

PENINSULA JUNIOR CRICKET CLUB



2023-24 YEAR BOOK

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PRESIDENTS REPORT

It's been an incredible 12 months for the club. On off the field we have managed to thrive, a quick look through our social media posts would suggest that based on the countless smiles we see, our kids have had a ball.

Off the field, we set about forming an extended committee, more people, more ideas and smaller roles certainly helped with some new and different ideas. One of my favourite discussions was around the vision and values of our club.

We want: To encourage & inspire: To form long term friendships: Provide a platform for wellbeing: Drive inclusive grass roots participation and broader cricket engagement:

We also want To be recognised as the Peninsulas primary sporting association: To be forward thinking & to display outstanding levels of behavior and respect.

We want to do this in a **safe** and **fun** way, by being **inclusive** and promoting **growth** both for the club and our individuals.

We entered a long-term partnership with Pittwater RSL, we plan to use their support to deliver on the above whilst ensuring we make cricket as affordable and as accessible as possible and ensuring our kids and their parents to say **Yes To Cricket**.

On the field, we hit our most important stats for 6:

- Girls Participation up 31% YOY
- Our Youngest Kids (Woolworths Blast) up 65% YOY (our highest ever numbers!!!)
- Girls Blast Participation up 40% YOY
- Total (boys and girls) Registrations up 25% year on year (YOY)

These numbers are incredible and are a testament to what is being done at Cricket Australia and Cricket NSW levels, but they are also a testament to our kids, parents and volunteers, thank you for spreading the word to positively.

We ended the season with an incredible 5 Premierships plus several finals and grand final appearances. You will get to meet and congratulate some of these teams, coaches and managers tonight. In the boys we took out the U11/2s thanks to our U11 Heat under the leadership of Andrew and his team. Our 13/2 boys went one better than last year winning a great game of cricket at Lake Park, huge congrats to Scott, Mitch and everyone involved. Our 17 Kingfishers and Heat have been with us from the start, many joining the club when they were 7 or 8 years old. A huge thank you to everyone involved over the years as some of these kids depart our club and junior cricket, we hope they continue to thrive. The 17 Kingfishers went out in style, winning a dramatic grand final. Morgan has finally calmed down and is now able to talk about it. Well done guys, what a way to finish. The Manly Warringah Junior Cricket Association runs three competitions for girls, I'm not bragging but we won 2 of them :-). Some of the performances this season were staggering and a huge thank you to everyone involved in driving junior Girls Cricket. We also bid farewell to our oldest girls from our 15 Panthers. Some of them are already graduating to Manly Grade cricket, they can be very proud of what they have achieved and the leave girls cricket in a stronger place than when they started. Please congratulate Peter Robinson and his teams when you see them this evening....

Outside of our club achievements, we had a record number of rep players. Manly Warringah Junior Cricket Association and Manly Warringah Cricket Club had one of their most successful years, with Premierships everywhere!!!! To see Peninsula players in many of the teams was wonderful. One of our discussion points is how to create a Peninsula Pathway for our aspiring and current rep players to continue thriving in this tough but rewarding environment, watch this space...

Finally, a huge thank you to everyone that supports this wonderful club. The achievements above are not possible without Uber Parents, volunteers managers and coaches. We hope you take time this evening to relax and celebrate. And please remember, for us to sustain this we need your help and support....

Sincerest Thank You for Wonderful Summer.

Darren

GIRLS CRICKET REPORT

Celebrating a Spectacular Season!

Season 23/24 marked a remarkable milestone for Peninsula Junior Cricket as we proudly fielded girls' teams across every age division—an achievement not seen in quite some time. And what an exhilarating season it has been, brimming with excitement and camaraderie!

Our U11 Super Smashers, a spirited squad primarily formed from the PSSA competition, embraced the challenge of club cricket with gusto. Equipped with determination and resilience, they emerged as the undisputed champions, remaining undefeated throughout the season—a testament to their skill and tenacity.

The U13 Piranhas, comprising a cohesive core group alongside talented newcomers, soared to the top of the table early on and clinched the premiership title with aplomb. Their unity and dedication exemplify the essence of team spirit and perseverance.

As for our U15 Panthers, theirs is a tale of camaraderie and joyous camaraderie. Despite facing challenges on the field, they radiate Peninsula pride and exhibit unwavering commitment. For many of these young athletes, this season marks the culmination of their junior cricket journey with PCC, and we extend our heartfelt gratitude for their dedication and wish them success in their future endeavors.

This season also witnessed a surge of Peninsula talent at the Manly Representative level, with an impressive five players making the cut from last year's roster. Congratulations to Mollie Dive U13—Emily Cunningham, Matilda Robinson, and Ebony Davies—and Presidents Cup U14 champions Holly Searles and Amelia Hanstrum, for their outstanding achievements.

To all our incredible girls, thank you for an unforgettable season filled with passion, teamwork, and boundless enthusiasm. We eagerly anticipate the opportunity to embark on another thrilling cricket adventure together in the seasons to come!

Warm regards,

Peter Robinson
Girls' Coordinator



BLASTER REPORT

The 2023/24 Blast season commenced with a surge of anticipation and enthusiasm, drawing significant participation and engagement from our community. Equipped with Gary's/Cricket NSW training sessions and the invaluable resources provided by Cricket Australia's coaching app, our coaching group was well-prepared for the season ahead. However, nothing quite prepares you for the sight of over 70 kids and their families gathered for the first coin toss of the season!

The Blast competition kicked off with four competing teams and approximately 40 participants, while Blast skills sessions boasted similar numbers. The initial week served as an assessment period to gauge readiness for competition, with factors such as bowling arm technique, distance, and accuracy playing pivotal roles in team selection. Remarkably, the kids demonstrated rapid progress, with a majority meeting the bowling requirements by the second week, eagerly diving into the Blast competition.

Throughout the season, Holly and Cam admirably managed Blast skills sessions for the younger ones, ensuring a smooth rotation between skills and competition activities. Parental involvement was exceptional, with dedicated scorers, umpires, and helpers readily lending their support for setup, pack-up, and keeping the batting teams entertained during downtime. Skills sessions continued until the Christmas break, with competition resuming in the new year and running through to March 16th.

A highlight of the season was the formation of two new teams from the skills group, bolstering the competition to six teams in the new year. Every team had the opportunity to face each other once, fostering a sense of camaraderie and sportsmanship among participants. The passion for cricket within our community is palpable, with the prospect of 2 to 4 teams advancing to under 10's cricket in the upcoming season.

I extend heartfelt gratitude to all participants, parent helpers, the coaching duo of Holly and Cam, Gary, and the PCC board members for their unwavering support and guidance throughout my inaugural season as the Blast group coordinator. It has been a joyous experience, and I am grateful for the opportunity to contribute to each player's cricket journey. The love for cricket and its positive impact on our community shines brightly this season, and I am thrilled to witness the enthusiasm it has sparked among players and parents alike. Go PCC!

Warm regards,

Sam





An exciting debut season was enjoyed by The Under 10 Peninsula Heat with some excellent cricket matches played.

