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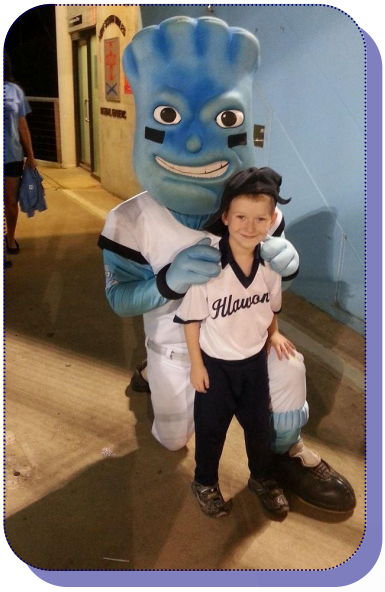
Welcome back to another edition of the Marlin Mail, the weekly newsletter of the Illawong Baseball Club, and welcome all Illawong Marlin players, coaches, managers, parents and sponsors.

After approximately a 6 week break, all the Marlin teams were back in action again this round, and with many good results being seen on the scorecards. With only a few rounds left in the season, the run to the finals is now on, so to all the teams in the running for the finals we wish them all the best for the next few games.

With the extremely hot weather upon us, its important that everyone encourages the players and officials to stay hydrated.

Also remember that the club's AGM is on next Wednesday, and all parents are encouraged to attend, to see how they might be able to help in the organising and running of the club. Even helping out in small roles, benefits the club enormously, so come along and see how you might be able to help and make this an even better club.



Who was at the Blue Sox over the summer...

Weekly Match Reports

As part of the weekly newsletter, a representative from each team will be asked to write a small match report each week. The team's weekly match report responsibilities will usually be shared around by your team manager.

The content of the weekly match reports, doesn't need to be overly long. The primary objective of the match reports is to allow the kids to see their name mentioned and feel pride in their achievements. So we need to ensure the match reports touch on the positives of each match, and ultimately encourage the kids to get out there and have a go, and enjoy themselves.

You don't need to worry too much about the formatting, it's the content which is most important. I will handle the formatting and standardising of all reports while I am creating the newsletter. Once you have typed up the match report, just email it through.

I would like the match reports emailed though to marlinmail@illawongbaseball.com.au by 7pm on Monday nights, but the earlier the better. This will allow me to have the newsletter prepared for distribution by mid week.

WEAR YOUR "PROTECTOR"

REMEMBER it is a MANDATORY requirement for players to wear their "protector" both at training and on game day. This for the safety and long-term wellbeing of the players. Please parents remember to educate the players of this important requirement. Below is an extract from the current CSJBA 2010-2011 rulebook.

8.02 All players, from U/10 Soft-Toss/Baseball, through Junior Baseball, must wear a protective cup at all times during the game. It is the responsibility of parents/guardians to ensure that their child is wearing a protective cup.

For further information please speak to your team manager or coach.

WET WEATHER ADVISORY

Your coach or manager will let you know the system that they have in place for both training and game day if it is raining. On game day grounds are not inspected until 7:30am so if you have an early game you will need to assume it is still on until notified from 7:45am onwards. Some grounds in the Shire may still be open while others may be closed, so once again assume your game is on unless otherwise contacted. Throughout the week, the grounds are the jurisdiction of the Sutherland Shire Council, who will decide whether mid-week training is allowed to take place, again you must await for advice from your manager or coach confirming whether training will take place or not.

For further information please refer to the club website or speak to your team manager or coach.

Please remember to take care outdoors.

Please remember young children are more susceptible to extreme temperatures, so a reminder to all coaching staff and parents to take care in the sun over summer and be on the look out for our kids.

Remember to bring your **hat** and a **drink** and to **apply sunscreen** *before* you set off to baseball and to pack some in your bag to reapply during the day.

And don't forget your **portable chairs** and an **umbrella**, as seating and shade are usually very limited at the grounds we play!

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Upcoming Events

Dates to note on your calendar

Illawong Baseball Club AGM

Date: 12th February 2014
Location: Barden Ridge Clubhouse
Time: 7:30pm

All are welcome to come along and offer assistance in running the club. This is the time when you can put up your hands to offer to help out. The club is always looking for willing people to help run the club. No matter how small your contribution is, every bit of assistance helps and is appreciated.

Under 13 and Under 15 Junior All Girl (JAG) League

Date: 23rd February 2014
Location: Barden Ridge Oval
Time: TBA

Come along and support our Illawong players who are apart of this series.

