

YEARBOOK 16

MARIST AUSTRALIA FOOTBALL CLUB ANNUAL YEARBOOK



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“We are the Blue and Blues”





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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

As the last siren sounds for MAFC in 2016, we can start to relax and reflect on what has been another successful season for our Club. True, there may be no silverware for the cabinet this year but we gave it a crack! We were well represented in the finals with our U11s narrowly losing their Grand Final and our undefeated U15s heartbreakingly losing at the final hurdle in tough conditions. Our Rising stars also narrowly missed an opportunity to defend their title in a last minute one-point loss to the Queanbeyan Tigers.

In 2016, we fielded 231 registered players in ten teams spanning age groups from U10 through to the Rising Stars. This was an increase on numbers from last year as we continue to develop the sport within the College.

The traditions built through our early days have stood the test of time and, as a Club, we have continued to grow and position ourselves as a respected sporting club both within our own Marist Community and also the wider AFL Community.

Every team we field is supported by a minimum of 2 coaches, a manager and a first aid officer, not to mention boundary umpires, goal umpires, runners, ground managers and canteen helpers, to say nothing of the 15 or so committee members who meet monthly to make sure we meet our administrative obligations. This is a huge commitment week in, week out, and with so many of you contributing to the success of our Club; this demonstrates the strength of our MAFC community.

As I watched the U10s and U11s games a few weeks ago, I marveled at just how passionate our players and parents are. I reflected later with parents in the older age groups about how we would stand on the sideline watching our youngest play, thinking life and football could not get much better than that - but there are so many lessons to be learned. As our boys progress through the age groups, the ups and the downs, the good seasons, the great seasons and the not so good seasons, we hope they learn about sportsmanship, mateship and resilience. We want our players to understand what it is to be part of a club and to think outside of teams and individuals and what it is to play with pride for the College.

Indeed, some of those young boys grow up to potential draft picks. Sam Fisher, from last year's First XVIII has recently been invited to attend the AFL Draft Combine. Sam played some of his football with Ainslie Div 1 and NEAFL in his final year but joined the First XVIII in the latter part of the season and was awarded 'Best On Ground' in our Rising Stars premiership win. We will all be watching in anticipation and wish Sam all the very best for the draft combine.

As I reflect on the last 12 months, I cannot stress enough of how proud I am about the sense of community that is always on display – and is the envy of many other clubs. It is great to witness teams hanging around to support and watch other teams and forming guards of honour for the next team to take the field at Lindwall or any other ground where Marist teams play

back-to-back.

At the weekend's finals, we again had the Mari Army led by Zac Cooney. The camaraderie and support from all the boys at the College is something very special and unique to us in the AFL Canberra competition.

As we celebrate our successes, we continue to face challenges. Each year, AFL Canberra reviews their competition structure in an effort to maximise numbers and grow the sport locally. We continue to campaign for a spot in the Rising Stars competition for our Senior Team. We know that the boys aspire to the First XVIII and want to play in a competitive senior competition. Through the hard work of the Committee and supporters, we successfully negotiate to extend our life in the Rising Stars competition year-by-year, but there are no guarantees. We are still waiting to cement our spot for 2017.

We will rally again and we will fight for our boys. Boys want to, and deserve the opportunity to, represent their school at the highest level. The MAFC First XVIII has a proud tradition and together we need to ensure its future.

Everything we do at MAFC, we do in partnership and with the support of the College. In the last 2 years, we have been very fortunate to have Sarah Mahar as our AFL Ambassador at the College. Those who have dealt with Sarah understand that there is no job too big or too small for Sarah. Sarah is a constant support and provides an enormous contribution to the Club. I would also like to acknowledge Paul Mead, the College Sports Master, for his support and guidance.

It was great to see so many of the College staff at games this year. We especially welcomed Mr Sidorko and Mr Greer at finals fixtures in the arctic conditions at Amaroo and on Fathers' Day at Queanbeyan.

The next 18 months or so, while construction takes place for the 50th Jubilee building, will be exciting but will provide some challenges and your patience will be required. The end result will be a first class facility with tiered seating, for an even better Lindwall Oval game day experience.

Coaches and Managers

Coaching is such an important job and we are lucky to have at least two coaches for every team we field. Thanks to the efforts of Leo Quirk, our 2016 Coaching Coordinator, we have a network of coaches who regularly come together in a community of practice to share and learn from each other and to hear from guest speakers. This contributes to the overall professionalism of the Club and enhances the development of our players. Coaching is a huge commitment and I am very grateful for the time dedicated by these volunteers – some of whom do not even have boys playing in the team they coach.

I would like to make special mention of a couple of coaches. Firstly, to Mark Henderson who won the AFL Canberra Junior Coach of the Year and also to Paul Highmore who was named the Damian McMahon Coach of the Year - Congratulations!

In particular, though I would like to thank retiring First XVIII coaches Richard Williams and John Clark. Rich and Clarky have been involved with the senior program for 3 and 4 years respectively. The senior coaching roles are like no other. To be competitive in the senior competition, the team needs to be taken to a whole new level. We have seen this over the last few years as the Club has built a professional program to allow us to compete with an undersized, under-aged squad (community clubs can field up to eight 19 year-olds) and achieve results. Senior coaching starts almost the minute the siren sounds for the last game of the current season. Pre-season plans are made and the conditioning program commences in November. Pre-season in earnest gets underway in January. This is over nine months commitment to training, mentoring, social and team building activities and selection meetings.

I would sincerely like to thank Richard and John for their leadership and mentoring of the young men they have had in their charge over the last few years. The results on and off the field are a reflection of their dedication and commitment to the job.

As every coach will tell you, the success of every game day is a good manager – and we are fortunate enough to have so many of them. Many people do not realise how much work goes on behind the scenes to field a team each week. We are very grateful to all our managers for the role they play. In particular, I would like to thank Kylie Denny, new to the Committee in 2016, who took on the role of Managers' Coordinator with lots of efficiency and little fuss.

A big thank you too to all our First Aiders, boundary, and goal umpires, scorers, timekeepers and everyone else who keeps the team on the field!

Talent and Representative Programs and Awards

The GWS Talent Programs that are available to players from U12s upward are growing in their success and professionalism. This year, MAFC players were strongly represented at all ages, as evidenced in the 2016 representative players section of the yearbook.

In addition to this, a number of boys were selected to represent the ACT in the PSSA and SSSA competition in Maroochydore. Tom Green, Jordan Flavel, Joshua Green, Hunter Howden and Jude Henderson-Burch, were selected in the SSSA side with Tom Green named Captain. James Andric, Lachie Mertz, Nick Honeyman, Felix Henderson-Burch, and Charlie Mahar were selected in the PSSA side. Lachie Mertz and Felix Henderson-Burch were selected in Captains roles.

James Elwin, Tom Highmore, Rhys Pollock, Ryan Crowley, Billy Clark, Max Beaumont, Luke Pailisi and Daniel Cerni were all part of the GWS U16- U18s Academy. Congratulations to Tom, Max and Daniel for going on to represent ACT/NSW.

This year, we were also well represented at the AFL Junior Presentation evening, with many of our players and a coach in line for awards.

Our sincere congratulations to:

- Liam Naughton (5th) and Xander Tuan (3rd) for getting in the top 5 Best and Fairest for the U11s
- Felix Henderson-Burch took out the honours as the Best and Fairest player in the U12s
- Josh Green was third in the U14s Best and Fairest
- Tom Green was placed second in the best and fairest for the U15s, and
- Sam Brearley who came runner up best and fairest in the U17s

Dave Gollasch was the MAFC nominee for Volunteer of the Year and our U15s coach, Mark Henderson, was named AFL Canberra Junior Coach of the Year. Well done to all our representatives.

At the Senior Presentation Night:

- Michael Kendrick was named the leading Goal Kicker in the Rising Stars, and
- Tom Highmore, Michael Kendrick and Jeremy Bridger named in the 2016 Rising Stars of the Future side.

Well Done!

Damian Mc Mahon Coach of the Year

We were very fortunate to have a large number of nominations for this award which is a tribute to the quality of the coaches and the respect with which they are held within the Club. After considering all the nominations, Paul Highmore, the Coach of the U14 Sky team, was selected as the 2016 recipient of this award.

Paul has been coaching at MAFC for the last 3 years and has really developed and brought on his teams as footballers; he is a great example of the values to which we aspire within the Club.

Also a GWS Representative Coach, Paul is keen to bring all footballers of any skill and experience into the game. He has a team-oriented game plan and develops player skills in kicking and obtaining the hard ball and delivering to a teammate to create ball movement for the team. Paul builds confidence in his players and provides opportunities for leadership development.

Paul was primarily nominated because of his ability to coach boys who are new to the game and get the best out of them, which is not always easy to do. Paul has demonstrated this consistently, resulting in at least ten new players becoming solid contributors to their team.

As with all coaching, Paul has experienced some frustrating moments but, despite this, he is always professional and respectful in the way he communicates with the players - quite an amazing effort considering what AFL can bring out in us all - his quiet demeanor is something to behold.

Paul also mentors others, working with his assistants so they have the confidence to take control and manage the game. Another of Paul's great attributes is bringing coaching colleagues into the group and allowing them to contribute the knowledge of others to help make the boys better footballers.

Paul is a great example of the MAFC and College values and this was demonstrated when he noticed an on-field incident of great sportsmanship by an opposing player. Paul personally thanked the coach and player, and then he wrote to their Club. He also nominated this opposing player for a weekly AFL award, which the player was rightfully given.

Finally, one of the last reasons Paul was nominated for this award is all his own children have finished playing junior football, so he has no son in the team. For him to give all his time (with the great support from his wife, Christine) to coach a team he really has no connection with is very inspiring.

Paul's team considers him to be a 'champion coach'!

Thank You!!

To the following we owe an enormous debt of gratitude:

Social Events

The dynamic duo of Sharon Hart and Phil Brearley do an amazing job of bringing together our two main events every season - the Season Launch and the Annual Dinner. These are the type of events that help foster our sense of community and bring us together off the field. Sharon also helped out with our First XVIII Presentation Night, ensuring a fitting finale for our Year 12 boys.

Presentation Night and the Yearbook

It is no small feat to have a Yearbook available just three days after the season finishes but we have been doing this consistently now for a number of years. My thanks to Michael Cashion for all of his computer programs and data-base work and to Kathryn Dunn for ensuring every family receive a record of the season past. The checking, double checking, and proofing takes an enormous amount of time and relies heavily of the content provided.

Bringing together a Presentation Night like ours that

seeks to celebrate our success and reflect on a season past - and all in 90 minutes or less - is also a large undertaking. I thank Phil Brearley for pulling together the running sheets and Phil and Mel Green for ensuring we have pennants and trophies all ready to go on the night.

2016 Committee

I am very grateful to all our Committee Members for your support and commitment to this Club. All that we achieve, we do so because we do it together. Please join me in thanking:

Michael Cashion, David Gollasch, Sally Moon, Kathryn Dunn, Helen Delahunty, Sarah Mahar, Kristina Geremia, Kylie Denny, Richard Williams, Nick Surtees, Sharon Hart, Philippa Brearley, Peter Moon, Leo Quirk, Brad Gaynor, John Clark, Jim Brennan, Paul Eccles, Melanie Green & Rosie Korda

Sponsors

We are indebted to our sponsors. Your support ensures we can continue to provide a top quality program for our boys. Please join with me in thanking:

Edge Real Estate, Callida Consulting, Streamline Creative Brand Management, Rodger Bartholomew, Opteon Property Group, Prostyle Building Group, Suzanne Paterson Podiatry & Brooks Marchant

Farewell

After 11 years with the MAFC, I have decided to step down from the committee. I have enjoyed the roles I have had at the club as team manager, committee member, social coordinator and senior operations vice president before taking on the presidency in 2015.

In the city where I work I pass the ACT Volunteers Office as I move between meetings. Outside the office is a sign that says volunteering leads to happiness - it always makes me smile - to be honest sometimes that smile is a wry one if I've just fielded an unpleasant email or am preparing for an AFL Canberra tribunal but mostly it makes me smile because I know it to be true

Being part of something as special as MAFC is very rewarding, but I am also conscious for both my family and the club it is time for me to move on. I strongly encourage all of you to think about what role you might play in the future of the club. Please consider stepping up and taking a role on the committee that will provide an opportunity for you to set directions and ensure that this great club maintains its place as a respected member of the College and broader sporting community.

I look forward to seeing you on the footy field in 2017 but until then... Together we are the Blues and Blues

Janine Clark

MARIST AFL ACTIVITIES

Marist Invitational

On the 12th and 13th of April in conjunction with Canberra AFL, Marist AFL Club hosted the Marist Invitational. The carnival is Senior School based and took place at Gungahlin enclosed oval. Schools from both NSW and ACT participated in the carnival, these included Mater Dei from Wagga, St Francis from Leeton, Shore, Knox Grammar, St Ignatius from Sydney and Erindale College Canberra. The Marist Senior Squad had a strong presence at the carnival finishing fourth overall.

Well done to Mater Dei Catholic College Wagga who won in the grand final against St Francis, Leeton. Special thanks to the parents who assisted at the carnival, Richard Williams and Chris Maher for coaching, Michael Cashion for running the canteen and AFL Canberra for their support. Finally, congratulations to the Senior Squad on their participation at the Marist Invitational.

Mick Malthouse

At the beginning of Term 3, MAFC was fortunate enough to have Mick Malthouse come and speak to the boys during lunch. Mick Malthouse has been around the game of AFL for nearly 40 years and his pure passion and work ethic has taken him many places including three premierships as coach and one as a player. The boys were able to listen to Mick Malthouse share his own football journey. He told that his success as a player was based around hard work and persistence. This included using bricks as weights! Mick gave an insight to what he believed makes a successful footballer and what he



looked for in recruitment. Following Mick's talk, David Buttifant, who was head of conditioning at Collingwood Football Club shared his views on how the mind can impact that play and the importance of channelling the anxiety affiliated with game play.

The boys at MAFC appreciated the opportunity to hear Mick Malthouse and David Buttifant speak. We all were able to gain a lot and hopefully can take that resilient mindset into our coming final series across all ages. Thank you to Mark Henderson who provided the opportunity for the boys to hear both Mick and David speak.

Maroochydore AFL Carnival

During Week 2 of Term 3, 8 MAFC members from the junior and senior school's went to Maroochydore to represent the ACT for AFL. Whilst this was a new experience for some, others

had already been to these carnivals before. There was one common theme among all the boys, however, and this was the nervous anticipation of what was to come, and overall excitement about the week ahead.

As the week played out, it soon became apparent to the newcomers that the ACT was in for a rough week. With big losses early on for the U15's and U12's, the boys had to dig deep and adjust their game style to become competitive with the best in the nation. It should be mentioned, though, that many of the Marist boys were in the best of the ACT each game, and sometimes some of the best on the ground. Unfortunately, the results continued to go unfavourably, and the boys again were forced to search for answers. As the week progressed, the boys became more accustomed to the added physicality, speed and skill level of the other states, and performances were improving. The boys were set for a big finish to the week, and were keen to get a win on the board and take a big positive out of the carnival.

With no wins for either team throughout the carnival and one game each left, everyone was more determined than ever to get a positive result. Both the U12's and U15's faced the Northern Territory in their final games, with the U12's playing first. The game was tight the whole way, and endured many lead changes, but the Northern Territory were just able to get over the line. Many of the ACT boys were clearly devastated, having pushed NT the whole way. It was a disappointing end to a solid week, and I think it is fair to say that all the boys took away a wealth of knowledge and experience from the carnival. Next up was the U15's, and another tight contest ensued. So tight was the contest that it was not decided until the dying seconds of the match, when a magnificent pack mark was taken in the goal square and goal kicked seconds before the siren sounded. The jubilation on the faces of the players, coaches and parents was priceless and the celebrations were accordingly extravagant. This capped off the week in the best way possible and again, much knowledge and experience was taken away from all the boys.

