty – for keeping the books up to date and bills paid.
- Kristina Geremia – our eloquent High Marks editor.
- Scott Hicks – for all his work on property and ordering merchandise.

- Peter Moon – for his work as secretary and in keeping our correspondence up to date.
- Jay Clarke – for keeping our parents trained in first aid and ERC, and organising our third year physiotherapy staff for the older age groups.
- Brad Gaynor – for all our communications work.
- Ciril Karo – for his MC duties at the MAFC presentation and expert editing of the Yearbook.

And finally to the Senior Operations Vice-President, Janine Clark who has been my constant support and go to person. Your support and loyalty over the past three years in particular has been unprecedented in any of the volunteer roles I have been involved in and I truly thank you, not only for your support, but I also thank you for the enormous contribution that you provide to this club.

Together, we are the Blue and Blues.



2014 COMMITTEE

President	Maria Hicks
Vice President Senior Operations	Janine Clark
Vice President Junior Operations	Maria Hicks
Secretary	Peter Moon
Registrar	Michael Cashion
Treasurer	Helen Delahunty
Senior School AFL Coordinator	Mark Winchester
Junior School AFL Coordinator	Michael Lloyd
High Marks Editor	Kristina Geremia
Property & Merchandise Officer	Scott Hicks
Canteen Manager	Michael Cashion
Social Coordinator	Sharon Hart, Philippa Brearley
Sports Medicine Coordinator	Jay Clarke
Coach Coordinator & GWS Liaison	John Clark
Communications Manager	Brad Gaynor
General Committee	Ailene Fitzgerald David Gollash Simon Hicks Ciril Karo Rogan Sharp

2014 COACHES AND MANAGERS

First XVIII

Senior Coach
Assistant Coach
Manager

Richard Williams
John Clark
Kathy Sandison

Under 17

Coach
Assistant Coach
Manager

Ash Colmer
Richard Simpson
Rosemary Korda

Under 15

Coach
Assistant Coach
Manager

Paul Highmore
Paul Sheahan
Ciril Karo

Under 14

Coach
Assistant Coaches
Manager

Chris Maher
Rogan Sharp & Paul Palisi
Alan Caines and Philippa Brearley

Under 13

Coach
Assistant Coach
Manager

Wayne Kenner
James Brennan
Andrew Males

Under 12

Coaches
Manager

Greg Brearley & Mark Winchester
Rick Creech & Bernie Dunn

Under 11 Sky

Coaches
Manager

Matt Ryan & David Geremia
Kristina Geremia

Under 11 Royal

Coaches
Manager

Steve Miller & Marc O'Loughlin
Sarah Mahar

Under 10 Royal

Coach
Manager

Simon Tuan
Lisa van der Plaats

2014 MAFC SPONSORS

Principle Sponsor
Eastlake Football Club



Team Sponsors

U11 Royal
U11 Sky
U12
U15

Callida Consulting
Brooks Marchant
Streamline Creative
Prostyle Building Group

First XVIII

Suzanne Paterson Podiatry
Aspen Medical

U18 Jumper Sponsor
Senior Squad Training Shirts



Canteen Sponsors

Canberra Coffee Company
VIP Pies - Phillip
Baker's Delight - Woden/Weston



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We encourage everyone at the Club to reciprocate our sponsors' generous support. Sponsor support is essential to the financial well being of our Club and the supply of equipment and facilities that are available to the players.

Whilst most of our sponsors will return in 2015 we are always looking for new sponsors, if you have a business and would like to promote it through Club or Team sponsorship, or know some who would be interested in sponsoring us, then we encourage you to contact the Club President or Secretary at president@mafc.com.au.

MAFC LIFE MEMBERS

John Brown	1986
David Bailey	1998
Denis Sweeney	1998
Peter Verdon	1998
Tom Wharton	1998
Mark Winchester	1998
Paul Sullivan	2000
Sue Sullivan	2000
Denis Heritage	2001
John Sirr	2002
Kerry Woods	2002
Br Mark May	2003
Anne Davies	2004
Peter Woods	2005
Andy Finlay	2005
Joe Box	2006
Brendan O'Rourke	2008
Chris Toogood	2011
Helen Delahunty	2013
Maria Hicks	2014

2014 MAFC LOYALTY APPRECIATION CERTIFICATES

Awarded to the following Year 12 members of the Marist Australian Football Club who played the following number of games for Marist since they enrolled at Marist College.

Matthew Pert	164
David Cox	141
Brendan Clark	129
Jasper Kidd	109
Chris Williams	107
Ryan Sandison	105
Christopher Kemp	95
James Hicks	89
Nicholas Wood	47
Samuel Jarosz	41



2014 AFL CANBERRA AWARDS

Top 5 in the AFL Canberra Junior Best and Fairest

U11	Ryan Fitzgerald
U13	Thomas Green
U14	Daniel Cerni

Players who reached their 150 game milestone in 2014 are:

First XVIII	Sam Fisher
First XVIII	Christopher Kemp
U17	Lachlan Moon

Players who reached their 100 game milestone in 2014 are:

First XVIII	Angus Dryburgh
First XVIII	Ben McMahon
First XVIII	Tom Stuart
U17	James Elliott
U17	Joshua Hackwill
U17	Michael Roland
U17	Darcy Sheahan
U15	Ryan Crowley
U15	Liam Ellis
U15	Nicholas Koeck
U15	Andrew Nangle
U15	James Palisi
U14	Sam Brearley
U14	Daniel Cerni
U14	Nelson Dunphy
U14	Vyvyan Evans
U14	Ethan Hart
U13	Brett Murray
U12	Corey Reid

Players who reached their 50 game milestone in 2014 are:

U17	Daniel Ruhen
U17	Thomas Verghese
U14	Joshua Baker
U14	Callum Garrety
U14	Oliver Hicks
U14	Nicholas Starkovski
U14	Jonathon Szell
U13	Ioannis Apostolakis
U13	James Boland
U12	Callan Bourke
U12	Eddie Easton
U12	Mitchell O'Brien
U12	Harry Williams
U11 Sky	Edward Boland

2014 MAFC CLUB AWARDS

First XVIII – U18

Best and Fairest
Best and Fairest Runner Up
Coach's Award
Most Improved
Mark Winchester Spirit and Dedication Award

Matthew Pert
Clem McManus
Nicholas Wood
Jeremy Bridger
David Cox

Under 17

Best and Fairest
Best and Fairest Runner Up
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Jacob Gaynor
Ethan Rosin
Xavier Mooney
Talieson St John

Under 15

Best and Fairest
Best and Fairest Runner Up
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Rhys Pollock
James Williams
Lachlan McGovern
Brett Reid

Under 14

Best and Fairest
Best and Fairest Runner Up
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Max Beaumont
Patrick Sharpe
Ted Maher
Cooper Browne

Under 13

Best and Fairest
Best and Fairest Runner Up
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Tom Green
Daniel Andric
James Boland
Jordan Flavel

Under 12

Best and Fairest
Best and Fairest Runner Up
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Kane Gollasch
Fraser Kelly
Patrick Vane-Tempest
Richard Caines

Under 11 Sky

Best and Fairest
Best and Fairest Runner Up
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Felix Henderson-Burch
Tom McLoughlin
James Bolton
Dylan O'Hara

Under 11 Royal

Best and Fairest
Best and Fairest Runner Up
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Riley McCartney
Harry Miller
Jack Jeffery
Ryan Fraser

Under 10

Coach's Award
Coach's Award
Coach's Award
Most Improved

Angus Murray
Nathan Fitzgerald
Oscar David
Ben Rankin



Junior Clubman of the Year
Tom Green



Senior Clubman of the Year
James Hicks

Sirr-Woods MAFC Volunteer of the Year

John Clark

Damian McMahon Coach of the Year

Richard Williams

Eastlake Scholarship

First XVIII

Will Campbell

Under 17

Lachlan Moon

Under 15

Matthew Wilson

Under 14

Ben O'Rourke

Under 13

Nick Pinkas

Under 12

Mitchell O'Brien

Under 11 Sky

Miles Craft

Under 11 Royal

Josh Jenkins

Under 10

Nicholas Honeyman

Champagnat-Rice Cup

For the winner of the most games between traditional sporting rivals Marist and St Edmunds in the AFL Canberra Competition in the 'home and away' season.

2014

St Edmunds

2013

Marist

2012

St Edmunds

2011

Marist

2010

St Edmunds

2009

St Edmunds

2008

Marist

2014 REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

ACT Secondary School Boys

Max Beaumont
Daniel Cerni
Billy Clark
Ryan Crowley
Rhys Pollock
James Williams

ACT Primary School Boys

Edward Angus
Will Brearley
Zac Cooney
Josh Green
Sebastian Quirk

2014 Under 16 Rams

Tom Highmore
Sam Fisher

2014 Under 13 ACT South Coast Trial Squad

Jarad Gardiner
Jude Henderson-Burch
Thomas Green
Spencer Mooney

2014 Under 14 ACT South Coast Trial Squad

Max Beaumont
Sam Brearley
Daniel Cerni
Nelson Dunphy
Oliver Hicks
Ted Maher
Luke Palisi
Patrick Sharp

2014 Future Stars Team of the Year

Tom Highmore
Sam Fisher
Matthew Pert
Clem McManus

2014 MAFC UMPIRES

Throughout the 2014 season we have had a significant number of Marist and/or MAFC boys umpiring as well as playing footy – some officiating in the junior games, others at the senior games. Thank you to all those boys who continue to field, boundary and goal umpire – the Club as well as AFL Canberra is thankful for your ongoing commitment and contribution to the game.

Below is the list of current students at Marist who were umpires in 2014. In addition, there were a significant number of old boys, Marist parents and even a teacher or two who officiated at AFL games in and around Canberra.

* 2014 Umpire award recipients

Field

Ben Izzard
Jacob Levien* (Most Dedicated Umpire)
David Cox
Tyler Hollingworth* (Best First Year Umpire)
Jasper Kidd
Paul carton
Brad Burns

Boundary

Michael Barlow (NEAFL)
Sam Brearley
Pat Sharp
Billy Clark
Liam Cashion

Luke Palisi
Sam de Sousa
Nelson Dunphy
Patrick Jackson (NEAFL)
Hugh McKenzie
Ted Maher

Goals

Tom Highmore
Sam Fisher
Rhys Pollock



UNDER 10 COACHES REPORT

Entering the first year of Marist Junior School with a new AFL team, no-one including myself, knew how the under 10 team of 2014 would stand up or develop. We had a squad of 18 players, of which roughly half had played AFL before and half were having their first run. Pleasingly we found a fantastic group of



young men who loved playing footy, were prepared to put in 100% effort in every game and most importantly enjoyed the camaraderie of their team mates.

Overall, 2014 was an outstanding success for the Marist under 10s. From our first game to our last, it was plain for all to see the development of individual players and the team in general. Players developed the necessary skills of kicking (mostly) drop punts, hand balling and marking over the course of the season. Sharing the ball between players and attacking the ball became the minimum standard for everyone.

At this level as a coach, the important factors are the way we play the game and ensuring the boys have a fun and safe match each week. Despite the lack of an official scoreboard, the boys know the score and we (unofficially) won 11 games of 13, remaining unbeaten at our home ground of Pearce. It's obvious that the boys enjoyed themselves as they played good footy and sang the club song with gusto, a tradition that hopefully will be the norm in years to come.



Our successful year was not just a case of standout individuals but was built around the team as one unit and all players contributing throughout the season. Half the team played all 13 games and most played at least 10. Of 78 goals in total, our leading goal kickers had only 11 each with the majority of players hitting the scoreboard. Maybe this was a reflection on our weekly goal kicking shoot outs at training as well as improvement in skill levels.

As a team, we have experienced everything this year.

We've had runaway wins, a game where we've been thrashed, tight finishes, playing in the fog (where players literally couldn't see the other end of the ground), cold horrendous days, beautiful warm conditions and who will forget the infamous "umpiregate" game (never mention it again). Most importantly, the boys have had an outstanding attitude, always playing in the right spirit, respecting the opposition, respecting the umpires and being positive on all occasions. It's helped us build character and

given us a strong team dynamic.

This year would not have been a success without the input of so many people. A big thank you to Lisa for her outstanding role as team manager to organise us every week. Thanks to Adam who was not only our resident paramedic but setup every home game. Mick did a fantastic job as the team umpire. And thanks to all parents (Dave, Anthony, Simon, Ray, Mary, Adam) who helped out with training and supported the team on game day.

Most of all, thank you to the 18 young men who train and play each week. You should all be extremely proud of your season as individuals and as a team. You've represented the school with honour and all of us parents have loved the experience of cheering you on each week. We look forward to many more years of AFL from you.

Coach: Simon Tuan

Angus Murray - It is hard to describe how well Angus has played this year for someone in his first season of AFL.

Providing exhilarating runs to break the lines and always running free at great pace to move the ball to our team's advantage, Angus was nothing short of sensational, whichever position he played. Joint leading goal kicker. Exciting footballer.

Nicholas Quinlan - Tall, strong and imposing with exceptional skills, Nick has the potential to be a truly outstanding player and we saw in patches what he could do this year. Particularly as a key forward, he leads, marks and kicks with surety, reflected in his standing as joint leading goal kicker. Also won the longest kick competition.

Ben Rankin - Started the year as a quiet player, but developed throughout the year. Became prolific in

kicking drop punts on his left foot but was also the winner of the longest kick on his unnatural right foot. Became involved in games with good intensity, feeding the ball out with great handballs to teammates running past. Our most improved player.

Ben van der Plaat - Really good year. Never backs down from a challenge, attacks the ball and the player with great ferocity and outstanding tackling. Who will forget Ben standing on the mark when an opposition player plays on around him and bounces thinking he's free, only for Ben to run him down, earning a huge free kick. Epitomises his efforts all year.

Ben Wade - Ben has had a solid season in all positions this year. Was right up there in the leading goal kickers, but played some of his best footy in the back line. Kicking skills continue to be his strength such that he became our preferred man for point kick-ins. Well done Ben and we look forward to your development next year.