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Stamping out sport rage: tips for parents

We all know that sport is a fantastic way for children to learn important lessons about teamwork, rules, winning, losing and much more. It also keeps them fit, healthy and provides great friendships.

So it's a real shame that sport for young people can be ruined by sport rage. Sport rage is violence, bad language, abuse and general bad behaviour by players, coaches, officials or spectators.

At its worst, sport rage reduces a child's enjoyment of sport, undermines all the terrific benefits and can lead to drop out.

Many people have a role to play in stamping out sport rage. This includes our club committee, coaches, officials, players, spectators and parents.

As a parent, you can help reduce sport rage by being a good role model and creating a positive sporting environment. Here are some simple tips:

Take a moment to read

Encourage fair play

- ✓ Cheer and acknowledge good plays by both teams
- ✓ Thank the officials, coach and other team after the game
- ✓ Respect officials, coaches and opponents

Keep your emotions in check

- ✓ Be enthusiastic, but don't scream instructions from the sideline
- ✓ Don't get into shouting matches with anyone
- ✓ Never use bad language or harass others

Help kids enjoy sport

- ✓ Emphasise trying hard and having fun, not just winning
- ✓ Talk about the game, not the result.

It's also important to understand, uphold and support our club's code of conduct for parents.

Social Media

For the regular visitors to the club's website you will have noticed that there is now a Twitter feed giving you updates and messages. We will endeavour to post any urgent messages via Twitter such as wet weather announcements and ground closures. So sign up and follow along. The Twitter feed is also linked to the club's new Facebook account.
The club's Twitter Account is @IllawongMarlins
The club's Facebook page is found at www.facebook.com/illawongbaseballclub

McDonalds Orange Bowl for Marlin Players, Officials and Umpires

With the hot days of summer here, we would like to thank McDonalds, who will on most weekends allow the club to use of their Orange Bowl to dispense chilled ice water to Illawong Marlin Players, Officials and Umpires. This will allow the players to refill their water bottles with clean ice cold water. This is being provided for the Marlin Players ONLY. It will be located inside the clubhouse.

SUGGESTION: During the game arrange for a parent to gather up the player's water bottles and head to the clubhouse to refill their water bottles so the kids can remain hydrated whilst playing.

Illawong Baseball Club AGM

The next Illawong Baseball Club Annual General Meeting is set down for Wednesday 12th February 2014 and will be held at the Illawong Baseball Clubhouse, starting at 7:30pm.

So please set aside a small amount of your time, to attend this important meeting and help with the running of this great club, so that your children can continue to enjoy this wonderful game of baseball.

New State Laws

Last year, the Tobacco Legislation Amendment Bill 2012 passed through the NSW Upper House. This legislation represents a major step forward for tobacco control and public health. The Bill prohibits people from smoking around children's playgrounds, sporting fields and organised sporting events, covered bus shelters and taxi ranks across NSW.

This law is now in effect, so all parents and spectators need to now start to observe this new law and refrain from smoking around our fields and the children's games. The designated smoking area is next to the rubbish bin cage in the car park.

Match results for Round 14

Grade	Opponent	Home or Away Game	Results
17/1's	St George	Away Game	Won 13 - 3
17/2's	Arncliffe Scots	Home Game	Won 13 - 6
14/1's	St George	Home Game	Lost 14 - 4
14/3's	Bonnet Bay	Away Game	Won 15 - 7
12/1's	St George	Home Game	Lost 12 - 1
12/3's	Giants	Away Game	Won 7 - 5
10/1's	Cronulla Blue	Home Game	Lost 14 - 5
10/3's	Comets	Away Game	Won 7 - 3
8/1's	Giants	Away Game	Draw 24 - 24
8/2's	St Pats Black	Home Game	Won 24 - 18
8/3's	Arncliffe Scots	Home Game	Draw 18 - 18

Absenteeism

A friendly reminder to all players that if you know you are going to be away during a playing round, please let your coach and team manager both know. They put a lot of time into planning for games, drawing up player rosters and filling in paperwork. It's just courteous to inform your coach and manager that you will be absent or late. Put yourself in their shoes, how would you feel if you were trying to organise a party, and no one replied as to whether they were going to show up or not!

Team Match Reports

Kids love seeing their names in print. Please forward your match reports by 7:00 pm on Monday evening to the Newsletter Editor, at marlinmail@illawongbaseball.com.au to submit a match report.