As the week wrapped up and players began heading home, everyone had plenty of stories to tell and bragging to do. Maroochydore maintained perfect weather the whole time, and swimming in the beach was a rare highlight for all Canberrans this time of year. Special mention to Lachlan Mertz, Felix Henderson-Burch and Tom Green for captaining, vice-captaining and captaining their respective teams. The boys learnt plenty from the carnival, and good luck to all MAFC boys trying out for next year's teams.

COMMITTEE

President	Janine Clark
Vice President Senior Operations	Michael Cashion
Vice President Junior Operations	David Gollasch
Secretary	Sally Moon
Registrar	Kathryn Dunn
Treasurer	Helen Delahunty
Senior School AFL Coordinator	Sarah Mahar
High Marks Editor	Kristina Geremia
Manager's Coordinator	Kylie Denny
Sponsorship Coordinator	Richard Williams
Property & Merchandise Officer	Nick Surtees
Canteen Manager	Michael Cashion
Social Coordinators	Sharon Hart and Philippa Brearley
Sports Medicine Manager	Peter Moon
Coach's Coordinator	Leo Quirk
Communications Manager	Brad Gaynor
General Committee	John Clark Jim Brennan Paul Eccles Melanie Green Rosie Korda



COACHES AND MANAGERS

First XVIII

Senior Coach

Assistant Coaches

Manager

Richard Williams

John Clark, Richard Simpson & Chris Maher

Rosemary Korda

Under 17

Coach

Assistant Coaches

Manager

Paul Sheahan

Tony Maher and Paul Palisi

Brad Gaynor

Under 15

Coach

Assistant Coaches

Manager

Mark Henderson

Jim Brennan and Wayne Kenner

Rebecca Andric

Under 14 Royal

Coach

Assistant Coach

Manager

Leo Quirk

Matt Cooney

Paul Eccles

Under 14 Sky

Coach

Assistant Coaches

Manager

Paul Highmore

Mick Patton, Stuart Gallop & Phil Tonkin

Kathryn Dunn

Under 13 Royal

Coach

Assistant Coaches

Manager

Guy Mertz

Tony Carroll and Dom Egan

Toni Cooper

Under 13 Sky

Coach

Assistant Coaches

Manager

David Geremia

Scott Ellis, Anthony McLoughlin, Matt Ryan & Marc O'Loughlin

Maria McLoughlin

Under 12

Coach

Manager

Richard Green

Wayne McAuliffe

Under 11

Coach

Manager

Simon Tuan

Kylie Denny

Under 10

Coach

Assistant Coach

Manager

Steve Miller

David Friend

Natalie Hyde

MAFC SPONSORS

Principle Sponsor
Eastlake Football Club



Team Sponsors

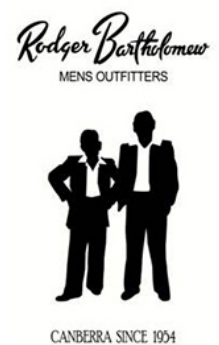
U10	Edge Real Estate
U13 Royal	Callida Consulting
U14 Royal	Streamline Creative Brand Management
U14 Sky	Rodger Bartholomew
U15	Opteon Property Group
U17	Prostyle Building Group

First XVIII

U18 Jumper Sponsor	Suzanne Paterson Podiatry
Senior Squad Training Shirts	Brooks Marchant

Canteen Sponsors

Canberra Coffee Company
Baker's Delight - Woden/Weston



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 2017, 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 someone who would be interested in sponsoring us, 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
Peter Maher	2016
Ciril Karo	2016

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.

Xavier Mooney	135
Eric Karo	130
Nathan James	127
Hugh McKenzie	125
James Elwin	122
Michael Roland	122
Jeremy Bridger	121
Andrew Colmer	114
Samuel Watson	107
Jackson Crowe	106
Michael Kendrick	89
Connor Lake	87
Thomas Verghese	84
Ethan Rosin	65
Thomas Highmore	65



AFL CANBERRA AWARDS

Top 5 in the AFL Canberra Junior Best and Fairest

U11	Tuan Xander (3rd)
U11	Laim Naughton (5th)
U12	Felix Henderson-Burch (1st)
U14	Joshua Green (3rd)
U15	Thomas Green (2nd)
U17	Sam Brearly (2nd)

AFL Canberra Senior Awards

Michael Kendrick	Leading Goal Kicker and Rising Stars of the Future Team
Jeremy Bridger	Rising Stars of the Future Team
Tom Highmore	Rising Stars of the Future Team

Players who reached their 150 game milestone in 2016 are:

First XVIII	Hugh McKenzie
First XVIII	Xavier Mooney
First XVIII	Bradley Simpson
First XVIII	Nathan James

Players who reached their 100 game milestone in 2016 are:

First XVIII	Brett Reid
First XVIII	Samuel Watson
U17	Ted Maher
U17	Michael Kemp
U17	Sam Rankin
U15	Daniel Andric
U14 Sky	Edward Angus
U14 Royal	Kane Gollasch
U14 Royal	Zachary Cooney

Players who reached their 50 game milestone in 2016 are:

First XVIII	Patrick Sharp		
First XVIII	Connor Brice	U13 Royal	Charlie Cooper
U15	Michael Cooper	U13 Royal	Brynn Hart
U15	Sunny Bridger	U13 Royal	Charlie Mahar
U15	Christopher Cooper	U13 Royal	Patrick Seymour
U14 Royal	Jack Castles	U13 Royal	Finley McRae
U13 Sky	Ryan Fraser	U12	Nicholas Honeyman
U13 Sky	Harry Miller	U11	Liam Naughton
U13 Sky	Antonio Geremia	U11	Xander Tuan
U13 Sky	Tom McLoughlin	U11	Nathan Fitzgerald
U13 Sky	Charlie Ryan	U11	Mitchell Brehaut
U13 Sky	Pierce Brennan	U11	Oscar David
U13 Sky	William Harding		
U13 Royal	James Bolton		
U13 Royal	Anthony Egan		

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

Hugh McKenzie
Ethan Rosin
Tom Verghese
Connor Lake
Michael Roland

Under 17

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

Sam Brearley
Luke Palisi
Ben Surtees
Ben Answerth

Under 15

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

Tom Green
Angus Kent
Harry Brennan
Isaac Males

Under 14 Royal

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

Sebastian Quirk
Kane Gollasch
Albin Roy
Lewis Rogic

Under 14 Sky

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

Josh Green
Henry Gallop
Will Brearley
Patrick Benson

Under 13 Royal

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

Joe Carroll
Lachlan Mertz
Jack Jeffery
Harry Austin

Under 13 Sky

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

Riley McCartney
Harry Miller
Ryan Fraser
Hayden Hill

Under 12

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

Felix Henderson-Burch
Nicholas Honeyman
James Willis
Cameron Cox

Under 11

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

Liam Naughton
Xander Tuan
Mitchell Brehaut
Owen Hardy

Under 10

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

Austin Bennie
Patrick Izatt
Campbell Hyde
Joshua Thompson



Junior Clubman of the Year
Harry Miller



Senior Clubman of the Year
Sam Watson

Sirr-Woods MAFC Volunteer of the Year

Janine Clark

Damian McMahon Coach of the Year

Paul Highmore

Eastlake Scholarships

First XVIII

Max Scott

Under 17

Jordan Wood

Under 15

James Boland

Under 14 Royal

Antonio (Liam) Vecchi

Under 14 Sky

Connor McDonald

Under 13 Royal

Daniel Boyle

Under 13 Sky

Leshan Samaranyake

Under 12

Huon Apps

Under 11

Patrick Robinson

Under 10

Jacob Scholtens

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.

- 2016
- 2015
- 2014
- 2013
- 2012
- 2011
- 2010
- 2009
- 2008

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- St Edmunds
- St Edmunds
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REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS

Giants Academy

Kane Gollasch
Mitch O'Brien
Fraser Kelly
Zac Cooney
Sebastian Quirk
Jake Saunders
John Brennan
Patrick Fitzgerald
Harry Miller
Charlie Ryan
Tony Geremia
Riley McCartney
Tom Green
Daniel Andric
Jude Henderson-Burch
Jordan Flavel
Hunter Howden
Daniel Cerni
Max Beaumont
Ryan Crowley
Luke Palisi
Billy Clark
Rhys Pollock
James Elwin
Oliver Hicks

Under 12 ACT Schoolboys Team

James Andric,

Felix Henderson-Burch,
Nick Honeyman
Lachie Mertz

Under 15 ACT Schoolboys Team

Tom Green
Jude Henderson-Burch
Jordan Flavel
Hunter Howden
Joshua Green

2016 RAMS TAC CUP

Tom Highmore

U16 NSW/ACT Rams 2016

Max Beaumont
Daniel Cerni

2016 Under 13 ACT South Coast Squad

Joseph Carroll
Antonio Geremia
Harry Miller

2016 Under 14 ACT South Coast Squad

Henry Gallop
Joshua Green
Sebastian Quirk
Will Breatly

MAFC UMPIRES

Throughout the 2016 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 2016. 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.

Field

Ben Izzard (NEAFL)

Boundary

Liam Cashion (NEAFL)
Ben Fely (NEAFL)
Jack Castles
Nelson Dunphy
Jordan Smith
Ethan Hart

Goals

James Bagley



UNDER 10 COACHES' REPORT

Just calling it early – if we can keep these lads together, the U10s will be a formidable team from now and into the future. They are the next generation of MAFC superstars! In the space of 14 weeks, they have come together from five different clubs and have forged a style of play that is both beyond their years and great to watch. All the players improved their skills during the season, just like masters' apprentices at their trade.



They are a pleasure to coach and we have the makings of an outstanding culture with these boys and parents.

The year started by setting our values:

Have Fun - We agreed that we are all out there to enjoy the game and we didn't want to take ourselves too seriously.

Pride - We wanted to have pride in Marist and pride in the blue and blue which was evident by how quickly we learnt the Club song. Although, I won't be nominating us on 'The Voice' any time soon.

Respect - We learned some valuable lessons this year about respect, especially around respecting our self, our team mates, our family and supporters, the opposition and all umpires and officials.

Back your Mates - My favourite value. We really showed how important it is to encourage everyone, no matter how small the effort, and to pick up our mate up when he is down.

Improve and Learn - Our final value was to create an environment of continuous improvement where we are not afraid to learn from each other.

I am extremely thankful with the support from all the parents who brought snakes, wrote stunning prose in the High Marks, cut up oranges – which the boys independently used to make their fingers tackier at half time, waved flags, and generally cheered the boys on. I wanted to recognise Mick who ran messages to the lads on most weekends; Liz who had to repair the odd sprain and showed her multiple talents as a runner; Tom who has the perfect composure as an U10 umpire; and Justin who spoiled me with a Saturday morning coffee - it is a shame your Tigers weren't as good as my morning piccolos. There's always 2017 mate!

I also wanted to thank Dave who was a fantastic Assistant Coach. Dave is brilliant with the boys and he was a key part of the lad's development this year. Harry,

from year 7, gave up about 30 hours of his own personal time to help coach the boys this year and his dedication epitomises the spirit of what it is to be a MAFC clubman. However, this year could not have been as successful without the dedication and organisation of our illustrious manager, Natalie. She has truly started the foundations of the culture for this team. Thanks Nat!

James Angus - What an exceptional year. Jimmy has grown in leaps and bounds. He is reliable, committed to his craft, listens at training, is coachable and has developed in every game. He has made huge improvements, he is great in and under the ball, and is a critical member of this team. Jimmy's transfer to MAFC is comparable to Dangerfield to the Cats. Gee, we recruited well!

Austin Bennie - We all love having Auzzie in the team. He is a natural footballer with excellent footy intuition. He is elite at the breakdown and is excellent at hitting a target. He is fast and shows fantastic evasion. Auzzie assisted the U11s this year and was able to qualify for their finals. I was most impressed with how Auzzie became a bit of a leader at training and on field by showing positive behaviours. I am looking forward to him develop further as a leader for our team. He is a deserving recipient of our Coach's Award.

Kiefer Brennan - One thing you will note about Kiefer – he is like lightning. When he gets the ball and a step away from his opponent, there is no stopping him. Not only is he quick, he has excellent evasive skills in and around the contested football. He loves his craft and is a solid contributor to our team.

William Choules - Will has made solid progress in his skills development this year. He has shown commitment to his craft and his skills have come a long way. Will is a solid lad and loves getting involved in the contest.

Harry Friend - Haz is a little goal sneak and he loves getting in and around the ball. Harry looks for a target and is developing his team skills. Harry loves getting involved in a string of ball movement where he helps us to transition from one side of the

field to the other. He relishes contributing positively to the team and made a solid effort to assist the U11s this year.

Timothy Hanley - Timmy has had an outstanding year. His commitment and attack at the footy definitely made the coach's bench proud a few times this year. Timmy has a great engine and is often seen running into space, creating an option for our team. He is committed at training and has fun.

John Halton - You couldn't ask any more from Jack. He is a brilliant team player. He loves improving his craft and, every training session, he tries to get better at his skills. He loves to have fun and inspires others to do the right thing at training and during the game. He has improved his kicking and handballing skills. Looking forward to seeing Jack on the paddock in 2017.

Campbell Hyde - I have never known a kid who smiles all the time, until I met Campbell. He has the most massive grin on his face in everything he does. Campbell assisted the U11s this year and was able to qualify for their finals. He loves doing the right thing and he is an excellent example to his mates. On the field, you can just tell he loves it. As a fellow bluebagger, I can see just how much enjoyment he gets out of his craft. He plays just like a little Juddy and he is a deserving recipient of our Coach's Award.

Patrick Izatt - Little Paddy is one of the smallest players, but with one of the biggest hearts. You will often see Paddy first to the ball in a contest then starting the initial set of handballs to our advantage. Paddy is also very coachable; he listens at training and wants to improve on his craft. His skills have come a long way this year and you can just tell that he loves every minute. He is a positive influence on his peers in everything he does — both at training and in the games — and he is a deserving recipient of our Coach's Award.

Sam Laria - It is great having Sammy in our team. He is a positive role model to his peers and loves being part of the play. He concentrates at his craft and he has shown real development in his skill execution. During the games, Sammy's strong hands are Ty Vickery like, and his strong body will continue to be an asset.

Angus Miller - Gussy is an outstanding footballer with good on field talk. He has an excellent football brain and his disposal efficiency is first class. He has elite foot skills and can get us to advantage with his penetrating kick. Gussy took some classic speckys this year and would definitely be a nomination for mark of the year. Gussy is also a true leader by inspiring his mates to do the right thing — but at the same time, he knows how to make his peers laugh and have fun. Gussy assisted the U11s this year and was able to qualify for their finals. What a little champion!

Ryan Munyard - Rhino has one of the best developed kicks for a boy of his age. His skill execution for the drop punt is outstanding. He also has a great football brain where he combines his skills and decision making to hit a target. Rhino loves being part of the team and he is a solid contributor.

Jacob Scholtens - Scholtz is an outstanding player. He is a natural AFL athlete and has the ability to take his craft a long way. He has a dazzling vertical leap and is often seen on the U10s MAFC highlight reel. He has elite evasion skills and doesn't mind kicking the odd goal with a Betts like snap. He can break packs and is an effective tackler. Jacob assisted the U11s this year and was able to qualify for their finals. He is a worthy recipient of the Eastlake Scholarship.

Zachary Thomas - Z-Tee has an exceptional level of natural talent. He can break packs, evade an opponent, hit a target and take a great grab. He has a great shot for goal during broken play. Z-Tee is a strong influence on his peers and has the capacity to become part of our leadership group in future years. But with leadership comes responsibility and I challenge him to take that step in 2017.

Joshua Thompson - I am absolutely amazed by Josh this year - his resilience, his development, his dedication to his craft, but most of all his coach-ability. Josh has come a long way this year and this was no more evident than in his last game of the year against Ainslie. He has a strong body and is capable of crashing packs. It is a privilege to be a small part of Josh's development and I am looking forward to seeing this continue over the years. Josh is deserving of our Most Improved player award.

Samuel Wilkie - Little Sam has really committed himself to the values of the team this year. He has really concentrated hard during his craft sessions and this has come out during the games. He works hard at training and is always trying to improve and learn. He gets involved in the play during the games and is really positive member of our team.

