

August Newsletter

As we start the downhill run into the finals, it is great to see so many teams in contention for the play offs. With just two rounds to go, every goal is important. There are some pretty close tussles in some of the grades – so train hard and play hard!

Our July school holidays, gave many of our young players the opportunity to play in age groups above, as well as the senior ranks. Well done to those of you that took up those opportunities and thank you for helping us service these teams.

It is hard to believe that for our J1/2 and J3/4 players, next Saturday 12th August is their last games of the season and their wind up. We would like to make special mention and a BIG thank-you to both, Peter Swinger (J1/2) and Renae Adams (J3/4), who have coordinated our up and coming stars of the future. An absolutely amazing job by you both and we sincerely appreciate your contribution.

The J1/2's have had a fun season playing games on Saturday mornings at McGillivray. It has been great to see new faces and families participating and all the kid's skills have progressed and developed over the season.

The J3/4's returned to the competition run by YM Hockey Club and they have had a fantastic time playing against teams from other clubs such as Hale, Newman, YM and Mods. The kid's hockey has improved greatly and it is nice to see so many smiling faces.



We would like to commend the kids on their sportsmanship and enthusiasm! A big thank-you to all the coaches, managers and umpires who contributed to the success of both the J1/2 and J3/4 teams. The teams can't run without this volunteer support. Also thanks to all the parents, grandparents, brothers and sisters who braved the conditions each week to support the kids.

Club Championships

During the July holidays, we had two girl's teams playing in the Club Championships out at PHS. Both of these teams represented UWA with great sportsmanship and great hockey. We would like to thank the two coaches who took time out to work with these teams in Julie DeSilva and Bridget Smith. We would also like to acknowledge the tremendous parent support. Their reports are below.

J7/8 Girls

Our J7/8 girls put together a composite team for this championship, which included three younger J5/6 players. They played in the A Division in a very strong field of metropolitan and country teams. Bridget Smith, their coach, was incredibly impressed at the improvements that this team made over the three days of competition and the team finished 6th in their division. Whilst the metropolitan clubs dominated the ladder, it was a very close finish between 3rd and 6th. Congratulations girls – well done.



J9/10 Girls

The 9/10 girls put up an excellent showing to finish 2nd overall at the end of the round matches. They lost to a very strong Bunbury side in the semi final and played off against NCR to finish 3rd. In a testament to just how tough these girls are this was played in torrential rain and at times hail! They won this game – a great note to finish on, super proud of you girls! In the words of their coach Julie DeSilva, "We got better as the tournament went on and finished on a good note against Raiders in the hail. It was a fun three days and a very happy group". Great work guys! Their team photo is below...



GK Academy

Next Monday is our last session in this program. This has been an incredibly successful and very well attended in 2017 – our young keepers are very inspiring in their application to continue to improve their skills. Keep up the great work team!

Final two sessions:

Monday 7th August

Monday 14th August



Anne Bartle – Super Coach!



Key Dates

- **Reminder – General Bye – Weekend of August 18 – August 20 except for J5/6 teams who all get to play on turf!**
- *Please check game times over the next few weeks with your manager! If your team makes finals, fixtures will come out in the week leading up to these matches.*
- **Semi Finals** – Friday 1 September – Sunday 3 September (J5/6 last round games)
- **Grand Finals** – Friday 8 September – Sunday 10 September
- **J5/6 Teams DO NOT play finals.** They complete the season after their last round of fixtures.

JUNIOR CLUB WIND UP

SAVE THE DATE

Wednesday 13 September

(More information closer to the day)

Damian, Ali and Lisa

