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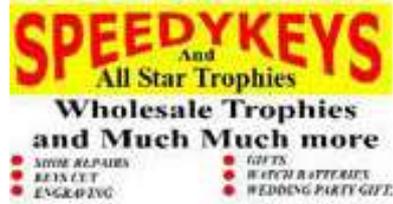
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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Yet another successful year for the Braves in the Junior and softball, with our senior teams having a Stella season culminating in with 4 Baseball and 2 softball teams getting thru to the Grand Final.

A very big thank you to all of the committee who worked tirelessly to ensure a wonderful season was well prepared for and managed throughout. Again, the executive enjoyed the assistance of even more volunteers and committee members than years gone past. To Jason Chabi, Michelle Dowling, Craig Lister, Paul & Linda Duffy, Tina & Sergio Piovesan, Tegan Nicholls, Sharon Tripi, Perrin Catt, David Kennedy, Dave Weekes, Belinda Parker, Colin Bowmaker & Kurt Marsh thank you for all the hours you have put into our club ensuring our success was felt both on and off the field.

To Scott Ingwersen and Craig Lister, thank you yet again for the time you have sacrificed to ensure that Heathcote Oval was in tip top condition throughout the entire season.

Thank you to Linda and Paul Duffy for their management of the Canteen and their continued support to assist in many of the clubs required tasks through the year.

To Tegan Nicholls, thank you for taking on the responsibility of the Uniform Co-ordinator and joining the committee this season.

To Jason Chabi, I thank you for the efforts you have made in assisting the club with grants for equipment and to the work you are continuing to put into the clubs plans for a batting cage and further developments in the coming season. You certainly assisted in ensuring we were organised as a committee this season.

To Michelle Dowling, thank you for the hours you have spent developing and understanding the clubs new web site and the continued management of the information it provides to the members.

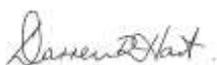
To the Executive Committee, (Mike, Liz, Rod & Deb) thank you again for the work you have done for the club and its members. The passion you have all displayed to provide the kids and our senior members with the best possible club to represent them, is first-rate.

Thank you to the coaches this season, who again put their hand up to train and coach the junior teams. Without your efforts we would not have achieved the results we attained this year.

Thank you to Club Engadine and McLaren Traffic Engineering for their sponsorship again this season, as well as Speedy Keys, Gloria Jeans Engadine and McDonalds for the weekly awards for the junior teams.

Lastly I would like to thank all of the parents for their assistance with ground set up, canteen and the BBQ throughout the year. We trust you had an enjoyable year and look forward to seeing you all again for registration in a few months' time.

Thank you,



President – St John Bosco Baseball & Softball Club

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Well it's certainly been another busy and interesting past 12 months as Secretary of the St John Bosco Baseball and Softball Club. Congratulations to our committee on another good season and as always it would be great to be able to get further support from other members of our club, as there's always plenty to do and sometimes it seems to just get left to the same people every time.

I would really like to thank all our coaches, assistant coaches, managers, scorers and pitch counters that took on these roles and without your input we wouldn't have any teams on the diamond. Your time and effort is certainly appreciated by the club and hopefully you had an enjoyable and rewarding season with your team. Also, thanks to all the parents and players that helped out with ground set up, canteen, BBQ and packing up and it was great to get this support again this season. Special thanks must go to Scott Ingwersen and his helpers for doing such a fantastic job of looking after our field and it was consistently one of the best grounds to play on all season, thanks guys for working so hard on this each week.

Congratulations to our U12/2's and U14/3's on making the Grand Final, it was a great effort to get so far and a credit to the coaches and the team on such a good season. Also, congratulations to our Division 1 Softball team on winning their Grand Final in an upset win over the favorites and it was a great result and well deserved. It's also fitting that John Betts wins our Coach of the Year award for the outstanding job he's done over the years with the softball teams culminating in this big win for our Division 1 team. Must also mention our senior baseball teams, with all four sides making the grand final and we also won the club championship, which was a great achievement for our club. Congratulations to 2nd grade Sky and 6th grade on winning the premiership and well done to 2nd Grade Navy and 5th grade for getting to the Grand Final. Well done also to our representative players who did us proud representing our club at a higher level this season and it was pleasing to see this group of players grow in numbers this season. Must also mention our umpires, as they were outstanding this season and a big thank you to Dave Kennedy for taking on this role and for training and supervising our umpires so well again this season. You did a great job Dave, as they didn't just look good, they all acted very confidently and professionally and they handled each of their games in an excellent manner. Our umpires were also noticed by other clubs and the Association and we received many compliments regarding how professional they were and how well they umpired. Well done Dave you've done an outstanding job with this group of boys and girls and you really do deserve our Club Person of the Year Award, as you've gone way beyond what was expected in this role.

We ran the Aussie T-Ball program again this year and for the 4-6 year old kids over 10 weeks on a Friday afternoon. This was well supported by the parents with a full squad and it was great fun to see how much the little kids enjoyed this program. A big thank you to Tina and Serge Piovesan for basically running the whole program for us and they both did a fantastic job with all the kids. Also must thank Col Bowmaker who came down every Friday to help out as well as Tash Cuddy and Perrin Catt. Unfortunately it doesn't look like we'll be able to run this program next season At this stage, unless we get some additional volunteers to run it, as our current team are all moving on to other activities.

Lastly, I would just like to thank the excellent committee we had this season and it was great to have such a friendly and easy to work with group of like minded people involved who are always willing to help out. It was also good to see everyone at our meetings each month with such a positive attitude towards moving the club forward. Special thanks to our Executive committee as follows:

- Deb Hobden, our Vice President for Softball and she does a fantastic job looking after softball and helping out wherever needed.
- Liz Quigley, for doing such a great job as our treasurer, she does a terrific job with the books and all our finances are looked after in a very thorough and professional manner each season.
- Rod Hart, for helping out with everything as one of our Vice Presidents for Baseball and especially for doing such a great job organizing our Christmas party at Engadine Pool again.
- Darren Hart, for taking on the role as President again and for doing such a great job to keep our club and web site going this season.

Also, I especially need to thank the rest of the general committee that helped out so much with many of the required tasks and it was certainly great to have their support.

Big thank you to Dave Weekes who helps with just about everything from registrations, coaching, umpiring, managing, ground set up, transport and everything else. Also, special thanks to Tegan Nichols who did a great job handling our uniforms for the club this season. Also, special thanks to Paul & Linda Duffy for doing such a fantastic job with the canteen this season and your efforts in this role were certainly very much appreciated by everyone at the club. Thanks also to Col Bowmaker who always seemed to be in the canteen helping out whenever I was up at the ground. Also a big thank you to Jason Chabi, as he's been a huge help to me and the club as he does so much work behind the scenes on various matters. He's also our Registrar and our TCO for the club and both these roles are quite involved and time consuming and he's really done a great job with so many of our required tasks and his help and assistance is certainly appreciated. Lastly, big thank you to Michelle Chabi for taking on our web site this season, this was a big job as we had to change it all over to the new site and she did some great work to make our web site look so good and to be up and running before most of the other clubs. The on going updates and maintenance of the site have also been excellent and it's great to have Michelle looking after this very important tool for our club.

Thanks to everyone involved and hope to see everyone back in a few months for another fun season.

Mike Parker

Secretary – St John Bosco Baseball & Softball Club

TREASURER'S REPORT

What a year we had in many ways! On the field we achieved some amazing results never achieved before.

To the many volunteers that help me as Treasurer throughout the season I thank you. You all make my job a little easier.

A VERY VERY BIG THANK YOU to Linda and Paul Duffy. I could not do without you both. The logistics each week of pick up and drop off of floats, takings, invoices and much more is much appreciated. I am sure everyone would agree with me when I say the canteen has never been more organised. You have arranged some amazing prices for us on all items. This is reflected in a profit from the canteen of over \$2050.00. The cash receipts increased by over \$1500.00 this year.

We received over \$1300.00 from the association for Ground Usage

I would also like to thank our loyal sponsors CLUB ENGADINE who we received \$3000.00 and from MCLAREN TRAFFIC.

We received a GST Refund of over \$2400.00.

The Electricity Charges for the use of Heathcote Oval for training was over \$1700.00.

We continued to support and encourage the personal development of our Umpires and Coaches by paying for training courses throughout the year.

Overall we made a profit of over \$3800.00. This was a turnaround from a loss of over \$4800.00 in 2012.

I wish to thank the Executive Committee for all their help and support throughout the year.

I hope as a club we can continue to build on this year's achievements.

Yours in Baseball

Liz Quigley

Treasurer – St John Bosco Baseball & Softball Club



Representative players 2013/2014 season

BASEBALL

U10 ROOKIES CUP – CRONULLA SOUTH



Noah Dover - Harrison Errington

Clayton Forrest - Jayden Harris

U12 ASSOCIATION CUP



Nathan Jordan

U12 STATE CUP



Haydn Parker



Myles Chabi

U14 ASSOCIATION CUP



Jai Daniels

U14 STATE CUP



Simon Parker

CRONULLA SOUTH LITTLE LEAGUE

Myles Chabi

Chet Lister

Hayden Parker

Kyle Pickering



Representative players 2013/2014 season

SOFTBALL

UNDER 19 – AUSTRALIAN TEAM

Beth Hobden

UNDER 19 – NSW TEAM

Beth Hobden

SUTHERLAND STATE LEAGUE TEAM

Beth Hobden

UNDER 15 – SOUTHERN REPRESENTATIVE SQUAD

Emi Adair

Sarah Trip

UNDER 13 – SUTHERLAND REPRESENTATIVE TEAM

Jasmine Adair

Nikita Pickard

Tiarne Crimmins

Jessica Tripi

Under 11 – Sutherland T-Ball Representative Team

Blake Fisher

Jeremy Stapleton



Club Award Winners 2013/2014 season

SENIOR BASEBALLER OF THE YEAR

Darren Hart

SENIOR SOFTBALLER OF THE YEAR

Carolyn Oberg

JUNIOR BASEBALLER OF THE YEAR

Kyle Shelley

JUNIOR SOFTBALLER OF THE YEAR

Shaylee Crimmins

COACH OF THE YEAR

John Betts

(Steve Quigley Memorial Award)

CLUBPERSON OF THE YEAR

Dave Kennedy

CLUB PERSON OF THE YEAR

Dave Kennedy

This year's Club person of the year has been actively involved with the Bosco Baseball and Softball Club for well over 10 years. He has been a manager of various teams in the past and is a former member of the executive. In the last few years he has returned to an active role at our club and is a regular face at Heathcote Oval on a Saturday and Sunday each week. He is also a current member of the executive at the Cronulla Sharks Grade Club and the Umpires Association.