Adam Mann - One of many players to exceed expectations. Great energy provided lots of run and rebound. Had a good balance between attack and defence in his footy. Took some strong marks under pressure and kicking improved significantly. Should be extremely satisfied with his performance this year. Excellent work Adam.

Dominik Brucic - As a first year player, Dom found his feet as his confidence grew and became more involved throughout the season. Highlights of the year include Dom kicking his first official goal and being mobbed by exuberant teammates, plus the big tackle he laid on Xander in a game where he changed teams.

Riley Vandenberg - Flying under the radar, Riley is a player who won plenty of ball. Very determined and not shy to get involved in the contest. In an outstanding display of good sportsmanship and teamwork, Riley would often volunteer to switch sides to help out opposing teams, working hard to outplay his now Marist opposition.

Reilly Westende - Reilly was one of our quiet players to start, but by year end he was happy to get dirty at the bottom of packs. Never frightened to put his head over the ball in a contest, Reilly would often stand tall. Really happy to see him develop his skills and play with a smile on his face.

Oscar David - A very solid season from Oscar. Worked hard on his kicking and got more involved in games as the year went on. His confidence is developing which will enable him to win the ball more consistently and his effort has been excellent. He will develop into a very handy player. Oscar was a deserved winner of a coaches award this year.

Nathan Fitzgerald - Started the year slowly, but

gained confidence as he played more games. Small in stature, but big in heart and effort, Nathan had his best games as a running midfielder at the end of season. Won a coaches award on the basis of excellent attitude towards training and 100% effort in games.

Nicholas Honeyman - Nick loves his footy and it shows in the way he trains and plays. Exceptional attack on the ball, he uses his body to great effect, winning many contests and using his excellent skills to accurately target a teammate. Strong hands overhead places Nick as one of our most reliable players and if U10s had a B&F award, he would be right up there. Awarded the U10 Eastlake Scholarship. Outstanding year Nick.

James Day - A really good player when he played, James is an attacking player who has developed really well this year, especially his kicking. Took arguably "mark of the year" in the fog at Belconnen and converted his chance at goal. Further skill and fitness development will see him become a valuable linkman.

Xander Tuan - The X-man provides spark and energy to our team, setting the standard for his teammates by running tirelessly to hit the ball at high speed, frequently putting us into attack mode, but also running hard defensively to tackle and spoil. Xander has a great feel for the game, knowing where to position himself, where to move to impact the next contest and has great vision to find a teammate. U10 Clubman of the year.

Alexander Lee - One of our surprise packets, Alex had a fantastic year. Has held firm in defence, taking marks and kicking well with his reliable left foot. Got the biggest "falcon of the year" but bravely played on despite the obvious pain. Courageous player who has a lot of promise.

Harvey Jack - Another player who improved over the course of the year. Loves tackling, loves defending and does it well. As the year progressed, Harvey became more involved in attacking. His last quarter goal against Eastlake was the match winner, putting Marist in front to win by one point. Keep working at kicking drop punts Harvey. Well played this year.

Sean Morison - One of the smallest players, but extremely quick. Sean has had a wonderful year, working hard to chase and tackle, often winning the ball and breaking free to kick the ball downfield. Had an impressive black eye after a big head clash, but came back the next week in a brave effort.

Quinn Males - Another of our big improvers, learning to mark more balls and kick more accurately to teammates. Quinn has been a sneaky goal kicker this year. Drifted in and out of games a bit, but has potential to be more involved on a regular basis. Well played this year.

UNDER 11 SKY COACHES REPORT



Another good season from the mighty Under

11 Marist Sky! It was a pleasure for both coaches to be involved with the team again in season 2014. Together with our Marist Royal Under 11 team mates we marked, kicked, handballed and tackled ourselves into the finals.

At the start of the year the boys, both Sky and Royal, decided they would put together a set of team rules. After a discussion the boys decided on 5 key rules for the team to be guided by during the year. They were:

1. Have fun – Playing footy, learning and improving new skills is fun. Don't forget to enjoy yourself.
2. Respect – respect your coaches, team mates, opposition, parent helpers and umpires.
3. Try your hardest – do your best at training and in games; strive to improve by practicing your skills as much as you can.
4. Encouragement – encourage others and support your team mate with positive comments and actions.
5. Teamwork – we work together as a team, it's not about individuals, the boy who tackles and smothers and follows the coaches instructions is as important as the boy who kicks the goal or takes the spectacular mark.

It took a while for the coaches to get the rules committed to paper and sent to the players for printing. The instructions were for the boys to put them up alongside the poster of their favourite AFL player Dane Swan.

The boys showed considerable improvement during the season. Kicking, handballing, marking, tackling and shepherding all improved during the year. Teamwork was paramount and all the boys were willing to encourage and support each of their team members during the year. Throughout the year the boys represented themselves, their family and their school with pride, persistence and passion.

The Under 11 sky's season culminated in a Grand Final



appearance against Eastlake. The boys put in their best effort and unfortunately ran into an in-form team that was better on the day. James Bolton never gave up and was fittingly adjudged best-a-field by the umpires. Well done James we will have to start calling you 'Norm'. The finals experience was invaluable for the team and will only serve to strengthen the boys resolve to front up again next year and build on the excellent work they have put in throughout 2014. Thanks to all of the fantastic supporters on the day.

Congratulations to this year's award winners; you thoroughly deserve your awards. It is a very difficult task to pick award winners as each boy brings a unique skill set and approach to the game which is to be admired.



We must pass on our thanks to manager Kristina (Kiki) Geremia. The manager's job is the hardest. The job she did was excellent; she worked tirelessly in the background, and once again, just like last year, enabled everything to

run smoothly. Kiki's weekly emails to the boys were a highlight – her wit and humour was something to look forward to each week.

The coaching ranks were stretched during the year due to one such coach deciding to take an overseas European summer holiday during footy season. Dave admirably battled on during this time, and despite his son Tony telling him he couldn't coach, did a fantastic job.

Our thanks also go out to Mark Henderson – who

willingly umpired each week to a standard worthy of the AFL. Thanks to Anthony McLoughlin who delivered messages superbly as team runner. Thanks also to all the parents, who cut oranges, shouted support, braved the weather (think Reid vs Ainslie end of June) and ensured the season was a success. Thanks to all the lads on the team who made it worthwhile to coach the Mighty Marist Sky.

See you on the field next year, until then, best for now.

Coaches: David Geremia and Matt Ryan

Edward Boland - The team jester. Eddie has a quick wit and wisdom that summed up the team situation on a regular basis to the delight of the boys and parents. Eddie progressed into a key forward role during the year and regularly presented himself as an option in the goal square. He worked during the year to improve his skills. Well done Eddie and I hope we see you again next year.

James Bolton - James is a very talented sportsman combining both AFL and soccer on Saturdays. He reads the game well and is able to take a good mark. His understanding of the game continues to grow and his consistency each week is something the team can rely on. James has a bright future and we hope to see him again next year.

Pierce Brennan - Pierce improved considerably during the year. Pierce is a small guy with a big heart. He is a pleasure to have around and is a great team man. He goes in hard and tackles at every opportunity, sometimes to his own detriment. His goal during the year was a highlight. His quick thinking and speed saw the ball sail through the goals to the cheers of the crowd. Well done Pierce, a great team player.

Patrick Fitzgerald - Pat is a great team member. He

has developed into a sturdy back man during the year. Pat is reliable and makes his opponent earn all their kicks. One of the first guys to sacrifice his own game for the good of the team, usually through a perfectly timed bump or shepherd. Pat will only improve further with each year he plays.

Tony Geremia - A vocal competitor with pace and agility to burn. A livewire in front of goal, Tony has kicked a number of brilliant goals this year. Tony's kick is one of the biggest in the team, and his power to weight ratio is one of the highest. Tony also found himself often in the last line of defence saving goals with timely marking and excellent positioning. A great year Tony - well done.

William Harding - Made the wing his position this year. Played wide on the ground and provided a number of options for the team. Will also dropped back into to defence to lend a hand when required. Will has a great kicking style and often delivered the ball perfectly to team mates down the ground. Will is a fine player with a heap of potential - see you next year.

Felix Henderson-Burch - Felix is a great player. He reads the play well and backs himself to deliver the footy to team mates. A left footer with a booming kick, Felix would often slot goals from impossible angles or late in a game to seal victory. You can count on him to pop up when the team needed him, both on and off the field. Its hard to believe that he still qualifies for under 10s.

James Carrick - A new player this year, James was quick to pick up the game. An enthusiastic boy with lots of great ideas, most of them based around playing himself up forward! James scored a good few goals this year, on one occasion he slotted one home for Grandad. In his first year it wasn't long before he looked at home on the field. Keep plugging away James and you will be rewarded with some more time in the forward line.

Matias Jensen - Matias is a very passionate player. Matias is a big strong lad who has a turn of pace and a booming kick. He ably played a number of key positions during the year and was often



clearing the ball by wheeling around onto his preferred side. Matias showed consistent improvement throughout the year and was always willing to listen and learn from coaching tips. Well done Matias.

Tom McLoughlin - Tom is an in and under player. He often left others and himself with bruises as a result of his tough play. Tom had a great year and really stood up for the team during the year and was often one of the team's best players. His kicking is a sight to behold, a big wind up and leg follow through resulting in a surging kick forward to our advantage. Well done Tom you had a great year.

Will Parlett - A new player this year - Will slotted into the backline like he always belonged there. Will has a knack for reading the play expertly. He has a booming kick and was central in repelling a number of opposition attacks during games. Will represented Marist at the primary schools carnival in which they finished runners up. Well done to Will, and all in his first year!

Dylan O'Hara - Dylan's was a big improver for the year. Dylan played a number of key roles including at times rucking against a number of much taller opponents. His desire and focus on the ball was unquestionable and he has worked hard to improve his disposal this year both by hand and by foot. There is no doubt that Dylan will improve even further again next year.

Charlie Ryan - Charlie works hard on his skills. A quiet guy with a passion for the game who missed a number of games due to an overseas holiday. Charlie enjoys kicking goals and will often celebrate with a fist pump or an aeroplane sway. A great tackler and team player always looking to share the ball with his team mates. Well done Charlie and we hope to see you again next year.

Remy Stroud - Remy is a pleasure to coach. He is attentive and committed and always gives it his best. Remy has great skills by both foot and hands. His kicking often finds a target and his wide running is an outlet for the team to transition from defence into



attack. Remy is quick and will continue to develop over the coming seasons. Good season Remy.

Sam Wilsmore - Sam is always smiling and full of enthusiasm and questions. He is fit and when he is not running up and down the footy ground he is running in fun runs. Sam was a reliable defender who read the play well and tackled strongly in defence. Sam consistently

improved throughout the year and was a valuable team member. Good season Sam.

Matt Grace - Matt's first year with Marist was a ripper. Matt is a quick and skilful player as well as a dual sports enthusiast, combining both rugby league and AFL of a weekend. A small forward or back Matt tackled harder than most players in the competition. Stick with the AFL Matt as you will only continue to improve and increase your already abundant talents.

Miles Craft - Miles was a new player this year and slotted into the forward line perfectly. A natural full forward, Miles kicked a number of goals including 3 in one quarter against quality opposition. Miles is a player who is willing to put in the hard work to improve and this will serve him well in the future. Miles is often known to sneak down from the backline to get some action in the forwards! Well done Miles.



UNDER 11 ROYAL COACHES REPORT



The U11's moved into a competition with scores and official results for the games. We were all looking forward to developing

Xander, Nathan, Ben, Nick and Angus. Highlights from the season include a come from behind win against a formidable Ainslie by a point, holding off a rampaging top of the ladder Swans in round 12, and the boys wanting to donate their end of season money to help out Harrison in the U14's.

our skills on a field without zones and excited about the first season with a ladder.

This year also welcomed a few new boys to either Marist or the code, Matthew Grace, Will Parlett, James Carrick (Sky), Ben O'Loughlin, Josh Jenkins, Riley McCartney and Ruben Bonson-Damaso (Royals). All these boys had a great season and we felt like they have been part of the team for seasons. We also welcomed our new coach, Marc O'Loughlin who has been a brilliant addition to the coaching cadre.



We committed to training as an entire U11 group because we expect that at some stage in the future we will merge the teams into one group. We split the new boys evenly across the teams and the boys were keen to maintain the same values as last year:

- Have fun;
- Respect and pride;
- Back your mates; and
- Improve and learn.

The boys have been a pleasure to coach and across both teams there has been a significant improvement in skills and development. We have heaps of fun at training with Matt and his endless supply of Mars bars and Dave and Marc showing off their (t)rusty right boots at training. I wanted to recognise Dave, Matt and Marc who have done a tremendous job developing the U11 playing group.

The U11 Royals have had a marvellous season, undefeated at home and only suffered two narrow defeats. It was also extremely helpful this year being able to draw from the U10 playing group when we were short. Thanks

The U11 Royals are also backed by a tremendous parent group, led by the debonair and the amazingly efficient multi tasking Sarah Mahar. This team wouldn't operate in the manner it does without Sarah, so thankyou. We were also never short of assistance on game day with Toni, Paul, Dom, Gemma, Muz and Tim enjoying running water, running messages or waving the flags at the scorers end. Aileen on the side repairing injuries and Michael with a rapid score check. I wanted

to also recognise Tony for his efforts with umpiring in the field; he was always consistent and fair. Mostly seeing all the parents, grandparent and friends cheer on the boys with positive encouragement has been brilliant. Highlights for us included seeing the waterboy get in the way of the play only to send a message out with the runner to tell the waterboy, 'it's not all about you, Paul'. Finally – the dinner at the Basement, the MAFC dinner and the GWS guard of honour were brilliant opportunities for the parents and kids to get to develop as a community.

Coach: Steve Miller

Reuben Bonson-Damaso - New to Marist and new to AFL the U11's welcomed Reuben this year. He has been one of our outstanding improvers of the season. He has really made himself a part of the team and has made a valued contribution.



Charlie Cooper - A reliable, consistent, and strong tall forward with a solid mark who is able to play up back. Coops has a passion for the game that makes coaching him a real pleasure and he epitomises all the team values wholeheartedly. He

is an unassuming leader and genuine about his self-development.