Xavier Winkler - Xav definitely has the x-factor. He can win a three-on-one contest, spin out of trouble, and snap an improbable goal. He certainly did some things this year that were fantastic to watch. When Xav concentrates at training, he really makes a solid contribution to the team. We're looking forward to seeing Xav back in 2017.

Aiden Wilson - I was really impressed with Aidos this year. He was always prepared at training and is committed to improving his craft. Aidos loves being part of the team with his mates and contributes to the team at training and in the games. He is very coachable and a key member of our team.

UNDER 11 COACHES' REPORT

This year brought new experiences for our young team with match scores and ladder positions being counted for the first time. The boys stepped up to a more competitive level as they realised the impact of their performances reflected on the team's standing. Full credit to them, as we have had a hugely successful home and away season, finishing 2nd on the ladder with 13 wins and just the 1

loss. This was followed by winning our first ever final to qualify for the grand final, which unfortunately didn't go according to plan. In a hard fought game we led at $\frac{3}{4}$ time, but despite a gallant effort by the whole team, we were overrun in the last quarter, ending our year with a narrow 6 point loss. Regardless of this ultimately disappointing result, the year has been fantastic, with great enthusiasm and improvement as individuals and as team players.

Throughout the year, we have followed a fairly simple team mantra in our game plan, which the boys have embraced with great results. All players rotated regularly through attack, defence, and midfield allowing greater player development and to ensure that everyone was involved in all games. It's encouraging how happy everyone played their designated role in the team as announced for any given game or quarter. In fact, it gives great pleasure knowing that we had a huge spread of goalkickers and that no individual player was relied upon to win games or kick goals on a regular basis. This is very much a team that plays as a team and hopefully that will hold us in good stead in the future.

Our season highlight was definitely beating the top team, Eastlake, in an intense match of the unbeaten teams (at that date) to claim top spot. Undoubtedly, the lowlight was the result the following week as we suffered our only loss of the regular season to surrender top spot. Nevertheless, as we all know, it's the effort and the spirit that the game is played in that count.

As per past seasons, we retained a good core of players, welcoming the additions of new players into the squad, but still just giving us the bare 18 players required. Thankfully, to cater for the inevitable illnesses and injuries that reduce team numbers, we were ably



supported by the U10 team. Five players (Gussy, Jacob, Austin, Campbell and Harry) contributed throughout the year by doubling up from their own game to play in the U11s as well. They were not simply making up the numbers but holding their own and winning against older boys. Many thanks to these lads and also to Steve Miller for his enthusiasm and organisation.

Thanks to Kylie (Team Manager) for doing a wonderful job in organising and running our team like clockwork. Also to Adam for his massive contribution at training and on game day, in all roles as assistant coach, first aid officer, and runner. Thank you to the parents who have helped out in the various roles of umpiring (never an easy job), scoring, oranges and just plain team support. The boys love having their parents involved.

Most of all, thanks to the boys for an excellent season. Their love of the game and continued improvement has seen them shine as a team, working together and building new friendships.

Mitch Brehaut - Mitch is our Mr Versatility, able to play any position on the ground and perform to the highest level, with classy all-round skills. Fantastic overhead marking. Truly solid year at training and match day. A very worthy recipient of the Coach's award. And confirming his positive qualities, Mitch was voted by his teammates as our Players' Player.



Oscar David - Oscar has played every game with strong hands and an excellent kick. He is a quiet achiever, playing his role and helping the team every week without much fanfare. Love having him in the team as he continues to improve as a player.

George Denny - George has played his best footy for MAFC this year. He works hard, gets in under the packs, and is a dangerous goalsneak up front. His BOG game against Magpies for both winning the game up forward and saving it in defence and the midfield.

Charlie Edwards - Charlie has been fantastic for us again with a consistent year in all positions. We love his ability to run with strong kicking skills. He has been a significant improver again and continues to be an important player for the team.

Nathan Fitzgerald - Nathan has been an unsung hero throughout the year. He played the most time back, without complaint. Nathan is a selfless footballer who had some outstanding moments in one-on-one contests in the last line. He is definitely our U11 team Clubman of 2016.

James Haley - James plays well in every game. His skills have developed nicely and he can be slotted into any part of the field which is a great bonus to have. He is another excellent team player who is highly valued for his contributions.

Owen Hardy - Owen is a deserved recipient of our Most Improved Player Award as he continues to develop. His skills and game involvement increase with each game he plays and his positive attitude and enthusiasm are infectious. Best goal celebration of the year.

Darcy James - Darcy has played solid football all year. As one of our tall strong bodies, he is hard and aggressive at the ball, wins plenty of contests and brings his teammates into the game. He has improved his skills well this year and has been extremely valuable in the ruck.

Zac Jenkins - Zac is another new addition in 2016, adding a tough skilful player to our squad. He is deadly on the left foot and he's kicked and set up many goals. His side step/baulk is a pleasure to watch. It would be great for him to play on in 2017 as he could be a star.

Hudson Kelly - Hudson is what we call a swingman because he has great effect everywhere. He Played really well as a lead up forward, kicking plenty of goals in the process, but was just as effective when moved

into the ruck or down back. Excellent team player

Alex Myler - Alex played his first year of football this season and got better and better as the year progressed. He contributed enthusiastically to the team every week and even got his first ever goal for MAFC, followed by a huge celebration with his teammates (one of my personal highlights).



Liam Naughton - Liam has been simply outstanding this year, winning our B&F Award as a fitting reward for his hard work. He has played great footy in each game and is a matchwinner with his ability to win contested balls and break lines with great pace.

Patrick Robinson - Patrick slotted into the team seamlessly this year, doubling up from playing rugby first and sprinting to play real footy with us, without ever looking tired. Great running footy with some crunching tackles. Always gave 110% and was rewarded with the Eastlake award.

Nathan Stilwell - Nathan is an understated player, contributing across the field with increased midfield time as the year progressed. He has good speed and clean hands. Nathan kicked the goal of the year with a clean centre breakaway, kicking truly on the burst from 50m out.

Xander Tuan - Xander is always reliable to be amongst our best. He probably got less time forward than others, but his hard running, tackling and attack on the contest was always displayed. His consistently high quality season showed in being awarded our Runner-up B&F player of the year.

Ben Vardy - Ben fitted straight into our team and it's hard to believe it's his first year of AFL. He contributed every week with strong marks and long kicks. Seeing Big Ben barge through a pack of players to win a contested ball was another of my personal highlights.

Ben Wade - Wadey is a highly skilled footy player with strong hands and good hand and foot skills. He played consistently well throughout the year and has contributed hugely to many of our wins. Wadey can be relied upon to beat his player in any position, adding flexibility to our line-up.

Cooper Wilson - Cooper continues to improve each year. He may be small in stature but he makes up for it in his attack on the ball and willingness to get into the packs. He has excellent skills and shares the ball well with his mates. Cooper had some outstanding games in a consistent year.

UNDER 12 COACHES' REPORT

Overall, it was a good year of development for the MAFC U12s. We started the year with a loss and, not having spent a lot of time together in the lead up to the opening round, we looked clunky and unsure.

In order to develop the boys, the team was split into three even groups each game and each group rotated through the forwards, mids, and backs each quarter, with the players put into what I felt were their best positions for the last quarter.

While this tactic may have cost us some games along the way, the intent was to better prepare the boys to play in a range of positions as they get older and make MAFC a stronger club when the boys are senior players. In a similar vein, we introduced some basic concepts around team tactics, structure and the value of talk as a way of maintaining our structure. Along with structure and talk, the final piece of the team plan that was stressed was intensity: attack the ball on the ground, attack the ball in the air and, when the opposition has the ball, tackle.

In some respects, our best game of the season was a loss to the Belconnen Cats at the half way mark of the year. After losing to the Cats in the Grand Final last year, the boys played like men possessed, looking for revenge. They put the Cats under extreme pressure all day and lost to the Cats by 22 points, the closest any team had come to them up to that point in the year. After that game, I challenged the boys to maintain that level of intensity for the rest of the year. At the half way mark, we were 3 wins and 4 losses. In the last seven games of the year, we won 5, lost 1 and had one game washed out, a good indicator of our sustained intensity and improving ability to execute out game plan.

At the end of the regular season we finished sixth, meaning we would play the third placed Ainslie Red in an Elimination Final. In spite of the boys best efforts, they couldn't get over Ainslie in that game, losing by 11 points to the Reds, a team we lost to in round four by 44.

Although I haven't got the space here to mention everyone, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the parents for their help. We had parent help with coaching, runners and trainers, scoring, field, boundary and goal umpires, player rotations and of course, the



successful U12 trip to Melbourne, another highlight of the year.

Hopefully the boys have enjoyed their year, improved their footy, developed their love for the game and are looking forward to playing for MAFC again next year.

James Andric - James is a key position big man, who is the first choice ruckman for the U12s. One of the best overhead marks in the team, James was one of four MAFC

players to be chosen to represent the ACT at the 2016 Schoolboys AFL Carnival in Maroochydore, where he played one of his best games of the year at fullback, against a player bigger than his father. James' efforts this year have seen him stake a claim to being the best AFL player in his family.

Huon Apps - This was Huon's first year at Marist, but not his first year of playing AFL and it was obvious from his first game he would fit into the team well. An athletic key position tall, Huon looks best when he is one-on-one with his man, running into open space. While his father was an accomplished Rugby Union player, Huon has too much talent for Union, and so has chosen AFL to fully explore his potential. We look forward to Huon being a long term fixture at MAFC.

Matt Choules - Everyone loves Choulesy. Although I'd hate to be his school teacher, he's great to have in the team. Choulesy has made fullback his own this year, by using his man as a launching pad to run hard and straight at the footy and provide great rebound out of the backline for the team. He is seldom beaten and always provides a high standard of performance, week-in, week-out. I'm sure that's just what he's like in the classroom.

Liam Chynoweth - 'Chyna' is one of the fleet-footed little men of the team. He appears to have benefited from the coaches principle of rotating the players through the forwards, mids and backs every quarter, looking comfortable all around the ground and providing great flexibility for his coach. Probably his best game this year was combining across the wing with Cameron Cox where he helped provide the structure the coaching staff have been asking for.

Cameron Cox - Another one of the team's mosquito fleet, Coxy has been one of the big improvers through the course of the season. While there's nothing of him, and when the cold wind blows he's the first to start shivering, he won't be bowed in the contest. He has

looked best this year playing across the wing where he's been able to display his capacity for hard running and contributed well to team structure.

Caden Egan - Caden missed the first part of the season thanks to one of his brothers breaking his arm, but the rumour is he got even by breaking his brother's hand and forcing him to miss the U15s finals campaign (playing AFL is easy compared to life in the Egan house). When he did commence his season, he provided exactly the kind of attack on the footy the coach asks for every game. Another player who provides flexibility for the team by being equally adapt at shutting down a player in the backline or getting clearances through the middle.



Will Green - a tough year for Will, having his Dad as coach. Not only does he have to spend more time with his Dad than he would like, but his old man likes to put him at centre-half back, and he'd prefer to play in the ruck. Because of his attack on the footy and the fact he's rarely beaten one-on-one, he and Choulesy have evolved into an effective pairing down back. They let their man take them to the ball, beat their man and then provide the rebound into the forward line.

Connor Harris - Connor is one of a group of players whose improvement during the year has been an important part of the improving fortunes of the team. While he has played well through the middle of the ground, in the latter part of the season he seemed to gain a taste for the goals, often seen drifting forward and snapping at goal from over his shoulder.

Felix Henderson—Burch - another stellar year for Felix. He has played consistently high quality football for Marist, was one of four boys from MAFC selected to represent the ACT at the 2016 Schoolboys AFL Carnival in Maroochydore and was chosen by his peers to be the ACT team Vice Captain at the carnival. Along the way, he has won the goal kicking award for the U12 competition and the best and fairest for the Marist U12s. His favourite position is in the mid-field, but he also enjoys going forward, where he finds space by swinging onto his left foot and taking a shot for goal.

Nick Honeyman - the third member of the Marist U12s to be chosen to represent the ACT at the 2016 Schoolboys AFL Carnival in Maroochydore. Like the others, he is a mid-fielder, but unlike the taller boys, he is a natural rover, using his clean hands and silky skills to provide "laces out" delivery to the forwards. Nick is

another one who is unfortunate enough to have his old man on the coaching staff (assistant coach and team runner), but thankfully for him he can already out-run his father, so he manages to avoid the grumpy messages after he makes a mistake.

Harvey Jack - another member of the U12s to show strong improvement this year, Harvey has gone from playing in the pockets and flanks to filling key positions through the spine, including some time in the ruck. Part of his improvement can be put down to having his younger brother Kel come along to Sunday afternoon training at Pearce oval. There's definitely no love lost between the pair, with both Harvey and Kel saving their hardest tackles for each other during contested work.

Adam Mann - In spite of choosing to spend some of the colder weeks of the Canberra winter traveling around Europe, Adam has had a good year for the MAFC U12s. Preferring to play across the half forward line or even wing, Adam reads the play well and seems to have picked up some of the concepts behind the team structure faster than most. We're looking forward to another good year from Adam next year.

Kian McAuliffe - If my memory serves me correctly, Kian kicked his first goal for MAFC late in the season, and got a liberal dousing from the boys water bottles after the game to celebrate. Kian's been a real utility for the team this year, filling just about every position from backs to forwards, always giving the team a good option wherever he plays. Being his first year at the school, we're looking forward to many more years of good footy from Kian.

Lachie Mertz - Due to a hand injury early in the season, Lachie had an interrupted start to the season, but his ability as a footballer meant that, in spite of his late start, he was the fourth of the MAFC U12 to be chosen to represent the ACT at the 2016 Schoolboys AFL Carnival in Maroochydore. When he did start playing with the U12s, he immediately made a positive impact and seemed to fit in to the team perfectly. While the fact his old man coached the U13s, meant that he felt some obligation to them, you could tell by the end of the year that the U12s was where he wanted to be. Maybe next year we'll have to get Guy to coach this team to avoid the conflict for Lachie.

Tristan Morley - Tristan is one of three boys in the team to have never played footy before. The main thing I asked for from the new boys was effort. Skills take time to develop, but effort doesn't and we've been fortunate that all of the new boys have given great effort every game. As one of the tallest boys in the team, I see Tristan's future as a ruckman and, when given

the opportunity, he has done a great job on the middle. I look forward to watching Tristan continue to develop in the coming years and Marist AFL will be better for it.

Tom O'Mullane - Well, it took "Tommo" a while to get a taste for kicking goals, but once he did, his appetite was insatiable. During one game, I think I counted a defender smother the ball three times on Tommo's boot before he finally got it through for a goal, but his persistence would not be defeated. He seemed to really enjoy himself on the field this year and he should be proud of his efforts.

Nick Quinlan - The big Cat, Nick Quinlan, was one of the key forwards for the MAFC U12s, with good hands overhead and a nice long boot. I was always encouraging him to hit the packs at 100 miles an hour, just like "the Tomahawk", Tom Hawkins. Nick probably kicked the best goal of the year in the last round of the season, when he marked a ball deep in the pocket and proceeded to casually slot the banana through the middle. And wouldn't you know, it was the only game his old man didn't see.

Ben Rankin - Oh to be a left footer - always managing to find space where there seems to be none. Benny Rankin exploited his left foot to full advantage. He kicked the first goal of his career early in the season and then went on to become a regular contributor to the scoring sheet. One of my favourite goals of the year was Ben kicking the winning goal against the Magpies after marking about 20 meters out. His Mum still claims credit for that goal, because she claims her advice to him before the game was to "keep your eyes open when you go for your marks." Ben, success has many fathers...

Mikko Rhee - Mikko is the second member of the team to never have played AFL before this year and, like the other boys, his effort has been fantastic. It's not always easy to put yourself in the middle of the traffic and then put your head over the ball to pick it up, but Mikko, Tristan and James have been fantastic at putting their bodies on the line and always providing a contest for the team. His first mark and goal were a great reward for continued improvement and effort throughout the season.