The team bonded quickly putting in some entertaining performances throughout the season. The players have been exposed to the highs and lows of the game of cricket with results being decided in the final overs of several exciting matches.

All 9 players have demonstrated unbridled enthusiasm for the game of cricket. They have applied themselves well at training and each player has showed great improvement in their skills since beginning last October. Each and every one of them have showed great sportsmanship and regard for the opposition and umpires. I look forward to seeing them continue to grow as cricketers in the years to come.

Thanks so much to the parents for your support. It is fantastic for our young cricketers to have such an enthusiastic fanbase on Saturday mornings. Special mentions to Al our manager and Amanda for taking the bulk of our scoring duties. Thanks also to Chris for helping out most weeks at training and out in the middle.

The players have demonstrated great advances in their skills and game craft. I hope they continue their cricket involvement next season. Congratulations U10 Heat on a successful season. I am looking forward to seeing you back on the field next summer.

Charlie Antill - Strong contributions with both bat and ball. Gets some good turn while bowling and shows good technique at the crease. Maybe needs to put the ramp shot away for a couple of seasons. Loves the game and lives for Saturdays.

Hugo Hopkins - Valued member of the team. Many wickets taken this season and some important partnerships with the bat. Always striving to improve (and

belt it over cow corner). His best defence is attack!

Callum Kindlen – Good bowling display with a good number of wickets taken. Strong performances with the bat contributing many runs to the seasons tally. Showed good potential as a wicket keeper.

Brandon Woolf – Played some good knocks with some strong hitting and runs like a demon between wickets. Bowling really improved by mid season resulting in more wickets. Always involved in the field and gives his best every time he plays.

Stevie Ferrari – Consistently bowled well with pace and hit the stumps many times. Will terrorise opposition batsmen for years to come. Played some valuable innings with some superb shots. Plenty of energy and a true competitor.

Thomas Collett – Great debut season from Tom showing ability to listen and learn. Solid young cricketer and showed skill with both ball and bat. Always looks sharp and a true gentleman. Will only get better in the future.

Caleb Morris - Huge improvement with bat and ball. Great energetic player, a pleasure to coach and valued team man. Always puts in effort and plays with great spirit. Has learnt a lot about cricket this season and is already looking forward to the next one.

Sam Henry – Has improved greatly since the start of the season. Has showed patience with the bat and improved his technique. Bowling has greatly improved and I see wickets in the future. Great enthusiasm for the game and always involved while out in the field.

Ky Duggan – Dashing batsman, accurate bowler and always giving one hundred percent. Dives around in the field and always looking for a catch. Has improved his skills greatly and I am sure will be an excellent cricketer in the years to come.

SIXERS

U10



In their inaugural season, the BPPs school friends, relatively new to competitive play, embraced Arlan, Lachlan, and James from other schools to form the "Sixers". The team swiftly gelled, revealing remarkable potential, teamwork, and enthusiasm.

Lachie consistently makes every ball count, proving to be a great competitor, bowler, and team performer. Jack "the gloves," excelled behind the stumps, showcased his batting skills, and consistently sought quick runs.

James "Jimmy Andersen," joined the team late into the season but effortlessly displayed natural all-round cricketing talent. Flynn demonstrated resilience, delivering outstanding fielding performances to support the team, while Liam showcased great bowling technique and a keen eye for run-outs.

Harry consistently improved week by week, making a solid contribution to the team's overall performance. Arlan emerged as the Sixers' batting powerhouse, with some of

his hits still yet to land, often steering the team to victory. Oski's all-round standout performance on Feb 2nd made a memorable mark on the cricket scene.

Henry, a promising all-round cricketer, stood out not just for his game but for his team encouragement and focus throughout the season.

Progress throughout the season was evident as they honed their skills and developed a solid game understanding. Despite varied win-loss records, the emphasis on individual improvement, teamwork, and sportsmanship establishes a promising foundation.

Gratitude goes to the coaching group (Scott, Gavin, Russell), team managers Hayley and Bianca, and for everyone that helped with scoring and coffee runs! The players' eager learning attitude, combined with the support received, points toward a bright future for this budding cricket team. Thank you to everyone for a thoroughly enjoyable season!

THUNDER

U10



The Under 10 Thunder had an excellent year of learning the game of cricket. A huge improvement was noticed in all the players and they should be congratulated. As has been widely reported-and it is hard to disagree, had Covid supply chain issues not delayed the special order of custom-made Kashmir cricket bats from India for the team, they would have won every game. Unfortunately, this was not the case and as such some games throughout the season were not successful, however the boys never gave up and showed a fantastic attitude throughout each game.

Callum worked tirelessly on his craft and it showed as his bowling especially improved as the season progressed. His positive attitude throughout each game and at training was always a welcome addition.

Campbell managed to bamboozle multiple batsmen with his high-altitude bowling which was great. He did a fantastic job as one of our regular wicket keepers and has a strong keeping future ahead of him.

Eddie had unbelievable energy running between the wickets and got through between them at lightning pace. He had great liveliness in the field and his batting and bowling improved remarkably throughout the season.

Harvey also worked hard on his running between wickets and by the end was one of our best. He has also worked hard on his bowling and it's coming along nicely along with his batting which is going really well and he will have a great future enjoying his cricket.

Isaac was missed for the early second half of the season when he was in Europe on, what can only be imagined to

have been, a secret training camp in England as when he came back he was smashing the ball around all over the park. His bowling has also improved through the season and will no doubt go to the next level next year.

Jack was one of the gun Stephenson brothers in our team. He regularly confused the batters with his left arm fast bowling and when on target he was deadly. He continues to work hard on his batting and it's improving nicely, ready for a big year next year!

Max was our express speed bowler who put fear into the opposition batters and you knew he was always going to give it his all when he raced into bowl. He was also a consistent batter for us and could always be relied upon for runs every match.

Ollie was the other gun Stephenson brother who, despite being a little younger than the rest, played well above his years. Over the course of the season his batting really improved and he was one of our most reliable and always awake and ready when in the field.

Rowan was the big hitting batsmen and scary fast bowler every team needs. When he wasn't busy smashing fours he was vocal in the field and bowling out batsmen when it was his turn to bowl which he did at ferocious pace.

For a lot of these boys, it was their first season and it was great to see them all come on as young cricketers. It has been a pleasure for all of us involved to help them develop and we look forward to seeing them next season for some more fun!

Well done boys!



A championship winning season

The mighty Heat started the season welcoming two new recruits with Ollie Jackson and Jimmy Willis joining the boys who all stayed together from last season. The development of the two news lads has been impressive, from not being able to bowl to regularly taking wickets and gaining confidence with the bat, both Ollie and Jimmy also proving very useful behind the stumps with the gloves on. Although we started slowly with a narrow loss, we have remained very competitive all season and have enjoyed being in the top 3 positions all season. We did have a couple of injuries to deal with that tested the squad with both Jude and Baxter breaking their arms in the same week and missing 5 games. Baxter returned post arm break in fine form, and regularly took wickets, including a 4 wicket haul against Seaforth. Jude also came back strong, and took a lovely 3 wickets in a game, and both Jude and Baxter always batted with intent and pushed to pace, with strong running between the wickets. In the second half of the season, after playing a lot of corridor cricket and beach cricket, Jude developed some lovely off spin loops that proved hard to face.

