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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.

Round 7 is now completed. The season, and the competition is still evolving, with some rule changes for different divisions now in play, and now after the regrading for some teams its a whole new "ball game" (excuse the pun).

In the coming weeks, as the weather heats up, its a timely reminder that we need to ensure that all the players are remaining hydrated during and after their games. It is easily overlooked in the excitement of a game, but we should as coaches, managers and parents, immediately remind players as they come into the dugout to have a drink of water. As it days heat up, most weekends at our home ground, we will have a McDonalds' "Orange Bowl" with iced water which is available to refill the player's drink bottles during their game. As a side note,

as this is drinking water, please refrain from allowing children to open the lid and playing in the ice.

Also returning to a feature of the Marlin Mail from previous seasons, the Kids Corner is back this week. So why not print up the last page for the little kids to colour in, even make it something they can show at training or after their game, or have your coach hang them in the canteen. Hopefully, little things like that will keep them encouraged and excited about playing baseball, especially if they have had a "bad" game.

Also I encourage everyone to read page 6 of this newsletter.





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 is 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 Monthly Meetings

Date: 12th November 2014
Location: Barden Ridge Club House
Time: 7:30pm

All are welcome to come along and offer assistance in running the club.

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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:

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.





This Month's Birthdays

During November, the following players, coaches, managers and committee members are celebrating their birthday, and the club would like to wish them all a very happy birthday.



**Joel B, Alex B, William B, James H,
Daniel K, Noah L, Riley M, Iris N,
Lachlan R, Jayden S, Bradley T,
Anthony T, Paul S, Ryan W**

New State Laws



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.



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



Clothing Range

Have you noticed some of the coaching staff, committee members and players wearing some of our new clothing range??

If you want are interested in purchasing the new gear, please contact our uniform officer Julie as listed below.

Julie can be reached at

uniforms@illawongbaseball.com.au



Match results for Round 7

Grade	Opponent	Location	Results
17/1's	Giants	Barden Ridge	Won 17 - 4
17/3's	Dolphins	Pioneer Park	Won 11 - 3
14/1's	Comets	Barden Ridge	Won 12 - 5
14/2's	Cronulla	Barden Ridge	Lost 10 - 7
12/1's	Bosco	Barden Ridge	Lost 8 - 1
12/3's	St Pats	Waratah	Won 14 - 5
10/1's	Bosco	Heathcote	Lost 14 - 9
10/2's	Yarrawarra	Barden Ridge	Lost 10 - 0
8/1's	Bosco	Heathcote	Lost 30 - 24
8/2's	Bosco	Barden Ridge	Won 24 - 19
8/3's	Cronulla	Sylvania Waters	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.



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Under 12-1's

No match report submitted.



Away

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Under 12-3's

No match report submitted.



Away

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Under 8-3's

No match report submitted.



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Home

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Under 14-2's

No match report submitted.



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Under 17-3's

A typical windy afternoon at Pioneers Park Malabar as the 17/3's of Illawong take on the Dolphins.

A great start in the 1st innings as we got six home and it was side away.

A new pitcher/catcher combination of James and Kristen were introduced into the game and they restricted the Dolphins to 3 runs. A couple of drop third strikes with tagging resulted in the innings being a good one for the Marlins.

James pitched for two innings and produced some wonderful strikes. Carl was brought into the game in the third innings and shut the game down completely.

Our batting was also great with a strong hits from everyone, especially one from Riley late in the game. Fielding from everyone was another strong point this weekend with a great combination from Peter, Left Field and Amber, 1st Base to produce a strong out.

All in all the team produce a strong TEAM effort.

Our player of the match was Amber.

Final Score : Marlins 11 Dolphins 3

Thank you to all who came and watched and to the scorers, base coaches, manager Stuart S and our coach Stuart H.

Kristen





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Under 8-1's

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A great game today, the boys did very well. The only difference between the teams was a superb catch by the Bosco pitcher and double play to restrict Illawong to no runs in the 2nd innings.