Sebastian Senti - I commented earlier that left footers always seem to find space where there is none and Seb is no exception. In fact, not only does he find space, he always seems to have plenty of time on his hands too. Seb has made the centre his own this year. He reads the play flawlessly and understands the team structure



almost intuitively. He falls back, one kick behind the play at just the right time, and then drifts left and right to intercept the ball as it comes out of the forward line.

Ben van der Plaats - "Mr One Percenter", Benny VdP is a tackling and smothering machine. While that's great for the team, I'm not sure his Mum was too happy when he came off the ground with a broken nose from trying to smother the ball with his face. Benny's biggest handicap is that, in spite of his consistent tackling pressure (sometimes two and three in a row), his old man outright refuses to give him a free kick. A great season Ben, in spite of your old man.

James Willis - Jamesie is the final of the team's trio to never have played AFL before, having come from gymnastics. One thing you need to know about James, never challenge him to a push-up contest. Years of gym means that he can do more push-ups than the coach. Jokes aside, however, James' willingness to put his body on the line for the team has been fantastic this year and a great example to the rest of the team about the value of effort. We're all looking forward to having James play footy again next year.

Jacob Woods - Jake is another of the teams left footers (we're starting to look a little like Hawthorn, aren't we) and, as with all left footers it seems, Jake knows where the goals are. Jake announced himself in the first game of the season by kicking three goals as captain. Since then, I've been putting him in the forward pocket whenever I can and he's been repaying the team by kicking goals whenever he gets the opportunity. Another player who has continued to improve throughout the season, Jake should be looking forward to another good season next year.



UNDER 13 ROYAL COACHES' REPORT

It was great to see the U13 age group field two teams as that means plenty of boys enjoying themselves playing AFL. The U13 Royal team was made up of 24 boys who included a mix of returning players, boys new to the school and boys new to AFL. With a diverse group, it was great to see them all so keen on the training track and have a real passion for AFL. With two training sessions a week, Wednesday evenings at Hughes Oval and Friday after school at Pearce Oval, the short pre-season was all about the players getting to know each other's game so they could all work as a team as well as the coaches getting to know the players.

Before the first game, the team voted on a 'leadership group' and, after counting the votes, we had six boys in the leadership group: Joe Carroll, Charlie Cooper, Jack Jeffery, Josh Jenkins, Charlie Mahar and Lachie Mertz. These boys carried out their leadership role to a very high standard both on and off the field which was great to see. With all the pre-season activities completed, it was time for the boys to play a game and enjoy themselves, which is what it is all about. With a 9:15am kick off and an 8:30am arrival, there is no sleeping in when playing U13s! With all 24 boys named and available to play, the contest against the Belconnen Cats was of a high standard with Marist leading by 4 points at half time. The final result saw Marist go down by 3 points yet there were plenty of positive signs for the season ahead.

This game was the first and last time we would have all 24 players available for the rest of the season. This was due to long-term injuries to a number of players - we had 3 boys: Charlie, Finn and Josh out with stress fractures and Lachie with a broken finger. This did change the balance of the team but it also gave an opportunity for players to grow and play roles that they may not have had before. It was great to see four of the injured boys return to the playing field and we look forward to Josh taking the field again in 2017.

The remainder of the season saw the players develop and enjoy some good results. Although not all the results went our way, the team had plenty of the ball and, even when the result didn't go our way, we often had more possession than the opposition. The coaching staff were impressed with the effort and desire and, most importantly, the improvement that we were seeing. Playing AFL is all about the players enjoying themselves and a big part of that enjoyment is being the best player

you can be. It was rewarding to see the U13 Royal team performing and having fun.

Making the Pool B finals saw the U13 Royals in an Elimination Final against Ainslie Red. The boys were well prepared for the game and ready to go. After a quality first quarter that was an even contest, we saw the height advantage that Ainslie had used to great effect. Even though the result didn't go our way, it was stressed to the playing group that their season was seen as successful because we judge success on being the best you can be – and the U13 Royal team did that.

A big thank you to Felix Henderson-Burch, James Andric, and Sebastian Senti from the U12s for playing with the U13 Royal team when we required

extra players. All the boys performed at a very high standard and their enthusiasm and willingness to help out was greatly appreciated.

A special thank you to Toni Cooper for managing the team, the coaches, and parents for the entire season – as a team manager and Toni did it professionally and efficiently, ensuring we had a well-informed and

functional team. I would like to thank fellow coaches Tony Carroll and Dominic Egan for their professionalism and expertise on both game day and the training track. It was a great advantage to the team to have 3 coaches at every training run to work on that continual improvement of the playing group. Thank you to the U13 Sky coaches, Dave Geremia and Matt Ryan, for their support and professionalism with the U13 group.

A big thank you to Sylvia for doing a fantastic job as our first aid officer, although she was a little busier than a coach would like looking after more than our fair share of injuries. Thank you also to David Austin for doing the boundary umpiring on a regular basis. And thank you to all the parents for helping out each game day with the many jobs and for giving the season a great feel.

To the players; thank you for your commitment, enthusiasm and great attitude to the team, the Club and to playing AFL. It was rewarding to see your development during the year and I look forward to seeing further development next year playing the great game that is AFL. Remember, keep practicing with purpose and have fun.

Coach Guy Mertz



Harry Austin - In his first season of AFL, Harry just kept getting better and better as the season went on which was testament to his hard work on the training track. With a rugby background, the skills of tackling and running with the ball came naturally to Harry. Working hard on those AFL skills of kicking, handballing and reading the play, Harry's improvement was impressive. A break out game mid-season saw Harry's game go to a new level. Harry is a versatile player being able to play both forward and back to great effect. Well done on a fantastic first season.

James Bolton - James' enthusiasm for AFL and the team was a great positive for the U13 Royals. James' awareness on the playing field and his silky skills meant that he never wasted a possession. It was this asset that allowed James to bring other players into the game as well as being a great contributor himself every time he stepped onto the playing field. James' work rate and commitment to winning the contested ball was second to none. He played his 50th junior footy game this year - well done on a fantastic season.

Daemon Bourke - Daemon is a skilful player who enjoys his AFL and puts in a strong performance every game which made for a great season. Always aware of the need to look for a team mate, when either handballing or kicking, meant Daemon was part of some great passages of play during the season. A willingness to train well and learn meant that Daemon's improvement was great to see. A strong part of Daemon's game is his kicking efficiency with either his right or left foot and he always found a team mate with each possession. Well done on a fantastic season.

Daniel Boyle - Daniel is your consummate team player - a leader on the field and the training track who brings players into the game and his talk on the field is highly valued. Daniel played a lot of his footy as a key position back man as well as valuable periods on the ball. His ability to read the play and win the contested footy allowed him to rebound out of the back line time and time again. Daniel's commitment and enthusiasm at training allowed him to be a high quality contributor on game day. He has a very bright football future ahead and well done on a fantastic season.

Matthew Cannon - Matt really enjoys the contest of AFL and this showed with a great consistent season. His 'no fuss get the job done' attitude made Matt a valuable team member both on the training track and

on game day. Matt's ability to lay a big tackle was great to watch as was his quality long clearing kicks from the back line to a team mate. Matt is a strong player with a fearless attack on the ball and does the team things really well every week. Playing off the half back line, Matt was able to deliver the ball forward while shutting down his direct opponent. Well done on a fantastic season.



Joe Carroll - Joe is a high-energy player with great skills and enthusiasm, one of those players who gives 100% every time he goes out onto the field. His passion to play the game is evident both at training and on game day. Playing in the midfield suited Joe's strong running game style as well as his ability to win

the contested ball, whether at a ball up or in a pack. A strong part of Joe's game is his ability to read the game and work hard to gather a high number of possessions, which he used to bring his team mates into the game. Joe played his 100th junior game this season and was a member of the U13 Giants Academy. Well done on a fantastic season.

Charlie Cooper - Charlie had a great season and he has an obvious enjoyment and enthusiasm for AFL that is apparent on the training track and the playing field. He has a positive and football-focused attitude and a real ability to read the play well. Being a natural offensive player meant that Charlie was an important part of our forward line. This was evident when Charlie kicked 5 goals in Round 4 in a dominant forward display. Charlie played his 50th junior game this season - well done on a fantastic season.

Daniel Dunn - Daniel is a valued team member and he really enjoyed his footy. Always calm in the fast-paced game, Daniel's composure allowed him to get a quick handball or a quality kick to a teammate. Daniel is always keen to train and keep improving on all the great AFL skills of kicking, marking and handballing. Daniel's improvement in all parts of his game, particularly his second and third efforts, was great to see. Well done on a fantastic season.

Anthony Egan - Antho had a terrific season using his football smarts and 'big engine' to run many miles out on the wing proving to be a great link player through middle. An important part of Antho's game is that he

never wastes a possession, whether by hand or foot it was always to a teammate in advantage. With a real passion for the game and the team it was fantastic to see Antho's game develop as the season went on. Antho played his 50th junior footy game this year. A great representative of the Marist Football Club; well done on a fantastic season.

Alex Ellwood - Playing in key forward and key back positions Alex was able to influence games with his strong AFL skills. Always working hard and doing the team things made Alex a valuable team member. Alex contributed at a high level week after week and with his hard work on the training track his development was great to see. A great part of Alex's game is his ability to match up on either tall or smaller players and producing a quality game against either. Well done on a fantastic season.

Harvey Ellwood

- The consistency of Harvey's season was impressive, always playing at a high level in a variety of key positions. Harvey was a swingman for the team being able to go forward and kick goals or move to the back line to shut down key forwards as well as run on the ball gathering possessions. Harvey racked up the tackle count each week with many strong tackles and did those team things very well. A quality player with a great love of the game and a bright future ahead; well done on a fantastic season.



Brynn Hart - Brynn had a great season with his attack on the ball and his ability to run all day are strong parts of his game. A versatile player who can play well either forward or back and on the wing made Brynn a great asset to the team. A great attitude to training and a willingness to learn and improve all parts of his game meant that he continually improved to a high level as the season went on. The consistent improvement in Brynn's game throughout the season was great to see. Brynn played his 50th junior game this season. Well done on a fantastic season.

Jack Jeffery - Jack is a smart footballer who has a great awareness of those around him, which allows him to win the contested ball and move through heavy traffic. Jack played great football in both the forward line and the back line as well working hard as an on-baller when required. A really strong part of Jack's game is his ability

to take contested marks consistently, not an easy thing to do but he did it very well. Jack was voted by his team mates to be part of the leadership group; this is a role that he carried out with great distinction. Jack's football future is looking bright, well done on a fantastic season.

Joshua Jenkins - Josh is an impressive athlete and with a great desire to be the best footballer he can be. A tall player with an impressive leap meant Josh was a natural ruckman. A great part of Josh's game is his second and third efforts in a contest which allowed him to rack up the possessions. He is a strong mark and a hard runner who loves to tackle. Unfortunately after Round 3, Josh was diagnosed with a stress fracture and was unable to play for the rest of the season. Thank you to Josh for his continued involvement with the team and we look forward to seeing you back on the paddock next season.

Kai Livingston - Kai is a quick skilful player that was able to use those talents to be an impressive team member. With all those skills and a real know-how on where to be on the football field allowed Kai to rack up plenty of possession which he used to great advantage of the team. Kai played his best football on the wing where he proved to be a great link player with his run and his ability to deliver the ball effectively to a teammate. It was great to see Kai develop as a footballer this season and I look forward to seeing his skills on display again next year. Well done on a fantastic season.

Charlie Mahar - Charlie had a terrific start to the season playing his 50th game in round 1 and producing a first class game. Charlie is tall versatile running player with all the AFL skills, which are great attributes and make Charlie an important team member. Unfortunately after round 3 Charlie was diagnosed with a stress fracture and missed the following 9 games. Prior to his injury Charlie was select in the U12 ACT School boys team but unfortunately was unable to compete at the Maroochydore carnival. To Charlie's credit, he worked hard and was able to return in Round 14 which was terrific to see and lifted his team mates. We look forward to Charlie having an injury-free season next year. Well done on a fantastic, though injury interrupted, season.

William McGowan - Will was terrific as a small forward providing an option in the forward pocket or as a smart back man stopping his opponents. Staying close to goal and keeping his feet in the contest allowed Will to win the contested ball deep in our forward line. Always eager to practice well and learn at training allowed Will to improve his game as the season went on which was

great to watch. Well done on a fantastic season.

Samuel McGregor - Sam works really hard on both game day and on the training track and is a valued team member. With a great desire to play AFL, Sam always puts in 100% which makes him a tough competitor. A strong part of Sam's game is his ability to nullify his opponent in the back line by not letting them get an easy possession. This, coupled with Sam's ability to be first to the ball and run the ball out of the back line, allowed Sam to produce quality football. Well done on a fantastic season.



Finley McRae - Finn is an athletic player with strong running power which allows him to cover the ground well to the great advantage of his team. A strong part of Finn's game is his ability to run with the ball and deliver it to a team mate down the field. Unfortunately after Round 6, Finn was diagnosed with a stress fracture and missed 7 games of football. It was great to see Finn return in the first week of the finals and produce a performance that saw him in the best players. Finn played this 50th game of junior footy this year. Well done on a fantastic season.

Lachlan Mertz - Lachie had terrific season, a fast and skilful player who reads the ball well allowing him to get to the right spots to receive the ball or win the contested ball. Lachie's use of the ball, whether it be a long kick or a quick handball, was first class. Unfortunately, he broke his finger before Round 2 and missed the following 5 games. It was great to see him come back in Round 7 and be a big contributor for the remainder of the season. Lachie was selected in the ACT Primary Schools U12 Team and was voted Captain for their carnival in Maroochydore. Well done on a fantastic season.

Ciaran Rodway-Brown - Ciaran is a great competitor and this made for a terrific season of AFL. His ability to win the contested ball and read the play allowed Ciaran to gather many possessions that he always used to the advantage of the team. Strong marks around the ground and a real ability to break a tackle made Ciaran a valued team member. It was great to see Ciaran really step up when required to and always give 100%, whether on the training track or on game day. Well done on a fantastic season.

Harrison Schofield - Harrison really enjoys his AFL and he produced an excellent season with his team play and ability to read the play well. Harrison's attitude

to training and willingness to learn was first class and this allowed him to continually improve throughout the season. Harrison's ability to play either forward or in the ruck was a great asset to the team. Well done on a fantastic season.

Patrick Seymour - Pat is a tall strong player, which allowed him to play in the ruck as well as both key forward and key back positions. With a fearless attack on the ball and a great ability to keep his feet in a contest, Pat was often able to get first use of the ball. He was able to consistently beat his opposition, providing his team mates with plenty of the ball. Pat's ability to play well when the game was in the balance made him a vital team player. Pat played his 50th junior game this season. Well done on a fantastic season.

Oliver Zarak - Ollie really enjoys his AFL and that was evident by his enthusiasm on both the training track and on game day. As a regular at both training runs each week, Ollie was able to develop his game as the season progressed. A very accurate and long kick is a great asset of Ollie's which he used regularly to feed the ball to team mates. Ollie provided a hard working tall option up forward and was a great asset to the team. Well done on a fantastic season.



UNDER 13 SKY COACHES' REPORT

The season started with both coaches and players hopeful that season 2016 would be one to savior. On the numbers front, we had a full team of 22 to pick from, as well as a full panel of coaches – 5 in total. Some new boys to Marist and some old timers saddled up for another year



While the team had some ups and downs, it's safe to say that the boys never stopped trying and made sure that the opposition knew they were in for a tough game when they faced the Marist Under 13 Sky.

We finished the year with 4 wins and 9 losses, which saw us sneak into the Division B finals in which we were bundled out in the first game. But as well all know, it's not about winning but how you play the game and doing your best – and the boys never stopped trying. We played some handy games against teams towards the top of the ladder and went on a winning streak early in the season that saw us win 4 in a row. Unfortunately, the winning streak was followed by a 9-game losing streak, which didn't do justice to the efforts that the boys put in during the season.