We found our rocks in our dependable openers Andy and Taj, who always got us off to a strong start. Andy and Taj were also electric in the field and regularly got us some run out and catches. Andy developed a consistent line and length and took more than 20 wickets in the season. Ollie Dodwell topped the league bowling with 26 wickets with

some lovely pace and swing, and a very correct batting technique, what a season Dodders has had! Archie Barton had a strong season with his bowling, and developed nicely with his batting, overcoming some nerves after a tough game in the derby, he bounced back with resilience which was a joy to watch. Freddie has had an outstanding season topping the leagues batting, an impressive 302 runs for the season with some powerful knocks, frequently scoring 4s and 6s each game that allowed us to finish each innings strongly. Freddie also had a strong season with the ball, and his left arm swing provided good variance for us, taking some crucial wickets.

As we approached the last 4 weeks of the season it was clear we needed to win every game, if we were to win the league. Each week was like a cup final, to the very end the boys fought and battled and ended up bringing it home as Champions, they stood tall every one of them.

The team trained hard, played hard but played with a spirit that made us all proud. We created a team song, which we sing when we win, and the boys had a lot of fun all season. Massive thanks to Stew who scored every week, and helped with coaching, and to all parents for their commitment and friendship through the season. Cricket is the beautiful game that challenges, rewards and unites us all in friendship, I hope to see all the boys back next season!

Mighty heat, heat, heat!!



With the bulk of the team returning from the 22/23 season, we welcomed Hamish Pritchard and Lucas Street to the team and set about creating a culture that would see us have a very rewarding season, finishing in the top 3.

This team is blessed with natural bowlers, and many a game was pulled out of the fire by a relentless second innings wicket haul. Our batting suffered early in the season, but once the boys freed themselves up mentally, we came home strong, with 5 players scoring 100 + for the season. We set the boys three big challenges this year in mastering the art of running between wickets, fielding, and communicating strongly in the field, and by seasons end, they all had improved vastly.

Finally, I commend the team for their spirit, flair and camaraderie, and their respect for their opponents, no matter what the outcome was. All the very best boys for next season.

A big thanks to all our parents / grandparents and siblings who were there every week to cheer on the team and fill roles as scorer, umpire and coach (and take loads of videos which the kids loved watching back – thanks Brad).

Ben M – Very consistent with his bowling and batting, Ben brings great energy to his cricket and loves the game.

Hamish – First season with the team and grew in

confidence as the season progressed. A talented fast bowler who will only improve.

Jacob – Continued to develop his bowling, whilst really improving with the bat and getting his top score late in the season.

Jed – A very solid cricketer, always ready to fill the keeping role and played a selfless innings to see off Collaroy's best bowler and ensure an important victory.

Lucas – First season of cricket and a welcome addition to the team. The improvement in batting and bowling was outstanding, taking a 5-wicket haul in a game.

Mitch – Led from the front, a willing opener and quite the swing bowler who would terrify opponent batters.

Mulani – A shortened run up resulted in super consistent bowling. Loved batting deep in the order and racking up big scores.

Ollie – Consistently took wickets early to create momentum for the team. Had his best season with the bat.

Tim – Moved from bottom to top of batting order and relished the role. Scored runs freely and set up matches for the team.

THUNDER

U11



Peninsular U11 Thunder team had a great first season with all of the kids having never played Saturday cricket before. We started the season learning together how the game was played and the basic skills but in the second half of the season, the team clicked, and we managed to get 6 wins out of the season!

The boys demonstrated such a good attitude the whole time, they were really motivated to improve, had a great sense of camaraderie and fairness in the way they played with each other and against competitor teams.

In the early parts of the season, we focused on the basics in the field learning how to back up the throws at the stumps, catching and stopping the ball from getting those all important 4's!

We started the season as a bowling team and that carried throughout the season with a good reduction of extras throughout.

The team's batting started rather slowly but with a focus on batting in the second half of the season, the boys really found their confidence with the bat.

I am so proud of the awesome team of boys I coached this year — great kids and great parents.

Before we get into the team, a special thanks must go to Denielle who managed the team and all of our scoring throughout the season; to Duncan for taking over coaching for a few games and helping with scoring and Adam for helping with training sessions throughout the season.

Some thoughts on each of the team members (in first name alphabetical order):

Aiden Lawes — our fearless wicket keeper and opening batsmen. Despite being the youngest in the team, he never let that hold him back and he showed great confidence and improvement through the season. He brought a positive attitude to every game with lots of chat behind the stumps, the position really suited him!

Fadi Papagan — Fadi is a natural cricketer, equally as great with the bat, the ball or in the field. He achieved the most runs and has the best bowling average of the team this season, helping us win many of the games. Fadi is a great team player, listens to coaching instruction with intent and brings a natural confidence to the team when he's present.

Gil Rosenwax — our inspirational captain. Gil wears his heart on his sleeve, is so passionate about the game which meant his team was supported and motivated to do well. Even on the last game which he couldn't make, he was sending messages

of support. Gil is a great all-rounder — a confident player, great with the bat, consistently strong with bowling, and good in the field.

Jackson Albon-Robinson — our confidence player who we could rely on in clutch moments where we are facing the last few balls, needing to win, and keeping a cool head whilst doing it. He never let us down in those moments and never showed that he might just be feeling a little bit under pressure. He whacked that cricket ball with force and made such a huge improvement throughout the season.

Joel McShane — Joel generally came in as first drop in the batting to steady the ship and get some early runs on the board. When Joel was batting, he never let the team down and had a great batting partnership with Marcus. He is a confident and composed batter and when the game was getting tight, Joel would stop the flow of runs with his bowling which turned the game on several occasions in our favour.

Lincoln Mitchell — Lincoln is a great character to have in the team. He liked having a chat with the boys in the field and making the laugh, making the game enjoyable to play. His strengths lie in bowling and in the field where he took some incredible catches this season and as we all know catches win matches!

Marcus Smith — As our other opening batsman, and part-time wicket keeper, his style was Adam Gilchrist-like! Marcus is one of the most dedicated young cricketers — he turned up to every training session and every game, always bringing his best. He had the ball 'of the century' spinning it so much that he bowled the batsman around his legs. The batsman walking off with such a bamboozled look on his face that he didn't know what had just happened!

Oliver Lane — the most consistent bowler in the team this season who showed great control and precision. He achieved quite a few maiden-overs and a cracking caught and bowled in one of our early games which helped with our very first win! He has an even-temperament that keeps things even-keeled when under pressure and kept the oppositions team's runs under control.

Will Prentice — a natural and talented cricketer. Will is a great team player who guided the team to several victories through his batting performances. Will also bowled great line and length and was a real wicket taker in crunch moments. Will always kept a cool head, jumping in to be wicket keeper creating lots of run out opportunities.