Anthony Egan - Antho loves the forwards. There is no doubt that seeing him kick a goal to beat Ainslie by a point after the siren was such a fantastic sporting moment. More pleasing for the coaches was seeing Antho lay on a tackle in the forward zone and making those second efforts.

Ryan Fitzgerald - Fitzzy has an innate ability to find the goals and this has ended up seeing Fitzzy claim the leading goal kicker across the U11's in 2014. Well done mate. Although this is an outstanding achievement, what has been more pleasing to the coaches has been seeing Fitzzy improve on linking up with his team mates across the park. I encourage this to continue in 2015.



Ryan Fraser - Frase had an outstanding season.

He dominated in the middle because of his anaerobic capacity and his courage at the ball. Ryan demonstrated leadership in the team and was always positive to his mates. Frase would often win the contested footy in a one on one. He has been the most outstanding improver of the year.

Jack Jeffrey - Jack is like the rock of Gibraltar; immovable. Jack was often asked to set our defence at full back and he took on this mission with pride. Our brilliant defensive record can be attributed to the skills, leadership and coordination of Jack. In addition to his defensive prowess he doesn't mind sneaking a goal or two.

Josh Jenkins - New to AFL, Josh was a brilliant addition to the team. His height and size allowed him to dominate a number of contests around the ground. His skills development was also pleasing to witness in 2014. Continued improvement will see Josh become an outstanding footballer.

Brynn Hart - Brynn thoroughly enjoys being part of this club and the team. When Brynn commits himself to the footy he more often than not puts the team to advantage. He is a versatile utility who is able to play many different positions.

Charlie Mahar - Charlie is another one of those natural leaders who is always encouraging his team mates. He has demonstrated outstanding progress this season in

skills development and has taken some huge speckies on the field. A confidence player who is often reliable in key attacking and defensive positions.

Finley McRae - Fin is developing into a talented footballer with the ability to take a strong mark and who can run all day. His level of fitness is excellent and he is always encouraging his team mates. Fin is ever reliable and has the potential for a leadership role.

Riley McCartney - We welcomed Riley who joined Marist this year. Riley is one of those kids who has outstanding natural talent. He provided us drive in the middle but found his home counter-attacking from the half back flank. He has an amazing vertical leap, a great grab and a brilliant effective disposal. Excellent season!

Harry Miller - Haz is a true clubman and leader. He provides excellent delivery to his team mates and runs hard to space. At the stoppages you will often see Haz at the bottom of the pack applying relentless pressure for his team. His left foot needs work but that's because his Dad is too hard on him.

Ben O'Loughlin - We welcomed Beno to Marist this year and he integrated into the team very well. When Ben runs straight and attacks the ball he often puts the team to advantage. We were all delighted when we saw Ben make those second efforts and wrap up the opposition in a brilliant tackle.

Jonty Probyn - Jonty had another season where he missed games with injury, but on his return was quick to continue his skills development. Jonty can surprise everyone on the field, with a quick turn of speed, his courage and a mark against the run of play. But nothing was quite as enjoyable as seeing him hit a beautiful snap at Amaroo. We all cheered for him and then his Dad mentioned, 'that was his first goal in any sport'. What a moment!

Patrick Seymore - Pat is a tall strong lad who can play centre half forward or back and take on the rucking duties for his team. We were also impressed that he is tough and backs his mates when the opposition might take exception to one of our players. When you give Pat a specific instruction he is extremely reliable and will deliver exactly what the team needs. So proud of Pat this year!

Oliver Zarak - Olly had a mid-season break this year with family travel to Croatia. He was sorely missed following his dominate display in the ruck at the start of the season.

UNDER 12 COACHES REPORT - PREMIERS



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season got off and going. I believe this year's Under 12 have had a year they will never forget in their lives. We played games all over the country this year from Malvern in Melbourne to the Sydney Cricket Ground - we covered some territory as a group!

Some of the highlights of the year included the football trip to Melbourne where twenty of the players and their fathers and a couple of Mums headed down to Melbourne to watch some games of AFL and play a game against a local club.

We were soundly beaten by the East Malvern Knights and I am sure the experience will never be forgotten. Some of our primary school players also competed in the James Hird cup which they were lucky enough to win. This enabled them to play in the Paul Kelly Cup which was played in early August at the SCG. The team was lucky enough to make the final but were beaten by St Patrick's from Albury.

In the local AFL Junior competition we finished second with two losses for the season. Some of the wins that come to mind are the semi-final against the Lions and the one point victory over Eastlake.

We won into the Grand Final against the previously undefeated Magpies. In a closely fought, high quality game where neither team gave an inch, we took the lead in the last quarter and held on for thrilling win. It was a fitting and deserving

end for our players as they have all been terrific and played magnificently as a team all year. To all the boys

The 2014 season was always going to be an exciting one as it was our first year playing near full rules and also the first time we were playing for competition points. After the players had a few pre-season trainings the



who played for the Under 12 this year it has been a wonderful ride and I hope all of you have taken away something with you from the year which you can use in your future. Finally congratulations to Eddie A, Josh, Seb, Zac and Will for making the ACT PSSA AFL team that competed in Sydney .Well done boys!

To all the Marist AFL committee thank you for all your support and particularly your financial donation to help pay for the football tour to Melbourne. To Maria our president, your support has been great and you will be

missed from the club next season. I would also like to thank my assistant Mark Winchester - this is my third season working with Mark and as usual it has been an absolute pleasure. His ability to lift and motivate the players is second to none, his knowledge of the game and ability to coach is a skill much admired by me. To my managers, Rick and Bernie, a team does not function without your weekly organisation and commitment. To Leo Quirk, a tough thankless job keeping

track of game times off the bench - you had a very difficult job (with a team of 29) that needed to be done, so a big thank you. To Lisa Kelly, thank you so much for your help organising the Melbourne trip and I could not have done it without you. To John Palisi - for the umpiring - a difficult job done well. I had at least three coaches from opposing sides come to me at the end of our game and say he was the best they had seen during the year. To all the runners Craig, Dave, Matt and Matt Barber, thanks for your help (sorry for the injuries!). To all the parents who contributed to the group this year from goal and boundary umpiring, treating injuries, bringing snakes and lollies and keeping time, a heartfelt thanks for all your help.

On a final note this will be my last season coaching this team. I hope I get another chance in the future. This group will always be very special to me and they have been an absolute pleasure to coach. I hope all the boys have taken something away from all we have gone through and you all continue to play this great game. I will watch with interest your progress over the next few years and wish you all every success, Thanks for the opportunity and the memories.

Coach: Greg Brearley

Eddie Angus - Eddie was our steady full back who rarely had his colours lowered, a great defender who reads the game well. Eddie has a good kick that always

seems to find a target and he was deservedly rewarded for his consistent efforts with a berth in the ACT PSSA Under 12 Team.

Jeremy Barber - A new player to AFL, his confidence grew as the season progressed and he became a handy wingman. Jeremy was great in open play and his handball and kicking to a target really improved. I hope he continues his football next year and I personally really enjoyed coaching him.

Callum Bourke - I was very pleased when I saw his name on the list to return to AFL this season. Callum became a handy tall defender who developed his voice to demand the football later in the season and this helps his confidence. Callum also played well in the Paul Kelly Cup at the SCG.

Will Brearley - Will was our captain this season and led by example. He is always hard at the footy and never stopped talking. Will was always keen on the physical stuff and laid some great tackles, Will also played for the ACT PSSA Under 12 team.

Richard Caines - Richard became a very reliable defender who would stick to his opponent like glue; I will never forget his effort against Eastlake early in the season when we were under extreme pressure. Richard effectively punched the ball to stop his opponent from gaining possession. That effort won us the game. He is our most improved player, Well done Richard!

Jack Carrol - Jack was another of our big improvers whose confidence developed over the season. He began to develop an effective kick to hit a target. Jack is a very coachable player and I look forward to watching his progress closely over the next few years.

Jack Castles - I was pleased Jack decided to join us this season and he did not let me down. Jack is a tall ruckman who worked well with his midfield players. As a coach I expected a lot from him and he did not disappoint. Jack is a strong overhead mark and has a long kick - both skills were very helpful in the Under 12's. Well done on a great season Jack.

Zac Cooney - Zac came to us this season from Eastlake and had an immediate impact as he is a tough ball getter and strong small defender. Zac also did

not mind the physical stuff and can lay a good tackle. He has an infectious personality and is great for team morale. Zac was also rewarded with selection in the ACT PSSA Under 12 Team – a great year Zac!

Cai Corey - Cai had another good season as he is a handy tough on-baller and goal sneak up forward. Cai has great hands to pick a football up and then handball or kick to a target. Cai was another very coachable player - well done on a great year!

Harry Creech - A great speedy wingman that was sensational in open play where he could use his pace. Harry is also a great kick to a target and towards the end of the season began to lay great tackles. I hope Harry continues to play AFL as I believe he has all the attributes to be an excellent player. I will miss coaching him.

Elliott Dunn - A tall full forward that would win most contests in the air, Elliott is a great overhead mark and would always out move his opponent with strength. Elliott was also a very accurate kick for goal and filled in around the midfield and ruck when required. A handy player to have in your team.

Eddie Easton - Eddie was one of our new players and made a great contribution to the team this season.

Eddie played mostly as a defender and never let me down as a coach. He always laid a good tackle on an opponent and never stopped trying. Eddie was also a handy goal sneak when given the chance to go forward.

Maxx Eccles - Maxx was another of our most improved players; his kicking improved immensely as the season progressed and when playing in his favoured

forward pocket position could snap a few handy goals. Maxx could always be relied upon to give his best effort. Well done Maxx!

Liam Florence - Liam has had another solid year - his confidence started to improve once he used his voice to demand the football and this led to greater involvement in the contest. Liam's tackling improved and he was able to land some terrific tackles towards the end of the season. Well done Liam, I have enjoyed watching your progress over the last three years.

Ben Everett - Ben's skills improved greatly as the season moved forward. Ben is another of our players



who started to use his voice to help his teammates and this increased his confidence. Ben has good hands to pick a footy up and his handballing to a teammate was excellent in tight situations. Good luck with your footy next year Ben.

Kane Gollash - Kane had a great season easily winning our best and fairest award. Kane possesses great speed and balance and was our main goal kicker. He was very hard for the opposition to match up on and he is also great at ground level, picking a ball up and snapping for goal. This skill won us many games off his own boot. A Legend!

Josh Green - Josh is the engine of our team, a terrific talent and great kick to boot. He controlled the centre bounces with the midfield then drifted forward to kick goals. Josh has the ability to really go somewhere with his football and I wish him luck with that. I have enjoyed coaching him immensely! Josh also played in the ACT PSSA team - Gun!

Tom Grace - Tom was another of our new players who impressed me from the start of the season. Tom mostly played forward and became a handy goal sneak. He had the ability to work off his opponent and find space to work into. Tom will eventually make a tough midfielder in time. Well done on a great year Tom.

Maxx Giannasca - Maxx had another solid year he is the best kick in the team and enjoys being in open play where he can use his skills to create opportunities for his teammates. Maxx started to play in the backs towards the end of the season and his tackling improved immensely. Maxx has ability and is now starting to realise it - watch him closely in the next few years!



Fraser Kelly - Fraser played in the centre all year and he was runner up in our best and fairest award. Fraser is great at picking the ball up and taking the overhead mark - a terrific talent. Fraser was also great at tagging a good player from the opposition. He was my most versatile player and has ability to go places - another one to watch in the future.

Sam Misic - Sam was another of our quieter players at the start of the season but as his voice started to grow, so did his confidence and his ability to win the football. I hope Sam continues with his football because he is now starting to show his full potential to win the footy and deliver a good hand pass or kick. Go Sam!

Mitchell O'Brien - Mitchell was one of our gun midfielders - he was our best 'gut runner' and always provided a

second effort. He has a beautiful kick to a target and is also capable of closely defending an opposition player out of the game - a terrific talent who I will miss coaching.

Rohan Palisi - Champion player who never stops trying, Rohan mostly played in defence and his tackling in big games is terrific. Rohan won his share of free kicks with big hits on the opposition. Another of our quieter players he got better with his voice as the season went on - another great lad who I will miss coaching.

Sebastian Quirk - Seb played as our centre half back all season and just killed the opposition with his reading of the play. Every time the other team looked like going into attack he seemed to be there to take a grab. Sebastian also has a great kick - he would drive us into attack and set up goals from the centre. A terrific talent who also played in the ACT PSSA team.

Lachie Smith - Lachie was another of our key defenders, a solid player who never played a bad game. Lachie is a very aggressive tackler with a beautiful left foot kick to a target. He is another player who will make a terrific on baller in the future.

David Tabke - David was another of our new players but took to the game very quickly - a gun defender who can land a hard tackle. David has a good size for the game and I believe he will be a key position player in the future. David also possesses a great skill level.

Patrick van Tempest - Pat was also one of our biggest improvers, a gun tackler and a great kick to a target. He made the wing position his own towards the end of the season when he was in fine form. Another worthy winner of the coaches award, who I will miss coaching.

Harry Williams - Harry is another one of our big improvers; he played mostly as a defender who found plenty of the ball laying good hard solid tackles. Harry never let me down and I thoroughly enjoyed coaching him. Harry's effort was second to none and he did all that was asked of him. He was another who found his voice later in the season. Well done Harry!



UNDER 13 COACHES REPORT

It's been another fantastic season for the Marist boys in U13s. Making finals for the second season the team played very competitive footy against the league leading teams, narrowly missing out on a berth in the Preliminary final. Credit must go to the whole coaching panel, Jim Brennan, Rod Cowie and Jeff Gardiner, whose experience and advice to the players was instrumental.

With 10 new players to the team this season, a combination of experienced and first time AFL players, the season looked promising. The aim of the season was again the development of all players' skills and enjoyment of the game. We had a large squad this season, which turned out to be fortunate with several injuries forcing players to miss large portions of the season. Training was well attended across the season which to me indicates the boys were enjoying their footy.