He gives freely of his time and expertise and treats his young charges like his own children. He has had some personal heartache in the recent past in his own family with the tragic passing of his son Sean. Even when he was unable to be at the field he still made sure his umpires were well prepared and he was always available to them on the phone if he could not be there in person.

Umpiring is often a thankless task...not today. It is not easy to provide an umpire for every game on a Saturday and a Sunday. Because our young umpires are so well prepared they eagerly volunteer for games. When other clubs still struggle to get 1 umpire per game we always have 2, in uniform, for every game on the main diamond every Saturday.

Many senior games on a Sunday at other grounds have no umpire at all. This does not happen at Heathcote. It is often the same man standing in the middle for all 3 games on a hot Sunday afternoon at Heathcote. Our senior teams thank you and while they may not like all the calls you make they do appreciate you.

It is because of the countless hours and mentoring that he provides that our club enjoys the excellent reputation for the best junior umpires in the association. Each week we are complimented on the professionalism, attitude and ability of our umpires. He is dedicated to his role with our club and I hope he continues to inspire, encourage and teach our umpires for many years to come.

It is with pleasure that the Bosco family acknowledge the efforts of Dave Kennedy and award him the long overdue title of "2014 Bosco Braves Club Person of the Year".

JUNIOR SOFTBALLER OF THE YEAR

Shaylee Crimmins

The Bosco Braves Junior Softball of the Year this year came into the Bosco junior team as the youngest player some 7 – 8 years ago. Considering at her age, when she joined the Bosco Division 1 Under 19's girls, she was eligible to play in Division 2 or Division 3 she stayed with the team and has turned up to nearly every training session over the time she has played with the team.

I can recall this player in her early years she arrived at training in her primary school uniform when most of the other players were well into high school. I recall back in those days she was as a player needing greater confidence in her abilities but definitely showing the potential to become a key player in the team. Over the years of coaching and watching this player I have seen her grow in stature, ability and confidence to become one of the key players in the team. Her abilities have grown over the years such that last year she took out the batting award for the team.

The key to show how this player has improved in so many ways of her time in the Division 1 team, was in this years Grand Final, with the score at 0:0 in the sixth innings the opposition batter smacked the ball into right field. Fielded by a team mate near the fence, thrown to our shortstop as the batter rounded second base, she fired the ball to this player at third base who calmly took the ball and tagged out the batter. This was the play of a very close and tense grand final, if she had not made that tag, we were at risk of not winning our first premierships.

I am proud and pleased to award the Bosco Braves Junior Softballer of the Year to Shaylee Crimmins.

JUNIOR BASEBALLER OF THE YEAR

Kyle Shelley



Kyle has played junior baseball with St John Bosco for several years now and has been a tribute to the club.

He is a talented and bright young player with a broad range of talents in the game of baseball.

Kyle demonstrated the skill required to play at a top junior level and in doing so set a great example for his team mates throughout the season.

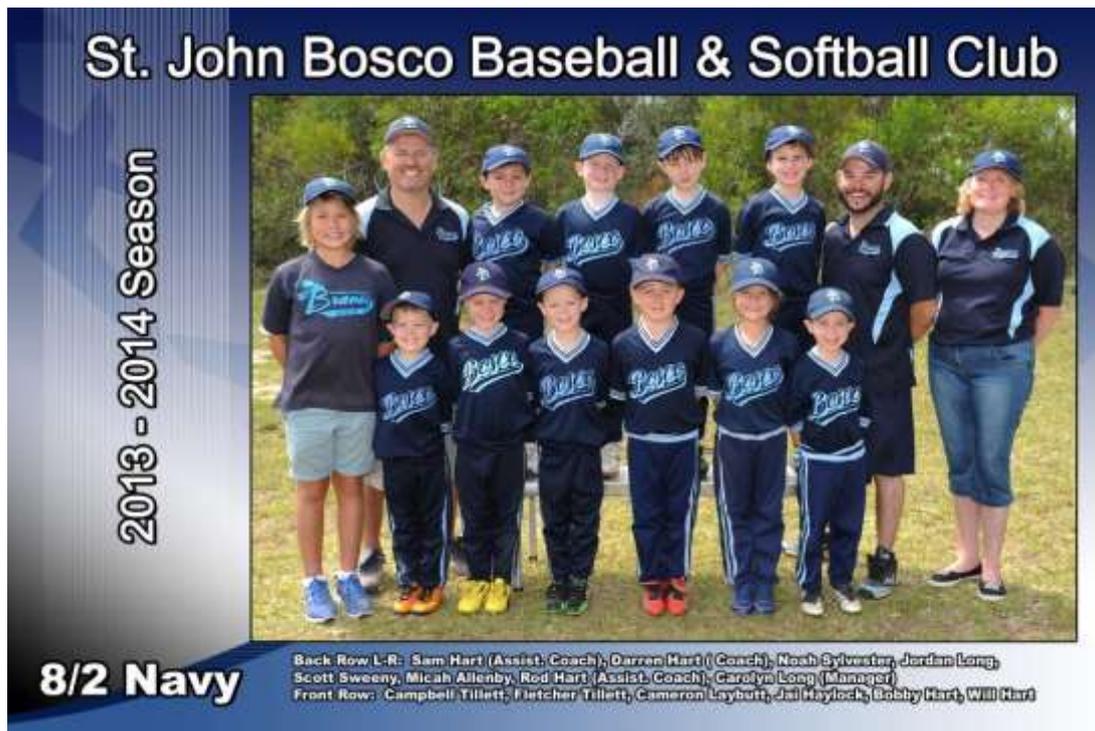
When I was unable to attend training, Kyle basically lead the team training sessions in my stead and has expressed interest in helping to assistant Coach the team next year.

Kyle lead the stats in batting average, slugging percentage and ERA and played in almost every position this year.

It was a pleasure to coach him as he always had something intelligent and useful to say during training and games as well as an all round fun attitude towards the game.

I wish him good luck in his future baseball career if he chooses to move to seniors next year and well done for a fantastic season.

UNDER 8/2 NAVY T-Ball



What an exciting season we had this year. Finishing 2nd and receiving our Silver medal for the second season in a row. With most of us playing together for the 2nd time, the boys really showed the team work that will continue to assist them in becoming a great team in the years to come.

Focussing this season on making the plays by throwing the ball for the out, I think the coaches and the parents were all amazed at how far these boys had come in one season, culminating in some of the best games of the year and even a triple play!

Thank you to Rod for coaching the kids with me again this season. Having your brother and someone with the patience he displays week in and week out was a lot of fun and very rewarding.

Thanks to Carolyn Long for managing the team exceptionally this year and for scoring in every game for us this season.

To the parents, I would just like to thank you all for your help this year. We have a great group of people involved with the boys and I am sure we are all going to have a lot of fun over the coming years.

The team this year consisted of the below Players:

Micah Allenby – Much improved, Micah was like “bees to honey” this season and didn’t need any encouragement to run after the ball, no matter what position on the field he was playing. A terrific year Micah well done!

Bobby Hart – What a year it was from Bobby, who really started to master the skills needed to make a good baseballer. He had a terrific season with the bat, cementing the number 4 batting position and an equally impressive season in the field whether at Pitcher, Short or 1st Base. Congratulations Bobby on a stella season and keep practicing!

Will Hart – One of our biggest improvers from last season, Will was our most consistent hitter this year belting himself and his team mates around the bases all season long with dependable accuracy. A fantastic season Will and can’t wait until next year buddy.

Jai Haylock – Another one of our big improvers, Jai continued to get better as the weeks went on. Jai is on the cusp of great things in the coming seasons if he continues to practice his throwing and catching. Well don't mate!

Cameron Laybutt – What a year from Cameron with the bat this season! Constantly hitting into the outfield was Cameron's biggest achievement this year, which got us out of trouble on many occasions. His running between bases was also a highlight. Great season Cam.

Jordan Long – One of our more mature players, Jordan really excelled this year in all areas. Whether with the bat or in the field Jordan led by example and had an impact in every game. Jordan has the ability to really impress in this sport in the future. Well done Jordan.

Scott Sweeney - In his second year and still only 5 this season, Scott has improved dramatically throughout the year. Provided we knew where his bat was, Scott was ready to rock in the batter's box this season and really swung it well towards the back end of the season. His size and strength will really be an asset for him in the coming seasons. A terrific effort this year Scotty!

Noah Sylvester – battling Asthma for a good part of the season, Noah always gives his best and listens intensely. A terrific young man, Noah will be missed in the coming seasons after relocating to Queensland. I hope that Noah continues to play the game north of the border. Well done Noah.