In the field we had some good fielding by Isaiah at left field, Cayde made an out playing at 1st and then made a great attempt at an out from 3rd to 1st. Jack made a tag at 2nd, Jaxon fielded well at short stop and Logan fielded a hard hit ball at centrefield while Rhys fielded well at different positions around the diamond.

With the bat, Kurt hit the ball hard today while Jonah and Ryan ran well around the bases. Jack hit 2 home runs sending the Bosco outfielders on a long run to chase the ball while Cayde, Jaxon and Rhys scored. All the boys are batting really well and it was just a lucky play that stopped us today.

Man of the match was Jack with his 2 home runs while Rhys picked up the McDonalds award for a great overall fielding performance.

Coach: Stuart Fletcher

**If you want to read about your team, you
have to remember to submit your match
reports and any photos you might like to
include to
marlinmail@illawongbaseball.com.au**





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Under 8-2's

This week saw us host the Bosco Braves for our first game on the "big field" (the junior diamond), and weren't the kids excited! As the kids got stuck into a solid pre-game warm up under the guidance of special guest coaches Paul Childers and Cole Taylor, we knew they were determined to play well as they stepped up onto the big stage. The Braves came out swinging in the top of the first but were gunned down after only scoring 2 runs. Our pitcher Patrick and 1st baseman Zac combined for two crisp 1-3 (pitcher to 1st base) groundouts, while Patrick recorded the third out after fielding a slow roller and tagging down the runner trying to score. On our turn we hit solidly through the 1 to 9 spots, plating 6 runs before being side away. In the top of the second the Braves were more cautious and hit well, scoring 6 runs despite some great fielding by pitcher Holly and 1st baseman Shea that saw one Brave forced out, a few more close plays just saw Braves reach first base despite good fielding. The bottom of the second saw us swing the bats well again, with another 6 runs crossing the plate. Lachlan, Sienna and Chris all hit very well with each really middling the ball and giving the fielders no chance of throwing them out. Trailing 12-8 at the top of the third the Braves stepped up at the plate and swung the bat hard, putting some doubles into the outfield. Our fielding was up to the challenge though as the infield stepped up to retire the Braves for 5 runs. Pitcher Shea and 1st baseman Patrick recorded the first out on a 1-3 groundball. Tiffany at 3rd base recorded an unassisted force out on a ground ball which she fielded before racing to the bag to beat the runner advancing from 2nd. Sisters Holly and Tiffany showed off their family connection as they combined for the third out 6-5 (shortstop - 3rd base). Shortstop Holly deftly fielded a ball to her left before quickly throwing to Tiffany to force out the Brave trying to advance from 2nd base. As we came up to bat in the bottom of the 3rd the Braves were leading 13-12 and they knew they had to hold us scoreless to

have any chance of victory. They started well, gunning down our first two batters on 1-3 groundballs that left us facing the possibility of a donut in the inning. Tainui and James both reached base with solid hits to keep us alive but behind. With two on and two out Tiffany stepped up to the plate and laced a line drive deep into left centre field for a 3 run homer! Sensing the change in momentum our team piled on the hits as Holly, Lachlan and Angelique all reached with good singles before Shea and Patrick batted them home to see us side away for 6 runs. The top of the 4th saw Bosco score 6 runs, despite our shortstop Angelique nearly making a great out at 1st base, ensuring we had to bat again, which we did, also piling on 6 more to secure a hard fought and gutsy 24-19 victory in front of a very appreciative home crowd.

The Golden Glove Player of the Match went to Tiffany for her game breaking home run and good fielding. Well done Tiffany!

Special mention must go to Lachlan who, while playing catcher in the top of the 2nd inning, wore a ball to the eye after a throw back in took a bad hop. Despite having tears in his eyes and needing a moment, and an ice pack, to compose himself, Lachlan bravely came back into the game in the bottom of the 2nd to take his turn at bat, eyes red but with a big smile on his face. That type of determination to not let his team down, and pride in his uniform, is what really makes the coaching staff and parents so proud of this team. They are there for each other. Well done kids!

