

**Presidents Report**

Once again another season reaches its end. In 2007 we had 32 teams (around 350 kids), as well as 84 under 7 year olds in the Midgets. Organising this number of players is a big task and so I would like to congratulate the Management Committee for their efforts this year. Another group of people who deserve many thanks are our coaches – thank you for a job well done. Congratulations to our 11A team who won section 1 – excellent effort (2 years in row this trophy stays at Burwood).

This year we have received a good level of sponsorship from the Eureka Trust, Mainland Foundation and NZ Community Trust – thanks to them for their support. As a result of this sponsorship, a number of our coaches attended and passed coaching courses.

A major step at Burwood this year was having our own website ([www.burwoodafc.co.nz](http://www.burwoodafc.co.nz)) – please have a look at it sometime. Once again early next year there will be a registration mail out to all current players for the future 2008 season. I wish you all the best for the summer and look forward to seeing you back next year.

**Murray Ralfs**

**Club Captains Report**

Once again another successful season has ended for Burwood. Our numbers keep increasing, and potentially we will have teams in every competitive grade next year. To all our coaches, a big thank you for making the season run smoothly, without you there would be no club.

Parents and supporters are another important aspect of our club and your exemplary behaviour is worthy of mention. The club equipment is in good repair and we will have an ample supply for next season. Have an enjoyable summer and we'll see you all back for a successful 2008 season.

**Don MacDonald**

**2007 Sponsors: – thanks for your support:**

- Eureka Trust
- Mainland Foundation
- NZ Community Trust
- Robbies Bar & Bistro

**Annual General Meeting**

Monday, 29 October 2007, 7.30 pm  
Clubrooms, Clare Park

**2007 Christchurch Press Penalty Shootout - Finalist**

8<sup>th</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Grade: Harry Wyatt

**2007 Canterbury Representatives**

Under 11 Boys Selection: Jordan Van der Wielen, Tyson Berry, Avery Addei

Under 11 Girls Selection: Meikayla Moore

Under 12 Boys Selection: Cameron McLauchlan

**2008 Registration Mail Out**

The club will be mailing out the 2008 registration forms and details early next year (late January/early February). If your address has changed in the last 7 -8 months or you intend moving in

the next 5-6 months could you please contact the club with the change of address details:  
Burwood AFC, P O Box 38050, Parklands, Christchurch 8842 or via the club website  
www.burwoodafc.co.nz, email admin@burwoodafc.co.nz

### **Midgets.**

It has been a great season this year with a wonderful group of budding **All Whites!**

There have been a few changes this year within the midgets, one of them being the teams have been given names and midget shirts. It is wonderful to see parents get involved this year. By letting their child participate in Midgets they have enabled their child to learn, and many cases master, soccer skills, social development, team building and fitness. Most importantly, the children have had FUN! It is great seeing the children's smiles at the end of day, even when we have been rained on and blown about! Most importantly we would all like to thank the coaches for their outstanding role they have played this year! It has been great to hear all of the positive feedback from the community on their fabulous job they have done with our children. Without our coaches, there is no team. BUT they have been able to do such an amazing job because a lot of the parents have stepped up as helpers. Well done to you all!

A special thanks to our coaches:

<b>Fireflies:</b>	Julie Gaudin (our youngest 3 and 4 year olds team!)
<b>Tigercubs:</b>	Kerri Rowlands
<b>Thunderbolts:</b>	Darren Johnson
<b>Flaming Bullets</b>	Jason Burrows
<b>Lightening Rods</b>	Craig McNab
<b>Fireballs</b>	Kym Thompson
<b>Tornadoes</b>	Jade Kyles
<b>Storm Titans</b>	Nick Austin (watch out 7 <sup>th</sup> grade next year Storm Titans are on fire!)

Lastly a big thank you to all of the kids for participating with such enthusiasm and dedication! Some people do dismiss Midgets teams as being unimportant, but these little kids are the future of our sport. I look forward to seeing some of **our Burwood Midgets** representing NZ in the not too distant future!  
Coach Jade Kyles.