We had a tough start to the season with a bye in round 2 following the round 1 wash out, then we faced one of the competitions leading teams and eventual Grand Finalists Ainslie Red. After that loss, the boys rallied well though to defeat the 2013 Grand Finalists Ainslie Black in the next round. This set the tone for the season ahead, only dropping games to teams that finished in the top 3. The last 2 home and away games, despite defeats, really showed how far the team had come. Up against the top two teams, Marist was on par with scoring shots and in reality had the majority of the play in both games. What was exposed was the team's ability to convert when in the forward 50 was not up to the task. This will certainly be a focal point for the 2015 season.

I would like to thank our Manager Andrew Males for faultlessly organising the operations around the team for the season. Without your efforts and organisation I know the season would not have gone as smoothly.

Once again our parent support network was nothing short of superb. To all the parents that assisted on game days and at training, a massive thanks to you.

Lastly I would like to thank and congratulate all the boys on the team. The 2nd Semi went down to the wire and showed your fighting spirit, where at no stage did you stop competing, which I am extremely proud of. Well done one and all!

Daniel Andric - From the very first game, Dan set the tone for the season. A tenacious ball winner and game changer, Dan made a significant impact in each and every game. His aggressive attack on the ball and running broke through the opposition to drive the ball into our forward line. Dan has made the half back line his own, turning back the opposition time and again. Keep working on the disposal skills Dan and I expect we will see you even more damaging in the seasons ahead.

Ioannis Apostolakis - Ioannis has had a solid season, playing in several key positions as his athleticism allows him to compete with the best of any team. When Ioannis attacks the ball with confidence he invariably gains possession. Using his pace Ioannis is often able to break loose and deliver to team mates downfield. Ioannis is one of a few players that can turn a game on its head in a matter of minutes. Keep working on your "on the run" disposal skills Ioannis and we will see you become a very influential player.



Jack Barker - Jack's first season with Marist has been a path of steady improvement. In the later part of the season, Jack has been getting his hands on the footy more often with successful disposals to team mates. It has been the development of his disposal skills that have allowed Jack to make good decisions and provide the ball to team mates. It's been great to

see you getting in for the ball Jack. In the off season keep working on your marking, kicking and handball and I look forward to seeing you on the track next year.

James Boland - Eagles chimed in again this season as one of our leading goal scorers. He has an innate feel for the goals and capitalised on most opportunities when up forward. One on one, there are not many players that will out position Eagles, who uses his strength and judgement to position himself exceptionally well in marking contests. With work on marking consistency and kicking strength we will see Eagles being even more impacting. Keep working on mobility and the fitness aspects of the game James and you will experience even greater successes.

Harry Brennan - Harry is a very handy player anywhere around the ground. The wing has been Harry's most impacting position, with forays forward often resulting









in goals for the effort. He is also willing to work hard into the backline when needed and turn defence into attack. As a left footer, Harry regularly swings away from the opposition to deliver to a team mate downfield.

Being a passionate footballer, harnessing the emotions throughout the game and making positive decisions will see Harry consistently be a good contributor to the team. Keep up the passion Harry.

Sunny Bridger

- An experienced AFL player, in his first season with Marist, Sunny has added a level of composure to the team. Sunny reads the play well and attacks the ball with enthusiasm and confidence. Sunny played through the midfield this season and combined with the players around him very successfully. Keep on working on the fundamental skills of the game Sunny and all else will fall into place. Good season mate.



Christopher Cooper - In his second season of AFL Chris continued the good form shown in the 2013 season. Chris attacks the ball with confidence and is very effective in our defensive positions. With new "talls" in our team this season, Chris spent less time in the ruck and was able to show his effectiveness around the ground. I really like seeing Chris use his size to get into packs and get hands on the ball. I look forward to seeing Chris develop further in the coming seasons as I see the potential is there.

Michael Cooper - Michael is an enthusiastic go getter. He works really hard competing for the ball and as the season went on became more influential in games. While Michael spent a lot of the season in defence, where he is rock solid, when moved forward, he capitalised with some very handy goals. Continuing from last season Michael analyses the game and his skills. Keep up the aggressive attack on the ball Michael and we will see you even more influential throughout games and across the whole season.

Aidan Cowie - An experienced player new to Marist this season, Aidan added another dimension to the team. With good hand and foot skills he was able to play the spine positions and when focused contributed greatly to the team's success. It is the second and third efforts that will see Aidan leap ahead in his footy. The game is full of changes and opportunities, where the ball doesn't always bounce our way - work hard then to make the

ball yours and then you have the choice. I look forward to seeing you become the influential player I know you have the potential to be.

Lachlan Fitzgerald - Fitzzy continued from where he left off last season as one of the best ball winners in the comp. While not the largest of frame we would always see him in and under the packs getting to the ball. Over the season Fitz sped up his disposals to the benefit of not only the team but his personal safety. If there was an award for the most courageous Fitzzy would hands down take it out. Another good season Lachie, keep working on quick hands and kick strength.

Jordan Flavel - A first year player, Jordan has come on in leaps and bounds, literally. As our tallest player with a basketball background we worked with Jordan to develop his ruck skills. Over the season Jordan became one of the most influential ruckmen in the competition. His athleticism around the ground made it difficult for the opposition to keep up and compete. His marking and kicking also developed dramatically over the year with Jordan now having one of the longest accurate kicks in the team. Fantastic season Jordan, I look forward to seeing your development in the season's ahead.

Jarred Gardiner - Jarred is a fantastically versatile player that can tackle any position on the field. Another very experienced player to join Marist this season, Jarred made a major impact to the team from game 1. Tall and athletic, Jarred rucked a large portion on the season and around stoppages is extremely good at gaining possession and clearing the ball. A good overhead mark, Jarred imposed himself all over the

ground. Jarred will be a big loss to the team, heading overseas with the family and I wish him all the best and hope he is able to keep up some form of footy while away.



Thomas Green - Tom has had another very good

season with the team. With a strong competitive nature Tom delivers 100% every game. Tom reads the ball extremely well at stoppages, invariably getting his hands on the footy and delivering to a team mate. With other quality players around him, Tom was able to

combine with great effect and over the season more of the team came into the play with quick disposals and clean hands. Keep up the commitment and dedication to your skills Tom and congratulations on another fantastic season.

Jude Henderson–Burch

- Jude (Hendo) continued where he left off in 2013 and a hard contested ball winner. His running strength enabled him to consistently break clear of packs and potential tacklers to drive the ball downfield. Hendo’s game developed greatly over the season with quick decision making and accurate disposals taking his game to another level. He trains the way he plays, with concentration and commitment the task at hand. Hendo is a fantastic member of the team and a pleasure to coach. Keep up the work Hendo; it’s been great to watch you play the game.

Hunter Howden - Hunter joined the team this season with plenty of experience under his belt. He reads the play well, positioning himself to be the go to option around the packs. With excellent endurance Hunter is without a doubt one of our players that keeps running for a whole game. With silky skills Hunter racks up possessions. Hunter also loves a “Specky” and we saw



several near marks of the year. Keep working on strong hands mate and I look forward to seeing you drag down a “Mark of the Year” entrant.

Aidan Kelly - Pies is a fearless young bloke that throws himself in for the ball, it seems without thought of self preservation. After a solid start to the season it was extremely disappointing that a knee condition prevented him from playing out the year. I really hope the rehab Pies is working through is successful and we see Aidan back with the team next season.

Jacob Kenner - JK has made some very positive improvements to his marking and disposal skills over the

season. His quick hands from packs have got the ball to clear players allowing quick movement down field. When JK makes the decision to compete hard for the ball he has been very effective. JKs pace has enabled him to regularly be first to the ball or run down an opponent. In competitive situations, being more aggressive would increase his chances of gaining possession. Keep working on the fundamental skills and your running endurance Jake and you will see the benefits.

Lachlan Knowles - Lachie joined the team this season and slotted very nicely into the team. Playing forward or back Lachie would attack the ball, working hard to obtain possession. Lachie has nice disposal skills that were put to good effect when in possession. Like JK, attacking the ball with a little more physicality would see Lachie get the ball in his hands more often.

Isaac Males - Isaac (Malesy) has really come on in the latter half of the season after working on his marking across the year. Malesy put in the work on the training track which was evident on game day when he popped up for a few sneaky goals. Along with the core skills of the game, keep building on the speed and endurance aspects as well Malesy. You read the ball well so if you can get yourself to the ball first I know you will gain possession more often than not. I look forward to seeing you bigger, fitter, faster and stronger next season mate.

Spencer Mooney - With good endurance and reading of the play, Spencer (Spanner) was one of our key midfield players this season. Around the packs Spanner is aggressive in the contest and won many of the battles. Spanner has good game awareness whether

in the middle of play or positioning down the ground. Marking is one key aspect of the game I would like to see Spanner focus on. With so much football coming in his direction, taking clean marks will increase his impact on every game. Good season Spencer, keep working on those finer skills mate.



Brett Murray - Brett (Bullseye) has developed as a strong player that can take on several roles for the team. While not one of our tallest, Brett's athleticism allowed him to successfully compete in the ruck against some strong opponents. Putting his body into the contest hard is when Bullseye is his most damaging. Hitting packs at pace and busting through is what we like to see from Bullseye. Toward the end of the season the marks began to stick more regularly and his kicking really did take some great leaps forward in both distance and accuracy. It was also great to see Brett commence umpiring this season. Keep up the love of the game Bullseye.

Jack Phillips - Jack (Doc) Phillips is a member of our determined rover brigade and he personally had great improvements over the course of the season. Playing in the pockets and flanks for much of the season Doc was in and under working hard to get to the ball. As the season progressed Doc became more and more involved, being a component of one of the teams plays of the season. Doc should keep working hard on his development at training.

Nicholas Pinkas - Nick is an absolute work horse. He trains hard, focusing on both his personal development and the team aspects of his game. Nick is a rock solid defender that backs his judgement in getting the footy, and then after delivering down field will work hard to push forward and be an option before recovering to a defensive position. When swung into the forward line the practice Nick put in after training came to the fore with some great goals. Season 2 has been a very

good one for Nick and I see a bright future ahead. Keep working on the core skills mate and you will be a pivotal player in any team.

Zach Pritchard - This was Zach's first season with Marist AFL however with a few seasons at another club under belt his Zach has good awareness of the game. Another member of our determined rover brigade, like Doc, Zach played predominantly in the pockets and flanks roving packs and working the ball forward. Zach has a good approach to his footy and works well at training. Keep up the marking and kicking skills over the off season Zach and I'm sure we'll see more conversion in the forward line.

Luke Williams - Luke has a few years of AFL under his belt, joining the Marist community this season. It's clear that Luke loves his footy and brings a fantastic attitude to training and the game. It emerged quite quickly that Luke leans towards being a defensive player. He matches up well with any opponent and focuses on gaining possession when the ball is in dispute. When playing in the forward line Luke works equally hard to gain possession and make the most of the opportunities. Keep working on the core skills of footy mate and I look forward to seeing how you develop in the seasons ahead.

Ewan Wyles - After a fantastic 2013 season it was very disappointing for Ewan to suffer a fractured finger that sidelined him for a total of 9 weeks after only 2 games. Returning with 3 matches of the home and away season to go, it was going to be an uphill battle to get into the swing of things. Yet Ewan managed to do just that featuring well in the finals series. I hope to see Ewan with a full season in 2015 and look forward to watching the progress he can achieve.



UNDER 14 COACHES REPORT - PREMIERS

From the very first training it was obvious the group thought they could achieve something special. Every one of the 34 players brought a unique talent to the group so the X factor in 2014 was always going to be attitude. Strong leaders and team rules ensured the focus was always there. Numbers were always strong at training and the group brought a fanatical desire to gameday so the scoreboard really took care of itself. Finishing the season as undefeated premiers (Champions) was the result.



Our leadership group deserve to be acknowledged: Captain Luke Palisi, Vice-captain Max Beaumont and deputy vice-captains Sam Brearley, Patrick Sharp and Oliver Hicks set the standard with intensity, voice and attitude. The group voted for these guys and they clearly got it right. All five made the rep side along with Daniel Cerni, Ted Maher and Nelson Dunphy. A reward for a terrific season by each of them. Daniel Cerni also won the U14s 'Norm Smith' for his massive grand final performance.

A large playing group deserved a large support team. Line coaches Paul Palisi (forwards), Rogan Sharp (mids) and Simon Hicks (backs) all made massive contributions to the success of the group. We have the world's most committed managers: Alan Caines and Phil Brearley. Both put in hours over and above what was expected. Our two runners Dom Egan and Andrew Garrety both played a significant role.

Their positivity and general athleticism was awesome. Trainers Jay Clarke and Peter Moon brought fantastic expertise and both these guys made strong and correct

decisions at the appropriate times. Rotations guru Dean Browne was the icing on the cake. He was boundary umpire in our first game and it was apparent he needed another role!! Nobody was busier on game day than Browne and his contribution cannot be overstated.



Simon Dunphy was our spare parts man and he filled a number of roles for us over the season.

Our parent group and general fan base were also fantastic. There is a strong culture of volunteerism at MAFC and this team was no different. The general attitude from the parents was one of positivity and support and this had a significant influence on the playing group.

A massive thank you to the MAFC committee. Maria, Janine and the team are incredibly committed people and their belief and support to our group was sensational. Marist was named junior club of the year and little wonder.

But the stars of the show were of course the boys.

The best part about this group is that every player made a contribution. Everybody who watched the magnificent performance in the grand final would have seen this for themselves. All the guys bought into the rotation system and the game style and it is an absolute credit to all of them. AFL Canberra administers 125 teams from Div 1 down to U11s and only one of these teams can call themselves Champions. Says it all!

Coach: Chris Maher

Ben Answerth - Started the year in the forward line but finished it playing in the midfield. Talented reader of the play and clever ball user. Also capable of catching it overhead and knows where the goals are. Very consistent contributor.

Josh Baker - Backman who produced another consistent season. Unassuming but has a fierce desire to succeed. Super competitive. Just gets the job done and had another terrific year.