Humble and Hungry was the best way to sum up our season. The team jumping from 11/2 softball cricket to playing seasoned Div 1 teams; adjusting brilliantly over time to the tempo. In each game you could see players step-up with bat or ball at different times showing a team mentality and real determination. The real compliment was the feedback from opposition teams on how our players carried themselves on and off the field. Very proud of what the team and each of the players have achieved this year. The players discipline and focus at training saw personal bests achieved throughout the year with a strong

foundation of supporting each other through the highs and lows of cricket. The highlight was the constant learning the players took away from each game; seeing us knock off first place in the semi final. It was awesome to watch the grand final from the sidelines as the players managed the whole game with no advice from the sidelines; nailing every field placement. A Runners up finish was an excellent result and we pushed the top teams right to the end all year. I enjoyed seeing four of the group go-on to represent Manly Warringah Juniors reps.



The Under 12 Sixers had a season to remember. Many close games and some that just got away. There is no doubt that injury and absence of key players at vital times combined with certain washed-out games and a little bit of bad luck is all that stood between this team and winning the competition. Big thanks to all the boys who managed to come and help fill in for us when we were down players as mentioned above.

Despite the above the boys tried their best every game and whilst some went better than others, overall improvement was evident and their constant ability to try hard and never give up is to be commended.

Alex was one of the big improvers for the season, especially his batting which started a bit sketchy with early dismissals but with learning and practice then regularly batted longer innings. He always bowled with good pace and could often be relied upon for a vital wicket - we won't quickly forget that amazing caught and bowled effort!

Beau was very unfortunately struck down by an injury for the second half of the season. It was a real pity as he was just finding his groove and in his last few games was smashing bowlers all over the park with his strong batting as well as improving his consistency with his bowling.

Jake was regularly leading the talk and energy in the field and was also one of our consistent batters. He improved all facets of his game a lot over the course of the season which will put him in good stead for a huge breakout season next year!

Jakob was another who had to take some injury time out and was really missed by his teammates. The surprise on his face when he bowled someone out was always fun to watch as it happened regularly and had it not been for the leniency on the lbw rule this year, he would have had a hatrick (it broke my heart not to give it out mate!).

James was our reliable steadfast batter who could last a long time in the middle and was a great support to their fellow batters. He always had loud, large energy in the field and his

bowling is improving well and as such we will see a big year ahead for him next year.

Koby G enjoyed his first year playing cricket and after his unfortunate stumping in the first game, learnt all the rules incredibly quickly! He's a speedy bowler who slides through with pace and he always trained hard. His batting is coming along really nicely and next season he is primed for an even better year than this one and that's saying something!

Koby K was a star all year with the bat in hand and always super reliable hitting the bowlers all over the field. His all-rounder talent will shine even brighter next year as the opposition batters improve they may be that bit closer to being able to get their bat near the express pace he has been bowling down and finally have a chance of getting near enough for an edge.

Noah showed what hard work and practice can do! His bowling and batting came on leaps and bounds throughout the season and he was a regular wicket taker when he wasn't doing a fantastic job being the wicket keeper.

Pax was the inspirational lifeblood of the team with his constant encouragement and chat in the field as the other regular wicket keeper. His batting was consistently excellent, usually making runs in most games and on his day his bowling beat the best of them, especially the day he took his 5 wicket haul!

Zac worked hard on his cricket all year and loved the opportunity to take a catch in the field - which he did with one of his catches critical to winning us a game! His batting was ever reliable with an excellent defence and when on target his bowling will get any batsman out, another player destined for big things next season.

Thanks for a fantastic season boys. Well done on your hard work and positive attitude. It's been a pleasure to coach you all and wish you the best of success next year as you go the next level up, I know you will all do really well!

2023/24 SEASON



IN PHOTOS



THUNDER

U12



This year, the U12 Thunder adapted admirably to several challenges, including new dismissal rules, a harder ball, and longer game durations all under the scorching afternoon sun!

Despite being a newly formed team, their camaraderie flourished as the season progressed, fostering a supportive, fun and cohesive atmosphere.

The team navigated through a challenging year with changes in coaching staff at training sessions on Monday as well as on match days. A heartfelt thank you goes to Nathan, Steve, Stu, and Paul for their invaluable assistance; we couldn't have got through the season without your support and guidance.

On the pitch it was a tough season with matches often coming down to the wire, keeping parents, grandparents, coaches and managers on the edge of their seats until the very last ball.

It was truly inspiring to witness the boys' collective efforts to secure victory, but equally fantastic was the team's demonstration of sportsmanship, showing their resilience and character in defeat.

Finishing 9th on the table, the U12 Thunder showcased their competitive spirit in nail-biting games throughout the season. Many players achieved personal bests, reflecting their dedication and improvement in cricket skills.

Benji showed remarkable progress in his off-spin bowling this season, consistently taking batters by surprise, with his best bowling performance being 2-10. As a batter, he provided a steady presence for the team, frequently retiring not out and returning to the crease when needed, showcasing his commitment to the team's success.

Connor, our dedicated wicketkeeper alongside Levi, played a pivotal role in our team's success this season. Not only did he excel in stemming runs and securing catches behind the stumps, but he also brought energy, chat and camaraderie to the field. As the third-highest run-scorer, Connor contributed 158 runs, showcasing his batting prowess. His partnerships with Jack and Henri, scoring 29 and 24 runs respectively in Rounds 6 and 16, reflected his ability and patience to build strong batting partnerships.

Big hitting Henri delivered outstanding performances with the bat this season, consistently finding boundaries with an impressive tally of 21 fours. His highest score of 34 runs in R8 showcased his batting ability. Not only did he shine with the bat, but Henri also made significant contributions with the ball, recording an exceptional 15 maiden overs, the most in Peninsula U12 Div 2 and the second-highest in the association. His best bowling figures of 3-0 and a total of 13 wickets this season solidified his position as one of our top all rounders.

Hudson consistently took charge as our opening batter, fearlessly spearheading the Thunder's batting lineup. Additionally, his versatility shone through as he seamlessly transitioned into the role of a middle-order

batsman in certain matches, providing stability and halting the flow of wickets. Hudson's leggies continued to bewilder opposing batters, with his improved length this season resulting in incredibly tight bowling, narrowly missing the wickets on numerous occasions. His best bowling performance was 2-19.

Throughout the season, Jack demonstrated exceptional prowess in bowling, securing an impressive total of 15 wickets, with his standout performance being a remarkable 3-11. However, it was in Round 14 where he truly shone on the pitch. With a stellar bowling display of 2-11 off 4 overs, Jack played a pivotal role in restricting the opposition's scoring. During the same match, he showcased his batting prowess by sharing a crucial 45-run partnership with Levi, effectively steering the Thunder towards victory in a huge run chase.

This season, Jackson improved and honed his signature style of bowling with a best performance of 2-2 and a total of 11 wickets underscoring his effectiveness with the ball. Jackson also made significant contributions with the bat, standing out as the sole Thunder player to hit a six. In a thrilling display in R9, he smashed a sensational super six as a tail-ender, clinching a crucial victory for the Thunder.

Jordan emerged as a batting mainstay midway through the season, often the sole player retired not out, returning to the crease to salvage games. His contributions extended beyond batting, as he improved his fielding and bowling as well. Jordan claimed 6 wickets with his seamers, with a standout performance of 2-4 as his best bowling figures.

