



**BURWOOD**  
ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL CLUB



**Newsletter**

**2008**

### **Presidents Report**

Well another season is complete. What a terrible season for bad weather cancelling a number of games. We can only hope it is better next year. In 2008 we had 29 teams (around 310 kids), as well as 97 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 those coaches who attended and passed the recent coaching courses.

Again we have received a good level of sponsorship from the Eureka Trust and NZ Community Trust – thanks to them for their support. Without this sponsorship your subscriptions would be much higher.

Mainland Football made a number of changes to the way the divisions were set up this year. Most of these changes will continue into next year and lessons learnt this year corrected for the future seasons.

Can I please encourage everyone to support the FIFA U-17 Women's World Cup that will be held in New Zealand in 2008 over the period 28 October to 16 November 2008. In fact Christchurch is hosting 8 games (including both semi-finals). Great package deals exist for tickets to all the games. This is a great opportunity to support Women's football and world football in general.

Once again early next year there will be a registration mail out to all current players for the future 2009 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 season has ended for Burwood. And what a season it's been, weather wise. At one stage I thought we might never get to finish the leagues. Luckily the weather abated for a while, and the guys at Mainland Football were able to juggle parks around to allow most of the leagues to finish.

It is pleasing to see our coaches taking the opportunity to attend the coaching courses put on by Mainland Football. These are paid for by the club and all the coaches that attended this year had nothing but praise for the courses. If you haven't attended a course, and I would recommend you do, please get in touch with me as some courses will be running in the off season in preparation for next year.

Thanks again to the coaches for their efforts this season and also a big thanks to the parents and supporters. Have an enjoyable summer and we'll see you all back for a successful 2009 season.

**Don MacDonald**

### **2008 Sponsors – thanks for your support:**

- Eureka Trust
- NZ Community Trust
- United Video New Brighton

**Annual General Meeting**  
Monday, 20 October 2008, 7.30 pm  
Clubrooms, Clare Park

### **2008 Christchurch Press Penalty Shootout - Preliminary Finalists**

8 to 9 year olds – Boys and Girls

Gregory Sewell, Corbin Holland, Connor Lyons

10 to 11 year olds – Boys and Girls

Joel McKenzie, Jackson Smith, Kyle Smith

12 to 15 year olds – Boys

Nathan Ralfs, Michael Melbourne, Sam Wilson

### **2008 Canterbury Representatives**

Under 12 Girls Selection: Kelly Marshall

Under 12 Boys Selection: Avery Addei, Bryce McMillen



### **2009 Registration Mail Out**

The club will be mailing out the 2009 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](http://www.burwoodafc.co.nz), email [admin@burwoodafc.co.nz](mailto:admin@burwoodafc.co.nz)

### **Team Reports**

#### **Midgets.**

With over 100 keen registered young players, Midgets got off to a roaring start this season. 8 teams were formed including:

- Fireballs
- Fireflys
- Flaming Bullets
- Leopards
- Lightning Rods
- Storm Titans
- Thunderbolts
- Tiger Cubs

Parents were responsible for running teams through the 10 minute drills and games during the hour long Midgets session every Friday from 3.30pm to 4.30pm. Drills focused on basic skills including shooting goals, trapping, kicking, dribbling and passing, with the emphasis always on FUN!

A HUGE thanks to all parents who made Midgets possible. Finding coaches and helpers has to be the most difficult part of all children 's sport, but the most crucial. Thanks for everyone 's support.

**Coach - Karen Wylaars**

#### **7th Grade Tigers**

For most of our team it was their first year of football but the team came a long way in a short time. It was also my first time as a coach. We were supported by a great group of parents. They yelled encouragement at every game and someone always stepped up to run practice or organise Saturday's game whenever I was away with work. That made it easy. We only won a few games all season but almost everyone scored a goal and the kids loved it!