Max Beaumont - Superstar who spent 2014 doing Wayne Carey impersonations. Beautiful hands, great kick and fantastic at ground level, he won the competition goalkicking and was unbeatable.

Sam Brearley - Tough, courageous ball magnet who racked up big numbers every week. Brought others into the play with handball from congestion and worked hard off the ball. Another fantastic season from this very good player.



Cooper Browne - Showed incredible improvement to become a very important player. Strong overhead, won plenty of it and also a very good tackler. Played predominately in the midfield but also filled gaps in other parts of the ground. Excellent year.

Alan Caines - Big forward capable of a grab and kicking the ball a long way. Loves his footy and has the talent to kick bags of goals. Very good attitude.

Angus Carruthers - Terrific size for footy and a very good mover. Played a variety of roles and demonstrated an intense competitive streak. Genius at British Bulldog.

Daniel Cerni - Midfield colossus with the skill-set of a 22 year old. Goals from 50 metres and towering pack marks par for the course. An unstoppable force who produced an incredible season.

Alex Clarke - Hard nosed player who played mainly in defence but also spent periods in the forward line. Ferocious tackler and wins contested footy. Can also play shut down roles. Very good contributor.

Lorenz Daley - Incredibly tough footballer who terrorised opposition forwards. Loves to tackle and thrives on winning his own footy. Very improved player and super important to the dynamics of the team.

Nelson Dunphy - Versatile and clever footballer who had an impact either through the midfield or when playing up forward. Strong overhead, courageous at ground level and kicked many important goals. Top quality.

Isaac Egan - Left footer who made the move into the midfield and played some very good games. Has pace, uses the ball well and now starting to hit the scoreboard. Very elusive and an important cog in the machine.

Vyvyan Evans - Natural footballer used mainly in the forward line. Reads the play very well and knows where the sticks are. Terrific user of the footy. Made some terrific contributions.

Callum Garrety - Smart user of the ball who played all over the ground. Runs hard, lays tackles and likes 'facing out' his teammates. Played some excellent footy. Awesome attitude but unfortunately told some pretty ordinary jokes.

Luke Gaynor - Dynamic midfielder/forward who won a stack of the footy and kicked his mandatory round-the-corner freakish goals. Also strong overhead and very elusive. Very rarely misses a target by foot. Has star quality.

Luke Goodwin - Small forward with a terrific attitude. Wins the footy, runs to the right spots and also has a nice pair of hands. Making excellent progress and has an X factor.



Ethan Hart - Another consistent season from this courageous player. Played mainly in defence but also made an impact further up the ground. Tireless and works hard both ways.

Oliver Hicks - Relentless ruckman who does it all. Big marks, long kicks and bone jarring tackles just standard fare. Also likes to run and carry. Massive season and hugely influential.

Max Jensen - Tough, hard tackling footballer who played a number of roles for the team. Super disciplined and the longer the season went, the better he played. Has potential.

Michael Kemp - Smart footballer who reads the play well and uses the ball astutely. Also a strong tackler and hit the scoreboard when given the opportunity. Very consistent season.



Sean Kirk - Courageous midfielder who also played in defence and in the forward line. Marks overhead, wins the footy and kicks it a long way. Very good player this guy.

Daniel Long - Talented half back flanker with genuine courage. Wins his own footy, runs with it and kicks it long. Very competitive.

Ted Maher - Seems to have found his niche at full back. Beautiful kick and took some important marks. Improved his fitness and had a very good season. Has the ability to be a very good player.

Campbell Moon - Backman who is almost impossible to beat one on one. Also chases hard and kicks it a mile. Very disciplined defender. Loves his footy.

Harrison Morton - Talented key forward unable to take the field due to illness. His courage and inspiration to the group impossible to overstate. Bring on 2015.

Steven Oerder - Small in stature but big in heart. Played as a small forward and contributed every week. Has pace and his kicking improved out of sight. Fantastic attitude.

Ben O'Rourke - Major talent capable of doing amazing things with the ball. Has clean hands, hits targets, seems to be able to find the footy at will and can kick goals. There is something unique about this guy.

Luke Palisi - Brilliant season from the skipper. Played mainly through the midfield but also played some high

quality games in defence and up forward. Gun who led from the front and just might have what it takes.

Sam Rankin - Attacking defender who also played some excellent footy in the midfield. Always seems to have time with ball in hand and reliably hits targets. Very good season.

Patrick Sharp - Centre half back and never beaten. And I don't mean over the course of a game - he was never beaten in a contest. Marked absolutely everything that came his way and used the ball well. An unbelievable season from an absolute jet.

Nick Starkovski - Played down back and also had stints in the forward line. Reads the play well, has a lovely pair of hands and also a very straight kick. An important contributor to the team.

Jonny Szell - Wins his own footy, kicks it a mile and a fierce tackler. Played mainly in defence but also had an impact up forward. Genuine competitor who continues to improve.

Jakob Taylor - Talented footballer who reads the play very well. Clever user of the football, lovely hands and can kick a goal. Has the potential to be a very good player.

Jordan Wood - Played mainly in defence but also pinch hit in the ruck. A knee injury wrecked the 2nd half of his season and his versatility and skill was sorely missed. Serious talent with an A-grade attitude.



UNDER 15 COACHES REPORT



Season 2014 was all about trying new things, and getting the best out of the players – both individually and

collectively. Our two themes for the season were:

- (1) no more 'polite footy', and
- (2) every possession counts.

This group of players has always been well regarded because of their skill level, but we wanted to change the way we play by adding a hard, physical edge to our game. We also wanted to ensure that every player contributes and influences the contest rather than leaving it all to just a few.

We introduced the boys to a training drill called 'craft' in which the boys get around 300-400 touches of the footy during warm-up before commencing the main drills. Craft is designed to develop 'quick' and 'clean hands' which is so important. The boys could probably do 'tram-tracks', 'unders & overs', 'heat' and 'half-volleys' in their sleep, but the improvement in the boys' hand-skills was significant.

Congratulations to James Williams, Rhys Pollock, Billy Clark and Ryan Crowley on their selection in the ACT Secondary Schoolboys team who performed well in Sydney.

In terms of thank you's - Cyril Karo was fantastic, a manager extraordinaire. I was really grateful for the way he makes everything run like clockwork, and always allowed me to focus on coaching. Thanks to parents for doing the multitude of jobs on game day from canteen, snakes and oranges, time-keeping, through to running water and umpiring, and special thanks to Darren Scott and Dean Crowe who shared the running duties.

I had fantastic support from my group of assistant coaches & line coaches. Paul Sheahan was a great assistant coach and back up who would always be there at training, and was a great source of ideas and suggestions. Darren Scott's knowledge of this group of players was invaluable and has a great footy brain, and will make a fantastic coach one day. Ray Stuart also has a wealth of footy knowledge, and Dean Crowe enjoyed 'dipping his toe' into coaching. Richard Simpson, Matt Cooney, and Matt Pollock also helped out (and often at short notice), and I was grateful for Matt Pollock's and Andrew Crockett's help at trainings.



I would also like to thank our team of trainers: (Rob Wilson, Suzanne Cooney, Liza Shiel, and Lee-anne Pollock). The way they looked after our players was first class and I never once doubted their judgment in assessing the extent of injuries to our players.

I would also like to thank Maria Hicks, Rich Williams and John Clark for their advice, support and for luring me into coaching at Marist.

Finally, I would like to thank the team – a very talented group whose football abilities are heading in the right direction. They are very coachable and responsive to new ideas, and are a credit to their families and the school.

Although we didn't take the 'big scalp' we were looking for all season, we earned the respect of the other sides in the competition. This season also confirmed that our depth is as good as any other team in the competition. The most pleasing aspect of this season has been the development, growth and improvement of the players. To see them have the confidence to take the game on, tackle ferociously, impose themselves on the contest, and play smart footy was fantastic. It really gives us a platform on which to build for next season. It has been great fun coaching you (despite the occasional 'half-time spray') and I hope I get the opportunity to work with you again in the future.

Coach: Paul Highmore

Tom Brewer - did some really good things in the forward line this year. Tommy managed to take some good marks, and where he didn't was able to at least halve the contest by bringing the ball to ground. From a coach's perspective it is pleasing to see that 'Bruiser' is one of those players who can be given instructions or a particular role and you know that he will do whatever is asked of him.

Connor Brice - he is a fantastic athlete who seems ideally suited to wing or midfield. Connor is still relatively new to the game but his skills are improving all the time. Connor doesn't realise how good a footballer he really is, so he should be proud of the fact that he became an important part of our midfield brigade. Once he adds a strong physical element to his game, Connor will be unstoppable.

Noah Bridger - unfortunately, Noah's season was curtailed by injury, but in the early part of the season he made some important contributions by bobbing up and

taking marks and kicking goals at vital stages of games. Hopefully Noah can overcome his injury over summer and come back bigger and stronger next year in 2015.

Liam Cashion - showed his versatility by being able to play as a key forward and on the ball in the ruck. Liam's basketball background means that he has very clean hands, but his biggest weapon is his mobility and running ability. Next year we hope to see Liam run his opponents ragged in the way Nick Riewoldt does, and really take the game on and impose himself on the contest.

Billy Clark - had another great season in which he played pivotal roles for the team. Billy has silky skills and is a smart user of the ball. He is one of those players who always looks as if he has plenty of time and space to either kick, set up or save goals. His value to the team is his flexibility and is comfortable playing in any part of the ground. Some of his best work was as the '+1' in the backline.

Henry Cooney - was a fantastic captain this year, and was a great leader both on and off the field in 2014. Unfortunately, Henry got injured at the beginning of the season, but stayed positive and came back to play important roles both in midfield and across half-forward. He was skilful and courageous as always, and you could always find him at the bottom of packs winning the ball for the team.

Hayden Crockett - was a key member of our tight defensive unit in the backline, and was having a great year until the unfortunate season-ending injury he sustained in the night game against Gungahlin at Greenway. Hayden's close-checking style means that he can shut down his direct opponent, but he can also rebound out of defence with his great and reliable kicking skills.

Ryan Crowley - had a great season in the backline. Ryan is at his intimidating best when he runs hard at the footy and marks the ball in contests rather than punching the ball away and creating another 50-50 contest once the ball hits the ground. It is a credit to Ryan that opposition teams send forwards out to do defensive jobs on him or have game-plans which involve avoiding Ryan.

Liam Ellis - was another one of our big improvers this year. He has excellent skills by hand and foot and reads the play really well. His anticipation and judgment mean that he is able to win a lot of the footy across the half-backline and then rebound the ball through our midfield. One of his great skills is that he shows a lot of poise and composure with the ball in his hands, and never panics.

Pat Ellis - the Ellis family tradition of producing players

with silky skills and clever users of the footy continues. Pat did his best work across the wing and is great at finding time and space. A season highlight came when a game was in the balance and Pat had to win a 2-on-1 contest to save the day for the team - and he did! It was also great to see the Ellis boys add some physicality to their game.

Ben Hunter - another important member of our tight backline unit. Benny showed that he has a great knack for reading the play, and anticipates where he needs to position himself in order to give himself the best chance of winning the ball. Ben saved the team's bacon on countless occasions when he was on the last line of defence.

Eric Karo - was another one of our key defenders this season. Like his brother, Eric has great versatility in that he has the vertical leap and ability to read the play that allows him to match it with tall forwards, but he also has the speed to match it with smaller zippy opponents. The biggest strengths of the Karo boys are their consistency and their attack on the footy.

Liam Karo - another key member of our backline, 'Liam Lime-Boots' played primarily as a defender this season, but showed his versatility by being able to play roles in other parts of the ground. One of his best games of the year was when he was given a defensive role in our forward line on an attacking Magpies defender, and Liam shut him out of the game.

Nick Koeck - a really important member of the team and his versatility and adaptability means that he can play midfield, forward or back. Nick copped a few injuries this year, but still made a great contribution to the team. He would often put his body on the line or be at the bottom of packs dishing out handballs to team-mates, or laying tackles at crucial stages in games.

Sam Lee-Steere - got better and better as the year went on, with the night game against Gungahlin at Greenway perhaps his best. Unfortunately, just before the finals, Sam's season was cut short by an injury sustained in the 'notorious Marist playground'. Sam settled well into the team's backline, and showed that he can 'run through the lines' to create options, and can be a ferocious tackler.

Lachie McGovern - he went from strength to strength as a player, and took every opportunity presented to him. Lachie started as a winger, but ended up as one of our first choice on-ballers. Lachie has a great engine, and an even bigger heart, so it was pleasing to see him grow and develop as a player this year. He unfortunately copped a few head-knocks, but we'll work on that next year.

Andrew Nangle - had a great season as our focal point up forward. Nangers 'clunked' some great marks at different stages, and kicked some important goals. He is a great character to have around the team, and can always be relied upon for some comic relief. We might look at playing Nangers in different positions next year to give him some versatility, and add an extra dimension to his game.

James Palisi - is a very unassuming player who just goes about his business with a minimum of fuss. JP is an excellent kick and makes good choices when he has the footy. JP started the season at full-back but also played well at centre-half back and in the forward line when given the opportunity. He ended the season in the backline but only because of team balance and the fact he is so reliable.

Rhys Pollock - had a great and very consistent season. Rhys is a great 'crumber', but for a player of his size, he is also an excellent overhead mark. Rhys is a penetrating kick so he generally hits his targets. He uses the ball well, makes good decisions, and uses his voice on the field to great effect. Rhys can also be relied upon to do something special at those vital moments in big games.

Jack Rankin - he showed this year why he is one of the key defenders in this team. His work at full-back was fantastic and his disciplined, close-checking style of game meant that he managed to shut down many of the competition's best full-forwards. One area that he leads the team and sets a great example is the way he uses his voice both to communicate and to encourage his team-mates.

Brett Reid - was one of our big improvers this year. At the beginning of the season, Brett was thrown into the ruck to see how he would go. So it was pleasing to see Brett grab his opportunity and establish himself as our No.1 ruckman. Brett would often give us first use of the ball out of the middle, and did great work around the ground. Brett was also a good target for us up forward.