### **7th Grade Scorpions**

The 7th Grade Scorpions have had a tough year in terms of results. We have found that many of the teams we played this year are older and bigger than us. It has taken a while for some of the younger and smaller children to build their confidence. The parents have been great, providing a lot of encouragement and support. I have really enjoyed coaching the scorpions. They are a great bunch of kids and I have taken pleasure seeing them improve each week. The highlight of the season was our first win. It was definitely been our best game. Coach Matt Riordan.

### **7th Grade Panthers**

Team - Mathew Kendall, Lochlan Miller, Taylor Moore, Jacob Pierce, Brittany Pocock, Ben Strong, Harry Tappin, Anton Wylaars. Coach Nathan Moore.

### **7th Grade Jaguars**

Our team is Adam, Jonathon, Reece, Tom, Bailey, Olivia, Nathan and Jacob. The Children have had great sideline support from all the parents which has been really fantastic. The players have put in a lot of effort at training and it has been a pleasure to help them. The team have demonstrated excellent teamwork and sportsmanship. Our season has seen some excellent results. At the time of writing we have played 15 games for 3 losses, 1 draw and 11 Wins. We have scored 34 goals and conceded 14 goals. 23 of our goals have been scored by Adam Lyons. Coaches Stephanie & Matthew Marsh.

### **7th Grade Bionics**

The Bionics had a rough start to the season with some big losses. The team improved a lot through the season and ended up with a couple of wins. I would like to thank all the parents for their fantastic support. It's been a pleasure coaching the kids this season and I have enjoyed every second of the season. Player of the year went to Alanta Kyles who scored some great goals for us. Most Improved was a hard one to pick with so many of the players improving through the season. But it will be Philip Van Arendonk. Coach Shayne Kyles.

### **7th Grade Atomics**

We got off to a good start with a bunch of 6 year olds who pretty much had no idea how to play soccer but with lots of energy to burn & learn! Our first game, was defaulted then the next we won..hmm things are looking pretty good, then we started to play teams who had obviously not arrived straight from Kindergarten. We drew the next game followed by 5 straight losses. This however did not bother us, we were all having fun and the Kids seem to enjoy practice as much as the games. We learnt a lot from the losses and kept on training, certainly improving and starting to see the big picture, learning about passing, holding on to the ball, dribbling past opposition etc. All the boys are keen to improve & some of course just develop a natural ability. We went on to win our next 3 games, and I must say the boys were putting into practice the techniques that we (that is Pete Rowlands & I). Pete is one of the other fathers who pretty much teamed up with me from the start and has been a great asset and help. 8 x 6-7 yr olds can be a handful for 1 person! We then lost 1 & won 1 and then had 2 great losses to 2 very good teams, we could well have lost both the last 2 games by up to 1 0-0 however the boys defended/tackled/pressured and generally didn't give up and we held out in both games to 3-0 & 2-0..great games of soccer..and great effort from the boys. The season overall has been a great one, only 1 x game cancelled due to weather and very good sportsmanship from all. Thanks for the opportunity that I've had of coaching a great bunch of kids !! In fact Pete & myself are as keen as mustard to take the team through to next year if possible. Coach Paul Toone.

### **8th Grade Hotspurs**

This year the 8th hotspurs have had a great year to date. Last year we struggled to get a win with most players being new to football & me new to coaching, but we got off to a good start with a draw & a few big wins growing in confidence. We had a couple of hiccups mid season & then got back on a roll even though a few games were tight. Parent support has been awesome again this year, with oranges supplied & subs being organised for me. A special mention for Alexander's big sister Laura, thanks for all your help. Cheers Kevin. Coach Kevin Kennedy.

### **8th Grade Tornadoes**

First game of the season first half went really well. When we changed way after half time it seemed that they forgot which we were going as they scored four own goals. Since that day we haven't lost a game and haven't had a goal scored against us since mid-May. One player has scored four hat tricks and another has scored one. I would like to thank Angela for doing a great job on the subbing. I would also like to thank all the parents for their help and support. I would especially like to thank the players of the Tornadoes for being such a great bunch of kids, turning up to practices and every game. All players have improved greatly this season. I look forward to seeing you all next season for a new lot of challenges. Coach Jacquie Paull.