This season, Levi showcased his versatility as an impressive all-rounder. As our resident, passionate wicketkeeper alongside Connor, he excelled not only behind the stumps but also as a powerful batter, skilled pace bowler, and exceptional fielder. His batting prowess was evident, coming close to his first 50 with an impressive score of 46 in R2. He was our top batter with an outstanding 258 runs & took the most catches in our team. In R14, he demonstrated his all-around skills with a run-out, stumping, wicket catch, and 37 runs scored.

We welcomed a new cricketer to the Peninsula Club – Jakob P. In his debut season, Jakob impressed us all with his rapid grasp of the game. He honed his bowling skills, securing a total of 4 wickets, and made significant strides in fielding, effectively limiting boundaries. As the season progressed, his batting and running between wickets improved, and it was a joy to watch him score his first 4! Jakob received unwavering support and encouragement from the team, creating a heartwarming atmosphere throughout the season. Top of Form

In the upcoming season, our focus will be improving our catching in the field, protecting our wicket, and refining our running between wickets.

PACERS

U13



After the disappointment of losing the U/12 Div 2 Grand Final by 5 runs, the U/13 Peninsula Pacers had unfinished business in Season 23/24.

Most of the squad returned, keen to go again. We also welcomed two new players, Xavier Leys and Eoin Rosenwax into the fold. Would this slightly adjusted squad and improvements made to the technique, game knowledge and mindset of each of our boys during the off-season be the difference this campaign? We would find out after 18 rounds of hard-fought cricket.

The team assembled at Fortress Newport - the luscious outfield where we are STILL to lose a game - for a pre-season net last September. Whilst the playing squad remained relatively constant, there was a change in the coaching staff. Veteran coach Mark "Woolfie" Woolf was hanging up his clipboard and returning to where it all began, the Peninsula U/10s. Into the breach stepped Mitch Timosevski and Scotty Gilbert, who took the pledge to retain the culture that Mark had cultivated; a focus on playing the game with a smile on your face, doing your best for you and your mates and remaining positive in the face of adversity.

The first 6 rounds followed a similar pattern; bat first, score big runs then defend the total with accurate bowling and intense fielding. Highlights in this initial 1/3 of the season included half-centuries from Jai and Will, a career-high of 45* from Byron and a match-winning 29* from Ewan in an unbeaten match-winning chase with Jakey (the self-anointed "Hardest to get out in the nets"!).

In the bowling department, we saw some great performances by the 2 new boys; Eoin and Xavi took wickets for fun, making this funny old game of cricket look easy. Our metronomic leader of the pace attack, Benny McNamara, kept going as he did the prior season with a huge tally of wickets (his best being 3/16 in a big win over Saint Augustine's). Will did an incredible job regularly knocking over middle stumps with his bowling or from direct hits in the field. The only disappointment was losing Jonah Raper to a shoulder injury for what would turn out to be 8 weeks. Yet in the 2 games Jonah played, he took 2 of the best catches seen at U/13 level; a jumping one-hander at point and a one-handed C&B to a ball smashed back at him. His loss meant others had to step up - and step up they did.

Then, from out of nowhere, a HUGE reality check arrived in the form of round 7 - and it hit us hard... The less said about the loss to Harbord Hitters, the better - but, there was the feeling that this was the loss the boys needed to have. Despite the coach's best efforts to keep the team grounded, it felt as though they had been reading their own press and had lost sight of the team's objectives. Would we be able to bottle that feeling only a loss can give you, and use it as motivation?

The answer was a resounding **YES!** The final 11 games were won in a canter! Clearly, the round 7 loss galvanised the boys and made their hunger for redemption even more insatiable. The following game

saw a HUGE 183-run win over St Pius featuring a dominant and chanceless 62* from Jai which, incredibly, wasn't the only highlight as Finn Taylor took a hat-trick to win the game with 19.3 overs to spare.

Speaking of Finn. What an amazing all-round cricketer and general good guy. Whenever a wicket needed taking or a partnership breaking, Finn was there to rely on.

Other highlights of the regular season included;

- Jags' maturation with the bat. In a wet game @ Hitchy, Jagger scored 27 and shared an immense partnership with Jai at the other scoring 90* from 51 deliveries in arguably the best individual performance of the season. Jags always found a single to bring Jai back on strike so he could knock the ball all around the park showing a growing understanding of his game and also the game of cricket.
- One of the stalwarts of the team and an all-around good guy, Joshie Croucamp, continued to be the glue that helped hold the team together. Josh's enthusiasm and general likability make him one of the team's popular characters. Josh's confidence in his bowling ability has come on in leaps and bounds and it was great to see him picking up wickets with regularity.
- It would be remiss not to mention our 'keeper, Byron Gilbert. After spending the majority of the season behind the stumps, the coaches succumbed to his pleas to have a "bit more of a bowl". And what a bowl he had, picking up an impressive 10 wickets from his small share of the overs, and doing so usually after keeping the first 15 of a game.
- After an injury-hit end of 2023, it was great to get Hayden Woolf back on the field where his passion and ability to execute all 3 skills to a high level had been sorely missed. His contribution with the bat (39 and 31) was matched with his ability in the field, taking some excellent catches and providing a heart-in-mouth moment when he executed one of the worst attempts at a knee slide in the field ever seen ;-)

We can not overlook the collective effort from ALL our boys this season in supporting the wider Peninsula community. When the U/14s called on them, they listened and rallied. Some were keen as mustard to play up an age group and test their skills; others were a little nervous initially. Yet they still involved themselves whenever possible to support the club and contribute with both bat and ball. And for this, the coaching team could not be any prouder.

Let it be known this team is an absolute pleasure to coach. We have a young squad of very respectful and determined young cricketers. This made it just as much fun for us coaches as it was for the players. It has been an honour to have the opportunity to play a small part in shaping these boys into the men they are becoming while also, hopefully, instilling in them a life-long love of the wonderful game of cricket. Let's hope by the time of reading, we have put right last year's GF loss and wearing grins on our faces only winners can sport!

PACERS

U14



As we reflect on the past season, Last years -U13s/2 team embarked on an exhilarating journey, transitioning into the U14s Division 1. The challenge was formidable, pitting our squad against seasoned Division 1 players.

Our squad, comprised of just 10 players, faced an uphill battle from the start. However, the unwavering support from the U12s Division 1 and U13s Division 2 teams was instrumental. Their consistent provision of players filled crucial gaps, enabling our team to not only compete but also foster individual player development.

We also welcomed U15s Panthers member Holly Searles who chipped in with wickets and runs when called upon this season.

The season commenced with promise, securing two wins from our initial five matches. Yet, as the season progressed, maintaining consistency proved to be our Achilles' heel. The seasoned Division 1 players demonstrated their prowess, edging ahead with marginal gains in crucial moments.

Amidst the challenges, standout performances illuminated our campaign. Byron emerged as a beacon of consistency, leading our batting charts while enhancing his bowling prowess. Ben's return to the club from St Augs bolstered our bowling attack, finishing atop the wicket-taking charts.