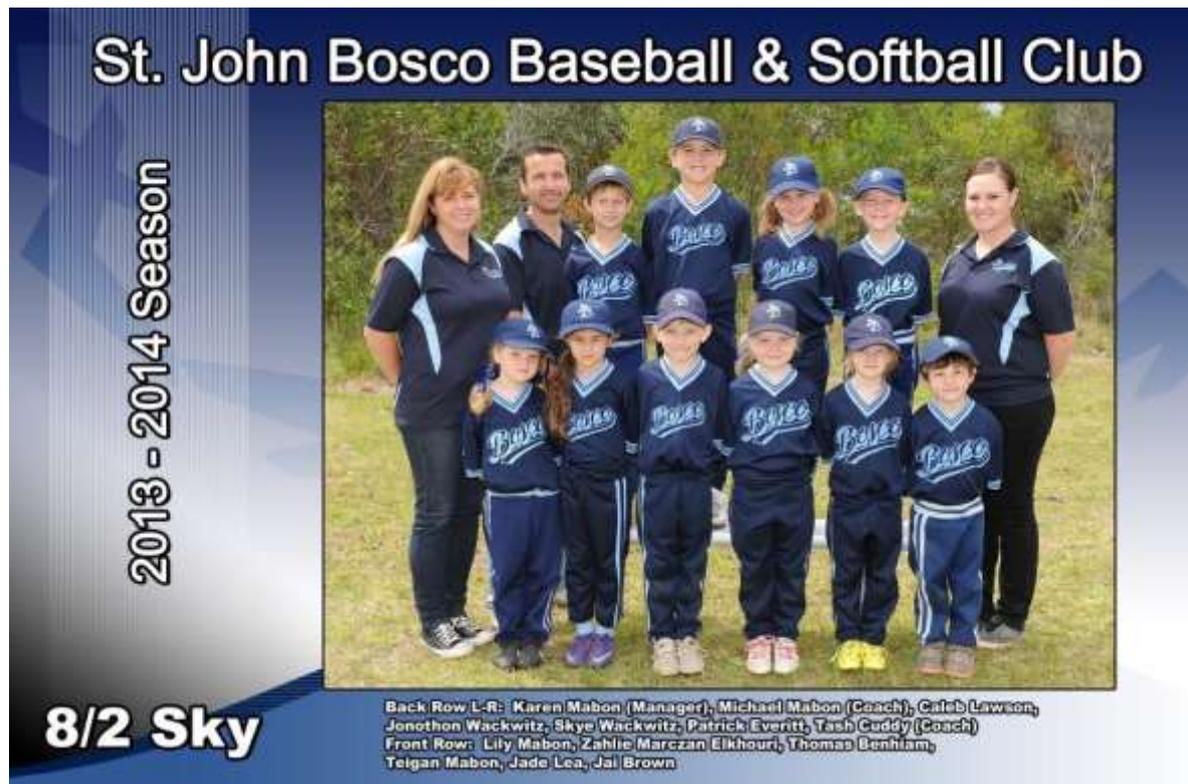
Campbell Tillett – Turning 5 during the season, our youngest player was our little pocket rocket. Whether it was his running, catching, throwing or smashing the ball of the tee, this intensely competitive little bloke has all the skills to really impress in the coming seasons. Just watching him stand ready to run from one base to another, summed up Campbell's drive and energy. A great year champ. Well done!

Fletcher Tillett – last but certainly not least, the ever smiling Fletcher had yet another positive season with every aspect of the game. One of our strongest players, Fletcher really gives it his all and wears his passions on his sleeve. I really look forward to coaching Fletcher in the coming seasons as his skills continue to improve. A fantastic season Fletch!

Get out in the park in the off season boys and keep throwing. We will have another great season next year...

Coach – Darren & Rod Hart

UNDER 8/2 SKY T-Ball



A great season was had by all in our team. We started the season with only two players who had previously played and every week we showed great improvement, finishing the season looking like a team that was ready for the professional league.

We had our strong batters Jonothon and Caleb scaring the opposition, hitting the ball into the outfield on many occasions, as well as being a dynamic duo out on the field.

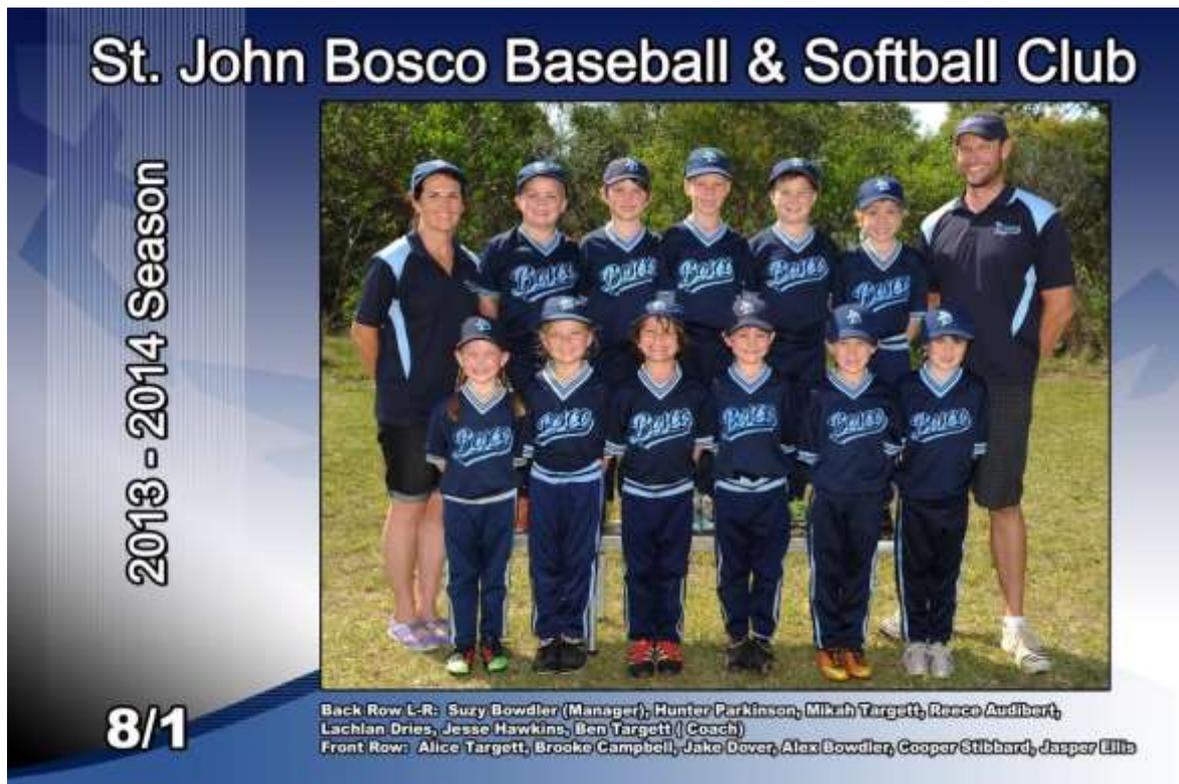
Patrick, Thomas, Jai, Skye, Zahlie, Teigan, Jade and Lily all showed what determination and practice can bring to a team, each week they had a great time at training and applied what they had practiced, showing us their improvement each game.

It was sad to finish our season with wet weather unable to have one last hit together, but we hope to see you all next year for an even more fun filled time.

Thank you to you all and your wonderful parents for making our season such a great one.

Coach - Mike

UNDER 8/1 T-Ball



Well what a great season we all had. We started the year with some new kids and after losing some heavy hitters to Zooka I was sceptical at first whether we were biting off more than we could chew. But alas all was looking good after a successful Gala Day at Giants winning all three games.

The kids started the regular season off with a bang by putting in a great overall performance against Comets with a convincing 30 – 15 win, the first of nine for the year. As the season panned out our competition would be a very strong Cronulla outfit which came 4th at the under 9 T-Ball championship at Blacktown during the year and St. Pats who were also strong in many areas. Coming into the Christmas break the kids had been very consistent with only 3 losses from 11 games. Once again Santa was in-tune with the kids and shiny new gear had them looking great. With a bye straight after Christmas it was 7 weeks since they had been on the diamond and I wasn't sure what would happen ☺ But once again this team grew in confidence and skill and left the opposition in their dust with many putting up the white flag once they saw the draw. However, our nemesis all year was Cronulla which we played 3 times with 2 of those games resulting in a loss for us by only 1 run. With many compliments from the Cronulla coach and parents it was great to see that they too recognized what a great team the Bosco Under 8/1's are.

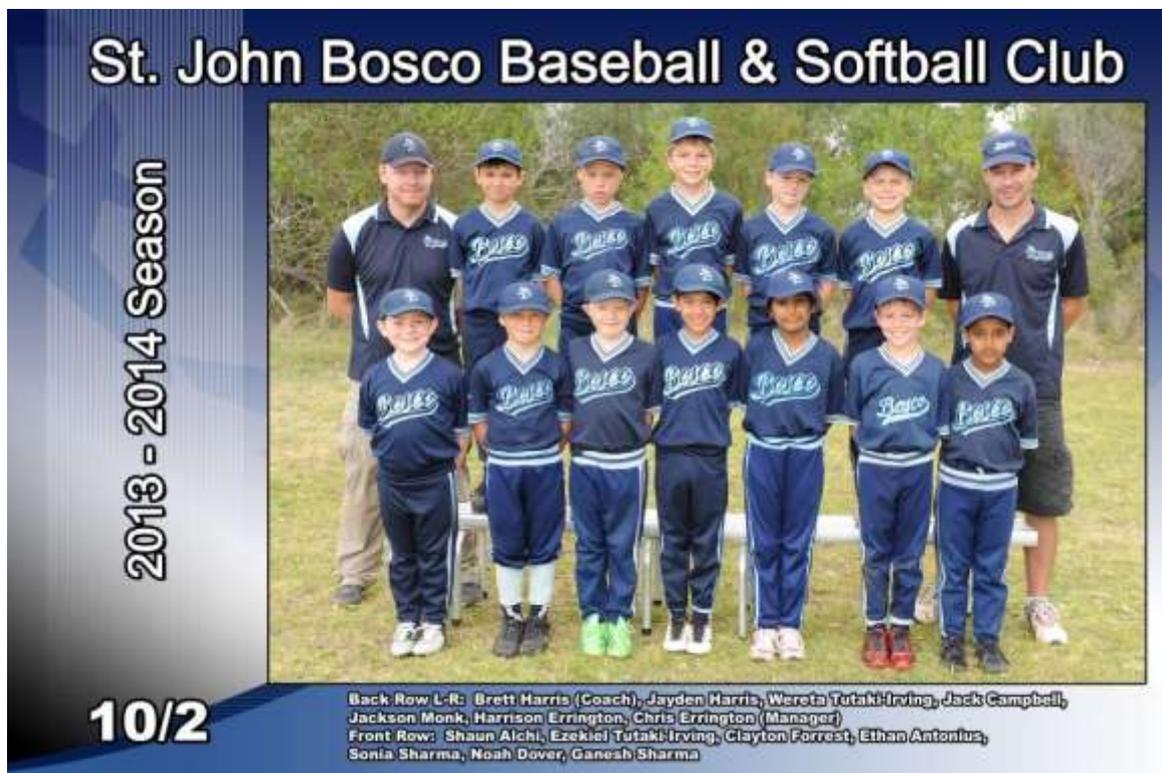
I am very proud of this team for the effort and attitude they displayed all year, it was fantastic to see all the kids developing their confidence and skill set in different positions throughout the year and as a result from their hard work at training we finished the season in a well-deserved 2nd place behind an undefeated Cronulla.