**Coach - Kelly Barber**

#### **7th Grade Wizards**

The Burwood Wizards were a late entry team created out of the boys that missed out on getting into other teams through late registration, and although 7 of the 9 boys are from the same school they had never played together before.. and it showed in the early games. 3 losses, one of them an absolute thrashing was then followed by 5 gritty wins with margins of 1 -0 & 2-0 reflecting the closeness. The boys developed into a very cohesive group and were starting to develop nicely before the weather broke and interrupted the season and there was a 7 week break between games. The boys had started to play positionally with Cameron & Xander happy to defend and Reilly, Kees, Stirling the twins Duncan & Phillip throwing themselves around in the midfield and Toby & Simon looking for the glory and goals up front. The season ended with a win, loss & good win to finish the season with, in what could only be described as a made for movie Hollywood type finish, Duncan who was the only player not to have scored a goal for the season did so with the last kick of the game in the dying seconds much to the joy of his Mum & Dad, (not sure who was happier the child or the parents!!).

So a good season was had with more wins than losses although mostly the boys were happy to be running around together which is the object at this age.

A big thanks go to the parents who helped through the season, co coaches Stefan Buerki, Sean Neal, Dave Brown, Geoff Smith & Shane Butler and especially the mums Sandy (who lugged the goal around all season) Louise, Mandy, Lauren (who makes red coffees) Stacey, Mel, Tui & Janice who braved the cold Thursday practices and provided plenty of verbal encouragement on Saturdays. The most improved player for the season would be (the team in reality). Thanks and Regards.

**Coach - Craig McNab**



### **7th Grade Pumas**

The Pumas have had a big season – and have really developed their basic soccer skills. We started off well with a draw, a win and a loss – but then our defence let us down and we 'leaked' a few goals over the following few weeks. A bit of extra tackling practice on Wednesday nights helped us sort this out. Overall the weather wasn't great – but the boys are improving and enjoyed the games they played. Thanks to all the parents for their support on game day.

**Coach - Hudson Bond**

### **7th Grade Broncos**

Hi my name is Nick Anholt and I am the coach of the Burwood Broncos 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Team.

Well it has been a very enjoyable season with the team steadily improving throughout the year.

We started the season with some heavy 7 and 8 goal losses but as the season went on the scores slowly got closer and closer culminating in our first win of the year last weekend in which we beat Redwood 4-1. One of the main things to strike me was the Fantastic Support of our team which always seemed to be heard above other team's supporters, and it was fantastic to see the level of involvement shown by the parents. It was also good to see the improvement of our players from individuals that were a bit timid and unsure to a team of confident and keen young boys.

**Coach - Nick Anholt**

### **8th Grade - Bionics**

We have had a great season (when we got to play) with slightly more losses than wins. We have seen children learning to pass the ball and play as a team. We have never seen children so keen as to get out and play in the rain sleet and mud. We would like to thank the parents and the club for all the support over the season. It was great to know you were backing us up. We have enjoyed coaching this year.

**Coaches - Raymond & Cath McLean**

### **8th Grade Jaguars**

Thank you to the parents of our team for their support and help throughout the season. The players represented the club well with fairplay and sportsmanship. We have been pleased with all players improving their ball skills and playing as a team preparing them for next season. The players have shown an interest in developing ball skills and along with their individual competitive natures and teamwork skills they combined well as a team to be unbeaten this season. Matches played 13 - 1 draw - 12 wins - 75 goals for - 14 against Adam Lyons (39) Jonathan Challies (12) Tom Weastell (12) Nathan Marsh (8) Boston Toohey (2) Bailey McDonnell (1) Olivia McDonnell (1) & Reece Picket (Defender - awesome effort Reece). Matthew Marsh.

**Coach - Stephanie Marsh**

### **8th Grade Panthers**

Another challenging season for the Panthers! Mainly the same squad as last season with a couple of new faces. The boys try hard every week and did improve over the season however the only area where we struggled which was the same as last season was finding the back of the net! We can and did find the side of the net very often. They would put themselves into great positions to score but the final touch wasn't quite there. Their defence was at times excellent as most of our defeats the results were very close and could have gone either way - just a bit of luck needed! A huge thank you to the Parents/Grandparents and supporters every week (when possible) for the noise, oranges, treats and transport. Even though fuel is what it is the Panthers and crew really enjoyed visiting and playing the different clubs. Last season all the boys wanted to do was not lose to another Burwood team (which we achieved) but this season playing and trying to beat the different teams we hadn't come across last year was the focus! Good times had and look forward to more.