Eamon, Bailey, and Daniel showcased remarkable versatility, seamlessly transitioning between roles and consistently contributing with bat and ball and gloves. Leo showcased significant improvement in his batting,

unleashing powerful strokes throughout the season including some big bomb sixes.

Felix, our stalwart from the previous season, continued to exhibit his bowling performances despite occasional bouts of bad luck. His refined batting technique, emphasizing straight play with occasional powerful strikes, was instrumental to his improved all round season.

James emerged as the team's second-highest wicket-taker, displaying unorthodox yet effective batting techniques, especially while facing the new ball. Mitch's bowling witnessed remarkable improvement and with continued refinement will be a valued member of any bowling line up for years to come.

Joe, our catching maestro, enthralled spectators with spectacular catches throughout the year. His commitment extended beyond fielding, as he diligently honed his batting skills.

In conclusion, while the season presented formidable challenges, it also allowed the boys to develop their games against top line opposition and to work on ways to develop resilience, camaraderie, and individual growth. As we embark on the upcoming season, we carry forward invaluable lessons learned, poised to conquer new heights and make our mark next season.

Thank you to our teams regular scorers James, Jon and Pete and to all the parents on the sideline who turned up week in week out to encourage the boys on.

THUNDER

U14



For the u14's Thunder it's a season that can be best described in two-halves. As a team blending new players in with the old, our performances were inconsistent for the first few rounds, as players adapted to the larger boundary, heavier ball, and more skilful opposition.

We have come home on a streak, winning our last 4 games straight, the team have finished the season with a new strength however due to our slow start we will finish one out of the semi's – we know all the team above us are relieved not to be seeing us in the finals.

A snippet of the team;

Brad stepped up from 13's to help us with our team numbers and showed excellent batting technique throughout, a few unlucky calls went against him this year but grew to open the innings with a 'not out' against his name later in the season. 5 catches and 8 wickets for a top-notch season. Best: 2-8

Ethan led the way in providing some light humour during game day, often throwing out a few random and quite funny comments to throw the opposition and myself into a small chuckle. Greatly improved batting and bowling showing some genuine all-rounder qualities including a handy 13 wickets for the season. Best: 2-9

Hayden's the unluckiest bowler in the team, his line and length was too good – batters struggling to get the ball on bat time and time again, simply just unplayable some days. Batting was always solid and as one of our stronger performers always kept the score board ticking over accumulating 222 runs for the year. Best: 34 no

Nico is one of those players team-mates love having around, great for the team spirit, and enjoys a chat in the field. We saw some genuine spells of strong bowling finishing the year off with a productive 7 wickets. Best: 2-6

Jonah had some really nice moments in his first season for the club, contributing all over the park with some catches, runs and finishing the year with a powerful bowling display to

swing the game back in our favour. Best: 3-15

Elijah was another to step up from 13's this year to help us field a full team (with no subs). An all-round contribution, often keeping wicket – becoming more confident behind the stumps as the games went by, including a nicely caught thin edge. Worked some magic with his leggies, often confusing the batter and finished with a solid batting with 129 runs for the year. Best: 24 no

Zach came on strong with his bowling this year, taking advantage of the height gene pool, he managed to attract some Glenn McGrath like bounce off the pitch, which at times became unplayable – also a gazelle in the field often swooping the ball up and hitting the wicket gloves in real time. Best: 3-5

Ryan is the heartbeat of the team, a loud and encouraging voice who can usually be heard several fields over. Always trying his best to improve, he has put in the extra training to be the best version of his cricket self. Best: 28 no

Baxter has had another outstanding year, both with bat and ball – and some wicket-keeping thrown in. A natural talent who enjoys playing this great game with his mates. Unfortunately, with one game remaining our opposition forfeited which left Baxter stranded 6 runs off hitting the 500 runs milestone for the second year running – still an incredible effort! Best: 68 no & 4-16

A big thanks to Rodney Boss who fronts up week after week, rain or blistering heat - holding down the scoring chair with ease. A fountain of knowledge when it comes to all the nuances in the rules, the backbone of the team!

Our measure of a successful season isn't determined by just wins, it's also the 'fun factor' – a team always showing for training early, keeping up the talk in the middle and pushing each other to get better with some light-hearted banter along the way. We have ticked that box nicely, well done u14's Thunder it's been memorable!



A solid season for the under 15 div 1 Sharks, coming third in the comp and making finals. The sharks treated the parents to a succession of nail biting games, often won in the last over with the tail order saving the day in all manner of weather. We even had a tied game with one of the top teams! Our sharks always had a great time at training and out on the field with creative banter being a definite strength of the group.

There were some great individual performances throughout the season. Will Cunningham smashed 75 off 52 balls in the first game of the season. Rocco Rulli hit two 50s for the season. Lucky Osmond topped the competition in the wicket taking. Lucky and Cooper Vickery both took five wickets in an innings. Jae Pike was the leading wicket keeper in the competition with 15 catches and 10 stumpings!

Charlie Bradstreet – Started the season as our metronomic outswing medium pacer and handy batsman and transformed himself into the teams front line off-spin bowler. Also took a few screamers in slips.

Sairse Ford – new to the Sharks this season, and impressed with her power hitting and hooping in swing bowling. Made the team proud representing Manly in the under 18 Brewer Shield.

Jasper Lowe – Steady medium pace bowler with a knack for taking big wickets. Developed his batting prowess and power throughout the season which culminated in a blazing 36 from 38 in the last game of the season.

Archie Buckley – Hampered by a back injury, had to rest his fast bowling for the season and concentrate on power hitting and expert on field banter.

Jae Pike – Top wicket keeper in the competition. Supported his spinners with an incredible 10 stumpings. Can bat anywhere from opening to the tail end and adapt his batting to suit the game situation. Often this meant saving the innings after a collapse.

Jude Guiver – A modern day all rounder. Doesn't waste balls when he's batting and always moves the game forward. His changes of pace when bowling embarrassed many opposition batters.

Rocco Rulli – Our top batter for the season, often opening against the swinging ball. Notched up two 50s and his flick for 6

over the leg side become a trademark. Bowled with good heat and accuracy to.

Callum Fitzsimons – steady seam bowler who was unlucky not to grab more wickets. Very sharp in the field grabbing a some cracking catches. Played a few crucial batting innings to help guide the team home in close finishes.

Nixon Kolodzinski – A fast bowler who developed himself into an allrounder this season with the 3rd highest runs and wickets for the team. Also an absolute ball magnet in the field snaffling 12 catches!

Cooper Vickery – The comeback story of the season after ongoing injury lead to him selling his kit. Then, with borrowed gear, rejoined the team after the xmas break to notch up a series of great scores with the bat and a 5 wicket haul!

Connor Mervin – the big Merv, a weapon bowler when he's on, bowling with pace and hooping swing. Also a big hitting batter who snaffled victory from the jaws of defeat with a massive 6 in one memorable game.

Lucky Osmond – Also a new recruit and playing his first year in division 1 cricket. What a season! Lucky was the top bowler in the competition with his well flighted, sharp tuning leg spin. We always felt on when Lucky was bowling.

Will Cunningham – Captained the team for most of the season, where he thrived with strategic field placements and bowling changes. Another great season with bat and ball for Will coming 2nd in both runs and wickets for the team. Highlighted by his high score of 75.