You were all a pleasure to coach this season and made my job a lot easier, thanks also to Suzy our manager for her time and effort behind the scenes in keeping things running smoothly all year long. A special thanks to all the parents who gave up their time in their busy schedule making themselves available for game day duties as well as getting the kids to training.

It was great to see the joy and smiles from the kids on the field this year which is why we play the game. I know this was year was the last of T-Ball for many of you but I also know we are all looking forward to an exciting year of Zooka (more gear to wear). See you then.

Coach – Ben Targett

UNDER 10/2 ZOOKA BALL



Firstly, congratulations to Bosco 10/2s for such a great and memorable season, stepping onto the field with such an eager bunch of young baseballers was such a privilege.

I would also like to recognise the efforts of parents, team manager, supporters for without your efforts such a great season wouldn't have been possible.

Even though the team consisted of a few new faces and a few old, the progress they made as a team was inspiring. Only putting a few wins on the board before the Christmas break but going undefeated afterwards, including beating the undefeated Giants was impressive.

Congratulations to Clayton, Harrison, Jayden and Noah on making the 2013/2014 Rookie Reps and also to the rest of the team Ethan, Ezekiel, Ganesh, Jack, Jackson, Shaun, Sonia and Wereta for such great improvements throughout the year.

Finishing the season with a once in a lifetime opportunity, Bosco 10/2s got the chance to meet and greet the LA Dodgers which put the finishing touches on a great season.

Many thanks

Coach - Brett Harris

UNDER 12/3 BASEBALL



1. Strikes are like gold.
2. Experience is a great teacher
3. Such a steep learning curve with pitchball.
4. Anyone can hit off a tee.

Well, three of these are correct!

We had a team of enthusiastic kids, who listened, who improved, and at season's end, competed. To our credit we gave up only 12 more runs than we scored all season (6th placed)

The games after Rnd 9 (pitchball only – no Tee) we found ourselves much more in the contest. Had we won those close games we would have finished in sixth place (probably).

This sport of ours is a great one, but it is not easy. Some of the game situations that occurred were truly bizarre and unusual .You just can't train for these things.(refer points 2 & 3).

May I praise our pitchers, as mostly they delivered.(refer point 1)

To our catchers, again many thanks on a crucial yet thankless role.

We played, by agreement with the opposition coaches, not to come home on wild pitches. But, should the catchers not make good throws, we were coming home. We did so on many occasions. Our catchers were better.

As a team our batting and base-running improved markedly, particularly after the introduction of signals. This went so much better than anticipated. Likewise, swinging the bat with power and at the correct pitches. I thought that once the Tee was disposed of we would struggle, but not so.(refer point 4).

To the parents that assisted when asked, thank you.

Special mention must go to our Scorer Maree Watson and Pitch Count Auditor Rick Hayes who were our "go to" people. To Angie Hayes, so capable a deputy for Maree.

Paul Sweetland cannot go unmentioned as his enthusiasm and experience was greatly appreciated. Adrian Magrath ably stepped up to any request made to him.

Finally, to Patrece. Your skills and determination as Manager will never be more appreciated.

Our team:

Joel Watson - The “ Enigma” – always smiling , the swing at bat doesn’t necessarily look like its going to connect , but it usually does. Keep at it Joel.

Bayley Magrath - As a base runner, do not get in Bayley’s way. His sheer determination on the field, you want him on your team, a great attitude for baseball,. Well done Bayley.

Josh Yao - We could always rely on Josh, whatever was asked of him was delivered. Small on stature but big on heart , Good Job Josh !

Gabby Johnston - We loved watching Gabby progress this season. If Gabs could play ball 24/7 she would. The second game against Giants, Gabs pitched us out of a hole, it was a seriously pleasing effort. Great Season Gabby.

Nathan Horvath - One of the most enthusiastic members of our team. We saw Nathan progress up the batting order and he delivered when required. Well Done Nathan.

Max Hayes - First year in for Max and he proved to be a very tough at bat. Glad he was part of our team and hope he enjoyed the experience and wish him well for another season.

Zoe Thomson - As a Coach , I had the utmost confidence in Zoe in any position. I hope her confidence grows and she continues to do well with each season.

Corey Sweetland - A player with infectious enthusiasm. A good team player and is another member of the team you could ask to anything and he delivered for you. Great effort Corey.

Ray Sharma - Another rookie player , Ray gave his all. Ray certainly looked like he enjoyed playing ball and we hope he continues with it, Well Done Ray.

Alec Kennedy -Batted as a “clean-up hitter” and achieved the only home run of the season. Just like his team-mates whatever position we needed Alec to play, he always gave 100%. Good Job Big Al.

Aden Kennedy - Voted MVP by parents and Coach, Aden was our lead-off batter every game. Aden played in several critical positions and always played them very well. Congratulations Aden.

Coach - Peter Kennedy

UNDER 12/2 BASEBALL



I was really looking forward to this season for many reasons. Our boys have been together for a couple of years and watching their skill improve and mateship develop I would say would be the highlights. As this was their first year in baseball and we were playing against other boys at least a year older, I was happy to take as many wins as losses. Who would have thought we would only lose two games in the regular season, topple the unbeaten side in the last game and then again in the semi only to go down in a hard fought grand final! Once again to be told by numerous other coaches how we have one of the most improved teams in the comp is credit to the boys for how hard they trained during the year. It really is hard to express how proud I am of these boys! The team consists of:

Luke: Luke had an outstanding season pitching for us. His accuracy often meant he was able to pitch the full three innings and more often than not for very few runs. When not pitching he was short stop and controlled that side of the diamond. He opened the batting and was a positive start for us.

Sam: Sam is the ultimate utility player. He held down short stop, third base and pitched. Highlights included throwing one pitch to draw a game against Bonnet Bay and bamboozling St Pats in the final home and away game and first semi final.

Joel: Joel has the arm of a teenager. He was used as one of our main pitchers and when he fired those rockets in, no player in the competition could touch him. He also held third base taking strong catches and easily throwing batters out on first. He always listened to any advice given to him.

Lachlan: Lachy the 'Master Blaster!' Loved watching his confidence and infectious smile every time he came to bat. Hit the most home runs and often had two or three runners on base at the time. He was our second baseman and made this position his own.

Nicholas: Courage personified! Nick took a nasty hit when batting in our first game but developed the courage we know he has to become a really consistent batter. He fielded left field for us and was able to get the ball in quick whenever it was hit out to him.

Tyson: Another of our mighty out field brigade. Tyson fielded in all three outfield positions and was reliable at all times. He is also a big strong boy and when he hit the ball, it stayed hit! Held yourself well all year Tys!

Jayden: The all time gentleman of the team! Jayden absolutely owned first base and very rarely did anything get passed him. He has a big left arm and when batting often put the ball powerfully into the outfield. Absolute pleasure having Jayden join our team this year!

Brynn: We would have been lost without Brynn this year. He caught every game for us which was no easy feat considering we had developing pitchers and runners stealing home. Brynn held his ground and I believe was one of the best catchers in the comp. His encouragement of his pitchers was appreciated every game!

Clinton: We were lucky enough to have Clint join us this year as well. His hand eye coordination is outstanding which enable him to pick up the skill of fielding easily and his back up work from centre field saved many runs. He is also a very reliable batter and quick between bases.

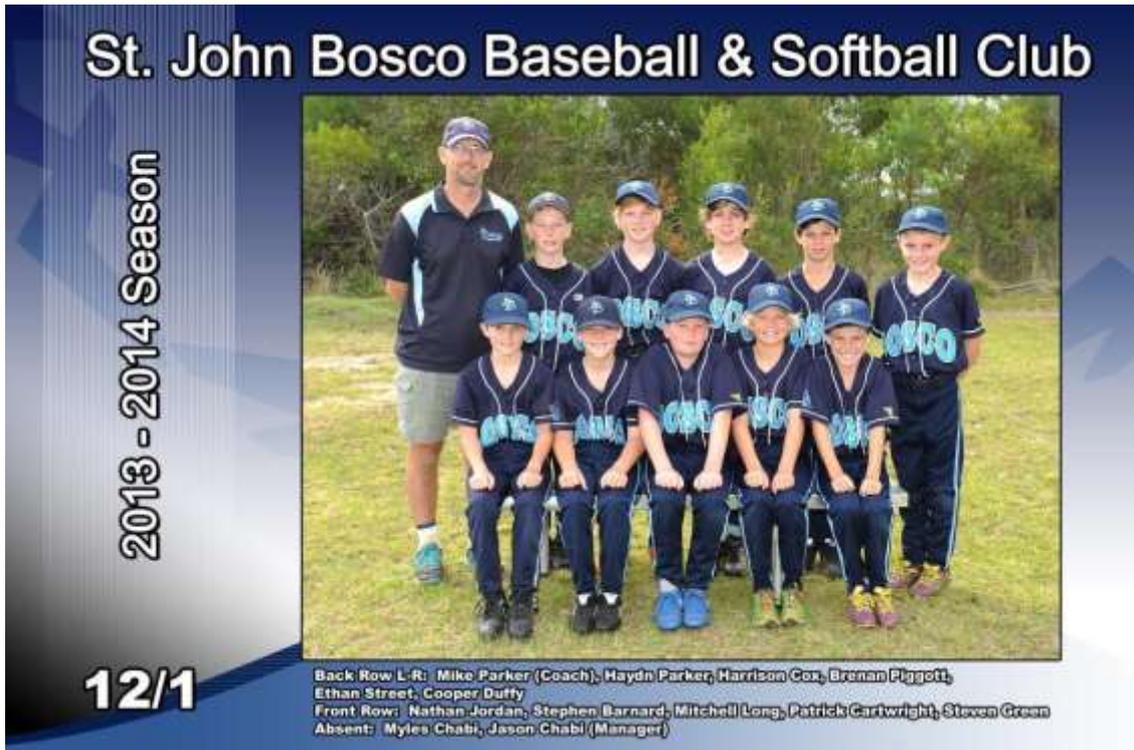
Cynan: Said it before but I'll say it again, Legend! He was a very solid third baseman and a really strong batsman who we relied on heavily. We unfortunately lost him to a broken arm for the last couple of months but to his credit (and I know it hurt) he showed up to support his mates and continued to be a big part of this team.

Nathan: The final part of the mighty outfielders! Nato learnt how to continue to stay alert and back up the infielders and to get the ball in quickly. He has the eye of an eagle as I believe he would have had more walks than any other...great patience. I was also really impressed with how well he was hitting the ball during the year as well.