Tom Robertson - he is clearly a great natural athlete, but for his age, Tom's skills are as good as anyone I have ever seen for someone so new to the game. He easily made the transition to AFL, but unfortunately took a heavy knock against Eastlake and then we lost him to rep duties for League, but Robbo came back to be a real presence for us up forward and kicked some important goals for us.

Max Scott - could be anything with his football, and the sky is the limit in terms of his potential - it just depends on what Max wants to do. Max would be one of the best kicks in the team, and always hits targets further up the ground. Max is a good mark, has 'clean hands', and

also likes the hard physical work and can often be found at the bottom of packs trying to win the ball for the team.

Pat Shiel - unfortunately Pat's season was interrupted by injuries, but when he played, Pat made some important contributions both up forward as a tall marking target and as ruckman. Pat has great spring which allows him to get the jump on his opponents and took some great marks, and a few times he almost took what would have been contenders for mark of the year.

Brad Simpson - had a great year and was one of the first picked in midfield every week. Brad is one of those footballers who can withstand the 'crash and bash' at ball-ups, but also has polished skills that allow him to win the footy and hit targets. He has a big heart and engine, and sets a great example to others. I have a feeling rep football and leadership roles can't be too far away for Brad.

Jordy Stuart - had another solid year and gave us glimpses of his abilities. Jordy is a clever user of the ball and generally makes good decisions. He reads the play well, and can anticipate where he needs to be to win the footy. Jordy is most damaging when he gets 'front and centre' of the contest or reads the ball off hands in the pack and runs away with the footy, leaving defenders in his wake.

Ben Surtees - was another one of our big improvers for the year. Ben showed that he is more than just a handy back-up ruckman. At ball-ups, Ben probably won two out of every three tap outs which gave our midfielders first use of the ball. Ben also showed he can be an effective tall marking option up forward as well, and took some great grabs. Ben looks set for a big year in 2015.

James Williams - he showed why he is one of the best players in the competition. James was our leading goal-kicker so you wish you could have a 'James' both up forward and in midfield. He could play in the ruck, so it is a luxury for us that his mobility allows him to play as a tall ruck-rover. It was also great to see James want to take the initiative and be the one to make a difference for the team.

Matt Wilson - he had a great first year playing AFL. Matt is very coachable, and was always keen to learn how to play the game and how he can best make a contribution for the team. Matt played mostly across half-forward where he did some great work as a defensive forward by locking the ball into our forward line, but he was also creative, and even kicked a couple of goals in his first season.

UNDER 17 COACHES REPORT

49 boys played at least one game with the Marist Under 17s in 2014. 13 of these boys were regular members of the 1st XVIII and two were members of the Under 15s, who all enthusiastically helped out when needed during school holidays, Outward Bound and those weeks when injury and unavailability were at their peak.



10 of our 'regular' squad of 34 played their first season of AFL. Few were able to join us for pre-season so there was a lot of on-the-job training in the first few games. A sense of frustration for the coaching staff gradually grew into a sense of great pride as the old bonded with the new and a team was forged that may not have dominated the scoreboards, but won our 'hearts and minds' each week as they tackled the competition heavyweights. It was with a spirit of togetherness that this team fought out each game to its conclusion, often pushing bigger and more experienced opposition teams to their limits. The Team was rewarded with a couple of great wins towards the end of the season and a crack at an elimination final after finishing 6th.

I would like to thank all the players for their commitment, great attitude and putting up with me. In particular I would like to thank and congratulate our courageous Captain and Best & Fairest winner, Jacob Gaynor for a superb season, Ethan Rosin (runner up B&F), Lachlan Moon (Eastlake Scholarship) and Xavier Mooney (Coach's Award). After careful consideration I awarded the Most Improved Award to Talieson St John, whose on field exploits were spectacular. Special mentions to Hugo Webster, Chris Rajapashke and Mitch Bryant for fantastic first seasons and congratulations to all other first year players for the spirit in which they embraced our game.

Each game would not have been possible without the great support of the parents each week on the boundary, in the goals, oranges & snakes, scoring, time keeping, best & fairest voting etc.

Special thanks to Rosie Watson for her fantastic efforts managing the team. With 49 players over the course of a 14 game season, it is a minor miracle that nothing went wrong. Also thanks to Della and Luke for standing in while Rosie was away and another special thanks to

Della for hosting our end of season function at her home. Thanks also to our 'team physician' Peter Moon, ably assisted by Dianne each week.

Many thanks to the Assistant Coach, Richard Simpson, whose advice and insight were invaluable. Also thanks to Luke Morwitch and Dean Crowe for filling additional 'assistant coaching' roles and acting as the runners for each game. It was a pleasure to work with such a great coaching

team who are to be congratulated on the extent of team improvement we witnessed throughout the year.

Thanks to Rich Williams, 1st XVIII Coach, along with John Clark and the MAFC Committee, for running a brilliant pre-season campaign. I would also like to thank Rich for his support and great communication each week.

Finally, thank you to Maria and the whole MAFC Committee for a great season.

Thank you!

Coach: Ash Colmer

Logan Ayers - Logan had a great season. His belief and confidence in his own ability were rewarded with some great games as a tall forward, kicking five goals and developing into a 'link man' in the second half of the season.

Jeremy Bridger - Jezza, only played a couple of great games for the Under 17s before securing a permanent position in the 1st XVIII. Well done mate.

Mitch Bryant - One of our many first year players who went from strength to strength with each game. He has endless energy and an ability to hit hard and tackle strongly. He will be one of the sharp improvers in 2015. Great season!

Andrew Colmer - Always manages to get his hands on the footy and adapted well to some of the game plan changes introduced this year. Took some great marks in the forward line and kicked three goals. He also doubled up in the midfield rotations when required. Nice one, Andy!

Angus Crowe - 'Angie' was a cheerful member of the Under 17s this year and his enthusiasm and forthright advice were greatly appreciated.

Jackson Crowe - Jack played a handful of great games for the Under 17s when returning from injury, kicking six goals, before finishing the season with the 1st XVIII. Well done 'Jacko'!

Patrick Dunphy - Professional rower, Pat found time to also be a key member of the Under 17s with his huge presence, great skills and endurance either in the ruck or at full back. He will be remembered for his 'Natanui-like' goal that witnesses say went between 80 and 103 metres before bouncing through the big sticks - legend!

James Elliot - James wasn't always rewarded with as much game time as he would have liked, but remained a team player that stuck it through from pre-season to finals. A pleasure to coach and his presence around the Club will be missed next year when he takes on college football in the USA.

James Elwin - Tireless, tough and immensely talented, James played many games for the 1st XVIII, but dominated on the ball when playing with the Under 17s. While happy to rove all day, he was always available to give the full forward a rest and slot a couple of lazy six-pointers.

Sam Ellwood - Another AFL 'newbie', Sam is to be commended for his dedication; joining the senior squad at pre-season, and, despite minimum game time, always giving his best on the training track. His greatest feats were in the tackling department where he demonstrated his mastery of this important skill.

Jacob Gaynor - Our 2014 Captain led by example, always putting his body on the line, using his short centre of gravity to duck and weave around astonished opponents. Distantly related to the Selwoods, 'Grandad' led the competition for high tackle free kicks because he was always first to the ball. Seven goals. Champion!

Josh Hackwill - Suffered a thumb injury and missed the first few games. Recovering swiftly, 'Hackers' cemented his place back in the team. Tough, tireless and fast, Josh led many Marist counter-attacks from the back line. Also a more than handy ruckman or on-baller who runs all day. Great season!

Nathan James - Epitomises 'punching above one's weight'. Never afraid to put his body on the line against opposition that usually weighed twice his weight. 'NJ' has great skills and a good footy brain that will take him a long way once he has that growth spurt. Well



done mate!

Michael Kendrick - 'Kenza' played the majority of his games for the 1st XVIII in 2014, but managed to pick up a season's worth of possessions in two appearances for the Under 17s. Great stuff!

Callum Keogh - Another first year player who put his body on the line and ran all day. Unfortunately, a series of injuries limited his time on the field and perhaps prevented us from seeing his full potential. Hopefully he will give it another crack in 2015.



Dominik Krajina - 'Gentleman Dom' has an uncanny knack of 'finding the footy'. Returning to footy after a couple of years off, Dom's performances improved each week. He provided a reliable tall forward option and was able to assume ruck duties when necessary. A great season!

Connor Lake - 'Lakey' is another who improved as the season went on. He started to realise that his big body could make a difference in a contest and that he could win the ball in a one on one. Good to see that he is really enjoying his footy. Well done!

Dinan McMahon - Dinan is a solid back pocket player who also discovered a niche as an annoying tagger - something he attributes to being a professional younger brother! Dinan had a great pre-season and brought some additional fitness into this season that provided a new dimension to his game.

Lachlan Moon - 'Mr Reliable' is another who just gave and gave each week. 'Cheese' has a great set of hands and a matching desire to win the footy at all costs, setting a very high standard for our back line. He just got better and better each week. Great season.

Xavier Mooney - Vice Captain and played in a variety of roles before cementing his place as a modern-day attacking half back flanker. 'X Factor' took control of the emotional side of his game and proved to himself what an asset to the team he can be - we already knew!

Toby Morwitch - Played many games for the 1st XVIII before returning to the '17s and sustaining a season ending injury. Toby rose to a new level this year, dominating on the ground and in the air. His toughness can turn a game for Marist, or put him in an ambulance.

Ben Mossop - Another first year player, Ben developed a good working knowledge of the game with some skills to match which enabled us to rotate him through the midfield towards the end of the season. Also confident and reliable in front of goals, he kicked three goals for the season.

Chris Rajapashke - Took to footy in his first year as a duck takes to water. A thinking player, 'Raj' took every opportunity to learn the game and understand his role. He learnt where to put his big body and became an essential member of the back line. Great season!

Michael Roland - Probably the most consistent Under 17s player this season. 'Roley' developed into a hard-working and hard ball winning midfielder. Arguably the most skilful player in the team and certainly one of the fittest, his improved aggression at the football took his footy to a new level in 2014.

Ethan Rosin - Starred for the '17s and played a handful of 1st XVIII games. Runs all day, principally as a midfielder, but equally effective as a key forward. The leading goal scorer with seventeen. Continues to develop his leadership and was an essential part of the team's development throughout the season.

Daniel Ruhen - Had a long season sticking it out and making the most of his on field opportunities. He continued to develop as a player, learning some tagging techniques from Dinan, but adding his very own 'fast cheek caress' to his bag of tricks in the game at Kippax.

Steven Thom - Steve only played a couple of games at the start of the season before the onset of a knee injury. He proved himself to be a hard hitting and resilient back man.

James Toohey - One of our strongest and most exciting players succumbed to the lure of basketball. 'JT' won a scholarship to the ACT Academy of Sport and played his last game of AFL on 28th June. He will be sorely missed by his mates, but we all wish him the best of luck in his basketballing career.

Darcy Sheehan - It felt like the 'juggernaut' had barely taken off at season's end! Darcy spent the majority of the season injured before being coaxed back for the 19th July clash against Tuggeranong. Regaining his confidence, he brought the forward line to life kicking six goals in a handful

of appearances. Good luck for 2015.

Sam Smith - Sam developed into a solid defender during his first season of AFL. He was a very popular team member with a strong tackle and a motor to match. He worked hard on his skills during the year, especially his kicking, and is to be commended for his continued application.

Taliesin St John - He was one of the standout first year players. Obviously mathematically inclined, he knows the shortest distance between two points is a straight line, no matter how many opposition players are in the way. Quickly developed into a key defender and the man no forward wanted to play on.

Tom Verghese - 'Tommy Velcro' never dropped a mark - even in his sleep. Another key member of our 'consistent and resistant' back line, his greatly developed skills in the air were only matched by a

noticeable increase in his ability on the ground. Top season!

Sam Watson - Played an important role as our tall forward, kicking three goals before succumbing to a knee injury late in the season. Sammy developed into a very mobile forward whose confidence in his own ability increased markedly. Hopefully he can make a full recovery and return for a huge 2015.



Hugo Webster - Hugo may have been mistaken for somebody who had played AFL all his life, not another 'first seasoner'. The tougher the better for Hugo, who quickly became an essential part of our midfield. Only the players know what he said during his motivational huddles, but gee, it sounded scary!

Stephen Zielthofer - Worked hard on his fitness during the early stages of the season. 'Stevie J' let his footy do the talking, often with a lot of grit and occasionally with a bit of magic. Mainly playing in the back line, he was equally effective on the wing in the second half of the season.

FIRST XVIII COACHES REPORT



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Our goals were simple; prepare well; train hard; and play a team brand of footy which all MAFC players (both senior and junior) are proud of and earns respect in the competition. I can honestly say that we not only achieved these goals, but exceeded all three.

Given the length of the season our approach was to use the first 6 games as a way of building into the season, with a view of peaking mid-July and gaining momentum through August into September. We nearly pulled it off, finishing the season in third place and an agonising one win away from the big dance.

The Marist First XVIII defeated every team in the Rising Stars competition, including multiple wins against Eastlake. During the month of August the First XVIII was nothing short of exhilarating recording 5 wins in a row against Ainslie, Queanbeyan, Eastlake, (all sides ranked above us at the time) Gungahlin and a nail biting win against Eastlake in the Elimination Final.

During this period the team played the MAFC brand of footy – team first, highly skilled, courageous and with honesty; integrity; fairness and most of all sportsmanship.

Individually, we congratulate Matthew Pert, Clem McManus, Tom Highmore and Sam Fisher in being selected in the Future Stars team of the year and team award winners; Best and Fairest Matthew Pert; Runner Up Best and Fairest Clem McManus; Coaches Award Nick Wood; Most Improved Jeremy Bridger; Eastlake Scholarship Will Campbell. We congratulate Tom and Sam for being selected in the Under 16 NSW/ACT Rams team.

Special thanks to my assistant coach and great mate John Clark for his support, knowledge, experience

We started pre-season in December 2013 with a 3km time trial at Stromlo, players were

then asked to follow a Christmas conditioning program and from Mon 10 January we went flat chat

and match day calmness. Also, to Kathy Sandison's tireless and wonderful work as Manager, Simon and Simmo for their efforts as runners, our trainers Jay, Sarah and Peter Moon in the finals, who provided such expert care to the team throughout the year. Scott Hicks for managing our property, uniform and importantly sourcing my awesome coaching board.