Louie Corcoran – An honorary shark, filling in for one game, unavailable due to school sport for most of the season but still managed to grab a wicket and some valuable runs.

A big thank you to Mike Kolodzinski our head scorer plus all the other parents who helped score and those that helped out at training and supported us. It has been a fun and exciting season and its been a pleasure to watch our sharkies compete, develop and enjoy themselves.

Mick and Dan



It's been a tough season and I'm super proud of the way everyone held their chins up during some really tough games. We did our best, nobody complained, everybody turned up.

I'm blown away how brilliantly Jason and Zack have slotted into the team and given their all in the games. Jason you have a natural gift in sports and you're going to become a formidable batsman who terrorises bowlers. As it was you terrorised a few batsmen, your best figures were 2/8 and we have a new front line bowler.

Zach also came into his own bowling this year. Best figures of 3/7! I wasn't sure at the start of the season if you would be able to pull it together against vastly different oppositions but as it turns out you have been an important bowler in the team and the equal top wicket taker with 8 this season.

Liam, I enjoy every week discussing and dissecting the game of cricket with Liam. You don't just play the game, you think it. What you need to do and what tweaks you have to make to get there. A new ball, and new way to get the batsman out. Oscar takes a more relaxed approach. Nothing phases you and you've always stood up to the challenges you're set. And we can see what you're capable of being exhibited the other day in Newport when you hit a massive shot over deep cover for six.

Finn Ralston brings his own cheer squad to games and is a great motivator. Good banter with the batsmen, asking questions... I do enjoy having Finn around, the hustle and bustle he brings the team is refreshing.

Xavier, you've really come around in the back half of this season. I've seen a real shift in attitude to batting and though you do seem to find a new way to get out each week, I'm really proud of the way you've approached this season and given it a real crack.

Tim Bradhurst, I'm glad you made it back from the injured bench. Every week you contribute in an important way in whatever way is asked of you, whether it's batting or bowling, keeping or fielding. You're a real all rounder.

Another all rounder is Sam Borrow, but Sam's story is one of the interrupted career. In cricket continuity and getting into a groove is so important. Sam, you can bat, you can score into the 30s and you've got a great strike rate. You can also bowl but I just

need you to take less holidays so we can have you playing more often!

Kai Westall, you've played a lot of cricket this season, not just with the Heat. The situations we've been finding ourselves in haven't been easy so. Go Big or Go home has been the theme a few times. You've crunched 26 fours this season and top scored with 37no. Mostly though Kai's expansive knowledge of the whole game is so great to have in the team. Kai stepped up this season into a leadership role, keeping the fields set and helping us all play a better game.

Jack Munro once again has topped our runs board at 229 runs and in your constant quest to broaden your skills you've been unleashing a fierce leggy at the batsmen. The other guys really look up to you Jack. I admire your quiet determined approach and I think you've got many enjoyable years of cricket ahead.

And that brings us to Aido. Respect Brother, you really put the work in and you got the rewards. You're a genuine top order batsman. Your bowling has become a key weapon in our attack, if only you could bowl more overs since you've become a more than competent keeper. Aido you've got the mental game coming along nicely and you've got a big future.

I would now like to thank the oldies. Ever willing or otherwise forced into helping the games happen, no shoes Ralston and smash it Westall, like fatherlike son...

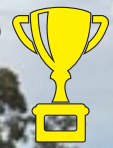
Gary, thank you for stepping straight into the scorer's chair or out to the middle to the great relief of Tremayne. Matt I know you'd do anything but there never seems to be anything left to do... So mostly it's just thanks to Bianca for pulling the strings and greasing the wheels so everyone knows where to be and when to be there...

Thank you lads, a tough year handled brilliantly well by everyone. I really enjoy seeing the quiet banter that goes on amongst you. You support and respect each other, and the friendly rivalries push each of you to work a bit harder. It might not be obvious to you but you've all achieved a hell of a lot this year and I think we'll all look back in years to come and cherish our time in this team.

KINGFISHERS



PREMIERS



What a great way for a majority of the team to finish their junior cricket journeys! The thrilling 5 run win in the Grand Final was no less than what the team deserved. Here are the Kingfishers;

Ailbhe Rosenwax An injury filled season, but one that showed great improvement, picking up his best ever bowling figures. A true team player who just wanted to be involved.

Cooper Webb Contributed with the bat and ball all season, and a big part of the team's success. Great season Cooper, hope to see you keep improving your all-round skills.

Haddon Bateman Haddon's none stop attitude always helped the team in all aspects of the game, becoming a another true all-rounder. A few 6s over cover a real highlight.

Harry Campbell A fantastic season from Harry, who always stood up when the team needed a big performance. 114 runs across the 2 finals games shows his value to the Kingfishers.

Jack Torta Jack's attitude always picked everyone up and kept us moving in the right direct. Retiring in the final got us off to the start we wanted, the lead the chat in the field...dot dot dot, that's all they've got.

Jacob Gereaux Another season where Jacob lead the team in just about every measure. Superb batting throughout the season, with over 500 runs, led on opposition team to declare 'we are so over you'.

Josh Hinton Great to see one of the original's sign off winning the comp. Since around the age of 6 Josh has scored runs, taken wickets and catches for fun, and is now becoming a wicket keeper!

Kian Higgs Easily Kian's best season with both bat and ball, becoming far more consistent and finding a way to influence the games. It has been awesome to see the progress.

Kobi Williams Another of our casualty ward that had their season cut short, but that didn't stop him from contributing to some big wins. Wickets at crucial times, reverse sweeps and always a smile on his face

Lachlan Coy Only with us briefly at the start of the season before moving on to Shires, Lachy showed his class scoring big runs. Always wanted to play more with his mates, but never really got the chance.

Lucas Youell The other original Kingfisher. Huge improvement with the bat this season, bringing his own style to doing so. Boundaries and interesting innings followed.

Max Taylor A true all round performer with a fighting spirit, who scored runs when needed, took wickets at crucial times and catches whenever offered a chance. A great season.

Sam Roche A season to remember for Sam. Part of the Manly Green Shield success, Warringah Shires finals campaign AND most importantly a U/17 Premier with the Kingfishers. Look forward to seeing your cricket progression.

A huge thank you to everyone who scored, umpired or dragged the kit around throughout the season., and special mention to Eloise for keeping us all pointing in the right direction.

It has been an incredible journey to be part of, and I couldn't be prouder of the mighty Kingfishers.

Morgan Youell (Coach)

GIRLS SUPER SMASHERS U11



Wow! What a fantastic season The Super Smashers have had. This was the first season of club cricket for our U11 girls, but you would have thought by the skills and commitment the girls showed, they had been playing for a couple of seasons together!

From the first training session to the last game of the season these young ladies were there to play, and trained like they play which made it a real pleasure to coach this team. They would be sponges when offered advice on technique and skills.

All the players improved greatly throughout the season and grow stronger as a team. But most importantly they just loved being together.

Meet the Super Smashers:

Annie Boyle - A great allrounder who has a huge appetite for hitting boundaries.