I personally believe that this side would not be as strong or well developed as it is without the constant support from Stuart Wymer and Tony Menogue in particular. They both helped at every training session and again on game day (Stuey also holds a 100% coaching record!) A huge thanks must also go to Meredith who has done an incredible job keeping us all up to date with the happenings of the club, rostering when on ground control and scoring most of our games. Thanks to the Mums who pitch counted for us during the year! I hope everyone has enjoyed the year! You should feel very proud of the boys as I certainly am!!

Coach – Marcel

UNDER 12/1 BASEBALL



It was a great season for our team and very successful. We ended up coming third in the top grade in a strong competition with just about all clubs being represented in the 12/1's. We matched it with every team and we really made the top teams aware of how good we were when we knocked off the undefeated Cronulla side late in the season. We only lost 4 games all season until the final and we really stepped it up a level after the Christmas break on the back of some great pitching and strong batting from everyone.

From my point of view, it was great fun coaching the boys and it was great to see them all improve so much as the season went on. It was also very pleasing to see how well all the boys got along together and it really was an enjoyable and rewarding experience to be involved with this team. Hopefully everyone else enjoyed it as much I did and a big thankyou to all the parents for the terrific support given to the team and to each of the boys in the team. Must also thank Jason for doing such a great job as our manager and he certainly kept everyone and everything well organised during the season and it was great to have him in this role for our team. I also want to thank Janelle for scoring each week and it's always pleasing to have someone keen to score and she did a great job and it was very much appreciated. Thanks also to Paul & Linda Duffy for all the hard work they did with the canteen and it was great for the club and for our team as well when we were on duty. Lastly, just thanks again to all the parents and boys for an enjoyable season together and hope to see you all again next year in whatever age group it works out to be.

Below is a list of our very talented players in our 12/1's team this season.

Mitchell Long: Mitchell had a great season and it was a real pleasure to have him in the team. His fielding was very good at second and he came up with some crucial hits late in the season when we really needed them. His whole game has really picked up and he has improved greatly this season from all the hard work he's put in.

Cooper Duffy: Cooper was certainly one of our most enthusiastic players and he was also another of our younger team members. Cooper had a great season and we could put him anywhere on the field and he would do the job and he was always keen and ready to take on any position. His batting was excellent as well and once he sorted his feet out he was smashing the ball through the field each week.

Steven Green: Little Steven was our sensational lefty lead off batter and he was terrific in this spot. He hit well each week and was super aggressive running around the bases. Steven could also play anywhere on the field and

no matter where it was he was outstanding. Once again it was great having Steven in our team with his happy and enthusiastic approach to the game rubbing off on everyone.

Nathan Jordan: Nathan was one of our two younger players in the team and he started off the season pretty slowly and it took him a little while to settle into the U12's. But once he found a bit of form he really turned into one of our best performers each week. He made 1st base his own with some great takes and his batting just got better and better. As a result Nathan was awarded our Most Improved player this season.

Haydn Parker: Haydn was one of our stronger players in this team and he was a real team leader in all aspects of the game. He was also one of our main pitches along with Myles and his accurate pitching made it very difficult for the other teams in our grade. Haydn was also one of our best hitters and he had a great season with the bat and ball and he was also chosen as our MVP for this season.

Stephen Barnard: Stephen was another of our players that really improved this season. He pitched a few games for us when needed and did a great job and his fielding was excellent all season. But Stephens biggest improvement was his batting and by the end of the season he was producing some great hits each game. It was great to have Stephen in the team as he too could play in just about every position.

Harrison Cox: Harrison was another of our stronger players and he certainly put on some big plays during the season. He took some very spectacular catches in the outfield and he also came up with some big hits to score plenty of runs. Harrison was very good wherever he played and he was excellent at running the bases as well and was a real asset to the team.

Patrick Cartwright: Patrick was our other catcher this season and both he and Brenan did a great job in this role for the team. Patrick was also an excellent hitter and very fast around the bases. We could put Patrick just about anywhere on the field and he would do a great job and it was a pleasure to coach Patrick this season.

Brenan Piggott: Brenan was another of our players that really improved, with both his batting and fielding coming together during the season. But it was Brenan's catching that really kicked onto another level and by the end of the season he was looking very comfortable behind the plate and he was a great asset for the team.

Myles Chabi: Myles was a vital part of our team this season, as he was one of our main pitchers each game along with Haydn. His pitching got better and better with each outing and by the end of the season, both Myles and Haydn were dominating most teams from the mound. His batting and fielding were also very strong and Myles was certainly one of our strongest players. He was also awarded our Coaches Award this season based on his outstanding pitching and for his overall attitude to training and on game days.

Ethan Street: Ethan was a great team player for us and was lightning quick around the bases, which was a great bonus as he hit quite good as well. He was always smiling and it was a great pleasure to have him around at training and at the games. Ethan's fielding wasn't too bad either and he made some great plays from third base to get some crucial outs for us.

UNDER 14/1 BASEBALL



After some off season signings, where mates came to play with mates, our 14/1's team was shaping up nicely on paper. What we didn't factor in was three broken bones to Kyle, Jordan and Chet in the opening four rounds which would call on the team and the club to dig deep in order to take the diamond in the early part of the season.

To play in a one's completion was always going to be challenging, particularly when 63% of the team was bottom age, the club knew this would be the case and have looked at this team as a two year plan. We finished the season with two wins and a draw, what is most satisfying and sometimes forgotten about at the end of the season is we lost 4 games by less than 2 runs, two of those games were against the eventual runners up of the competition. Turn a few results around and we would've had the chance to play Semi-final baseball. As we all know it takes one great hit, pitch, catch, play or unfortunately error which can change a game or a season.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank the boys for their commitment to the team and the great sportsmanship in which the game was played. This was my first year as a Coach and I could not have asked for a better bunch of kids. A huge part of the coaching and culture of the team has to be assigned to my assistant coach Ben Parker, the current CSJBA junior baseball player of the year. Ben's the perfect role model for any young baseball player and is a great assistant Coach. Ben's technical knowledge of the game and ability to coach and interact with the players is impressive to watch.

I would also like to say, no under 14's team survives without the dedication of the parents. Thankyou for your support and your patience throughout the year, thank you for your assistance on the BBQ and in the canteen. Thanks to Belinda for scoring the majority of the season and My Belinda for being best manager. Hope to see you all next season.

Awards

- **Most Valuable Player – Simon Parker**
- **Batting Award – Kyle Pickering**
- **Coaches Award – Jesse Donkin**

Player Profiles

Zac Brooks – New to Bosco, but you certainly wouldn't have known it, fitted in like a glove. Zac is an absolute joy to coach and a great player to have in your team. Committed and reliable and has true pitching potential with more time on the mound.

Ben Campbell – Played well where ever we put him, Ben's ability to adapt to any position was great and a handy asset to the team. Batted left, this is also another asset to the makeup of the team. Very consistent team performer.

Jai Daniels – A player with the skills to be able to play any position you ask him too, A huge amount of time on the mound this year and a second base with good results. Great season and an asset to any team.

Jesse Donkin – New player from a softball background, not that you would have known it! Easy transition to the game and played catcher for the majority of the season. Jesse had a great combination when Simon was pitching. Batted well and a joy to coach. Jesse is a deserving recipient of the Coach's Award.

Chet Lister – Always hard to Coach your son, Chet loves the game and continues to improve and is maturing into a great all round player. I Enjoyed watching him develop his game under Ben's guidance. Chet's hard work has paid off with selection in Cronulla South's Little League team. Great season Chetty.

Simon Parker – Our go to man!! Simon is an integral part of the team. Simons pitching is something special to watch, an amazing 45 strike outs for the season. His ability to control a game is amazing, proves you don't need to be six foot tall to throw bullets. Simon is thoroughly deserving of our MVP Award.

Jake Pattinson – One of our top age players, who had a great year. Jake took some great out field catches which keep us in the game. Always gave his best and had great support from his Dad Steve, who also helped out with the team all season. Thanks Steve.

Kyle Pickering – Kyle has developed over the year and in the end was, by far our most dangerous batter in the line-up. Kyle's batting figures were .478 which is sensational. Looked very comfortable anywhere on the field and is an asset to the team. Kyle's hard work has earned him to representative honours for Little League this year. Kyle is the recipient of our Batting Award. Well done.

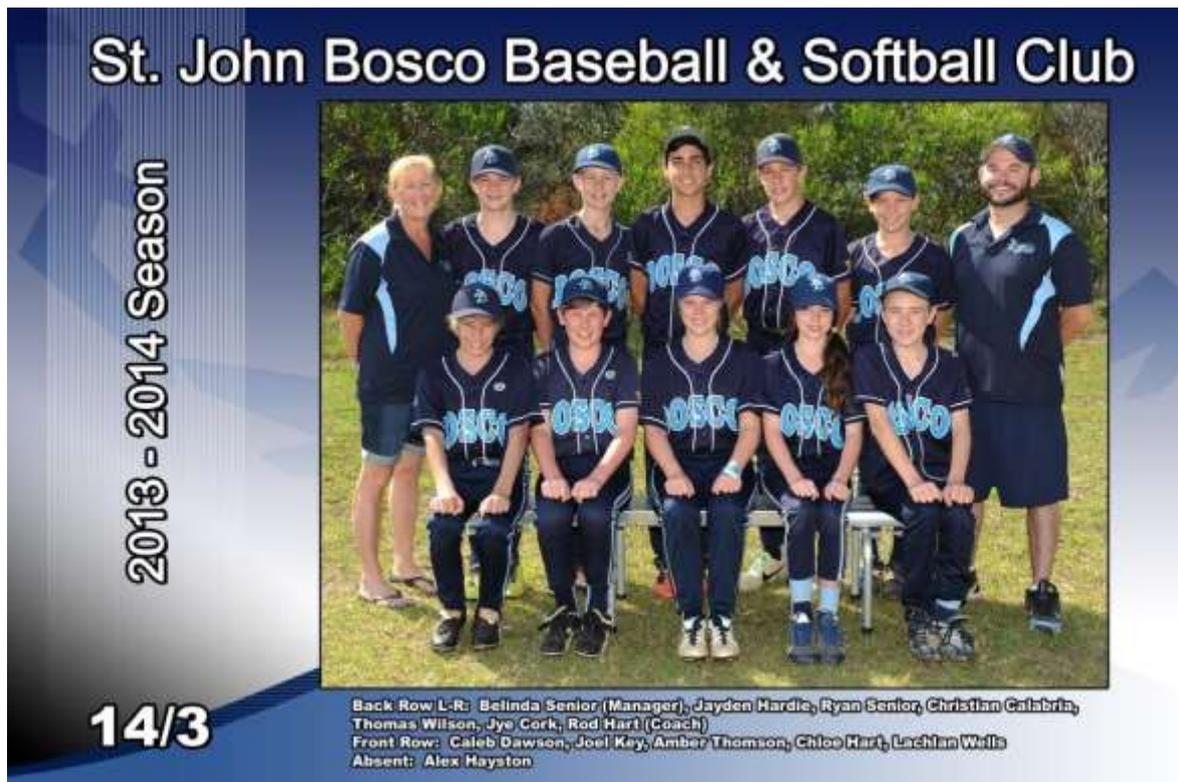
Nicholas Plunkett – New to the game from Softball, registered late in the season and showed some real potential before being cursed with our injury hoodoo. Powerful, fast and natural ability will make for a great player with more time on the diamond. Hope to see you back next season.