The Under 13 Sky boys should be proud of themselves. They are a great bunch of lads - they really are – there is not one boy who pushes the limits of respectability. They are all a credit to their parents. They go out each week, give their all and expect nothing in return (except maybe 5 bucks from Dave). When the mighty Under 13 Sky boys took flight (and usually crash landed before half time), it often resulted in some progress being made towards the teams ultimate destination. Although the journey was sometimes short, it was worth the ride. The boys picked themselves up, dusted off the debris and put their head down and got about fixing the aircraft to launch again; each time hoping that the next journey was further than the one before.

Our thanks must go to our manager Maria McLoughlin. Her organization and match day skills didn't go unnoticed. Thanks also to all the parents who took on weekly tasks without hesitation, particularly our field umpire Mal Brennan – a tough job but someone has to do it, and Terry Rayner who has no ties with the School or AFL but took on the role as First Aid Officer and conducted himself in the most professional manner.

We wish all the boys all the best in their future sporting endeavors.

Coach David Geremia

John Brennan - Johnny is a great team player who gives everything. Johnny has continued to develop his game and he became

a reliable player for the team. His height and strength often provided the team a distinct advantage in games. Johnny epitomizes the Marist culture of "Creating fine young men".

Pierce Brennan - Pierce is a member of the team's mosquito brigade. He spent the year playing most positions and giving it his all. Pierce has shown himself to be a quality team player for a number of years who is always willing to improve.

Harrison Briggs - 2016 was Harrison's first season with the team. He spent most games at full forward which sometimes meant some long patches of spectating. He is a player who will only improve with further training and skill development next year.

Miles Craft - Miles is the big fella who we can rely on to go forward, or go back, or go wherever the team needs him. He is a great kick of the football he can be relied on to deliver long kicks to the team's advantage.

Jack Dietz - Jack is an ever-improving player. During 2016, he continued to find the football each week. Jack's ability to go for the ball and provide an option for his mates enabled the team to use the wings to the fullest extent.

Ethan Ellis - Ethan is a speedster with pace to burn. He is developing his skills and he spent some of the season playing down back to build his defensive skills. Ethan is a consistent contributor who was reliable and ever-improving.

Pat Fitzgerald - Pat missed a great deal of the season through injury and holiday. When he was available, he showed how his tough and uncompromising approach to playing was a valuable asset to the team.

Ryan Fraser - Ryan is the team dependable centreman. He listens and follows instructions at all times and his willingness to take his game to the next level has benefited the team during 2016. Ryan's







commitment and modest personality was acknowledged by receiving the Coaches Award - great job Ryan.

Tony Geremia - Tony is like a good bottle of wine; he keeps getting better with age. Tony gives the team a target in the forward line with some fantastic marking and goals, which ended in Tony being the teams leading goal kicker. He had a great season that was capped off with selection in the final 30 GWS Squad.

Will Harding - Will played predominately in the forward line but was often found providing hard running and attacking football high along the wing. His effort and commitment throughout the season was never in question. Another solid year; well done Will.

Daragh Hayes - 2016 was a huge learning experience for Daragh as another first year player with limited Australian Rules experience. Daragh proved to be a useful forward who had a sneaky habit of finding plenty of space.

Hayden Hill - Hayden's first season with Marist was promising. He is another player who made up for his lack of size and strength with a willingness to give his best. Hayden is to be congratulated on his efforts in 2016 and he should be proud of receiving the team's Most Improved Player Award.

Nicholas Jarosz - Nick, at his passionate best, is unbeatable. His determination and strength over the ball is fantastic. He is a competitive player who doesn't like to be beaten. The team has enjoyed having Nick defending the opposition forward half each week.

Leo Jefferson - Leo was another first year player for Marist. From the outset, it was apparent that Leo was a very versatile player able to be assigned multiple roles within the team structure which provided the coaches with much needed flexibility to cover injuries and rotations. Regardless of being placed forward, midfield or back, Leo was always willing to give his all.

Thomas Johnston - TJ was the team's ruck man and he carried out this role very well. His first season with the team showed that TJ has a stack of untapped potential that will continue to shine through in future seasons.

Riley McCartney - Riley is a gifted player who gives the team nothing less than 100%. He reads the play exceptionally well and his silky skills result in him always delivering the ball to his teammate's advantage. An injury-interrupted season saw him miss a few games but this didn't stop him from winning the teams Best and Fairest Award.

Tom McLoughlin - Tom spent the season working hard to win the ball to his team's advantage. He is a

hard-working player with a good feel for the ball and he proved himself to be an important player for the team. Congratulations on a good season.

Harry Miller - Harry is a great team player who leads by example. He gives 100% every game and he is always endeavoring to improve his skills and those of his teammates. Harry had a great season that was capped off with selection in the final 30 GWS Squad, as well as being nominated for MAFC Junior Clubman of the Year. He is a worthy recipient of the Runner-Up Best and Fairest Award.

Ben O'Loughlin - Ben is continuing to develop his AFL game. His kicking, marking, rucking and positioning around the ground has improved during the year. Ben is learning to use his height to his advantage and he will only get better in contests.

Aden Power - This was Aden's first year for Marist AFC and his future is bright. An attentive listener with a willingness to try things and learn, Aden spent a lot of the year in key positions for the team with good results. Aden will only get better in seasons to come.

Charlie Ryan - Charlie is as quiet and as small as a mouse, yet what he lacks in stature he makes up for in ferocity. Charlie worked hard all year, often against bigger and stronger opposition, but he never took a backward step. If Charlie keeps up this fearless approach, he will certainly be a future star of the game. Well done Charlie.

Leshan Samaranakaye - Leshie's first season was excellent. For a debutant, he quickly settled into the game and provided the team with another attacking option up forward. With one year's experience, he will continue to grow into a valuable team player for Marist.

Haidyn Vecera - Haidyn had his first year with Sky and he stood out as a team leader. While he continues to improve his footy skills, his encouragement and team talk was a standout and was always to the advantage of the team.



UNDER 14 ROYAL COACHES' REPORT

We started season 2016 with a different Royal playing list and a different coaching team from the previous season. The U14s coaches again did their best to split the playing group into two evenly matched teams. We were lucky to attract some new boys, which increased the depth of our playing list and secured Royals numbers to a healthy 24 players. Some of these new additions had never played Australian Rules Football before but were keen to get involved and rip in.

Our aim this season was to develop the whole playing group's skills and understanding of our fantastic game, with a major emphasis on **FAT** (**F**un, **A**ttack on the football, and **T**alk).

We then expanded the FAT into the following:

Fun - How do we have fun? We get our hands on the football and we bring our team mates into the game.

Attack on the football - Aggression at the ball on the ground and in the air.

Talk - Organise, support and encourage.

The season was a real rollercoaster, as you would expect with junior football. Some days, the boys exceeded every expectation of the coaching group and other days they took a while to warm up and get going. Overall, we saw improvement in their confidence, skills and understanding of the game. They became supportive and encouraging of each other, not only on game day but during training sessions as well.

At times during the cold winter months, when our numbers were depleted due to sickness, we were lucky to be able to call on the under 13s. We thank them for their support throughout the year.

I had incredible help from Matt Cooney, my Assistant Coach this year. He helped with the planning and coaching week-to-week, team selection for game day, and line coaching for the midfield. He also managed the rotations throughout the year. To call him an 'assistant' is an injustice to the man; I couldn't have done the role without him.



A special mention to Paul Eccles, our Team Manager. Paul sets very high standards of himself and this rubs off on everybody. He kept us organised and in tune, like a good conductor of an orchestra. Thanks also to Anthony Giannasca who stepped in whilst Paul was on holidays and playing football at the SCG.

I also wish to thank to Dave Gollasch, runner and line coach for the forwards; Dale Saunders, our backline coach; and Matt Barber who stepped in as line coach whenever required and ran water throughout the year. These guys brought additional knowledge of the game



to the playing group and for that I thank them. We are also indebted to Mitch Vecchi, Nathan Tabke, and Suzanne Cooney for their ongoing work as our first aid officers. They kept our boys on the park and gave valuable advice as to how the boys were feeling after any knocks or injuries.

Thank you to all the parents who filled numerous roles on game day and were supportive to the coaching and playing group throughout the year.

I'd also like to thank the U14 Sky Coaching Team - Paul Highmore (legend), Mick Patton (skins police) and Stewart Gallop for their assistance, support and friendship throughout the year. They helped to make the U14s one strong unit.

Finally, thank you to the group of fine young men that made up the Royals team. They are a great bunch of boys who made my role enjoyable and gave me a lot of satisfaction from seeing them develop throughout the year.

Boys, you are all stars in my eyes. Great job to almost get a shot at a Preliminary Final; it was an exceptional effort. Stick together and we will see you all next year in under 15s.

Coach Leo Quirk

TJ Alder - TJ is athletic and moves well across the ground. He has an enormous running capacity. We used TJ in many different roles from full forward to wing, but towards the end of the season he cemented his role in

the ruck. TJ's ability to give our midfielders first use of the ball was outstanding.

Oliver Austin - Oliver was one of our new recruits this season. He has an outstanding willingness to learn and, as result, his improvement from his first game of the year to his last was exceptional. A standout moment was his goal against the Cats, where he was front and square and turned onto his left foot and kicked a sausage roll.

Jeremy Barber - In round two, Jeremy sustained a significant injury (torn spleen), putting a major dent in his season. His strength of character saw him attending all games while injured, supporting his mates, and then finally getting himself back on the park. Once back, he showed all the determination and flair we had come to expect of him. **Blake Bennie** - Blake is a great listener and he is selfless and committed to the team. He played in the midfield, the backline and up forward, always beating his opponents. The coaching staff always had confidence in Blake to carry out any role that was asked of him without a problem.

Jack Castles - Jack is a strong, capable young lad who played in the ruck, up forward and down back. Jack has a strong right foot and makes good decisions when he has the football. Jack is a good listener and did what ever was asked of him to support his teammates.

Zac Cooney - Returning from his European vacation, Zac brought back a great deal of enthusiasm that was infectious to the group. Restricted by injury throughout the year, Zac was still capable of filling many different positions around the ground and his determination and attack at the ball never waned. In congested play, Zac always managed to get his arms free and move the ball to our advantage.

Dante Devow - When Dante played this season, he showed all the attributes we know he has; speed, good hands, an excellent vertical leap and physicality at the contest. We just needed to see Dante more often and we would have seen significant improvement in his skills as well. We are looking forward to seeing him more next year.



Lachlan De Jongh - Lachlan was also a new recruit this year, coming across from Rugby Union. A good size lad, he also asked lots of questions. Lachlan enjoyed taking a mark and playing up forward. He was able to kick a critical goal against Queanbeyan from a strong overhead mark. This showed poise and was a real mark of his development.

Eddie Easton - Eddie really optimised the aim of 'FAT'. He got his hands on the football and always brought his teammates into the game. Eddie's attack on the footy was extraordinary. His talk was always encouraging and he would organise his teammates when the team had lost a bit of its structure.

Max Eccles - Max has come along way this year in his development as a footballer. He played at full forward, full back and in the ruck and was always positive about any position we wanted to play him in. Max was an important player in our rotation, allowing us to effectively use his size and his major attribute, his competitiveness. Max 'came to play' every game and he accepted every challenge that was served up to him.

Ben Everett - Ben is what coaching is about. His improvement this year has been outstanding. To watch Ben grow as a footballer has been great. He played forward and back this season, beating his opponents on many occasions. Ben has the uncanny ability to be at the right spot at the right time to lock the ball in and prevent a turn over. He always puts in the second and third efforts that his teammates and coaches love.

Maxx Giannasca - Maxx had a tough job this season, playing most of it at centre half forward (as we know the hardest position on the ground to play). He has an exceptional left foot and can clunk a strong mark. On several occasions we swung Maxx down back and got an immediate impact. This was demonstrated by his ability to flick the switch from an offensive to defensive mindset whilst still showing his attacking flair.

Kane Gollasch - Fun, attack on the footy, and talk. Kane did all these things and more. He cracked in and he had second and third efforts. He also worked hard forward and back. This year, Kane developed in his maturity as footballer and his work rate. He has always been very strong one-on-one, but we saw him take it up a notch this year. **Finn Hastie** - Finn was also new to Australian Rules this year, coming across from Rugby Union. He picked up the game very quickly as he listened and asked questions constantly. This was a credit to him. Finn has a great turn of foot and

was always keen to sniff out a goal. A highlight from one of his games was when he dashed away from his opponents, taking two bounces, and then hitting a teammate down field lace out.

Fraser Kelly - Fraser has a fantastic attitude. All he wants to do is to get his hands on the footy and influence as many contests as he physically can. Although he was restricted throughout the season by flu and a bad back, these didn't stop him from what he does best. Moving him up forward always resulted with scores on the board. He continued to will himself to help out his teammates. I am sure with rest and a strong preseason, Fraser is going to have a ripping 2017.

Mitchell O'Brien - Mitch played all over the ground and his work rate could never be questioned, but it wasn't until the very last game of the season where we finally found his spot. Playing him as a permanent halfback flanker allowed him to read the play and use his attack on the ball in the air and on the ground to great effect. This, in turn, allowed Mitch to rebound off half back with ease.

Rohan Palisi - Rohan has had a very consistent year. He has improved his kicking and marking skills as well as his clean hands. Rohan is one player who never wastes a possession. He has a knack of giving a quick handball or kick to someone in a better position and 9 times out of 10, it would result in a goal. I lost count of how many goal assists Rohan had.

Sebastian Quirk - Sebastian played forward, back and in the midfield throughout the year. He has grown in maturity and as a footballer. Sebastian's strength is his ability to read the play. He has a strong competitive nature and a willingness to listen and learn.

Jack Rasmussen - Jack had many different and new roles this year. He was asked to run with players, hold down key positions and then have an impact in the midfield. A lot of these roles were new to Jack, but he accepted them all as a challenge and gave each of them

a big crack. Jack has come along way in a very short time and we are all looking forward to assisting him further in his journey as a footballer.



Lewis Rogic - Lewis has improved out-of-sight this season. Lewis played mainly down back with the occasional move up forward resulting in a goal. His attack on the ball has been ferocious at times and his ball use has been exceptional. Lewis' greatest improvement has been his willingness and ability to run off half-back and beat his opponent in one-on-one contests.

Albin Roy - Albin is also new to Australian Rules. Last year Albin was in India, where not a lot Aussie Rules is played, but you could not tell, as his ability to keep his feet and will himself to the contest was extraordinary. In his first game, Albin was awarded a free kick, which he took but missed his target. He then followed up that kick, tackled his opponent and regained possession - an awesome effort.

Jake Saunders - Jake played-up from the U13s all season which was a huge effort. He played forward, back and in the midfield. Jake was always up for any challenge we would set him. He has strong hands and has the ability to find space, which is a great skill to have. Jake's accurate kicking helped us to get to the position we finished in.

David Tabke - David has taken his game up a notch this season. He played forward, back and in the midfield. David has a very strong, competitive nature and it shines out on game day and at training. He gave our team greater flexibility when spending time in the ruck or in the midfield which was a credit to him. His coolness down back under pressure meant we always could play him there to steady the ship when things got tough.



Liam Vecchi - Also new to Australian Rules this year, Liam had an exceptional year. A great listener and a willingness to learn, made him a very coachable lad. To watch Liam you would have thought he had been playing the game for years, such was the ease of his transition. We played Liam forward, back and in the midfield and in each zone he held his own.

Under 13 Boys:

Special thanks also to the U13 boys who helped out at different stages during the season: Joe Carroll and Alex Ellwood. You stars!

UNDER 14 SKY COACHES' REPORT

After a successful season in 2015, the U14 coaches were really pleased that an influx of new players resulted in 49 players being available to the Sky and Royal teams this year. Those 49 players were divided between the two teams as evenly as possible and this year's Sky team comprised: 11 Sky players from 2015, 8 Royal players from last year, 1 from the U13s, plus 5 new players.

Results-wise, the season was a 'mixed-bag' with six wins and seven losses during the home and away season. However, this was enough for us to qualify for an Elimination Final. Unfortunately, we were off our game in that final and we were totally outclassed by a 'red-hot' Magpies side.

Nevertheless, the team showed during the season that it could be competitive against the very best teams in the competition if it was prepared to give a four-quarter effort. In fact, the team's best performance of the year came in the final round of the home and away season in which we went down by just 3 points to the undefeated Lions side.