**Coach - Nathan Moore**



### **8th Grade Atomics**

Well the Atomics this year had another year of fun, wins & losses. We started the season off really well and had a run of wins to boost confidence. Several players showed lots of improvement and were starting to click with the game. All boys showed great enthusiasm and always turned up for practice, big thanks to all parents for keeping up with the support and getting them to practice & games. Generally big effort from everybody this year and lots of fun had by all.

**Coaches - Paul Toone & Peter Rowlands**

### **8th Grade Scorpions**

The Burwood AFC 8th Grade Scorpions had, what could best be described as, a year of building. Whilst the team did not do too well in the winning stakes, what we did achieve was to build both a good team ethic and improve every boy's individual skills. The fact that guys kept turning up for the trainings and the games, after some soul destroying losses, showed the amount of heart the boys and their parents had. With a blend of different ages and different skill levels, it was always going to be a challenging introduction to the game, with most being their inaugural season. The plus and it's a major plus, is that we've started now and things will only get better for the guys. The trainings and the game days would not, in a lot of cases, gone ahead without the time, effort and energy put in by, Kevin Thompson (co-coach) Tina Elstone, Shane Neville and all the parents who braved the miserable weather and came alone to support the team.

Thanks for the season, guys...roll on 2009!

**Coach - Mark Elstone**

### **9th Grade Tornados**

Burwood Tornados 9th Grade, The season started well with a lot of enthusiasm then unfortunately the weather turned to custard with quite a few weeks of no soccer. This is the first season on a larger field and having a goalkeeper. The boys really took to playing on a bigger field and started passing the ball around and moving it up from the backs to the halves to the forwards and scoring goals. We have scored 65 goals this season with 19 against. Again we have had great parental support which really helps keeping the boys enthused and maintaining a great standard of play. I would especially like to thank Andrew Todd who has helped coach this year; the boys have really enjoyed his input and made my job easy. I would also like to thank Angela Francis for doing a great job of subbing yet again. Looking forward to another great season next year.

**Coach - Jacquie Paull**

### **9th Grade Rockets**

Another great season for the Rockets! My third year coaching this team and to see where they are now, compared to 3 years ago is very fulfilling. The Rockets have played some very good football this year and we've had a lot of fun along the way too, which in the end is why we're there in the first place. The team had some pretty good results this season with far more wins than losses to show for their efforts. After really blitzing some teams early on we started to see teams getting more organised and presenting more of a challenge to us as the season progressed but I was really pleased at how we seemed to lift another level again and the kids really played some hard fought matches which had the sideline supporters breathless by full time. Speaking of the supporters a big thanks to parents/support crew who every week yelled and cheered and gave the team great support regardless of the weather or score line. Big thanks to Steve for running the subs bench and time keeping duties for me too. See you all next year.

**Coach - Andrew Johnson**

### **9th Grade Comets**

What a bunch of kids to be proud of! The Comets this year have improved steadily each game with each team member making their mark in their own way. A team made up of 6 boys and 3 girls, who had that never give up attitude and gave their best each week. We had a couple of great wins supported by an awesome sideline of parents, grandparents, etc who turned up week in week out and joined in the fun, regardless of weather. Many thanks to Alan for his help and refereeing of the games. A great team of kids and families. All the best

**Coaches - Dave Jackson & Alan Strong**



### **9th Grade Hotspurs**

Team - Miguel Clayton-Jones, Colby Cook, Marco Duarte, Sam Harris, Liam Kennedy, Riley Moffat, Kieron O'Leary, Jenika Rayner, Shaun Scott -Cameron, Mitchell Wheatley.

**Coach - Kevin Kennedy**

### **10th Grade A**

A solid season finishing 5th out of 12 teams. A couple of losses against teams we were expected to beat hindered a higher position. All of the team gave their best with the strength of the team at defending shown by having the best goals against record in the league. Thanks to all the players for their efforts, Brent Millar in his role of Manager and all the parents for their support on Saturdays.