U8/2's Vs. St Pats (Black) Home Game Won 24 - 18

What a morning!! Come 9am and we were ready to go but sadly with St Pats Black (except for a couple of players). Just quietly, I think a few of the parents may have been a tad excited at this stage at the thought of heading back home (I know I was). It was short lived however and at 9.15am both teams took the field and off we went.

Both teams were pretty evenly matched after the 1st innings and it was one of those games that could have gone either way that was until the 2nd innings of course! 4th batter up for St Pats and it was a doozy. The batter has hit straight to our pitcher (Noah). Noah has just put his glove straight out and wham, in the ball goes and stays!! 1 out. By this stage, their players had started to run the bases. Despite the calls from some of their sidelines for the runners to return back to their original base, this did not happen. Our sideline were yelling at our boys to grab the ball make the play at first, 2 out! Then to throw to second base, 3 out!! Thankfully they listened and it was 1, 2, 3 out … the holy grail of baseball, a TRIPLE PLAY!!

As you can imagine, this wasn't the ideal outcome for St Pats but side away it was and we went out to bat. As like the 1st innings, all 6 of our runners got home. We entered the 3rd innings with a rather healthy lead (being 12-6). For the remaining 3rd and 4th innings, both teams managed to get all 6 runners home but it was too late. The 2nd innings for the Marlins secured our win and hence, end of the game and it was Marlins with the Victory (24-18).

All boys played well. Being the first game back after a rather long break, miraculously they all found their t -ball feet and hands rather quickly and just got straight back into their groove.

Jayden Skuse could do no wrong on the day and had a blinder of a game. This secured him the McDonalds Award. Well deserved Jayden … great game buddy!!

Our Player of the Match went to Taj Sharman. Little Tajie always gives it his best week in and week out and Saturday was no different. He always does what he's told. His main strength would be his hitting game. Starting last year at the tender age of 4, as you can imagine, there were many things for him to learn. This year, the dramatic improvement has been his batting game and Saturday demonstrated that. He was hitting hard and running hard. He just always tries so very hard and with the biggest smile he can muster. Well done Tajie … great game little man!!

With only 3 games to go for us, these boys just keep getting better every week. If we can keep the same team together next year … watch out I say!!

Manager: Tracey-lee Herbert

U8/3's Vs. Arncliffe Scots Home Game Drew 18 All

No match report submitted.

U14/3's Vs. Bonnet Bay Away Game Won 15 - 7

Even though the team had a better win-loss average, Bonnet Bay were ahead on percentage as we went into the game. Having enjoyed a relaxing holiday, the question was always, was the team too relaxed? A punishing score line of 15 to 7 reflected one of the teams strongest performances. Some solid pitching from Bonnet Bay saw 2 of our top 3 batters struck out. A couple walks enabled Ellesha, Jack and James to steal home on some wild pitches. James began pitching and soon earned his MVP award. With no hits recorded, James struck out their first three batters in 14 pitches.

The opportunity to push ahead soon presented itself as the team scored a further 6 runs with only one out. Andrew and Riley soon gained the team valuable breathing space through careful selection of the pitching and some smart base running. Cooper stepped up to the plate with two on base and hit to centre field, allowing Marc and Ellesha to get home on a double. With Cooper and Jack waiting on base, James batted with patience and the pressure was too much for the pitcher who recorded his 8th walk. A lead of 9 to 0 was reflected in the happy mood in the dugout. James again pitched in the second, this time allowing 3 runs. With his innings pitch count at 38, 3 balls and 2 strikes on the batter, the call from the dugout was, "Put it in there. We need one more strike." No pressure of course. And that is what he did, 9 to 3.

A solid ground ball out to left field from Carl started the innings with flare. Peter eagerly stepped up and methodically watched each ball miss the target to get on base for another walk. Clayton, who had demolished air around him with the bat in the first innings, was not going to hold back this time either. An amazing hit to right field landed inches inside the line and raced away from the fielder. A fantastic home run. Andrew, Riley and Ellesha all backed up with further runs. With the score at 15 to 3, the game was all but over. After Carl assumed the pitching duties, four runs were scored as the team began to relax and realise the game was won. He closed it out with a strike out and the top of the table clash was finally over, 15 to 7.

Manager: Stuart Smith

U8/1's	Vs.	Giants	Away Game	Drew 24 All

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The Illawong Shopping Village

The boys arrived at Apsley Field keen to get back on the field after the Christmas break. Things started slowly and the boys were behind after the first inning but soon got back level with some great fielding and teamwork in the second. From there some big hits and consistent batting kept the scores level, ending in a good draw.