### **8th Grade Chiefs**

The Chiefs have had a great season. While we may not have won many games (ok... we didn't win any) the kids have all had a great time playing and have all improved over the season. They have been enthusiastic at their practices and have all tried their best at the games, I couldn't ask for more from them. My thanks to all the parents for their help and participation at the practice sessions (it's all good

exercise guys), especially to Allan McVicar for his help as unofficial assistant coach, and for taking the team when I have been unable to make it. I have thoroughly enjoyed being the coach for the Burwood Chiefs this season and have enjoyed watching the kids all have fun playing their games. Coach Julian Thacker.

### **8th Grade Wizards**

The Burwood Wizards (8th Grade) have had a great year. At the time of writing we have only lost 2 games for the year. A great turn around on last year where we lost most of them. First I would like to thank the parents for the support they have given me. There has always been someone there to help me if required. During the cold days the kids have even had hot milo to drink at half time. Overall the team has improved a lot. One player has stood out and his goal scoring ability has helped the team achieve some great wins. As such the Player of the season is Malachi. He has the speed and ability, with the right attitude he could become a very good player. One of the reasons we have achieved better results this year is the position play of a player at the back of the team. He has learnt that you don't have to chase and follow the pack. Therefore the Most Improved player goes to Alex. He played the one position no one else wanted to play, and he made a lot of difference to the team. I will not be able to attend the prize giving as I will be in Australia, but I hope the team all enjoyed themselves and they will be back next year. Coach Rene Pauls.

### **8th Grade Comets**

Well done and many thanks to the wonderful team of Comets. Even though we didn't have the most successful year, the team always shone bright and tried their best at every game. Their enthusiasm, energy (most of the time!) and commitment to the team and the game is commendable. I would just like to say well done and many thanks for an enjoyable season. I have really enjoyed coaching you all and hope you all had a great time. Many thanks also to Alan who was referee for the games on a Saturday, you did a superb job and I really appreciated your assistance. Thank you also to the parents and families of the Comets, your support and cheering the team on each Saturday was just wonderful! Coach Kim Hillson.

### **8th Grade Rockets**

Another great year for the Rockets! The team has trained well all year and this has shown through in how well they have played in Saturdays games. We've had a lot of fun along the way as well which in the end is why we're all here. Players that have stood out this year would be Corbin Holland who some weeks has simply blown the opposition off the park with his goal scoring exploits. Matthew Lancaster has really developed his game and is showing some good ball skills. Jarrod Taylor is a solid performer who gives his best week in week out. The team as a whole though has made great progress this year and choosing player of the day some weeks has been a nightmare! As always a big thank you to parents and supporters for all their help through the season and we'll see everyone back here next year. Coach Andrew Johnson.

### **9th Grade Stingers**

Burwood Stingers (9th Grade) had their best season to date. The team has progressed well with all players improving on their skill levels and team work. The Stingers have demonstrated that they are a worthy opponent with many victories and when they were unfortunate enough to lose, they did not go down easy. Team practices were well attended by all. Thanks to a great bunch of players, coach(es) and the huge parental support; whether it was the supplying of half time refreshments or the cheering on of the team. Steve Conway (Head Coach), Ross Hepburn (Co Coach/Manager)

### **9th Grade Meteors**

What a great year for the team. With one game to go only 1 defeat this season. More importantly every single player has improved their ability. Marley has had a great first season in goal well protected by the great tackling of Daniel, Jonte and the organising of Celena. The engine room has been well stoked by the awesome running and skills of Ben, Jamie and Mitchell and a bag full of goals from the three musketeers in Joel, Leon and Harrison.

Thanks to all the Parents for great support, to Peter for helping on a Saturday and Grace for helping with practice and looking after the balls. Coach Ian France.