**Coach - Ian France**

### **10th Grade Hawks**

Our 4th year together has been another really enjoyable and successful season. Once again we have improved steadily throughout this year even though so many trainings and games were cancelled due to the bad weather. The most noticeable improvement in the Hawks was the fact we scored goals in nearly every game we played. We had two new players in the squad this year and they fitted in just great. Stefan and I would like to thank every player for their effort this year and also the parents for their tremendous ongoing support. We hope to see all the players back again for 2009.

Games played: 15 Won 6 Lost 7 Drawn 2 Goals for 44 Goals against 37

**Coaches - Gary Marshall & Stefan O'Neil**

### **10th Grade Meteors**

The Meteors thank the parents and supporters. We had a slow start in the first few games but as their skills developed the players had more confidence in themselves. Well done to Celina, Danielle, Kayla and Daniel in their defensive efforts. James and Jonte are definitely getting better. The backbone of the team are Mana and Malachi in the midfield and Joel and Ben up front. The Most Improved player goes to Kayla Placid for her first year as a defender who certainly did not look out of place and played above her peers. The Player of the Year goes to Malachi Boswell for his exciting play with the ball and his tenacity to defend wherever the ball is. Thanks again to all the parents and supporters.

**Coach – Kevin Placid**

### **10th Grade Stingers**

The 2008 season has been a very successful season for the Stingers unbeaten with 13 wins and 2 draws. This result was due to excellent team work and a great positive attitude shown by all players.

I know many of the players would have liked the season to continue as this season has been a lot of fun. We have had almost 100% turnout to training and games every week. We were well supported every game, wet or fine, with parents and family enjoying the entertaining football. I would like to thank everyone involved both on and off the pitch for making this an awesome season.

**Coach - Steve Conway**

### **11th Grade B**

Like all teams this season, our plans were disrupted on numerous weekends by the weather. At various times through the season we were missing key players through one reason or another, and this reflected in some of our results. Several of the team needed to play in various positions all season due to the availability and non availability of some players. We went through a rough spot mid season, but we finished the season strongly winning 4 of our last 5 games, and putting in a gallant effort against the division's top team in the last game of the season. As the season went on the team really started to gel, and player's natural abilities started to shine through. A personal thanks to all the parents for their support and in particular Raewyn for keeping everyone informed of where the team was playing, Chris for refereeing all our games, and Carlene for helping out with training when I was unavailable. Well done to the Burwood B's - I've enjoyed working with you all.

**Coaches - Mark Jones & Raewyn Ralfs**



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

The season began with a good 7-2 win over Halswell C and to start with a win is always a good sign for a coach. The team continued on its winning way for the first round with seven wins from seven games. A goal scoring battle started to develop between Brandon Marsh and Sayce Holland, with Brandon coming out on top. We finished the first round in second place on goal difference, certainly a good reward for the hard work the team put in at training and on match day. After the first round Mainland decided to restructure the division with the bottom eight teams being dropped to form a new division 3.

First game up we faced the other unbeaten team, Selwyn, and despite going 2-0 up came out second with a 5-2 loss. Credit where credit is due they had a couple of players from overseas who were just a class above any player we had seen that season. After this we seemed to lose some confidence, scraping a draw the next week, a bad loss the next then a close fought win over Cashmere. It was at this point Terry Neville, the coach, headed off overseas leaving me to handle the last three games, thanks Tel! Weather caused all sorts of problems but we did manage 2 wins and a loss from these games leaving us in joint fourth place, fifth on goal difference.

I'm sure I speak for Terry when I say we have been proud of the efforts put in by the team, all of whom seem to have improved so much, with Ryan 'The Rock' Prouting showing huge improvement at centre back and Kelly 'Crusher' Marshall showing that young ladies are to be feared on the football field, to name just two. Well done U11A, great season.