Jordan Sylvester – After a very promising start to his baseball career last season, we unfortunately never got to see Big Jordy fulfil his potential this season due to a nasty injury. Always happy and a great character of the team, has now moved interstate, big shoes need to be filled.

Blake Wymer – The quite achiever, Blake had a great season and was a pleasure to coach, always willing to learn and improve. Blake is very reliable in all aspects of the game. Very efficient with the Bat and has a trusty good arm.

Coach - Craig Lister.

UNDER 14/3 BASEBALL



What a wonderful season the under 14/3s had in 2013/2014. With a number of new players to the game it was hard to judge how we were going to perform but after wins in the first two games I knew that we would be a real contender for the title. The team improved from week to week and we jostled with Illawong and Comets for the top spot. Finishing 2nd at the end of the season we were set to play Illawong in the first semi. Unfortunately the baseball gods were not kind to Bosco and washed out the game on the Saturday as well as the makeup game on the Wednesday arvo. As a result Illawong were rewarded with a pass straight into the grand final and we were headed for a showdown with Comets. Well it turned out to be the game of the season. Our guys were outstanding and went on to win by one run to put us into the grand final against the inform Illawong.

With only two Bosco teams playing on grand final day, we were all very eager to bring home the trophy. We had the early game and it was great to see the sun shining. After our pre game ritual of spray painting hair blue and donning the blue zinc the kids were ready. Batting first, we starting the game very strong scoring 7 runs. Illawong answered with a solid innings and tied the game. After the second innings we were in front and looked like we could take it out. Unfortunately some very tough calls against us by the ump let Illawong back into the game. Sensing a loss on the horizon the Illawong coach made a crucial pitching change and brought on their fastest pitcher. Unfortunately for us he was on his game and we struggle to get a hit. In the end Illawong were too good and we went down 13-10. The kids however had a great time and I was so proud of them all.

I would like to thank the team's manager Belinda for all her assistance throughout the year as well as all the parents who helped with scoring, canteen, BBQ and turned up every week to support the kids. It was an absolute pleasure to coach such a wonderful team and I can't wait to do it all again next season.

Our Team:

Alex – Being Alex's third season in the sport he really showed why he is such an important member of the team. Playing most of the season at second base, he was very reliable and took some awesome catches and plays. Alex was also strong with the bat and got on base more times than not. It is terrific to see how much Alex enjoys the game of baseball and spending time on the diamond with his mates.

Amber – This was Amber's second year in the under 14s with back to back grand finals. Amber played numerous positions during the season and was very reliable when called upon to play first base. She is a terrific base runner and it was awesome to watch her slide into home plate and show the boys how it's done. Amber will move up into the U/17s next season and I'm sure she will continue to enjoy playing baseball. Good luck next season Amber.

Caleb – This was also Caleb's second season in the 14s. Unfortunately he missed a number of the early games with a broken arm but came back bigger and better. It was tremendous to watch his confidence grow each time he went into bat which resulted in a couple of great hits. Caleb's favourite position was in the outfield and he was always very quick to the ball and to get it back into the infield. Well done on a great year Caleb and best of luck next season in the U17s.

Christian – One of the newest members of the team, Christian excelled in his first year in the sport. Right from the start Christian got the hang of it and went on to be one of our starting pitchers and biggest hitters. He had a terrific year with the bat hitting a number of home runs with two in round 6 against Arncliffe Scott's. Christian is a natural at the game and improved every week and played a major part in the team making the grand final. I look forward to coaching him again next season.

Chloe – Well Chloe started the season exactly where she left off last year and was once again fantastic behind the plate as the team's catcher. Improving every week, Chloe played a major part in the team's success with her speed and uncanny ability to stop players stealing home. She also had some terrific hits during the season with the highlight coming in the grand final when she got the only hit from Illawong's main pitcher. Great season Chloe.

Jai – One of the original members of the team, Jai played a big part in us making the grand final for the second year in a row. He continued to go from strength to strength as our first baseman and was very strong with the bat hitting a number of home runs throughout the season. Jai is a great kid and is well liked by all the members of the team. With Jai's all round ability I think he could steer the team to a grand final win in 2015.

Jayden – In his first year of Baseball, Jayden joined the team in round 5 after looking for a sport that he hoped he would enjoy. And enjoy he did. It only took him a few games to understand the fundamentals and build his confidence and he went on to have lots of fun. Jayden was eager to learn and turned out to be one of the quickest base runners in the team. He also had one of the best slides in the team which was very handy in the tight games. Well done mate.

Joel – The most improved player in the team by far. Joel had a tremendous season and did it all. From taking remarkable catches, to getting hits into the outfield, to stealing bases, to sliding into home, there was nothing he did not do. It was so pleasing to see Joel come into his own this season and he was a pleasure to coach. Keep it up Joel and I can feel a big 2014/2015 season ahead.

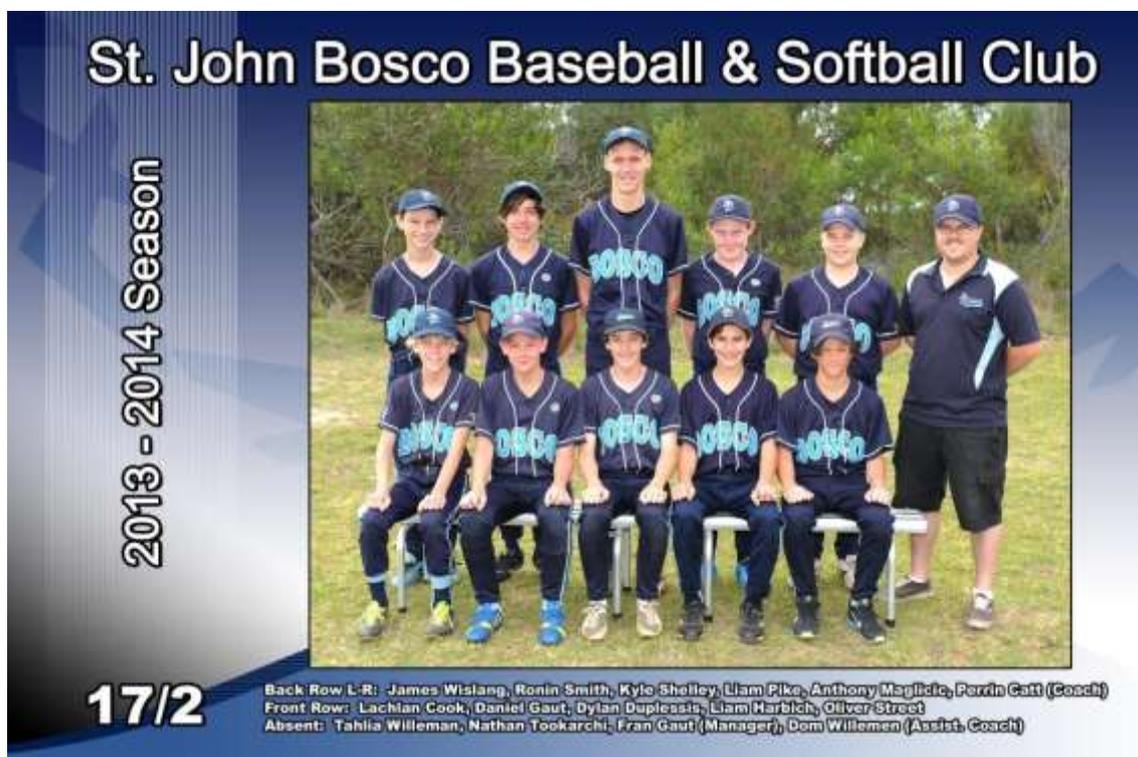
Lachlan – It was great to be able to coach Lachlan again this season and watch him improve each week. 'Mr Nice guy' Lachlan is a wonderful team player and well-liked by all. He played a number of positions throughout the season but found his home at 3rd base. He made some top plays in the position and with a great throwing arm got the outs at first. Lauchie was also very fast stealing bases and has a classic slide. Good job mate.

Ryan - Another one of the founding members of the team Ryan was once again 'Mr reliable'. Playing almost every position on the diamond he had a fantastic season in all aspects of the game. Ryan always got a hit and could be counted on to steal home plate. He was also called upon to pitch in a few of the games which he improved every time. Without Ryan in the team I am sure we would not have had the success we did. We will do it all again Ryan in a few months.

Thomas – Watching Thomas play this wonderful game you would not think it was his first season of Baseball. He could do it all and was so eager to listen and learn which helped the team have such a successful season. Thomas pitched almost every game and improved out of sight. When not pitching he was also very strong at short stop where he made some incredible plays. Thomas was also lethal with the bat hitting a number of homeruns. I can't wait to see what he can do in his second year in the sport. Great work Tom.

Coach – Rod Hart

UNDER 17/2 BASEBALL



This was my 9th year coaching Bosco Junior baseball and like last year the season did not disappoint. All of the kids had a blast on and off the field and it was great as a Coach to see the improvement they all made throughout the season. The team consisted of a great bunch of young baseballers with their own unique flare that they brought to each training session and game.