### **9th Grade Hawks**

This season has been a huge challenge for the Hawks and goals haven't come easily. This is the 1st year they have played with positions on a bigger field, whilst having to learn goalkeeping, offsides and throw-ins. The players have all improved steadily along this year's bumpy path and there have been some great highlights along the way. Most of our opponents this year have been an excellent match up as 6 of our games ended in draws. I would like to thank all the parents for their support throughout the whole season, with more than 1 or 2 people stepping in to help out when needed. Stephan and I are both looking forward to taking the Hawks again next year and we hope to see everyone back for another season. Have a great summer and keep on practicing your footy. Coach Gary & Stephan.

### **9th Grade Asteroids**

This year added some new dimensions for the team having to adjust to a bigger playing field having a goalie and playing with 8 players we also received some new team members Kyle Smith, Izaak McDonnell, Jesse Behan and Christopher Clemet t who all fitted in very well. Our season turned out pretty well having won 6 games drawn 7 and lost 3. Once again a big thank you to all the parents and supporters for your great commitment for helping make the Asteroids a pleasure to be involved with so as we said before each game As teroids! Asteroids! Asteroids! Thanks. Coach Brent Millar.

### **10th Grade Tigers**

The 6 remaining Tigers from the 9th grade combined with 5 of last years Comets to create an awesome team. With 16 games played, 13 wins, 2 losses and a draw, they had a terrific season. A huge win of 14 - 0 over Parklands early on and some exceptional goals throughout the season pushed the total number of goals scored to 76. The Tigers have some very talented players who will become the great footballers of the future. A big thank-you to parents and supporters for getting in behind this awesome team. The next step in the Tigers footballing careers is 11th grade where the team will be divided through the grading process. We wish all of the players the very best for the future. Sharon & Bex.

### **10th Grade Broncos**

I hope everyone's had a happy and successful season. We had a mixed season with 4 wins, 4 -5 draws and some other games (never could say that word). As a team we were a bit inconsistent, however for the most part we played some good games and the results didn't always reflect the effort put in by the kids. But that's football. Most of the kids made some good improvements and I hoped they enjoyed it regardless of the results. As a first time coach I found it more challenging than I had anticipated but enjoyed it and found it a rewarding experience. I hope to come back next year better for the season. I'd like to finish by quickly thanking the parents for their help, friendship, support and oranges. In particular I'd like to thank Raewyn Ralfs for her organising and management of the team. Thanks to Kay Besuyen for helping out with training. Have a good summer and see you all next season. The team was: Andrew Besuyen, Nicholas Besuyen, Jason Brown, Aida n Cahill, Andre Gibson, Jazmynn Hodder-Swain, Ben Marshall, Jordan Neville, Joshua Ralfs, Ruby -Isabella Reedy-Land, Joshua Ryan. Coach: Terry Neville

### **10th Grade Koolkats**

The Koolkats have come to the end of another season together. This year marked 4 years that the majority of the team have been together chasing a white ball and trying as hard as they can to put that dirty ball away between those white posts at each end of the field. Try as we might we haven't managed to score too many goals this year and indeed our efforts all season long should have been rewarded with many more goals than we did achieve. What we have achieved is a number of wins, a number of losses, but a load of really close and exciting games. Everyone in the team has come on in leaps and bounds, and it's been another year of fun working with them all. A big thanks to the great support all the parents have provided – we've had some harsh mornings to content with, but every week without fail the support is there as always on the sideline – thank you to you all, and thanks to all the kids in the Koolkats for all the fun and laughter and additional grey hairs that you have provided.  
Coach - Mark Jones

### **10th Grade Pumas**

The Pumas have had a very successful season, winning 9 and losing just 3 of the 14 games played to date. Goalkeeper Harry has made some outstanding saves and has been backed up by regular defenders Olivia, Tyran & Levi. The hard working midfield has consisted of Tuha, Mitchell, Brittany, Danielle and the dynamic Tyler. Up front, top goal scorer Jarrod has been ably assisted by Kayley. Congratulations to all the team & supporters for the part they have played in a very enjoyable season.  
Coaches Chris Linden & Alan Winn.