Overall though, the most pleasing aspect of the season was to see the growth and development of the players and to see them making great strides in terms of their ability, confidence, fitness and 'footy smarts'.

In terms of thank you's – our Manager-extraordinaire Kathryn Dunn did another fantastic job this year and makes sure that everything runs smoothly, and allows the coaches to just focus on the players and the footy. Kathryn also juggled these responsibilities with her role on the Committee as Registrar for the Club.

Thanks also to our parents for doing a multitude of jobs on game day, especially our regular volunteers: Mel Green, Philippa & Greg Brearley, and Ann Carroll (First Aid), Rick Creech (scoring and time keeping), James Benson and Paul Barker (Boundary Umpires), Bernie Dunn (Goal Umpire and 'Chief Statistician'), Brendan Bourke (Runner), Chris Angus (High Marks Reports) and John Parlett (water). We are also grateful to those parents who provided the oranges and snakes, helped out in the canteen at Lindwall, and filled in where they could.

I had great support from my group of assistant coaches

and line coaches. Mick Patton and Stu Gallop have a wealth of footy experience and knowledge and will make fantastic coaches. Brendan Bourke and Phil Tonkin were also a great help on game day as line coaches.

I also want to thank the U14 Royal Coaches - Leo Quirk and Matt Cooney - for their help, enthusiasm and cooperation over the course of the season and it is a credit to their ability as coaches how well the Royal team performed this year. These guys were great to work with and I would happily do so again.

Finally, thanks to the team - a great bunch of coachable kids who play footy in the right spirit and are a credit to their families and the College. I learned more from them this year than they learned from me...plus it is simply good fun being involved with this group.

Coach Paul Highmore

Eddy Angus - unfortunately Eddy's season was severely hampered through injury, but when he did play, he showed just how valuable he is in defence by not only marshalling the players around him, but setting up a lot of attacks from the defensive 50. Congratulations on reaching the 100 game milestone during this season.

Edmund Barker - was one of our improvers this year. Edmund played all 15 games this season and cemented his spot in the backline. He played some important roles for us

down back and, on some occasions, saved us by either stopping his opponent or doing enough to hold up play until team-mates would arrive.

Patrick (Patch) Benson - was another one of our big improvers this year. Patch was given an opportunity to play in midfield and grabbed it with both hands and was one of our most consistent and reliable players. He is also a very good kick for goal on the run with his trusty left foot.

Callan Bourke - had another good season playing in tough roles up forward and he played in all 15 of our games this year. He is a very good and hard-working lead-up forward and proved again that he is a reliable goal kicker and showed he can score important goals at crucial times for the team.



Will (Bub) Brearley - did a great job as one of the co-captains of the team. Will's work in and under packs was inspirational, and he put his body on the line every week in order to win the ball for his team. The way he used his voice to encourage and support team-mates was excellent.

Noah Carman - was another one of our big improvers this season. Not only did he cement his spot in midfield this year, he finally realised what a weapon he has with his strong body which he used to break tackles and intimidate opponents. His long 40m+ kicking was also a feature of his game.

Jack Carroll - had another solid year and was an important member of our backline. Jack again had the role of kicking in after opposition points because of his kicking skills and ability to hit leading targets. Jack did some great jobs in closing down small opposition forwards, and backing up his team-mates in the backline.

Tom (Chippo) Chipman - Chippo was very entertaining this year both on and off the field. In his first season of AFL since Auskick, he did some great work in packs by 'halving' contests, bringing the ball to ground and locking it into our forward 50. Chippo's first goal was also one highlight of the season.

Harry Creech - was another one of our players whose season was hampered by injury. However, when we could get him on the park, Harry showed how important he is to the team. His speed, skill and versatility allow him to play in almost any position. His best game for the year was in our final.

Elliott (Dunners) Dunn - had a great year as our 'rock' in defence and showed he can either mark key opposition forwards or be creative as a '+1'. His versatility also allowed him to swing forward and do jobs there. He also has a claim to bragging rights by playing and kicking a goal with broken fingers.

Jack Elwin - was another player whose game-time had to be managed due to injury. However, Jack showed that he is very talented, skilful and tenacious, and he will be an important player for this Club over the next few years. When Jack played, he really added something to the team and always influenced the contest.

Henry (H) Gallop - for someone playing their first season, Henry has great 'see-ball, get-ball' instincts. Not only did Henry cement a spot in midfield, he was

also the team's leading goal-kicker. He reads the play well, has great balance, backs himself and is not afraid to take the game on and even take some risks.

Joe Gleeson - was a key member of our backline and, whenever Joe played well, it seemed the whole team played well. Joe reads the play well, but one of his greatest assets is his speed. He has the pace to burn off most opponents and would be one of the quickest players in the competition.

Tom Grace - was another one of our big improvers, and seemed to get better with every game he played. Tom showed his versatility by doing important jobs for us up forward, and on the wing, but possibly played his best football in the backline. Tom is another player who has pace to burn.



Josh (Waz) Green - did a great job as the team's co-captain. Josh is a great tap ruckman with a massive 'engine' but plays like a tall ruck-rover around the ground, and is exceptionally 'clean' below his knees, and his second-efforts set a great example to team-mates. Josh also represented the ACT in the U15 Schoolboys.

Cormac Hayes - missed part of the season but played well and showed great versatility for a second year player by being able to do important jobs for us both up forward (where he is a very good shot for

goal) and in midfield (where he seemed to thrive on the physical nature of stoppages).

Connor McDonald - despite playing his first season and being so new to footy, Connor slotted straight into the team and made it look easy. Connor played his best footy on the wing, and won the respect of his team-mates and coaches for the way he plays the game and attacks the footy.

Will Parlett - was another player whose season was ruined by injury, but it was a credit to his character and sense of team-spirit that he was always willing to do lots of off-field jobs for the team, and his enthusiasm and big smile never wavered once. Unfortunately, we are losing Will and his family to an overseas posting, but we wish

the Parletts all the best.

Sam Patton - played some great footy and got better



and better as the season went on. Sam showed leadership and great determination by standing up and trying to turn things around when the team was struggling. Sam is also a great set shot for goal. Congratulations on reaching the 100 game milestone this season.

Jordan (Jordo) Smith - was another one of our big improvers this season, and played every game. Jordan made some really important contributions and showed that he can play all over the ground. He demonstrated his ability to read the play which allows him to position himself well to win possession of the ball.

Lachlan Smith - had another solid year and showed his versatility and flexibility by playing valuable roles in the backline, forward line and midfield. Lachy reads the play well and certainly knows how to find the footy. He is also prepared to dish out handpasses to team-mates and then do things like bumping and shepherding.

Mackenzie (Macka) Smith - worked his way into a good



season, played every game and played his best footy during the second half of the season. Macka showed his versatility and flexibility by playing well in the forward line, the backline, on the wing and in midfield where he played both as ruckman and ruck-rover.

Harry Swan - has done some great things for the team this year in various parts of the ground, but perhaps played his best footy in the backline. Swanny has a great ability to win one-on-one contests with his direct opponent by either bringing the ball to ground or locking the ball into the contest.

Matt Toohey - played his first season of AFL and joined the team in Round 8, making an immediate impact and kicking two goals in his first game for us. Matt is still



'learning the ropes' in AFL, but his height, strength, mobility, and ability to kick 50m+ show that he has a bright future in footy.

Harry Williams - had another very consistent year in which he played every game and did everything asked of him at centre-half back and was very rarely beaten by his direct opponent in one-on-one contests. Harry

is lightning quick and his efforts and skills were noticed by coaches of one of the leading teams in the competition.

UNDER 15 COACHES' REPORT

If you judge a season on wins and losses, you'd easily say we've had a great year. But judging junior sport on wins and losses is just one element and, to be frank, winning is not necessarily that important. Sometimes losing can be just as rewarding (as spoken by a Collingwood supporter). So how do we judge the season gone by?



Well, firstly it started early with pre-season training. In the hot summer months, we regularly had more than a dozen boys at training - and these were days that climbed well past 30 degrees. From day one, the energy within the group was noticeable. The boys listened, worked hard and honed their skills. They also built some rules....the non-negotiables and selected a four-man captain group to lead the side. Very pleasing as a coach to witness them be accountable and make decisions as a team.

Secondly, our pre-season trip to the coast was attended by 15 out of our 22 man squad and it was clear from the first beach session we ran that the boys were committed and focused on their, and the team development. Second of all, the families that came on the trip bonded over a BBQ, shared their stories and generally had a good time. It was clear we were building a strong team culture. Very important.

We looked forward to the start of the year. Then the season started.....so how did the numbers add up:

- 11 games with 11 wins.
- An average winning margin of 92 points.
- Beating the 2014 / 2015 premiers twice in corresponding weekends.
- Beating arguably the top team this year after being down at quarter time by 29 points.
- 8 players kicking more than ten goals for the year, with three of those kicking 20 or over.

4 boys making the Under 15 ACT Schoolboys team who played at the National Championships in Maroochydore.

So a good year...? Yes I suppose so...but it's more about the boys as a team and their personal

development than anything else. So on this basis, we've had a great one!

Over the course of the season, we've seen significant growth in team and individual maturity. We've had situations where the boys have worked together to help one of their team mates improve their skills. We've had situations at training where the boys have gone back to help a team mate struggling with a running drill...to encourage them to keep going. We've had times

where the boys have given frank and fearless advice to each other....never done with any disrespect, but done for the benefit of the team. We've had boys play the best game of their short football careers standing tall as a key member of the team....and their pride and that of their teammates was visible as well as audible. Brilliant!

These are the elements that we judge success....the boys won't necessarily remember what was achieved in 2016, but the relationships and life lessons learnt will last a lifetime.

The work put in behind the scenes to make the season a success has been significant. I'd like to personally thank Rebecca Andric our Team Manager. Always efficient, for ever caring and a huge supporter of our focus on team! Thank you to Wayne Kenner and Jim Brennan, our Assistant Coaches. Thanks to you both for all your efforts in helping the boys become their best and for clearly loving your job. The boys and I are forever indebted to you both. I'd like to thank all of our parents with their volunteering during the year. A particular thank you to Paul Barker with the supply of energy drinks during the year which the boys (and the coaches) needed and benefited from. I'd also like to thank Mick Malthouse and David Buttifant for their visit to Canberra and the time they gave to the boys and the rest of the MAFC. Mick's finals video message to the boys should be put in the archives!

Lastly, whilst coaching is a volunteering role, it is one of huge responsibility. Not because results matter, but because the influence we have on the boys and their development. Hopefully we've set a good example and the boys have enjoyed this season. I can say, personally....I've loved every minute of it.

Unfortunately our season didn't end the way we hoped but the season was never about winning. It was about bringing a great group of lads together and building a strong culture of mateship, friendship and trust. We won on this account....!

Harry Andrew - As a first year player, Harry has shown glimpses of huge potential. Very athletic and quick over the first 30m with a tremendous vertical leap. With some skill work over the summer months, Harry will become a great MAFC Junior footballer and the sky is literally the limit for his AFL career. Good on you Harry.

Daniel Andric - If cloning was a thing, Daniel Andric would be the footballer mould of choice. A good kid who loves everything there is about footy...even the cold nights at training. Hard at the footy, the opposition literally steps out of his way. One of the four voted Captains of the team, Daniel leads from the front and is a pleasure to watch in full flight as he competes over and over again. Daniel continues to improve, in particular his overhead marking and foot skills. Keep working hard Daniel...we are very proud of the year that you've had.

Jack Barker - The quiet achiever. There is no greater example of someone who puts his head down and works hard at training and learning the various skills of the game. Up for a challenge, Jack had his best game of the year when he was put into the ruck and competed incredibly well....not to mention one glorious offensive knock to his midfielders that resulted in a great team goal. Well done Jack....we are all very proud of you.

James Boland - Easily his best year of Junior Football, James, Jimmy, the son of Ox, is a barometer for the team. If Jimmy plays well, the team plays well. Easily the hardest worker on the training track, he never complains even when the coach decides that running laps is a good idea. With his silky skills, Jimmy is one of our most reliable in front of goals. A great kid and a leader of the football club. Keep working hard Jimmy...it will pay off.

Harry Brennan - The person who said "size doesn't matter" was thinking of Harry Brennan. A heart as big as Phar Lap and an intensity that every junior footballer should try and emulate. At training one night, doing competitive work, Harry found himself one against three opponents and won the footy....no one was shocked as it is the way he goes about it. His raking left foot has become something to watch, hitting forward targets time and time again. Well done Hazza....we are all proud of the year you've had.

Sunny Bridger - A relative new comer to AFL, Sunny is a "ball magnet". Unbelievably, he finds himself in all the right places on the footy field. The ball literally follows him. Sunny has worked very hard at training and genuinely loves the game. With some more time crafting his skills and building up his frame, Sunny could be a long term footballer for the MAFC. We hope he does...cos he's got the right attitude and has huge potential. Good on you Sunny!

Nick Clark - Burra moves across the ground like a Rolls Royce. He is never flustered with one of the best overhead marks in the group. Burra is a special player with great ability. His performance in front of goal this year was a huge bonus for the team, with 12 goals across the season

playing a high half forward role. With some strength development, Burra has all the attributes to becoming a high quality senior footballer. Good on you Burra, keep working hard!

Christopher Cooper - Being hard at the football is a prerequisite for any footballer and no one in our group goes as hard as Chris. His development as a footballer, year-on-year, continues to build. Not needing a compass to find his way around the football field, Chris is a developing player who is a joy to be around and is a great team man. He is a pleasure to coach and the backbone of our team culture. Good work Coops.

Michael Cooper - Michael continues to develop year-on-year. A growth spurt over the off season has enabled him to step up in several aspects of his game. A pivotal component of the team's rock solid defence, Michael regularly gets the better of 2 or 3 opponents with his never give up attitude. When Michael makes the ball and the game the focus of his attentions, he is virtually unbeatable. Marking and handballing have consistently improved over the season, with disposal by foot a skill to focus on in the off season.

Aidan Cowie - Aidan has had a really solid year in the forward line and made significant leaps ahead this season. With a high conversion rate, he has made himself a highly mobile key forward. Capitalising on speed and agility, Aidan turns his opponents inside out before slotting some very good goals. His second efforts and defensive pressure in our forward 50 has contributed immensely to the team's success. Aidan's read of play when playing a midfield role meant he was in the right position at the right time. It would be great to see more of Aidan in the thick of things where his pace and evasiveness could see him tear games apart. Great season Aidan!

Jake Dooley - Jake continued his form from last season with dashing runs and confident attacks on the ball. He capitalised on being a left footer whilst playing in the midfield, leaving opponents flailing in his wake. In defence, Jake reads the play better than most opponents and focuses on the ball, where he is often the start of the team's push into the forward line. A focus area for Jake will be developing quick decision making, needed for the quick disposal option over trying to beat multiple opponents. Stay confident in your abilities Jake as the sky's the limit.

Brendan Egan - What a massive impact Brendan has had on the team's success this season! With his speed and willingness to run, Brendan racks up possessions and uses the ball to the team's advantage. Brendan shows a courage and tenacity that sets a great example; unfortunately at times suffering from the physical impacts. Regrettably, an injury sustained at school ended his season early. Keep up the skills, speed and agility work Brendan and come back bigger, stronger and faster next season and take the comp by storm!

Jordan Flavel - The team's predominant tall man, Jordan has worked hard this season to assert his influence across the ground. Playing forward early on, he seemed to enjoy the opportunity with a bag of goals in a particularly dominant game. In the ruck, Jordan has continued to develop the skills to take command at centre bounces and around ground stoppages. His athletic ability has enabled him to work the opposition out of the game and provided the opportunity to become the league's leading big man.

Thomas Green - As a member of the team's leadership group, Tom stepped up to the mark, then leapt straight passed it. He sets the example, motivates those around him and brings all members of the team into the game. Tom's ability to read the play, gain possession, evade opponents then deliver to a team mate, on either side of the body is second to none. His work ethic on the training track translates to game day. I look forward to watching Tom continue to mature as a player and young man. Great season Tom, well done.