Caretaker Coach/Manager: James Taylor
Special Guest Coaches: Paul Childers and Cole Taylor



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Under 14-1's

No match report submitted.

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Under 10-2's

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Under 17-1's

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Early lead gives MARLINS victory over the Giants, 19-4

MARLINS jumped out to an early lead on the Giants and captured a 19-4 victory on Saturday at Barden Ridge.

Thirteen runs in the first three innings allowed MARLINS to put the game away early.

An RBI single by Brad RICHARDSON, a three-run home run by Izzy ADRA, an RBI single by Ethan NG, and a hit by pitch during the first inning and an RBI double by ADRA, an RBI single by Jack Brogan, and an RBI single by Max RICHARDSON in the second inning fuelled MARLINS' offense early.

ADRA racked up six RBIs on three hits for MARLINS. MARLINS easily handled the Giants pitching as seven hitters combined for 14 hits, 17 RBIs and 17 runs scored.

The top of the first saw the Giants take an early lead, 2-0. The Giants' offense woke up as Emma Andrews singled before Lachlan Ancora tripled, scoring Blake Williams and Andrews.

After a quick strike from the Giants, MARLINS responded with six runs in the fourth. MARLINS scored on A two-run double by RICHARDSON, a sacrifice fly by ADRA, a hit by pitch, a walk by Heath FISHER, and a bases loaded walk.

The play of the day had to go Izzy's Home Run, with the defensive play going to the Giants left fielder Lachlan Anchora who made the most spectacular side diving catch off Heath's line drive – seriously applauded by all present!

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Under 10-1's

Round 7, versing St John Bosco in Heathcote and it wasn't just hot from the early morning sun, our Marlins started out on fire scoring 3 runs in the first inning.

Luc started the batting off with a great hit to left field which found him safe on 2nd and he continued to bat awesome for the remainder of the game, scoring 3 hits for the day with his last being a home run!

Next up was Ollie who again batted well this week with 2 hits from 3 at bats and 2 stolen bases.

Bryce was awesome behind the plate at catcher making great defensive plays to stop the Bosco runners moving around the bases.

Callum's understanding of the game is improving and he made a great relay throw to try and get the runner out at home. Also, well done on his selection in the Rookie Reps!!

Hamish came out determined and had 2 great hits for the day and successfully stole 2 bases. He was also assisted across home plate scoring 2 much needed runs for the team.

Kallan came out swinging hard hitting the ball long and high to right field in the first inning and centre field in the 3rd inning to help score some handy runs for the team and picked up our very first stolen base for the year.



Riley hit the ball well in both at bats today,

picking up one hit but was unlucky to advance further due to good infield work by Bosco. Well done on his selection to Rookie Reps.

Batting well this week was Aiden S, hitting the ball flat and hard to short stop and being assisted around the diamond to help score a handy run for the team.

Rory hit well in his last at bat to get on base and score a run to help claw back a 14-6 deficit. He was unlucky not to snag a great catch in centre field.

Aiden P continued his fine batting form from previous weeks successfully hitting the ball in both at bats to the outfield and with good follow up batting from his team mates was able to cross home plate twice.

Tyler hit a solid ground ball to first base but was unlucky when a great play was made to get him out. In the outfield, Tyler showed good speed in backing up Rory on a big Bosco hit to centre field.

The boys batting has improved dramatically since the beginning of the season but unfortunately on the day we were outplayed by an aggressive big hitting Bosco side.

The highlight of the round was how the boys were exposed & adapted to stealing bases for the first time, with eight SB for the day. The final result saw us go down 14 to 9 with a loss of 2 sheep stations by Jason & Matt to the opposition coach!

Well done boys & keep improving.

Proud Parent: Melissa Saunders

Mawong Marlins Kids Corner



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