The team consisted of:

Lachlan Cook, Dylan Duplessis, Daniel Gaut, Liam Harbich, Anthony Maglicic, Liam Pike, Kyle Shelley, Ronin Smith, Oliver Street, Nathan Tookarchi, Tahlia Willemen, James Wislang

We started off the season with a bang beating 2 out of the first 3 teams we came across. With a few nery finishes in there the season seemed to look promising; however this was slightly short-lived as we came up against some rather formidable Illawong, Cronulla and Eastern Suburbs sides.

The kids played their hearts out the entire season, showing improvement in many aspects of their game. We lost several 1 run nail biters to a few teams including Cronulla in the 5th round 6-5 after leading the entire game, which was an amazing effort against the undefeated side. It was games like this that gave me heart attacks but it was what made the games thrilling for the players.

More than half the team were first year 17's but they played like it was their 3rd year. Beating Cronulla 5-4 in our 3rd last game was by far the pinnacle of the season and one of the best games I have seen in a long time. I hope each and every player comes back to play another season as I would like to have another crack at the 17/2's title next year.

Congratulations to all of the players for their performance during the season, it was a fantastic year with fun had by all and I thoroughly enjoyed coaching this young bunch of incredible people.

Firstly I would like to thank all the parents for their commitment over the season in getting their children to each training session. Thanks goes to Sam Wislang who kindly scored for us for the entire season. I'm incredibly grateful to Fran Gaut for her efforts as our EO and organising everything during the season from canteen and BBQ duty to Fundraisers and photos.

Special thanks go to Wal for assisting me at our training sessions so voluntarily.

Last but not least, a season doesn't happen without the coaches to teach the kids about the game and guide them, so a huge acknowledgement to Dominic Willemen for a job well done.

Coach - Perrin Catt

Assistant Coach: Dominic Willemen

Executive Officer: Fran Gaut

Scorer: Sam Wislang

UNDER 9 T-BALL SOFTBALL

Bosco Orange

The 2013/14 season began with eight very enthusiastic children with either very little or no idea about the game of T-ball. Our first training session had players running from 1st base and then straight to 3rd base totally bypassing 2nd all together. It was from this point that Brian and I knew we had some work to do. This challenge however was made easy by our naturally talented and extremely keen young players who all wanted to listen and learn. We never looked back after this.

Our team (in no particular order)

Chelsea – A Little Leader. A great all-rounder who, leads by example and who always knows exactly what's happening in the game. (always happy to correct her coach's when they make a mistake).

Blake – The Iceman. Very cool and calm under pressure is this young man. Throughout the season he just got better & better. (The sky's the limit!)

Chloe – Miss 100%. Whether she is hitting, catching, throwing or fielding this young player always gives it her all with her 'can do' attitude. Also the team's winner of our catching competition.

Charli – Little Mother. Another player who improved so much over the season. Her hitting was ever reliable and her throwing arm is one to look out for. A little mother to all on and off the field.

Jeremy – The Road Runner. This young man had the speed to chase anyone down. Initially he showed the skills necessary in T-ball to be a good player and as the season went on he began to read the game better and better becoming a great player by season end.

Abbey – Alias 'Smiley'. A game of t-ball wouldn't have been the same without this young lady's winning smile. She would walk up to the plate with her great big smile ready to blast that ball out of the diamond.

Montana – Little Miss Curious. An inquisitive young lady who was a big improver and excelled in all areas of the game. Montana is a terrific catcher who retrieved the ball with gusto.

Chad – The Silent Assassin. A young man that let's his T-ball skills do the talking. This talented player is a fine sportsman who was an absolute pleasure to coach.

Overall we had a fun and rewarding season and this is down to a great group of enthusiastic young players and their very supportive parents. Our season saw two of our team members, Blake Fisher and Jeremy Stapleton making the U11 boys representative team, well done boys.

Thanks to all,

Coaches - Damon & Brian

UNDER 9 T-BALL SOFTBALL

Bosco Lime

This year I was lucky enough to coach a fantastic team made up of completely new players. Since none of the team had played T ball before, we started with the basics, but by the end of the season we were hot! The team worked together really well, and always supported and encouraged each other. The first time each player ran across the home plate and scored a point was so exciting!

In the team we have:

Freya, who right from the start has been so enthusiastic! She always wants to be the first batter, always first on the field, always keen to get in and do a good job. By the end of the season her batting was amazing, nearly always in outfield.

Moses, our great runner! He is always ready to steal the next base, and has truly learnt the art of hitting and running as fast as he can to first base! Moses always had a big smile and was full of encouragement to the rest of the team.

Tahlia, the longest thrower in the team. She could throw a ball from outfield straight to home base! She also is a great batter and a very enthusiastic member of the team.

Claire, who is always keen to get out and have a go, but especially loves to hit the ball. By the end of the season she was getting some great shots out to outfield, and nearly always turned it into a run home.

Coco, our all rounder. Her natural talent meant that Coco quickly picked up all parts of the game. She has a great arm for throwing and catching, hits the ball well and runs as fast as lightning. She is super keen to get out and play, and is a great part of the team.

Bianca, another great runner in the team. She loves batting and is always so excited to make it to first base. She has also discovered the thrill of getting players in the other team out! I think she will be back next year to keep trying this – it's great fun!

Carissa, the youngest player in the team, although you couldn't tell! Carissa was a great batter and runner, and was always enthusiastic to play. Her bright smile when she ran home (lots of times!) was fantastic to see.

As you can see, Team Lime was a great team, and we had a fantastic season! We all (including me) learnt a lot about T ball and had so much fun doing it. I hope to see all the bright faces back next year!

Thanks to some great kids and their equally great parents.

Coach - Annette

UNDER 3 MODBALL SOFTBALL

The season started off a bit short of numbers but thankfully with the help from some Tigers players we were able to form our Bosco/Tigers U13 Modball team.

I would like to thank all the players for turning up to training and the games and trying their best. Modball is a very confusing game to watch so I can't imagine how difficult at times it would be to play. There is a little hidden rule for everything.

We had a couple of good wins, draws and probably more losses. This was our teams first year at Modball so it was always going to be a bit hard playing against teams who were playing their second year in this competition. But in saying that, we fought hard each week sometimes playing better softball but not being rewarded with the win.

Some major highlights from the season are:

Making some plays from catcher to 2nd base and tagging the opposition out. Infield catches. Double plays. Great hitting of pitched balls and off the tee. General talk and encouragement the team gave each other.

This is a great bunch of kids and each of them deserve a pat on the back for their efforts this season. A special congratulations to Tiarne for making the U11 Sutherland TBall rep team and Jessica and Jasmine for making the U13 Sutherland Softball rep team. These 3 have worked very hard to improve themselves and have been rewarded for their efforts.

Aimee: Made some excellent plays from catcher. Aimee put her hand up to play anywhere and was very encouraging to all her team mates. Aimee is a fantastic little player and Im sure would have made the rep team as well if she had trialled.

Charlotte: Always gave 100%. Hit some great pitched balls and was also involved in quite a few plays that resulted in opposition outs. Also gave pitcher a go and gave it her all.

Jessica: Loves this game and it shows with her desire to do well. Would jump into any position and always help her team cheer on their players. Made some great catches whilst in pitcher.

Jasmine: Our team encourager! Always giving her best she was the talker of the team. Tries her hand at all positions and always gives 100% where ever she plays. An asset to this team! A very handy pitcher/catcher to have on your team.

Locke: One of the most consistent hitters. He was the first one to hit a pitched ball and continued hitting in most games. He is a very keen catcher as well. Gave pitcher a go and really worked hard and got some well-deserved 3 strikes.

Mary: Mary is my quiet achiever. She always follows directions without any hassle. She improved out of sight. She made some great tag outs at second base and was hitting pitched balls more consistently. Keep smiling Mary and keep up the good work.

Talia: Talia was another smiling assassin. She was happy where ever she played. She always gave 100% when she was playing. Had a couple of weeks away and we missed having her around. Again a big improvement in batting from the first to second half of the season.

Tiarne: Tiarne has natural ability. She can bat, field and throw very consistently. She works hard when she is playing in any position. Says she loves playing in the outfield and with her huge throws it showed that she is an asset there. Also had a go at pitcher and did well.

Hayley: Hayley was my most keen catcher. She played this position with confidence and made some fantastic catches as well as outs. Also showed a big improvement in batting. Was a handy back up pitcher too. Really an all-round good player. Keep up the good work Hayley!

Keira: My pocket rocket. Keira showed a lot of skill in many areas of the game. She always gives it her all whenever she plays. Her pitching was very consistent and she made some fantastic plays in the infield. Keira has a good understanding of the game and was always aware of where the play was.

Summer: This was Summers first year and that didn't show. She is a natural athlete and tries hard in whatever she does. Her batting was greatly improved as the season went on. She was keen to play wherever I put her and made some great catches and throws throughout many games.

Caitlin: Another all-rounder Caitlin could pitch and bat. She worked hard with her pitching and showed a big improvement as the season progressed. Her batting also was very consistent. Hit some fantastic balls off the tee and pitched balls.

Charli: Charli has the nature to want to do well anywhere she plays. She works hard and is always asking questions which as a coach is all you want. She showed a huge improvement in her batting and her fielding. Always smiling and a delight to coach. Keep up the good work Charli!

Finally thank you to all the parents for your help each week. This game is very complicated and requires a lot of help. Every week the parents stepped in and helped with scoring, coaching etc. A special thank you to Marita who is my stand in coach. Another huge effort from you and I appreciate all your help.

Also, thank you to the Tigers club for helping us out with their players. They were an absolute delight to have in the team and the kids all made some new friendships which was very nice to see.

I hope to see all the kids back playing softball next year. They are a great bunch of kids!

Thanks

Coach - Sharon



U19 DIVISION 1 SOFTBALL

Well it has been a long time coming but the Bosco Division 1 girls won their first premiership in the Sutherland Softball Competition this season.

In a four-team competition the Bosco and Arrows teams were the two strongest teams and were expected to play in the Grand Final, if our girls brought their best game each week.

The team this year was primarily made up from players from the last few seasons. Although, there must be something about this Bosco team, we never go after players they come to us, and such was the case with Katie Walker and Sally Diener who joined the team from one of last season's opposition teams and combined well with the rest of the team from the first round..