Romy Bradfield - A real team player, the voice that kept the girls going each week and a sensational wicketkeeper.

Summer Shortfall - Very coachable, always trying to improve and very good allrounder.

Sofia Miles - Great batter and loves to keep wicket.

Gabby Mcginlay - Exceptional allrounder who's bowling has improved out of sight.

Accacia Rulli - The most accurate bowler in the competition!

Izzy Sayer - greatly improved throughout the season to become a very handy cricketer.

Emily Young - an allrounder with one the best bowling techniques

Lucinda Robinson - greatly improved batter with great defence

Despite being very dominant in the comp, the girls showed a mature respect for their combatants! A big shoutout to all the parents' help this year, without you gameday would not run as smoothly as it did!

Congratulations on your Premiership. Come back next year ready to defend.

GIRLS PIRANHAS

U13



U13 girls' team, The Piranhas, have had a sensational season. After a narrow loss in the first round, the girls sprung back the following week with a great win over Seaforth. From that day forward The Piranhas grew from strength to strength. Training was never a chore for this team as they always want to learn and become better cricket players. While most of the team have been together for a few years, we also welcomed a few new faces who all brought a specific skill with them, which only made the team stronger. The girls' cricket knowledge has increased to the point where Guy Davies and I pick a weekly Captain and allow them to set the fields and pick the bowling order out on the field.

A big thank you to Jeannie McDonald, our team manager, for all you've done throughout the year (especially the scoring roster – brilliant!). A big thanks to all the parents for all you have done, you were all very invested in the girls' Premiership success.

Now to meet this amazing team:

Paige Kelsall - The line and length bowler who consistently takes wickets.

Amelia Hanstrum - a very handy leg spinner and always bats with intent.

Emily Cunningham - a tenacious cricketer (don't look into her in the eyes, batter!) who bowls with real heat.

Suzzie Leys - New to cricket, but you wouldn't know it when she rocks back and pulls the ball to the boundary.

Nina Drury - her game has improved out of sight, probably due to the fact she is a sponge that just wants to soak up everything that is taught, a huge addition to the team this year.

Rachael Pollard - first year of cricket who does magical things with the keepers' gloves on.

Matilda Robinson - an all-rounder that leads the way in the field.

Erin Sedgman - Left arm swing bowler who wants to learn all the time.

Isabella Waite - Line and length bowler with a great cricket brain.

Ebony Davies - An all-rounder with scary pace (believe me, I've kept in the nets to her); was always a big hitter of the bowl but her batting, especially shot selection, has seen her be one of the dominant batters in girl's junior cricket.

Most importantly, these girls just love hanging out together and Guy and I loved hanging out with you!

GIRLS PANTHERS U15



The U15s Girls team returned this season with a steadfast determination to further hone their skills and make their mark on the cricket field. While not considered the most formidable team, their unwavering dedication saw them compete fiercely week after week, often proving a challenge for opposing teams to dismiss.

Holly, in her impressive second year, elevated her game to new heights, securing the third position for both runs scored and wickets taken. Her outstanding performance earned her a well-deserved spot in the Manly Warringah representative team, a testament to her hard work and talent.

Sydney and Annabelle emerged as reliable pillars behind the stumps, demonstrating exceptional skill in preventing byes and exhibiting potent stroke play when facing the new ball. Abbie showcased notable improvement in her bowling throughout the season, consistently delivering strong performances despite facing some tough luck in the latter part of the year.

Kaia stood out as the team's workhorse, displaying a relentless determination to enhance her skills both with the bat and the ball, earning the admiration of her peers who

recognized her as the player's player. Brooke showcased her athleticism with remarkable catches, including a spectacular one on the boundary against Collaroy that left the opposing batter astounded. Additionally, her bowling remained consistently effective throughout the season.

Amelie's dedication to refining her batting and bowling skills was evident, always approaching the game with a contagious smile. Brielle made a welcome return after missing the previous season, demonstrating consistent improvement in her batting while displaying humility when her bowling occasionally strayed off target.

Chloe, ever reliable, made valuable contributions whenever the team faced shortages, highlighting her commitment to the team's success.

As the season draws to a close, it marks the end of an era for many of the girls, most of whom have been part of the team since their Blaster days. It has been a privilege to coach such a remarkable group of girls, whose camaraderie and friendships have flourished both on and off the field. The club extends its heartfelt gratitude to each of them for their dedicated service and hopes they will continue to stay connected with the game they love.

PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS

2023-24 PREMIERS

U11 Heat
U11 Girls Super Smashers
U13 Pacers
U13 Girls Piranhas
U17 Kingfishers

PLAYER OF THE YEAR

U10 Arlan Foster
U11 Freddie Wildblood
U12 Reuben Read
U13 Jai Timosevski
U14 Baxter Bradfield
U15 Will Cunningham
U17 Jacob Gereaux
U11 Girls Acacia Rulli
U13s Girls Ebony Davies
U15s Girls Holly Searles
Stage 1 Freddie Wildblood
Stage 2 Jai Timosevski
Stage 3 Will Cunningham
Girls Holly Searles
Rookie of Year Arlan Foster

PLAYER ACHIEVEMENTS



MANLY WARRINGAH REPRESENTATIVE PLAYERS 2023/2024



ARCHIE BUCKLEY
 HARRY CAMPBELL
 CHARLIE CORCORAN
 LOUIS CORCORAN
 BLAKE COTTE
 LACHLAN COY
 WILL CUNNINGHAM
 EMILY CUNNINGHAM
 EBONY DAVIES
 AMEILA HANSTRUM

CAMERON KEECH
 NIXON KOLOZENSKI
 JAE PIKE
 REUBEN READ
 MATILDA ROBINSON
 ROCCO RULLI
 HOLLY SEARLES
 DANIEL SEARLES
 JAI TIMOZESKI
 COOPER VICKERY



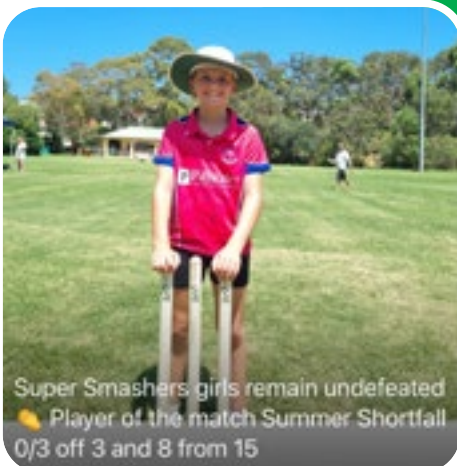
U11 Heat back to winning ways, quality team performance. Archie Barton player of match wicket and not out batting display. Call out to Freddie Wildblood gone past 200 runs for the season, bro...



Jacob Gereaux 50 not out off 38 in the U17s Kingfishers Semi Final win... Bring on the Grand Final



Emily Cunningham 4/1 off 3 overs



Super Smashers girls remain undefeated
 Player of the match Summer Shortfall
 0/3 off 3 and 8 from 15



U12 Thunder won resoundingly today against St Pius, getting the 92 runs needed in 16 overs.

**SEE
YOU
NEXT
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