**Coaches - Kevin Brett & Terry Neville**

### **11th Grade C**

I was happy to coach the 11C team this year. They are a great bunch of kids who had a lot of fun. We started the year with a win, two losses and a draw. The kids and I were still finding out where they were best suited on the field. The middle part of the season with the grading and weather was not easy but the team were amazing in keeping the fun and enthusiasm going. We have had some good close games in the latter part of the season. Thanks to all the parents for your help and support.

**Coach - Richard Joubert**

### **12th Grade A**

Another top season for this side, with only one game robbing us of back to back titles. Our result of 11 Wins, 2 Draws and just the 1 Loss is something all the players should be very proud of. The team pattern was generally of a very high standard, and always ensured plenty of sideline excitement, even if it didn't always go quite to plan! The commitment these kids have shown right throughout the season has made them a real pleasure to coach.

A big thank you to Paul and Andrew for refereeing our games, Kay for her First Aiding, Mike & Greg on the nets, and to all parents and supporters of the 12 A's. Will be back next year to give it another tilt.

Team: Avery Addei, Cody Browning, Dylan Burnside, Scott Cambus, Joshua Dell, Matthew Eastgate, Ben Gallaher, Jack McGregor, Bryce McMillen, Michael Melbourne, Slade Placid, Jackson Smith, Jordan Van der Wielen, Dylan Ward.

**Coaches - Phil Ward & John Burnside**

### **12th Grade B**

This season has been a concoction of wins and losses, good and bad weather and a whole lot of fun! The commitment of the team was evident in their willingness to turn up to practice no matter what the weather. We have developed a lot of skills over the past season, and each member has been a committed team player, even though they all have a likeness to the same position! I would like to thank the team for the respect they showed me throughout the season by listening at practices and their willingness to play whatever position was asked of them, even if it was not their preferred. This has been an enjoyable season for me as a first time coach. I would like to thank Chris Hall for all his help and advice throughout the season, and our parents for all their support. A very special mention to Lorraine Payne - for all your work and organisation of the team. I can not thank you enough for all the time and effort you have put into this team.

**Coach - Wayne Calder**



### **12th Grade C**

The team have had a mixed bag of results – the balance tipped toward the positive.

Where the 12C team have really shone is in their approach to the game. Win or lose the team have entered into every game with a great team spirit and a healthy attitude, making coaching of the team a real pleasure.

Thanks to Raj Norton for his support as assistant coach.

**Coach - Andrew Millar**

### **12th Grade D**

Our season got off to rough start. It took a while to find our feet with a number of new players in the team including two that had never played football before. Most games we have made some good progress and the team has definitely improved even though it has been a disruptive season with the weather. We were a long way into the season when our first win on the paddock came which is testament to the relatively good work at practice and determination and enthusiasm on game day the team has shown throughout the year.

All in all it's been a very enjoyable process with this team as my first season coaching.

**Coach - Nathan Koole**

### **13th Grade A**

2008 was a good year for the 13A team. A number of last year's players moved on to other clubs, but this had no effect on the team as the replacements were more than adequate. In fact, I believe the team performance and morale was much better this year. The team played some great football during the year and easily held their own in Division 2, finishing 4<sup>th</sup>. This was their first year on a senior pitch and they handled that step up well.

There were some memorable games, especially the games against Selwyn and Woolston -Tech as well as nearly beating the top team Western. The only area where we could improve is having a permanent goalkeeper, this duty was shared around a number of the players (thanks to Nathan and Daniel L for the majority of this). I thoroughly enjoyed coaching these kids – it was a lot of fun and I look forward to next year.

Thanks to all the parents for their support of the team and myself. Special thanks to Brent Davidson and Chris Linden for refereeing at various times. Last but not least thanks to the kids, have a great summer and we'll see you next year.

For the record: Played 14, Won 7, Lost 7. Goals For 34, Goals Against 38. The team was (number of goals scored in brackets): Reece Bonner (2), Ambrose Challies (12), Sam Davidson (2), Elliot Doesburg, Ciaran Gardiner (2), William Jelley (2), Daniel Joubert, Casey Le Breton, Daniel Linden (1), Derek Marongere (10), Ben Mayo, Luke Millar, Nathan Ralfs (1), Jessica Rathgen (1), Taniora Stife.