Finally to Ash, Simmo and all the players in the senior squad (U17 players) whose combined support and appreciation played a significant role in our success this year.



Thanks also to all the committee members for their tireless work off the field to keep the wheels of the club turning, in particular MAFC President Maria Hicks and Senior Operations Manager Janine Clark. I would also like to acknowledge the generous support of our sponsors; Suzanne from Suzanne Patterson Podiatry, Eastlake Football Club, Glenn Keys from Aspen Medical and Craig Wisdom

from Kingston Physiotherapy for his valuable clinics on Tuesday nights. Further thanks to the school grounds and facility staff. Every player, coach and supporter are extremely grateful to you all for your commitment to the First XVIII and the whole senior squad.

Finally, and most of all, a very sincere thank you to the parents for supporting their son and our team in 2014. See you all in 2015.

Coach: Richard Williams

Matthew Pert - (Co-captain) Captain Courageous has had a standout year, similar in style to Carlton 80s great Ken Hunter. Perty, leading from the front, has done a mighty job getting the team up and running week in, week out, while playing strong, courageous and consistent footy. Not easy to do. Popular with team mates and coaches, Perty is on track to become an elite footballer.

James Hicks - (Co-captain) James on the back of an outstanding pre-season, was voted by his peers to be their captain (with Matthew Pert) in 2014. Unfortunately leading into our first game, James sustained a season ending knee injury, copped it on the chin, got on with it. Remarkably he has attended every training session and match day since, inspiring the boys and contributing to our successful season. Always first into the snakes come half time, James has the ability to become an elite footballer.

Brendan Clark - (Leadership group) Brendan's leadership, approach and commitment to his season has been

excellent. A little stop start due to injury, Brendan is invaluable to the team and his team mates walk taller when he is around. Brendan is also the barometer for the team, when he plays well so does the team. Brendan also has a great insight into the game and is a "Supercoach" in waiting.

Jasper Kidd - (Leadership group) Jasper's leadership, approach and game performance for 2014 has been great. He played a significant role in bringing the player group together during July/August resulting in big wins in the last 4 minor round grounds. Jasper also had a couple of BOGs during this period. Always good for some feedback for the coaches, Jasper is another player who is on track to become an elite player.

Chris Williams - Chris has had an excellent season. The best full back in the comp - full stop. Similar in style to the Kangaroos 70s great David Dench, when Chris came steaming out from full back the only direction the ball was going to go was forward! An awesome kid with a great attitude to his footy, Chris is both a players and coaches favourite. Another player, if he wants to, can play footy at an elite level.

Ryan Sandison - Ryan's leadership, attitude, approach and game day consistency in the 2014 season has been first class. Another player who is also the barometer for the team, when he plays well so does the team. Players and coaches will be forever grateful for his two last quarter goals which nailed a win against Belconnen and in my mind a spot in the finals.

Sam Jarosz - The big fella was a welcome addition to the First XVIII this year. With a slight attitude change to his footy in late July, Sam came steaming home late in the season with great games against the Jets and Eastlake. A great character around the group, Sam also played a role in bringing the group together late in the season.

Chris Kemp - Kempey gave his all this season. Skilled, strong and athletic Kempey has a big future in the game if he chooses. Did some big things at big moments during the season for which the team and coaches were very grateful for. Another player who makes other players walk taller, Kempey is a super kid and an absolute pleasure to coach.

David Cox - Coxey was the ultimate professional in his approach to both training/game day. Coxey had a consistent season who enjoyed Friday night footy and played his best day games (Sunday) against Eastlake and Belconnen. A terrific lad with a choice in future careers - footy or umpiring.

Nick Wood - What a gun. Nick's season, especially the last 6 games has been breathtaking. Nick is the classic

example of what you put in, you get out, Nick is the best trainer in the group, bar none. Highly skilled, athletic, courageous and blessed with freakish marking ability (aka the Eastlake final), Nick is the blue print for the modern day footballer. Nick's after the siren goal at Ainslie will live in the memory of all who were there for a long, long time.

Clem McManus - Another gun. Clem is the best inside player in the comp. Clem was incredible consistent both over the 4 quarters and week in and week out. A coach killer with his kicking, however his clean hands, courage, contested possession, approach and team first view was faultless. He drove opposition teams spare! A super kid popular with his team mates and coaches, Clem is earmarked to play a serious role in 2015.

Tom Stuart - An absolute match winner on his day, Tom's 2014 season was interrupted early due to a hammy, his form consistent during mid-season, then match winning moments nearing the end. None more than the first quarter v Eastlake at Lindwall and who can forget his last quarter v Eastlake in the final. Looking forward to coaching this bloke next year!

Jack Ellis - A champion fella and very, very good footballer. Jack had some big moments during the year, especially against the NEAFL sides during the month of August. Just needs to add four quarter consistency to his armoury and he will be a match winner. Likely to take up a key midfield role next year. Jack, get stuck into pre-season and get yourself ready.

Will Campbell - Will a member of the "brothers" defensive unit has had an awesome year, I truly can't remember Will losing a match up during the season. A true leader through actions, Will is the example of what our great club is all about - honesty, integrity, fairness and sportsmanship. Looking forward to seeing Will at pre-season and going to battle with him next year.

Ben McMahon - Consistency has been Ben's strength this season, which is the most important when playing footy week in and week out. Another member of the "brothers" defensive group Ben is another player who was rarely beaten in a match up. A deceptively strong kid and possibly a future Olympic rower (no pressure mate!), Ben will be a prime mover next year.

Liam Tutty - Tutts has had a great season. With a little more consistency over the four quarters Tutts will move from the very good to the elite category. Tutts is without peer in the courage stakes, Tutts had some big moments this year, especially during August against the NEAFL sides. Another player likely to take up a key midfield role next year, looking forward to directing and monitoring his



pre-season program next year!!!

Sam De Sousa - The big power forward has been huge for us this year. Value for money when it comes to Sam's impact on a match is a massive understatement. Won our goal kicking and contested mark awards, Sam got hammered by defenders and "plus one" players each and every week. The coaches gave Sam some "drama" tips to help with the free kicks, but Sam was too honest to take them on board. Will kick 50 plus goals next year.

Nick Anderson - Nick's attitude, approach and commitment to his footy this year has been outstanding. His just get on with it, team first view was inspiring to his team mates. Played some great footy in the Friday night games. Nick is another player who will have a senior role both as a leader and midfielder within the First XVIII next year.

Dean Simpson - Dean has had a super year, his game day performances against the NEAFL sides in August the difference between winning and losing. Who could forget his last quarter pack mark and goal against Ainslie and his BOG performance at Diary Farmers. A player who steps up when the heat is on, Dean will be the midfield general for the First XVIII next year.

Jack Briggs - Jack has had a consistent year. Jack's ruck performance against Eastlake at Lindwall being a standout. Another player who needs to be congratulated on his just get on with it, team first view, Jack is primed to take up a key ruck/defensive role and have a very big 2015. Looking forward to seeing Jack at pre-season.

Sam Fisher - Fish has had a great year, a dynamic player mixed with exquisite skill, courage and athleticism, Fish is the complete package. Heavily targeted week in and out by the opposition, Fish always finds a way, with his match winning goal in the Elimination Final a classic example. Always good for some feedback for the coaching staff, Fish is looking good for 2015.

James Elwin - James has had a super year, when James suited up for the First XVIII, he always played his role and tried his very best. Highly skilled and pound for pound the strongest player in the comp (who could forget his tackling during the month of August), with more work on his engine, James will significantly impact on the local and rep scenes in 2015.

Hugh McKenzie - Hugh has had a superb first year of Rising Stars footy. Highly skilled, courageous with elite level speed and endurance, Hugh is another example of a modern day footballer. Hugh moves up and down the field with ease and with an expected move into the engine

room next year, Hugh will definitely be a player to watch in 2015.

Michael Kendrick - Big Kenza has had a massive impact in his first year of First XVIII footy. A revelation when moved to defence, Kenza had a number of superb games in the middle part of the season against the big four. Strong, skilled and athletic, Kenza will significantly impact on the local and rep scenes in 2015.

Jackson Crowe - Jacko has had a strong and consistent first season of First XVIII footy. His month (August) of footy against the NEAFL sides superb. Skilled on both sides, smart, courageous, the one percenters and the ability to play anywhere, make Jacko the complete package.

Tom Highmore - Tom has had an outstanding season. Highly skilled, athletic, strong, courageous and a true leader in both voice and actions, Tom is a dead ringer in the playing sense to the SA and Crows legend Chris McDermott. Tom excelled when playing the NEAFL clubs this year and another player who made a difference during the month of August.

Jeremy Bridger - What a year from JB! Fell into the number 1 ruck position and simply never looked back. JB was in or near our best in every First XVIII game he played. Just putting into further perspective JB was a 15/16 yr old taking on 19 yr olds. JB talents, both skill and athletic wise, at this point are untapped, however mate the hard work starts now, they will be after you next year. See you at pre-season.

Angus Dryburgh - Buckets has had a big year. His leadership, attitude and approach to his footy and team, has played a major part in our success this year. His big mits have pulled down some super marks this year, the match winner against Ainslie, mark of the year v Eastlake in the wet and match saving mark in Elimination final the most memorable.

Toby Morwitch - Toby was moving thru his gears at a rapid rate and just settling into the First XVIII with strong, consistent, and most importantly team first footy when injury struck finishing his season. Word on the streets has it that Toby is working hard and will be cherry ripe to go to battle next year.

Thanks and appreciation to Ethan Rosin (5 games), Xavier Mooney (3 games), Dinan McMahon (1 game); Darcy Sheehan (1 game), Michael Roland (1 game) and Chris Rajapakshe (1 game) for their significant on and off field contribution to the MAFC First XVIII Rising Stars team in 2104.



MAFC CLUB AWARDS HISTORY

Year	Age Group	Best & Fairest	Runner Up B&F	Coach's Award
2013	Under 10 Sky	na	na	Charlie Ryan
	Under 10 Royal	na	na	Ryan Fitzgerald
	Under 11	na	na	Josh Green
	Under 12	Tom Green	Jude Henderson-Burch	Sebastian Quirk
	Under 13	Sam Brearley	Nelson Dunphy	Ethan Hart
	Under 14 Royal	Max Beaumont	Nikesh Joseph	Ben Fely
	Under 14 Sky	R Pollock / J Williams	na	Nick Koeck
	Under 15	Hugh McKenzie	T Hollingworth-Dessent	Josh Hackwill
	Under 17	Thomas Highmore	Josh McGovern	Sam Fisher
	First XVIII	Shae Darcy	Samuel Short	Matthew Pert
2012	Under 10	na	na	Edward Angus
	Under 11	na	na	Lachlan Fitzgerald
	Under 12	Sam Brearley	Luke Palisi	Josh Baker
	Under 14 Div II Royal	Billy Clark	James Williams	Liam Cashion
	Under 14 Div II Sky	Jordan Stuart	Ryan Crowley	Liam Ellis
	Under 14 Div I	Hugh McKenzie	James Toohey	Thomas Verghese
	Under 16 Div II	Clem McManus	Tom Stuart	Ben McMahon
	Under 16 Div I	Ryan Sandison	James Hicks	Ryan Catelli
	Ist XVIII - U18	Sean Drummond	Shae Darcy	Sam Short
2011	Under 10	na	na	E Whyles
	Under 11	na	na	N Dunphy
	Under 12	R Pollock	W Clark	J Rankin
	Under 14 Div II Royal	H McKenzie	T Morwitch	X Mooney
	Under 14 Div II Sky	J Elwin	S Warren	J McGovern
	Under 14 Div I	N Cooke	T Stuart	C Williams
	Under 16 Div II	B Burns	M Peterson	D Smith
	Under 16 Div I	S Mills	M Carney	H Jackson
	Ist XVIII - U18	S Kenny	C O'Rourke	T Short
2010	Under 10	na	na	S Brearley
	Under 11	na	na	W Clark
	Under 12	B Van Meurs	J Crowe / T Verghese	J Bridger
	Under 14 Div II Royal	J Gaynor	A Dryburgh	S Warren
	Under 14 Div II Sky	C Williams	N Anderson / C Kemp	D Sheahan
	Under 14 Div I	M D'Amico	R Sandison	J Kidd
	Under 16 Div II	S Short	J Fulton	J Colmer
	Under 16 Div I	S Darcy	B Fenech	C Sandison
	Ist XVIII - U18	J Kane/K Mahon	n/a (Equal B&F)	A McManus
2009	Under 10	na	na	W Clark
	Under 11	na	na	J Bridger
	Under 12	J McMahon	B Van Meurs	C Napier
	Under 14 Div II	G McManus	M Luder	P Jackson
	Under 14 Div I	S Darcy	S Maloney	J Colmer
	Under 16 Div II	K Martyn	E Miles	J Franklin
	Under 16 Div I	K Mahon	C O'Rourke	T Short
	Ist XVIII - U18	H Armstrong	R McMahon	N Kane