Oliver was this week' "Player of the Match" with some good batting and fielding helping the team. The "Batting Award" went to **Lachie** who batted consistently and had some good hits at key times. **Hamish**, **Tyler**, **Ollie** & **Callum** all stepped up with some big hits into the outfield and had our runners sprinting around the bases. These guys hit the ball so hard and far – I'm glad I don't have to stop them or chase them. **Campbell** hit some good balls and tried hard in the field. **Will** had some key hits to assist in bringing runners home. **Josh** batted well and was excellent in the field, with good fielding and throwing keeping the opposition on their toes. **Eugene** also did well with the bat, and showed some great fielding skills.

Thanks to our big support crew who assist every week and cheer the boys on.

Boys, let's keep working hard, enjoying our baseball and finish the season well.

Manager: John Sweeting

U12/1's	Vs.	St George	Home Game	Lost 12 - 1

The boys had a great run leading up to Christmas posting two wins from two starts and enjoyed a well earned break on a high. Unfortunately, the great run didn't continue and the boys went down 12-1 to St George in the first game back. Despite starting well, St George broke away in the top of the second inning and we couldn't hold them back.

There were however five safe hits and a number of good plays in the field. The pick of these was a great play from Matthew B in right field collecting the ball cleanly followed by a direct throw to Val at first base to get the out. This play earned the boys joint "player of the match". We look forward to the remaining three games of the season.

Manager: Julie Thurecht

U10/1's Vs. Cronulla Blue Home Game Lost 14 - 5

It was good to be back after the break and the kids had a big game against the competition leaders. We started well with Keegan taking a catch at 2nd from the first ball of the game. Cole made a good play from 3rd to 1st but unfortunately it jumped out of Logan's glove at 1st. Cronulla had some good hits and brought home 6 runs.

A hit to Logan and Cole wasn't enough and we were sent back out into the field. We kept Cronulla to 1 run with an out by Keegan at 2nd and a double play to Liam, taking the catch at shortstop and then making the out at 1st.

Liam and Keegan got us going with a single to centrefield and Taylor got an RBI bringing Liam home.

Cronulla were then kept scoreless, Taylor struck out two with Cole taking a super catch at left field to end the innings.

In the bottom of the 3rd, Logan and Cole started us off with single before Nathan hit a double to right field scoring 2 runs. This brought the score to 7-3 and were in the game. Unfortunately our next fielding innings let Cronulla score 6 runs through some good hitting by Cronulla and some errors by Illawong.

Cronulla then kept us scoreless with some great fielding. We managed to keep Cronulla to 1 run in the 5th, Ryan took a great stretching catch at 2nd and Keegan had another catch at Pitcher.

It was then Cole and Logan getting us going again before Nathan slogged the ball between left and centre field to score them both. It looked like a home run shot but unfortunately Nathan missed 1st base and had to go back and touch it. The score ending up 14-5.

We were up against a good team today and the kids tried hard but it was just a few simple errors that cost us in the end.

Coach: Stuart Fletcher

U10/3's Vs. Comets Away Game Won 7 - 3

No match report submitted.

U17/1's	Vs.	St George	Away Game	Won 13 - 3

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Marlin 17-1's offense too much for St George in 19-3 rout

Marlin 17-1's jumped out to an early lead on St George and captured a 19-3 victory on Saturday at Evatt Park.

Seven runs in the first three innings allowed Marlin 17 -1's to put the game away early.

An RBI single by Max Richardson, an error, an RBI double by Jordan Macbeth, an RBI double by Jack Brogan, and an RBI double by Nicholas Szymura in the first inning and an RBI single by Max during the second inning supplied the early offense for Marlin 17-1's.

Jack went a perfect 2-2 at the plate for Marlin 17-1's. Marlin 17-1's easily handled St George pitching as six hitters combined for 11 hits, 11 RBIs and 14 runs scored.

Marlin 17-1's matched its six-run fourth inning with six more in the fifth. In the fourth, Marlin 17-1's scored on a sacrifice fly by Jack, bringing home Max.
Jordan started the inning with a single, scoring Max.

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U17/2's	Vs.	Arncliffe Scots	Home Game	Won 13 - 6

No match report submitted.

U14/1's	Vs.	St George	Home Game	Lost 14 - 4

No match report submitted.

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U12/3's	Vs.	Giants	Away Game	Won 7 - 5

No match report submitted.