Jude Henderson-Burch - Jude is a team-elected member of the leadership group who week-in-week-out has set the example for all to aspire. Jude reads the game well, works hard around the ground and is tenacious in his attack on the ball, particularly in pack situations. His strength and ability to break lines has set the team up time and again for penetration into the forward line or break out of defence. Foot and hand skills have really developed over the season and are a definite strength. Great season Jude. Keep up the hard work and continue to grow.

Hunter Howden - Hunter is equipped with a solid set of skills and has elite level endurance. However, his season was unfortunately disrupted with a foot injury. When Hunter attacks the footy with confidence and desire, he comes out on top more often than not and that's what we all want to see from H consistently. Speed of disposal, particularly from a mark or free kick, is one aspect of his game play where he could have a significant positive impact. In free flowing play, Hunter has been able to capitalise on his running ability and disposal skills and that's where we see the best of him.

Jacob Kenner - Jake had a solid early season which culminated in fantastic form towards the back end of the season. Jake has great talent as a footballer and brings the same high level of endeavour each week. Jake needs to believe in his ability as much as his team mates and coaches do. His hardness at the footy and ability to take the game on will see him able to develop into a very good utility player in the future.

Angus Kent - Gus would be one of the most gifted footballers within the Footy Club. His pace, willingness

to run and carry, and awareness of where the goals are has delighted many spectators week-in-week-out. Further development on skills and use of the body will make for great watching for the Kent and Marist Footy families. Watch this space.

Isaac Males - Isaac has always been a totally committed team player and contributor but his work rate this year has gone to a new level. Isaac is now continually putting his body on the line and getting the benefit of his hard work with more use of the Sherrin. Next year, I'm sure that we will see further improvement which would be great reward for his effort.

Spencer Mooney - Spanner has a focus on continually doing the team things which can often go without notice. He is a good reader of the game and is very keen to win his own footy. He will always give you his best effort right to the final siren. Further development of his skills and the confidence to take the game on will bring many more happy days on the footy field.



Brett Murray - This has been the breakout season that we all knew Brett possessed. He has developed his kicking skills, is more aware of where to put his body, and has an awareness of where to get the footy on the field. Throughout the year, we have been fortunate to see his aggressive play off half back continually setting up opportunities up forward. Brett has the ability to go a long way in footy if he wishes.

Nicholas Pinkas - Nick was elected to the leadership group by the boys because of his team focus and never say die attitude, both on and off the field. He has developed significantly with better contested ball skills, aggression at the footy, and overhead marking. This season we have seen him repel many attacks and set up play for our forwards. With more work on hand and foot skills, Nick will have many good football seasons ahead of him.

Jack Williams - Good decision to come and play AFL Jack. Willa reads the ball unbelievably well for a first year player. He has a great pair of hands and knows where the middle of the goals are (10 goals in one game alone). With more game awareness and work on his skills, Jack will have a lot of fun in footy and his destination will only be limited by how much he would like to commit to it.

Luke Williams - Luke has developed his skills considerably during the year. He has had many games where we have seen him make a contribution by putting his body on the line for his team mates. It has been good to see his smiling face when his efforts have resulted in team success. More work on his hand and foot skills will see Luke getting more of the footy next season.

UNDER 17 COACHES' REPORT

Our year started early in 2016, beginning in mid January. The three months of pre-season were well attended by the boys with all being much fitter for their efforts. The season proper was a little fragmented with trek, school holidays, two byes, and one game lost to a wet weather competition cancellation, leaving eleven games to be played.

The U17 age group is a double age progression with boys leaving U15 to play U17. This is a bit of a jump as there is quite a bit of difference in build between a younger and older U17 boy, which can be a bit daunting. Our squad contained boys across the age spectrum. It was really satisfying to see how well the group of boys bonded, trained and played as a team. The playing group was very mature and well grounded, making for a great team culture which was fun to be involved with.

Our core group was tight on numbers and we are very thankful for the assistance from the Rising Stars boys and U15 boys for helping us out on game day throughout the season.

The 17's played a strong brand of footy that took on the contest. We worked hard on skills throughout the season and made great inroads in establishing an open style of game that used run on players delivering through space.

Big thanks to Tony Maher and Paul Palisi for their coaching work at training and on game day, including Tony being the team runner. Tony and Paul brought great knowledge, enthusiasm and wise counsel to both the playing and coaching teams.



Big thanks also to Brad Gaynor for his calm expertise in managing a fairly dynamic team environment, Dean Browne for the deceptively difficult task of running the game board as well as Peter Moon and Jay Clark who gave excellent service as sports medicine and trainers. Big thanks to the broader parent group for taking up the many game day roles that make a team tick. Hopefully, it was not all sacrifice and you were able to really engage and enjoy the boys work. It truly is a privilege to be able to be involved in Marist footy and be a part of the boys becoming fine young men.

Coach Paul Sheahan

Ben Answerth - Ben has had a great season of footy. Ben reached the point of deciding how he wants to be engaged in footy and has decided to compete and take it head on - it showed. Ben developed into a utility

player who was effective rucking, marking, scoring and defending. He is a quiet achiever who has had his cover blown by being this year's recipient of the most improved award, well deserved Beno.

Matt Apps - Appsy had a slow start to the year with injury preventing full participation in the pre-season. His continued attendance at pre-season impressed, with his dedication to team and sport clearly evident. Matt has been effective at a number of roles in the forward line, wing and midfield – his versatility is a real asset to the team.

Sam Brearley - Nudge - it's not the size of the dog in the fight but the size of the fight in the dog! With outstanding skill, judgment and athleticism, Sam routinely out plays the opposition. It was common for the Monday video review to include highlights of Nudge out marking his opponents who were substantially taller. Nudge's contribution on field and to team is highly valued.

Cooper Browne - Cooper was called to the backline early on in the season as his solid defensive skills were in demand. Cooper is the paceman and endurance runner of the team, easily achieving best performance in beep tests throughout the season. His developing judgment, defensive skill and raw speed saw him run the wing to great effect towards the end of the season. Cooper's maturity and positive nature were real assets to the team.

Alex Clarke - Clarky has been a great competitor in the backline and has brought great passion to the role, routinely engaging on the contest and ensuring his opponent didn't get any easy ball. Alex's skills and judgment have developed significantly throughout the year and it is really pleasing to see the positive attitude and comradery Clarky brings to the team and backline.

Hayden Crockett - Dos came back to footy this year after a year off, contributing from day one. A great positive attitude, desire to contribute and fearless engagement in the contest meant he was a key part of our backline. Hayden is always a positive rallying voice at games and training and he is a great driver in building team spirit.

Isaac Egan - Isaac is a quiet achiever who is starting to find and unleash his inner competitor - keep it up! Isaac really developed his game sense this year and has made the decision to engage and play competitive footy. It has been great to see this decision flow into an increase in his confidence on the field and enjoyment of the game. Zac was a regular on the wing where his

good balance of defensive and offensive play was very effective.

Luke Gaynor - G's keen eye for the footy saw him contributing in forward and back roles. Luke has a great ability to read play and intercept the footy, a skill he uses to great effect both forward and back along with his x factor right foot snap across the body. Increased focus on fitness and developing other aspects of his kicking game will really see G take it to the next level.

Ethan Hart - Hartie has been a midfield regular and worked tirelessly all year. Ethan's consistency and hard work on the footy has been a real team asset. He was challenged to change his clearance style, a challenge he rose to. Ethan's great skill and ability will need to be matched with growing knowledge of a changing game environment as he moves into the senior teams.

Michael Kemp - Kempie has given his all this year and shown commendable resilience. Mikey was the third highest goal scorer for the season and was a great contributor to our forward line with his crumbing and contest work. Kempie's ability to read the play and to position himself well is seeing him become quite the goal sneak!

Sean Kirk - Sean's season was interpreted by a chronic injury that limited him to the first three games of the season. Captain Kirk put in a huge pre-season and really gave us heaps in his first three games with his injury being a great challenge to both himself and to the team. Sean's a talented fella of great depth but, if his injuries prevent him from playing footy, then I'm sure he will be able to adapt to another competitive sport – play to your many strengths and, with persistence, you will prevail over the challenges.

Ted Maher - Ted has been one of our strong defensive stalwarts, quietly going about his business in an efficient and skilful way. Edward's efforts at contested ball also meant he was able to run in the midfield. His great ability to read the play and evaluate options meant he was often involved in effective clearances from the backline, developing great awareness of run on options and space.

Campbell Moon - Cam worked in the back line as well as forward across the season, hitting his straps up forward. Campbell always engages in the contest, working hard to gain and maintain possession as well as moving the ball forward. His work rate and effectiveness increased throughout the season until he had an unfortunate knee injury late in the season.

Luke Palisi - Luke was our Captain - he leads by example both on field and off field. Luke has a clear idea on the footballer he wants to be and pursues it with passion. He plays a smart, tough and relentless game

and is able to impact contests across all areas of the ground. Luke's leadership was key to our continuing to function well as a team, especially when under pressure.

Jack Rankin - Jack has been a strong performer across the season and an outstanding backline 'general', with his strong voice, direction and encouragement being real team assets. Jack's stunning burst speed and ability to run and carry from the backline to the forward line made for some enthralling footy.

Sam Rankin - Sam has engaged in his footy well across the season and has progressed from being a participant to being a very solid and dependable backline player who is showing confidence in his own abilities. Sam is a good reader of play who holds his own within our backline cadre and his impact on the game will continue to grow with his belief and trust in self - take the risks, a great season Sam.

Bailey Ranatunga - Bailey was our utility player who is able to play forward, mid or back to great effect. Bailey's willingness to engage in contests and win the hard ball is a real team asset that gave us good flexibility. He has good self-confidence and ability to withstand pressure on the field and I encourage Bailey to engage in the full pre-season next year to help unleash his full potential.

Harrison Reid - Harry has been a key part of our forward line-up and has been a great tall target. Harrison's ability to work the corridor and hold position meant he was often a linking player who was key to us being able to apply forward pressure. Harry worked hard in the pre-season with skills and fitness significantly improving - great stuff Harrison, keep at it next year.

Ben Surtees - Ben is not your burley, trash talking full back – he is way smarter and more effective than that. If Ben feels pressure, you'd never know it, such is his composure. He has great judgment and skill and executes the role of full back with aplomb. We always have full confidence in Ben as the last line of defence, even when he follows his forward up field. Love your work Ben.

Matthew Wilson - Matt was our Vice Captain for the year as well as our highest goal scorer. Matt adapted well to his role and the responsibility of playing key forward spine positions. He has loved his footy and his positive influence has been a great value to the team. Matt's gameplay in the key forward positions developed strongly throughout the season and he really has backed himself to great effect.

Jordan Wood - Woodie joined us this year having missed the last season. He played both forward as well as on the ball in the ruck and his height and vertical jump made him a natural at these roles. Jordan's enthusiasm and positive approach to training and game are strong assets. A great season, but keep working at it as you have a real depth of potential.

FIRST XVIII COACHES' REPORT

Our goals for this season 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 that earns respect in the competition.

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 to peaking mid-July and gaining momentum late August into September.

The First XVIII finished the season equal second but, due to a low percentage, the team was relegated to fourth, to play off in the Elimination Final. In the first week of the finals, the boys achieved a sterling victory against Eastlake, knocking them out from the finals race. The team prepared well for their Preliminary Final against Queanbeyan Tigers at Star Track Oval, but it was not to be and the team did not progress to the Grand Final this year.

Throughout 2016, the First XVIII played the MAFC brand of footy – team first, highly skilled, courageous and with honesty; integrity; fairness and most of all sportsmanship. Thank you to all First XVIII players for delivering an outstanding season.

Also special thanks to:

- the First XVIII coaching group (John Clark; Chris Maher and Richard Simpson) for their support, knowledge, experience and match-day calmness.
- Rosie for your wonderful work and support to the team and coaches as our Manager.
- our trainers Breals and Alex who provided such expert care to the team throughout the year.
- Nick Surtees for managing our property, uniform and equipment.
- Paul, Tony and all the players in the senior squad (U17 players) whose support and participation played a significant role in our success this year.

- The Committee Members for their tireless work off the field to keep the wheels of the Club turning; in particular, the MAFC President Janine Clark and Senior Operations Manager Michael Cashion.



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• The school grounds and facility staff. Every player, coach and supporter is extremely grateful to you all for your commitment to the First XVIII and the whole footy club.

I would also like to acknowledge the

generous support of our Sponsors; Suzanne from Suzanne Patterson Podiatry, David Geremia from Brooks Marchant, and the Eastlake Football Club.

Finally, and most of all, a very sincere thank you to the parents for supporting your son, our team and Club in 2016. See you in 2017.

Coach Richard Williams

Max Beaumont - Max is a genuine star and, although is only in Year 10, he was one of the most significant contributors to the group. He played mainly as a midfielder but occasionally pinch hit up forward. Max's skills are absolutely first class and goodness only knows the impact he will have over the next two years. Well done this season; he has the attributes to take his footy a long way.

Connor Brice - Connor is a modern day-athletic footballer who reads the play very well. He is a terrific mover and has the ability to run all day. Connor has a fantastic attitude to training and a genuine upside with his footy, with the potential to be very good across the board.

Jeremy Bridger - What a great leader Jeremy has turned out to be. His voice on and off the ground is always heard and who will not miss that Marist war cry before the start of every game. Jeremy has taken the initiative to have the boys ready to go for training and I'm sure it won't be the last time we see him on the big screen. All the best with what your future brings.

Daniel Cerni - The big fella has had a very good year with the First XVIII, with Giants and RAMS selections thrown in; congrats mate. Daniel has played all over the park, settling into the defensive six later in the season. Looking forward to watching him play in 2017.

Billy Clark - Billy started the season not knowing if he would play any games due to injury but he kept training and doing the right things. When he did start playing, he lifted the team to a new level. He loves to win the contested ball and use his silky clean skills to dispose of the ball the best way for the team. He is a true team player and a future leader of this team. It's a pleasure to be involved with him.

Andy Colmer - Andy has been a key role player in the 2016 season with his job being predominantly to keep that ball secured in the forward line at all times. Mind you, he has slotted the odd 6 pointer when the opportunity has arisen. Who could forget his last quarter performance in his final game @ Lindwall v Belconnen when he beat numerous opponents to get the ball forward? Good luck with your footy beyond 2016.

Henry Cooney - Henry is a smart left footer who plays mainly across half forward. He has a knack for finding space and using the ball very well. Henry is a quality young man who has the potential and attitude to figure in leadership calculations next year.

Jackson Crowe - Jacko has made a remarkable comeback from a cruel back injury that has interrupted his football over recent years. His hard work and persistence had him back for the last 3 minor round games. His football knowledge has been invaluable to the team and his marking and goal scoring ability hasn't gone stray either. The work he does off the field with MAFC TV is greatly appreciated. All the best for your future around the game.

Ryan Crowley - A key member of the defensive group, pinch hitting in the ruck, Ryan has had another consistent year. He is always team first, professional, and an awesome fella to boot. He certainly looks set for a great year next year.

Liam Ellis - What a great rebound player Liam is and, with another year playing senior football under his belt, he will be a vital link in the back line for next year. Keep up the good work and have a good off season in the gym.

Pat Ellis - Pat has had a good year and his willingness to win his one-on-ones against bigger and stronger players is a credit to his game. He has given all to the team every time he played 18s and he is a pleasure to coach. A good off season in the gym will only send his game to the next level - great work Pat.

James Elwin - James was a member of the leadership group. He had a great start to the season but this was interrupted by a hand injury that meant he missed a number of games towards the end of the season. He is hard at the ball, with excellent decision making and delivery skills, and he has been a big contributor towards team success. When he came back from injury for the finals he added that x factor. James will be a big player in senior football beyond 2016.

Oliver Hicks - Oliver has had a good first season in the Rising Stars and would have only benefited from playing along side some of the best midfielders in the competition. He has had a great leader to learn from and should now dominate that position for the next couple of years - keep up the good work.