Coach's Award	Coach's Award	Most Improved Player	Eastlake Scholarship
Felix Henderson-Burch	Remy Stroud	Tom McLoughlin	Ryan Fraser
Harry Miller	Lachlan Savage	Finley McRae	James Bolton
Harry Creech	Will Brearley	Harry Williams	Cai Corey
na	na	Christopher Cooper	Spencer Mooney
na	na	Luke Gaynor	Sean Kirk
na	na	Brett Reid	Connor Brice
na	na	Lachlan McGovern	Lachlan Tazreiter
na	na	Logan Ayres	Toby Morwitch
na	na	Ben McMahon	Lachlan Bowers
na	na	Jordan Fulton	Christopher Kemp
Kane Gollasch	Fraser Kelly	Rohan Palisi	Elliot Dunn
Aidan Kelly	Spencer Mooney	Jack Castles	Jacob Kenner
na	na	Sam Rankin	Harrison Morton
na	na	Ben Surtees	Sam Lee-Steere
na	na	Nicholas Lawlis	Noah Bridger
na	na	Michael McCormack	Ethan Rosin
na	na	Jack Briggs	Luke Bicket
na	na	Shaun Egan-Richards	Matthew Pert
na	na	Matt Fely	Tim Keys
M O'Brien	S Mooney	C Reid	I Apostolakis
L Palisi	S Brearley	A Clarke	M Dragisic
na	na	D Cerni	B Hunter
na	na	O Kuskie	A Colmer
na	na	S Kay	N Wagland
na	na	N McNab	N Hart
na	na	R Catelli	C Bowers
na	na	J Kidd	P Badalassi
na	na	J Divorty	J O'Halloran
N Dunphy	L Palisi	E Plenty	A Herstik
N Koeck	R Pollock	H Scott	L McGovern
na	na	A Chapple	M McCormack
na	na	L Colquhoun	W Campbell
na	na	N McNab	B McMahon
na	na	N Ryan	C. McManus
na	na	F Martiniello	G McManus
na	na	A Bazzana	E White
na	na	J Leahy	Matt Laing
R Crowley	R Pollock	L Cashion	N Koeck
J Crowe	B Izzard	M McCormack	J Hackwill
na	na	C Williams	J Levien
na	na	J Correll	N White
na	na	J Kidd	R Sandison
na	na	N Prasad	S Mills
na	na	S Kenny	S Drummond
na	na	D Discipio	S Gilfedder

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Year	Age Group	Best & Fairest	Runner Up B&F	Coach's Award
2008	U10 Sky	na	na	J Crowe
	U10 Royal	na	na	J Hackwill
	Under 11	na	na	J McMahon
	Under 12	T Murphy	L Harman / M Pert	B Clark
	Under 14 Div II Gold	R Bartholomew / J Colmer	na	M Clark
	Under 14 Div I	M Laing	C O'Rourke	S Drummond
	Under 16 Div II	M Brook	K Mahon	L Flaherty
	Under 16 Div I	S Gilfedder	D Campbell	D Garlick
	Ist XVIII - U18	R McMahon	C Ryan	J Brown
2007	Under 10	na	na	C Napier
	Under 11	na	na	N Ryan
	Under 12	J Bueno	S Maloney	M Luder
	Under 14 Div III	S Kobal	T Catlin	E Miles
	Under 14 Div I	S Kelly	J Linehan	E White
	Under 16 Div II	J Kane	D Drew	M Carton
	Under 16 Div I	N Kane	D Nulley / R McMahon	
	Ist XVIII - U18	X McMahon	J van Meurs	A Lewis
2006	Under 10	na	na	L Harman
	Under 11	na	na	A Martinello
	Under 12	M Laing	C O'Rourke	E Miles
	Under 13	L Flaherty / J Linehan		T Eagle
	Under 14 Sky	S Gilfedder	J Kane	T Hodge
	Under 14 Royal	J Eagle / D Garlick		P Jones / S Kelly
	Premier Div II	N Kane	E Kimball	R McMahon
	Premier Div I	C McRae	J Gill	A Lewis / R Wilson
	Ist XVIII - U18	R Linehan	A Hayward	K Clarke
2005	Under 10	na	na	J Bueno
	Under 11	na	na	M Laing
	Under 12	K Mahon	S Kelly / J Linehan	T Short
	Under 13 Marlake	A McManus	D Lewis	T Sullivan
	Under 13 Marist	D O'Rourke	T Kazias	D Garlick
	Under 14	E Kimball	L Cusack	N Kane
	Premier Div II	J Brown	X McMahon	R Corrigan
	Premier Div I	P McCartney	B Kane	B O'Toole
	Ist XVIII - U18	A Hayward	M Williams	S O'Brien
2004	Under 10	na	na	M Toogood
	Under 11	na	na	K Martyn
	Under 12	D O'Rourke	J Kane	S Gilfedder
	Under 13	L Cusack	E Kimball	M Ephraums
	Under 14	J Brown	X McMahon	A Lewis
	Premier Div II	P McCartney	R Fort	C McRae
	Premier Div I	A Nunn	R Linehan	A Hayward
	Ist XVIII - U18	S Campbell	T Gray	D McLeod

Coach's Award	Coach's Award	Best 1st Year Player	Eastlake Scholarship
T Morwitch	A Colmer	D McKenna	N James
X Mooney	P Cross	H McKenzie	B Izzard
A Dryburgh	H Weber	N Jackson	J Gaynor
na	na	J Hicks	Z Sijacic
na	na	J Hopkins	J McKenna
na	na	R Smyth	S Kobal
na	na	D Burns	T Dryburgh
na	na	B Foley	T Kazias
na	na	L Cusack	D O'Rourke
D Sheahan	S De Sousa	M Barlow	D Simpson
S Baker	M Peterson	D Cox	C Gonsior
na	na	A Karo	W Lane
na	na	J Sherring	J Franklin
na	na	J O'Halloran	C Sandison
na	na	na	S Gilfedder
na	na	M Fletcher	D Arnold
na	na	S Smith	R O'Brien
B Burns	J McMahon	B Duke	B Clark
W Lane	J Colmer	H Jackson	S Maloney
na	na	B Fenech	M Smith
na	na	S Dwyer	J Gilmartin
na	na	na	D Lewis
na	na	W Purcell	K Mahon
na	na	L Wesney	N Dunn
na	na	P McDonald	D Oakshott
na	na	na	J van Meurs
J Colmer	S Maloney	S Curtis	M Franklin
C O'Rourke	M Toogood	T Catlin	D Turner
na	na	J Severs	L Flaherty
na	na	D Drew / L Margois	T Hodge
na	na	na	J Eagle
na	na	N Dunn	S Smith
na	na	K Palmer	M McCormack
na	na	K Clarke	J O'Malley
na	na	D Roche	J McMillan
C O'Rourke	M Laing	R Bartholomew	M Rose-Campbell
J Linehan	S Kelly	J Hamon	L McDevitt
na	na	D Garlick	T Kazias
na	na	C Ryan	R McMahan
na	na	T Vidas	T Storey
na	na	S Murphy	J Bouchier
na	na	J Smith	M Williams
na	na	na	S O'Brien

RECORD OF GAMES PLAYED

Given Names	Surname	2014	Career
Nick	Anderson	19	76
Daniel	Andric	11	11
Edward	Angus	15	80
Ben	Answerth	16	42
Ioannis	Apostolakis	13	56
Logan	Ayers	11	35
Joshua	Baker	13	62
Jeremy	Barber	17	17
Jack	Barker	14	14
Maxwell	Beaumont	16	122
James	Boland	14	54
Edward	Boland	16	57
James	Bolton	15	28
Reuben	Bonson-Damaso	13	13
Callan	Bourke	14	61
Will	Brearley	15	91
Sam	Brearley	13	110
Harry	Brennan	14	74
Pierce	Brennan	15	28
Tom	Brewer	11	72
Connor	Brice	15	27
Noah	Bridger	5	30
Sunny	Bridger	11	11
Jeremy	Bridger	15	92
Jack	Briggs	15	129
Cooper	Browne	15	27
Dominik	Brucic	13	13
Mitchell	Bryant	11	11
Richard	Caines	17	47
Alan	Caines	15	46
Will	Campbell	12	83
James	Carrick	15	15
Jack	Carroll	15	15
Angus	Carruthers	10	10
Liam	Cashion	11	87
Jack	Castles	17	31
Daniel	Cerni	14	105
Billy	Clark	14	170
Brendan	Clark	12	189
Alex	Clarke	15	66
Andrew	Colmer	13	147
Henry	Cooney	14	94
Zac	Cooney	15	15
Michael	Cooper	14	30
Christopher	Cooper	14	30
Charlie	Cooper	15	29

Given Names	Surname	2014	Career
Cai	Corey	16	38
Aidan	Cowie	11	11
David	Cox	17	168
Miles	Craft	15	15
Harry	Creech	17	69
Hayden	Crockett	13	119
Jackson	Crowe	14	119
Ryan	Crowley	13	102
Lorenz	Daley	13	39
Oscar	David	13	13
James	Day	8	8
Sam	De Sousa	17	127
Angus	Dryburgh	17	111
Elliott	Dunn	15	38
Nelson	Dunphy	15	106
Patrick	Dunphy	13	133
Eddie	Easton	15	63
Max	Eccles	16	30
Isaac	Egan	15	95
Anthony	Egan	15	29
James	Elliott	9	100
Liam	Ellis	15	110
Patrick	Ellis	14	114
Jack	Ellis	19	94
Samuel	Ellwood	8	8
James	Elwin	16	96
Vyvyan	Evans	13	104
Ben	Everett	16	16
Sam	Fisher	13	162
Lachlan	Fitzgerald	12	41
Nathan	Fitzgerald	14	14
Ryan	Fitzgerald	15	49
Patrick	Fitzgerald	14	27
Jordan	Flavel	13	13
Liam	Florence	13	35
Ryan	Fraser	16	29
Jarred	Gardiner	13	13
Callum	Garrety	13	58
Luke	Gaynor	15	41
Jacob	Gaynor	14	115
Tony	Geremia	16	30
Maxx	Giannasca	17	37
Kane	Gollasch	16	38
Luke	Goodwin	16	16
Thomas	Grace	16	16
Matthew	Grace	16	16

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Given Names	Surname	2014	Career
Joshua	Green	15	48
Thomas	Green	13	29
Joshua	Hackwill	10	108
William	Harding	15	21
Ethan	Hart	14	102
Brynn	Hart	14	28
Jude	Henderson-Burch	14	88
Felix	Henderson-Burch	16	33
Oliver	Hicks	16	55
James	Hicks	0	105
Thomas	Highmore	14	148
Nicholas	Honeyman	17	17
Hunter	Howden	14	14
Benjamin	Hunter	14	121
Harvey	Jack	13	13
Nathan	James	14	125
Samuel	Jarosz	14	26
Jack	Jeffery	16	31
Joshua	Jenkins	16	16
Maxwell	Jensen	11	11
Matias	Jensen	16	30
Eric	Karo	13	118
Liam	Karo	14	115
Fraser	Kelly	13	35
Aidan	Kelly	6	91
Michael	Kemp	13	82
Christopher	Kemp	16	163
Michael	Kendrick	13	98
Jacob	Kenner	13	40
Callum	Keogh	6	6
Jasper	Kidd	17	91
Sean	Kirk	12	26
Lachlan	Knowles	13	13
Nicholas	Koeck	14	104
Dominik	Krajina	14	14
Connor	Lake	10	63
Alexander	Lee	12	12
Samuel	Lee-Steere	13	37
Daniel	Long	12	39
Charlie	Mahar	16	31
Ted	Maher	16	81
Isaac	Males	14	68
Quinn	Males	12	12
Adam	Mann	13	13
Riley	McCartney	16	16
Lachlan	McGovern	13	88

Given Names	Surname	2014	Career
Hugh	McKenzie	16	135
Tom	McLoughlin	16	30
Ben	McMahon	19	109
Dinan	McMahon	15	98
Clem	McManus	14	78
Finley	McRae	16	29
Harry	Miller	15	29
Samuel	Misic	13	37
Campbell	Moon	16	41
Lachlan	Moon	14	163
Spencer	Mooney	14	94
Xavier	Mooney	14	129
Sean	Morison	10	10
Toby	Morwitch	10	131
Benjamin	Mossop	13	13
Brett	Murray	14	113
Angus	Murray	16	16
Andrew	Nangle	14	104
Mitchell	O'Brien	15	58
Dylan	O'Hara	13	26
Benjamin	O'Loughlin	16	16
Benjamin	O'Rourke	15	15
Steven	Oerder	15	15
James	Palisi	16	109
Rohan	Palisi	17	43
Luke	Palisi	16	95
William	Parlett	15	15
Matthew	Pert	16	147
Jack	Phillips	13	18
Nicholas	Pinkas	13	20
Rhys	Pollock	14	133
Zac	Prichard	13	13
Jonty	Probyn	9	18
Nicholas	Quinlan	12	12
Sebastian	Quirk	14	45
Christopher	Rajapakshe	11	11
Jack	Rankin	15	86
Sam	Rankin	15	78
Ben	Rankin	10	10
Brett	Reid	14	95
Corey	Reid	17	103
Thomas	Robertson	7	7
Michael	Roland	15	109
Ethan	Rosin	16	39
Daniel	Ruhen	14	59
Charlie	Ryan	13	26

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Ryan	Sandison	15	90
Max	Scott	15	48
Patrick	Seymour	16	28
Patrick	Sharp	15	29
Darcy	Sheahan	8	103
Patrick	Sheil	13	42
Bradley	Simpson	16	121
Dean	Simpson	19	177
Lachlan	Smith	15	15
Samuel	Smith	14	14
Taliesin	St.John	11	11
Nicholas	Starkovski	14	59
Remy	Stroud	16	30
Jordan	Stuart	13	99
Tom	Stuart	13	104
Ben	Surtees	15	95
Jonathon	Szell	13	51
David	Tabke	13	13
Jakob	Taylor	10	10
Stephen	Thom	3	29
James	Toohey	6	28
Xander	Tuan	22	22
Liam	Tutty	19	139
Ben	van der Plaat	19	19
Riley	Vandenbergh	12	12
Patrick	Vane-Tempest	17	17
Thomas	Verghese	12	55
Benjamin	Wade	13	13
Samuel	Watson	9	72
Hugo	Webster	11	11
Reilly	Westende	12	12
James	Williams	15	138
Harry	Williams	17	55
Luke	Williams	14	14
Chris	Williams	18	88
Samuel	Wilsmore	14	27
Matthew	Wilson	15	15
Jordan	Wood	6	18
Nicholas	Wood	15	30
Ewan	Wyles	6	49
Oliver	Zarak	5	18
Stephen	Zeitlhofer	14	117





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We are the good old Blue and Blues
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Marist is the team that plays to win
With all the champions
They like to send up
We'll keep our end up
And they will know that they've been playing
Against the good old Blue and Blues!