### **11th Grade A.**

This season was always going to be a real test, as the players made the step up to full 11 aside competition. The team quickly gelled as unit and starting playing some outstanding football. It's a credit to all the players who have found the balance of individual skill, team work, competitiveness {read very}, fair play and most importantly, fun. Our combination of dazzling strikers, exceptional mid-fielders, formidable defenders and magnificent goal keeping ensured a very successful season. At the time of writing we are undefeated and in first place on the table, with a real chance of winning the Section 1 title. A big thank you to the Paul and Andrew for refereeing our games, and to all parents and supporters of the 11 A's. Might just have to do it all again next year!!

Team: Avery Addei, Frano Ashby, Tyson Berry, Dylan Burnside, Scott Cambus, Joshua Dell, Matthew Eastgate, Timothy Hall, Bryce McMillen, Meikalya Moore, Jacob Parker, Jackson Smith, Jordan Van der Wielen, Dylan Ward. Coaches Phil Ward & John Burnside.

### **11th Grade B**

We started the season with three narrow wins and a comprehensive loss in the grading games. Surprisingly we were placed in section 1 with 13 other teams. We thus found it very tough playing against some A sides. However to the whole team's credit, they never gave up for a single minute of any game. Season highlights were the league win against Bays who had soundly beaten us in the grading game, and a heartbreaking last minute loss against Burnside which although we lost, it was probably our best all round performance of the season. Thanks to all parents for your support and encouragement. And finally, thanks to the 14 players who gave it heaps every Saturday. Coach Jim MacGregor.

### **11th Grade C**

Over all a good season. The team really came together to play well as the season progressed. We were lucky enough to have 2 great goalies that saved the ball and the day on more than one occasion. These were Cameron Fox and Jessie MacIlquham, Jessie in particular was a notably great goalie, gutsy and committed to getting the ball. We didn't win all our games, but the team put in full effort into the majority of games, and the games that did not go well they took the defeat gracefully. Coach Andrew Millar

### **11th Grade D**

The efforts of this team has grown outstandingly. I would like to thank all the supportive parents. Thank you for the fun, we have all had over the season. I'm very proud of the Burwood D team, great spirit and keep the practice up! Coach Mike Cunniffe.

### **12th Grade A**

After last years great result, this year was a bit of a wake up call for all concerned (coach and players). As 12<sup>th</sup> grade Section 1 includes Premier grade teams, the level of football is considerably higher. We struggled to match the level of the top 2-3 teams. Although I can't fault the effort put in by all the players. There were a few games that should have won or at least drew but unfortunately we lost, probably due to the extra pressure. Despite the results, I've enjoyed coaching the kids and look forward to next year for bigger and better things. Thanks to all the parents for their support of the team and myself. Special thanks to Chris Linden for refereeing at various times. Last but not least thanks to the kids and have a great summer. For the record: Played 16, Won 4, Drew 1, Lost 11. Goals For 28, Goals Against 47. The team was (number of goals scored in brackets): Ambrose Challies (8), Jordan Dell (3), Elliot Doesburg (1), Ciaran Gardiner, Jack Harling (6), Daniel Linden, Kent Manning, Ben Mayo, Isaac McLelland, Slade Placid (1), Nathan Ralfs, Jessica Rathgen (2), Lewis Stewart (3), Bradley Van Eyk Menkman (1). Coach: Murray Ralfs.

### **12th Grade B**

The first few games were as you would expect for the start of a season, a bit mixed. I had to learn where each player preferred to be on the field and then started working with them to bring out their individual strengths and use their natural skills to the team's best advantage. As the season progressed, so did we as a team. Everyone seemed to 'click' and the fun and hard work continued. A huge thanks goes to the parents for their great support, humour and making sure the kids were at their games. Just like their kids, a wonderful bunch. Coach Richard Joubert.