Tom Highmore - Tom has had a season punctuated by injury, representative games and NEAFL games. Of note, this is his fourth year of involvement with the Rising Stars team at Marist. His presence with the squad at training and on game days has been invaluable. You have been a great ambassador for the Club and we urge you to pursue your goals for 2017 and beyond

Nathan James - NJ has had a good steady year. He has played well above his weight and size, has always been in the contest and kicked a goal when it has mattered. It has been a pleasure coaching NJ and all the best.

Eric Karo - Eric is another player whose attitude and approach to his footy has been excellent this year. Team first always, Eric played good consistent footy in both the 17 and 18s. Mate, all the best moving forward and sincere thanks for a stellar MAFC and Rising Stars career.

Michael Kendrick - Michael is a super talent who played mainly full-forward but also had stints through the midfield. He has lovely hands and a beautiful kick and he is a very dangerous player with a genuine X-factor – even having his own highlights reel. At the top of his game, Michael is virtually unstoppable and he has the ability to take it where he wants.

Connor Lake - Connor is a key forward who trains hard and made some important contributions to the team. He reads the play well, can kick the ball a long way and he is very important to the dynamics of the team. Connor kicked the team's only goal in a match against ladder-leader Ainslie; a real highlight.

Lachie McGovern - Lachie is an old fashioned footballer with his hard attack on the ball, solid physical presence and quiet get the job done attitude. He has worked hard at training to develop all of his skills,

especially his decision making. He will concentrate on further developing his skills over the off season so he is ready to play a key role in the 2017 season.

Hugh McKenzie - Hugh is a midfield dynamo with elite endurance. As the 2016 First XVIII Best and Fairest winner, he has had an excellent season and, putting it simply, he just plays well each week. Mate, all the best moving forward and sincere thanks for a stellar MAFC and Rising Stars career.

Xavier Mooney - Xav has had a consistent year in the "Firsts" this year. A beautiful kick, Xav kicked some big goals earlier in the season and finished off well v Belco – well done mate. All the best moving forward and sincere thanks for a stellar MAFC and Rising Stars career.

James Palisi - James's attitude and approach to his footy has been excellent this year. Team first always, with the ability to play anywhere on the field, he is a key member of the squad. Looking forward to watching James play in 2017.

Rhys Pollock - Rhys is a star midfielder who had his season cruelled by injury. He is a real class act who kicks the ball beautifully with both feet and he is also very strong overhead. Rhys loves his footy and he could be a serious player – he has 'leader' written all over him.

Brett Reid - Brett has overcome some serious injury problems and has played some excellent games in 2016. His height and marking ability are big assets for the team. He continues to work on his game and his kicking is one skill that has improved significantly. He will be a key player in 2017 with roles up front and on the ball beckoning.

Michael Roland - Michael is our Mark Winchester Award winner. He is a quiet guy off the field but a hard man once on the field. He played most of the season as the small forward tagger and was rarely beaten. Michael played every game this season and he was a great example to his team mates in terms of his training commitment and attitude. He has an excellent kick and is a very solid tackler and, no doubt, he will have a good footy future beyond 2016.

Ethan Rosin - Rosey, a member of the First XVIII leadership group, has had a strong and very consistent 2016 season, culminating in winning the 2016 First XVIII Runner-Up Best and Fairest Award. Well done mate; all the best moving forward and a sincere thanks for a stellar MAFC and Rising Stars career.

Max Scott - Max has really found his spot in the side this year. His run off the halfback line has setup many forward movements. Great hands and an elite kick, he

has worked hard on his consistency and the results are there for all to see. 2017 will see him developing further and with his foot speed, athleticism and toughness he could be a sneaky contender for the Bluelow.

Pat Sharp - A key member of the defensive group, Pat has had an awesome start to his Rising Stars footy career. He played strong and consistent footy, with some standout games mid-season. Well done mate and see you in 2017.

Brad Simpson - Brad is a very accomplished footballer who played mainly in the forward line but also had stints in defence. He kicked some important goals and worked hard defensively, having a quality year. Brad has a fantastic attitude, trains hard, and he has serious leadership potential.

Jordie Stuart - After a slowish start to the year, Jordie sprung into action early July and has been an important cog in the machine since. Quick, skilled and with an awesome tackle, Jordie is now in the position to have a massive 2017.

Tom Verghese - This was another great consistent year from Tom who received the Coaches Award – so was well deserved. His training and game day efforts are a standard that lifts all the players around him to play at their best and, as coaches, we never have any worries that he would give us his all on game day. He rarely beaten in his one-on-ones and his ability to intercept the ball and send it back into our attack was always a bonus. It's been a real pleasure coaching and knowing Tom over the last few years and we wish you the best in your post-school endeavours.

Sam Watson - Sam was the team Vice-Captain who played well every week and also set the standard at training. In many ways, he was the team's defensive anchor and his leadership was fundamental. He is super disciplined, terrific overhead, and an awesome contributor.

James Williams - James has also had an injury-punctuated season. He has played in almost every position this season, from onball to key forward and backman. His efforts in the final quarter of the 2016 First Semi, when he played the sweeper defender role to perfection, will be remembered. His strong marking ability and decision-making skills have been his strengths in 2016 and will serve him well as a key member of the 2017 squad.

Thanks and appreciation to Luke Palisi (4 games); Ben Surtees (4 games); Jordan Wood (3 games); and Sam Brearley (2 games) for their significant on and off field contribution to the MAFC First XVIII Rising Stars team in 2016.

MAFC CLUB AWARDS' HISTORY

Year	Age Group	Best & Fairest	Runner Up B&F	Coach's Award
2015	Under 10	na	na	Darcy James
	Under 11	Felix Henderson-Burch	Nicholas Honeyman	Angus Murray
	Under 12 Royal	Harry Miller	Josh Jenkins	Charlie Cooper
	Under 12 Sky	Charlie Ryan	James Bolton	Jake Saunders
	Under 13 Royal	Joe Gleeson	Josh Green	Mitch O'Brien
	Under 13 Sky	Sebastian Quirk	Eddy Angus	Harry Williams
	Under 14	Jude Henderson-Burch	Tom Green	Ioannis Apostolakis
	Under 15	Sam Brearley	Oliver Hicks	Campbell Moon
	Under 17	Daniel Cerni	Maxwell Beaumont	Bradley Simpson
	First XVIII	Dean Simpson	Angus Dryburgh	Liam Tutty
2014	Under 10	na	na	Angus Murray
	Under 11 Royal	Riley McCartney	Harry Miller	Jack Jeffery
	Under 11 Sky	Felix Henderson-Burch	Tom McLoughlin	James Bolton
	Under 12	Kane Gollasch	Fraser Kelly	Patrick Vane-Tempest
	Under 13	Tom Green	Daniel Andric	James Boland
	Under 14	Max Beaumont	Patrick Sharpe	Ted Maher
	Under 15	Rhys Pollock	James Williams	Lachlan McGovern
	Under 17	Jacob Gaynor	Ethan Rosin	Xavier Mooney
First XVIII	Matthew Pert	Clem McManus	Nicholas Wood	
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

Coach's Award	Coach's Award	Most Improved Player	Eastlake Scholarship
Nathan Stilwell	Xander Tuan	James Haley	Liam Naughton
na	na	Will Green	Harvey Jack
na	na	Jonty Probyn	John Brennan
na	na	Patrick Fitzgerald	Ethan Ellis
na	na	Jeremy Barber	Mackenzie Smith
na	na	David Tabke	TJ Alder
na	na	Jordan Flavel	Jake Dooley
na	na	Alex Clarke	Isaac Egan
na	na	Matthew Wilson	Liam Karo
na	na	Ryan Crowley	Jeremy Bridger
Nathan Fitzgerald	Oscar David	Ben Rankin	Nicholas Honeyman
na	na	Ryan Fraser	Josh Jenkins
na	na	Dylan O'Hara	Miles Craft
na	na	Richard Caines	Mitchell O'Brien
na	na	Jordan Flavel	Nick Pinkas
na	na	Cooper Browne	Ben O'Rourke
na	na	Brett Reid	Matthew Wilson
na	na	Talieson St John	Lachlan Moon
na	na	Jeremy Bridger	Will Campbell
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



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Year	Age Group	Best & Fairest	Runner Up B&F	Coach's Award
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
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

Coach's Award	Coach's Award	Most Improved Player	Eastlake Scholarship
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 McMahan
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
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 McMahan	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

RECORD OF GAMES PLAYED

Given Names	Surname	2016	Career
Timothy	Alder	11	26
Harry	Andrew	12	12
Daniel	Andric	16	104
James	Andric	16	37
James	Angus	11	11
Edward	Angus	10	106
Benjamyn	Answerth	11	65
Matthew	Apps	8	8
Huon	Apps	14	14
Harry	Austin	14	14
Oliver	Austin	14	14
Jeremy	Barber	10	42
Jack	Barker	13	82
Edmund	Barker	14	28
Maxwell	Beaumont	10	142
Austin	Bennie	18	18
Blake	Bennie	12	39
Patrick	Benson	14	28
James	Boland	12	81
James	Bolton	13	59
Daemon	Bourke	12	12
Callan	Bourke	13	88
Daniel	Boyle	12	12
Sam	Brearley	13	136
Will	Brearley	14	121
Mitchell	Brehaut	14	52
Pierce	Brennan	12	52
John	Brennan	15	33
Kiefer	Brennan	11	11
Connor	Brice	16	51
Jeremy	Bridger	13	121
Sunny	Bridger	8	55
Harrison	Briggs	10	10
Cooper	Browne	10	49
Matthew	Cannon	14	14
Noah	Carman	14	23
Joe	Carroll	15	15
Jack	Carroll	13	114
Jack	Castles	11	60
Daniel	Cerni	10	137
Thomas	Chipman	14	14
Matthew	Choules	13	31
William	Choules	10	10
Liam	Chynoweth	12	12
Billy	Clark	11	199
Nicholas	Clark	13	72
Alex	Clarke	11	89
Andrew	Colmer	12	162
Henry	Cooney	11	149
Zachary	Cooney	13	100
Michael	Cooper	12	57
Christopher	Cooper	11	55



Given Names	Surname	2016	Career
Charlie	Cooper	13	57
Aidan	Cowie	12	74
Cameron	Cox	13	13
Miles	Craft	12	42
Harry	Creech	11	92
Hayden	Crockett	9	128
Jackson	Crowe	5	135
Ryan	Crowley	16	140
Oscar	David	14	50
Lachlan	de Jongh	13	13
George	Denny	14	29
Mark	Devow	7	14
Jack	Dietz	14	28
Jake	Dooley	10	24
Daniel	Dunn	14	26
Elliott	Dunn	15	65
Eddie	Easton	14	91
Max	Eccles	11	43
Charlie	Edwards	13	25
Isaac	Egan	11	118
Brendan	Egan	9	25
Caden	Egan	8	25
Anthony	Egan	14	58
Patrick	Ellis	17	145
Liam	Ellis	16	141
Ethan	Ellis	13	28
Alex	Ellwood	15	15
Harvey	Ellwood	14	14
James	Elwin	10	122
Jack	Elwin	10	10
Ben	Everett	8	38
Nathan	Fitzgerald	13	54
Patrick	Fitzgerald	6	49
Jordan	Flavel	14	43
Ryan	Fraser	13	62
Harry	Friend	13	13
Henry	Gallop	14	14
Luke	Gaynor	11	69
Antonio	Geremia	13	59
Maxx	Giannasca	15	89
Joseph	Gleeson	13	27
Kane	Gollasch	14	108
Thomas	Grace	14	45
Thomas	Green	17	83
Will	Green	16	39

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Given Names	Surname	2016	Career
Joshua	Green	20	89
James	Haley	12	24
Timothy	Hanley	12	12
William	Harding	14	51
Owen	Hardy	14	27
Connor	Harris	13	13
Ethan	Hart	10	124
Brynn	Hart	14	57
Finn	Hastie	14	14
John	Hatton	11	11
Daragh	Hayes	9	9
Cormac	Hayes	11	27
Jude	Henderson-Burch	16	121
Felix	Henderson-Burch	21	79
Oliver	Hicks	16	83
Thomas	Highmore	1	155
Hayden	Hill	11	11
Nicholas	Honeyman	15	56
Hunter	Howden	12	124
Campbell	Hyde	18	18
Patrick	Izatt	12	12
Harvey	Jack	13	40
Nathan	James	13	153
Darcy	James	10	23
Nicholas	Jarosz	13	13
Leo	Jefferson	14	14
Jack	Jeffery	14	73
Zac	Jenkins	13	13
Joshua	Jenkins	4	35
Thomas	Johnston	14	14
Eric	Karo	12	144
Hudson	Kelly	14	24
Fraser	Kelly	14	84
Michael	Kemp	11	103
Michael	Kendrick	13	130
Jacob	Kenner	12	92
Angus	Kent	17	33
Sean	Kirk	5	43
Connor	Lake	10	87
Sam Anthony	Laria	11	11
Kai	Livingstone	14	14
Aston	Lockwood	1	1

Given Names	Surname	2016	Career
Charlie	Mahar	5	54
Ted	Maher	11	109
Isaac	Males	13	97
Adam	Mann	11	24
Kian	McAuliffe	14	14
Riley	McCartney	11	41
Connor	McDonald	11	11
Lachlan	McGovern	12	113
William	McGowan	13	13
Samuel	McGregor	14	14
Hugh	McKenzie	13	161
Tom	McLoughlin	12	57
Finley	McRae	5	52
Lachlan	Mertz	14	14
Angus	Miller	18	18
Harry	Miller	14	62
Campbell	Moon	9	75
Xavier	Mooney	14	161
Spencer	Mooney	12	121
Tristan	Morley	13	13
Ryan	Munyard	12	12
Brett	Murray	15	143
Alexander	Myler	14	14
Liam	Naughton	13	62
Mitchell	O'Brien	14	88
Benjamin	O'Loughlin	14	49
Thomas	O'Mullane	12	27
James	Palisi	13	137
Luke	Palisi	14	116
Rohan	Palisi	14	73
William	Parlett	2	35
Samuel	Patton	12	26
Nicholas	Pinkas	11	46
Rhys	Pollock	5	156
Aden	Power	13	13
Nicholas	Quinlan	15	45
Sebastian	Quirk	20	87
Bailey	Ranatunga	8	8
Jack	Rankin	11	112
Sam	Rankin	11	101
Ben	Rankin	14	40
Jack	Rasmussen	12	24

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Given Names	Surname	2016	Career
Brett	Reid	11	110
Harrison	Reid	11	11
Mikko	Rhee	13	13
Patrick	Robinson	11	11
Ciaran	Rodway-Brown	10	10
Lewis	Rogic	13	28
Michael	Roland	16	132
Ethan	Rosin	13	65
Albin	Roy	14	14
Charlie	Ryan	13	55
Leshan	Samaranayake	12	12
Jake	Saunders	12	28
Harrison	Schofield	11	24
Jacob	Scholtens	18	18
Max	Scott	17	79
Sebastian	Senti	15	15
Patrick	Seymour	13	54
Patrick	Sharp	16	53
Bradley	Simpson	16	154
Mackenzie	Smith	14	30
Jordan	Smith	14	43
Lachlan	Smith	13	42
Nathan	Stilwell	12	25
Jordan	Stuart	14	128
Ben	Surtees	12	122
Harry	Swan	12	42
David	Tabke	10	37
Zachary	Thomas	11	11
Joshua	Thompson	12	12
Matthew	Toohey	10	10
Xander	Tuan	14	62
Ben	van der Plaats	13	49
Ben	Vardy	14	14
Antonio	Vecchi	12	12
Haidyn	Vecera	12	12
Thomas	Verghese	14	84
Benjamin	Wade	13	47
Samuel	Watson	14	107
Samuel	Wilkie	12	12
James	Williams	12	165
Luke	Williams	13	66
Harry	Williams	14	84
Jack	Williams	11	11
James	Willis	14	14
Matthew	Wilson	11	41
Cooper	Wilson	14	27
Aidan	Wilson	12	12
Xavier	Winkler	11	11
Jordan	Wood	12	30
Jacob	Woods	13	13
Oliver	Zarak	14	47







THE BLUE AND BLUES

We are the Blue and Blues
We are the good old Blue and Blues
We're the team that never will give in
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!