**Coach - Murray Ralfs**

### **13th Grade B**

13B had a rocky start with the season we played some games with some big deficits.

We were put into fifth division and we started playing some great challenging games and started coming away with some wins. Shirley St Albans being our main thorn in our side and seeming to get better in leaps and bounds as the season progresses. We got better as the season progressed and even though with the large amount of missed games and practices we slotted in quite well when the games started back up and won against Kaiapoi by 2 points. The next week we won 3 -2 against Woolston Tech. The team is gelling well and the communication between team members on the field is much better and passing well to each other. To all you 13B's, it has been an experience coaching you and I can see a good number of you doing well in the future.

**Coach - Philip Reddish**

### **14th Grade A**

A hard long season with continual weather delays made it a pretty tough ask for the 14A team. We were tracking very well in section 3 with some big wins and were promoted into section 2 where we found the weather and the competition quite hard going. I would like to congratulate all the team and supporters for fronting up in some of the conditions we played in. Big thanks to Paul for the refereeing and coaching he supplied.

Looking forward to 2009!

**Coach - Dave Smeekes**



### **15<sup>th</sup> Grade A**

The team this year is a combination of last year's 14th grade A & B teams. The team has had a very good season this year. The players are Riley Ansett, Ryan Booth, Jason Cameron, Zane Corson, Timothy Crimp, Joshua Ellis, Brytt Frunt, Matthew Jones, Alex Lawless, Joshua O'Keefe, Oscar Potts, Nadine Rutter, Nicholas Tolchard, Nicholas Ward, Sam Wilson.

The season started with a couple of huge wins, by 14 & 15 goals (Joshua O'Keefe scored 9 goals in one of these games-a great effort!!) The team got regarded shortly after that to a section that is significantly tougher. At time of going to print, the team should finish up mid-table which I think is a very good effort in a tough section. This has been a very frustrating season weather wise, with 4 consecutive games & practices missed. It was then like starting the season all over again. I have gained a great deal of pleasure coaching the team this year -they are a great bunch of kids. Nadine as the sole female in the team had a great season getting the better of many of her male opponents. A special thanks to Duncan for refereeing for me this year & for Derek helping with the gear & nets. Also a special thanks to the great band of loyal parents & family for supporting the team. I hope you all have a great summer. I hope to see you back next year.

**Coaches - Mark Tolchard & Brent Lawless**

### **19<sup>th</sup> Grade A**

Before the start of the season it didn't look like we were going to have enough players for this season (1 registration!). But thanks to the sterling efforts of Ian Jeffreys, a team was found.

The standard of play and the discipline of the team made games a pleasure to watch and the team finished in the middle of a competitive section. I'm sure in the future some of these guys will go on to play at a very high level in the sport, but for now we're glad to have them at Burwood.

The team comprised of: Michael Arps, Alex Bridge, Scott Dickson, Izac Frunt, Ian Jeffreys, Andrew Jones, Jesse Lowe, Matthew McClelland, Scott Paynter, David Ramirez, Sean Te Whero, Jacob Thomson. With others helping from time to time.

**Coach - Don MacDonald**

## **2008 Mainland Football Burwood Team Results (Competitive Only)**

<u>Burwood Team</u>		
10A	Division 2	5 <sup>th</sup>
11A	Division 2	5 <sup>th</sup>
11B	Division 5	5 <sup>th</sup>
11C	Division 7	3 <sup>rd</sup>
12A	Division 2	2 <sup>nd</sup>
12B	Division 3	11 <sup>th</sup>
12C	Division 5	4 <sup>th</sup>
12D	Division 5	10 <sup>th</sup>
13A	Division 2	4 <sup>th</sup>
13B	Division 5	3 <sup>rd</sup>
14A	Division 2	8 <sup>th</sup>
15A	Division 3	7 <sup>th</sup>
19A	Division 2	6 <sup>th</sup>

### **Annual General Meeting**

Monday, 20 October 2008, 7.30 pm  
Clubrooms, Clare Park