### **12th Grade C**

We had a slow start to the season this year however the four in a row wins at the end made up for it! We thought we would be down a few players - one from a car accident, one broke both wrists and another damaged their wrist as well. We have had some outstanding games recently where it has been really hard to pick one player of the day as the team played so well together. The parent support this year was amazing and it was so good to see everyone at the games cheering the kids on ... even when we weren't at our best. We hope that the kids have learnt something and will continue to play with the enthusiasm that they have shown at every game! Coaches - Glen & Glenda Mitchell

### **13th Grade A**

Feels like it has been a fairly long season through 2007. 13A team in section 1 came in 2nd position after round 1, and it would be fair to say they found it quite hard going in round 2, but I anticipate they will finish within the top 4 out of the 10 teams. We came together way back in April as a squad of 15, in the second game our star goalie broke his leg, since then we have had a string of injuries which has not helped our cause. However both Paul and myself are extremely proud of the team for the courage

and endurance they have shown throughout the season, along with some stunning attack and defence through the majority of their games. A very big thanks to the strong contingent of parents and supporters for turning out every Saturday supplying the oranges and the chocolates.

Many thanks and good luck to all the guys with their summer sports! Coaches Dave and Paul

### **13th Grade B**

Hi . What another great season of football it has been this year. I have got a great group of kids this year that give it all at training and at game time. Our league is very close and most of our games go down to the final whistle. We will finish middle of the table which is a very good result for us. I would also like to thank all the parents for their support and also thank you to the Burwood committee. Coach Dave Cambus.

### **14th Grade A**

The 2007 season has been a very good one for the 14<sup>th</sup> Grade A team this year. Started off the season in section 3, losing just one game in the first round and being promoted to section 2. We found the first few games very tough at this level with opposition skill level much higher - we lost the first 3 games in this section. However the team finished the season strongly though, being undefeated in our last 4 competition games, and finishing middle of the table. The boys can be very proud of this effort, with both individual and team skills all improving greatly in this tougher section. Kieran had a great season as goal keeper. Sam Hazeldine, playing his first ever season of soccer, was our star goal scorer with over 20 goals. Great defence by Mathew Gay, Mathew Jones, Tim & Sam Wilson, who were supported by a strong midfield with Oscar, Brytt, Ryan & Nicholas Ward. Nicholas Tolchard and Joshua both had strong seasons at right & left wings respectively. A big thank you to the loyal & vocal parents on the sideline each week. This has been a great team of boys to coach & we have had a very enjoyable season. We hope to see the players all back again next season. Coaches Mark Tolchard and Wayne Fox.

### **14th Grade B**

Team - Riley Ansett, Frank Artnarong, Jason Cameron, Zane Corson, Joshua Ellis, Logan Grice, Alex Lawless, Lloyd McLaughlan, Tom Pratt, Mitch Prout, Nadine Rutter, Jonathan Varty, Nicholas Varty, Jake Watson. Coach - Brent Lawless.

### **16th Grade A**

Team - Mark Johnstone, Phillip Kirk, Carl Norton -Taylor, David Norton -Taylor, James Rathgen, Ben Smart, Shane Thompson, Jonathan Vaz. Coach - Greg Kirk

### **Junior Youth 17th Grade.**

After a slightly rocky start to the season these lads have settled down to what I think would be our best season in the last 4 years that I have coached this team. The unfortunate mid season loss of Ryan Donaldson to Auckland, whilst not disastrous, did put added pressure on our back line. Michael Brown has scored some superb goals this year ably supported by Geoff Jelly, Matt McLelland, and Bradon Narbey. The staunch mid-fielders Michael Arps, Callum McAra and Ian Jefferys have kept there cool and fed the forwards well. Ben McDonald saved so many opposition goal scoring opportunities I couldn't begin to count them. Our defensive line of: Izac Funt(C), Sam Halligan, Ben MacDonald Andrew Jones and Jesse Lowe held up well and frustrated many an opposition striker. An enjoyable season and I hope to see the boys back next year. Coach : Don MacDonald.