After 18 rounds had been completed Bosco was second on the table behind the Arrows team with the best result against them all season being a draw in round 15. Overall the team finished the season with 8 wins 4 lost and 6 draws (mainly due to wet weather).

Going into the semi-finals, against Arrows, the team had a sense of expectation, they wanted this one because this was their last year together and they wanted to win a premiership for the long time players.

As expected the semi was a close match, although Arrows did take a strong lead 8 to 2 in the later half of the game. With time running out for only one more innings the Bosco girls rallied and scored the maximum 6 runs at their final turn at bat, making it 8 all. The team only needed to hold Arrows out to force a tie-breaker. Unfortunately Arrows scored the winning run, with Bosco needing to play again in the final against Wave.

In the final the Bosco girls replayed their batting from the last innings in the semi and with Katie and Sally controlling the game, they defeated Wave 10 – 3, setting up a rematch against Arrows.

In close and nerve-wracking grand final the game went to 7 innings and finished before the designated hour and a half. Both teams played the match in a great spirit and respect for the other team. There were no runs scored by both teams up to the 6th innings when Bosco scored one run. The rest is history the girls held Arrows to no runs for their last two at bats and they were held to the one and only run of the game. Final score 1-0 to Bosco Braves.

There is not much I can say about the grand final as the game was so close, I can only mention highlights. With Katie pitching and Sally catching our battery performed outstandingly in a tight and tension filled game. Two plays were standouts for me, a pop fly over first base went to ground with three players standing around it but Tegan Doherty took the initiative grabbed the ball and threw to Beth Hobden at second base who tagged the batter stealing an extra base.

The other play is, in my opinion, was play of the game and won Bosco the game. In the 4th innings Arrows biggest hitter, smacked one out to right field, Tegan Doherty chased after the hit, grabbed it and threw it to Beth. She caught the ball, as the runner rounded second base heading for third and fired it off to Shaylee Crimmins at third base. With the tension of a close game and a ball fired at her by an U19 Australian player, Shaylee calmly took the ball and tagged out the runner, a three base hit turns into the third out. Without that play Arrows would have had a runner on third base and good opportunity to score the potentially winning run.

Now all the excitement has died down I wish to thank Deb Hobden, my softball rock, for all your support for the team scoring and managing a group of teenage girls, making sure we have a full team on the field each week.

To Liz Quigley thank you for all the stats and scoring and to all the parents and supports who turn up every week, even though half the team drives to training and the games, thank you.

I had to take a month off softball during February so a special thank you goes to Chris Diener and Barry Rumsey, for coaching the team through the last five rounds and the final series. Your support of the team is greatly appreciated by me and bringing your experience and insights into the game truly assisted the girls to achieve their softball dream.

This is an end of an era for Bosco, I'm not sure if we will have a team for Div 1 next year, so I would like to note the efforts of some of our past officials and players, Celine Petruco, Shannon O'Riordan and Stacy Grappas and especially our previous coach Lou Petruco, you reap what you sow and Lou you sowed the seeds for this premiership.

Bosco over the years have always played the game in the spirit of club softball, enjoying the competition, but win lose or draw the players have always enjoyed each other's company and they just kept coming back year after year to have another crack.

These are a great group of young ladies and hopefully all the coaches and supporters have helped them to develop themselves not only on the diamond but also off the diamond as well.

Thank you to Amanda, Beth, Shaylee, Tegan, Natalie, Sally, Katie, Carolyn and Nicole I know sometimes the plays always haven't been pretty and frustration seems to be a commonly used word around the dugout but it has honestly always been fun and I have enjoyed our time together at softball.

As a final word I need to pay a special tribute to two players, Beth Hobden and Nicole Betts, the longest servicing players in the Bosco team. Over the years they have always been there in the Bosco team, there have been many ups and downs for both these players over the years but they have always portrayed the Bosco spirit in their play and their attitude to the game, the opposition and their fellow players.

Coach – John Betts

U15 DIVISION 3 SOFTBALL

This was the first year of softball for this team. They were a young team competing in this competition. While the transition was a challenge there was continual improvement as the season progressed with a berth in the final series where we finished fourth overall. Importantly they enjoyed the social part of playing team sport and were always very supportive of one another. We had a fun year and we enjoyed coaching you all.

Emi was our utility player this season playing catcher, pitcher and 1st base. Emi has a lot of potential which has been recognised with her being selected in the SSSA U/15 representative squad.

Sarah is another one of our SSSA U/15 rep squad players who played catcher and short stop this year. Sarah's batting and catching skills continued to improve this year. Unfortunately she suffered an ankle injury later in the season sliding into home plate.

Kiara is wonderful team player who played 3rd base and outfield. She gives her all and improved her base running and batting as the season progressed. Was great to see her confidence grow.

Nikita was our pitcher who has great potential which we witnessed on numerous occasions. She was selected in the SSSA U/13 modball team. With a lot of hard work and commitment her potential could easily be realised.

Zarie was our unluckiest player this year. She didn't get to play a lot of softball due to a couple of injuries she suffered. Zarie tried really hard and improved her batting and fielding at 2nd base.

Kristi made a comeback to softball this year after a year off. She played 2nd base and outfield. Kristi has a great attitude to being part of a team.

Charlotte's base running improved out of sight often sliding into home plate which is something she has not been confident to do. As a coach it is rewarding to see a player push themselves like this. Charlotte showed a lot of improvement this season.

Logan was on fire this year particularly with his incredible fielding at short stop. He is an instinctive player who was rewarded with some brilliant catches and defensive plays. Logan's enthusiasm was infectious.

Max was another one of our pitchers who stepped up and did a great job. Max's determination and willingness to come in and pitch in difficult circumstances is to be admired.

Nathan was without a doubt the big improver of the season to the point of being our most valuable player. His knowledge and understanding of the game was matched by his improvement in both his batting and fielding.

Taylor played short stop and outfield. His desire to play well and cheer on his team mates is to be admired. Taylor can be a little bit too hard on himself but that just shows how committed he was to play well for his team. It's a great quality that will serve him well in the future no matter what he does.

B GRADE SOFTBALL

This season Bosco entered a team in the Sutherland B Grade competition, comprising a mixture of current and former Div 1 players, some new starters and some experienced senior players.

Being our first season this year was treated as a development year, getting the both the new and experienced softballers to use the senior competition, playing as a team and learning new skills.

With a new team and a four-team competition with the other three teams sprinkled with former A grade or players destined soon for A-Grade we were not sure how the season would play out. There were promising signs such as early in the season in the first innings of a match the girls hit 9 runs in great batting effort. These glimpses of promise happened throughout the season and always showed the potential of these players.

In the end the season was not as successful on the diamond as we may have anticipated, with team winning one game, but throughout the season the team continued to enjoy playing with each other and learning along the way.

Special mention needs to go to two players. Thank you Carolyn Oberg for taking on the majority of the pitching duties for the team this year. Carolyn, although not an experienced pitcher, faced up each week to some very experienced batters and stuck with the task always giving her best throughout the season. The second player I want to mention is Tina P who, after our first choice at catcher pulled out with an injury early in the season, moved from short stop to take on the catching duties every week. Tina was an inspiration to the team, providing support to her pitchers, encouraged her teammates and kept everyone's spirits up during the tougher periods of the season.

To Allana and Lauren our rookies in the team, your efforts to take on suggestions at training, when we could fit them in, and your determination at both batting and fielding during games shows your potential for further improvement in the seasons to come.

To Natalie, Shannon, Mel, Shaylee, Tegan, Sylvia, Amanda, Tegan and those players I have already mentioned, thank you for your support and determination throughout the season to hang in there for the whole season, even when the odds were against us. I have enjoyed immensely coaching you this season and I hope we will have the opportunity to work together again next season.

6th GRADE BASEBALL

Let's just cut to the chase shall we and I think Queen said it best **WE ARE THE CHAMPIONS!**

With that being said lets go back a couple of months. We started the season with the same core group of players although we did lose a starting pitcher in Phil but gained some new players in Mick, Paul, Jason and Andrew.

We started the year with a solid 12-7 win over last year's champions Bonnet Bay and after 5 rounds we were sitting 4th 1 game out of first. In what was described by many team veterans this competition was the closest anyone had been involved in and it remained that way all season long with the main protagonist's being St. Pats, Bonnet Bay and Bosco swapping the top three positions regularly.

We finished the regular season in first and this saw us up against a solid Bonnet Bay side at the Cote for semi 1. This game was high scoring and could have gone either way but in the end we got the week off with an 18-17 win. (Daz's arm could do with the rest).

With the Beavers knocking off St. Pats in the final 5-4 we were all set for a day of Bosco and Bonnet Bay Grand Finals down at Tom Evans. With Bosco wrapping up the Club Championship the team was on a high and an air of confidence could be felt in the dugout. With overnight rain causing a field change the guys felt Diamond One was where we should be.

The game started pretty tight with both teams locked at 4 all after about 3 innings, we kept working hard and took the outs we needed and were getting runners on base. We scored a couple of runs and took a 2 run lead. The pressure became all too much for Bonnet Bay with 1 inning resulting in a couple of errors and some great hitting by our guys. With a dropped third strike tag to our MVP catcher Rod for the 3rd out Bosco had just wrapped up the 6th Grade title. Okay back to the song We are...

Highlights

Paul Duffy (Rookie) – Top shelf diving catch in left field x 2 (One of the best catches I've seen)

Paul Duffy – Sliding into 3rd head first then rolling slow motion onto his side reminiscent of the ill-fated Costa Concordia!

Wizza- At the plate watching 2 fastballs down the middle (dugout murmuring 'what's he doing?') Wizza to dugout 'It's all good'. Next pitch was last seen still rising as he went yard over left field at Kelso!!

Andrew – Andrew's passion and excitement (nerves) before every game (I'd be surprised if he didn't wet himself on more than 1 occasion). Oh yeah and his awesome defence at third was simply amazing. P.s At the time of writing Andrew has replaced Duffy above with the NEW best catch this author has ever seen by gloving a laser down third, it was outrageous!

Jas – Making his debut and getting his first hit, with a hernia side lining him for ½ the season it looks like the uniform will be kept for the bedroom 😊

Bonnet Bay – Displaying great sportsmanship 3 times during the year, and selecting VB instead of NEW you beauty.

Daz – Pitching machine! Threw 193 in semi. Also, game winning run diving between catchers legs in final regular game to lock up 1st place against St. Pats

5th GRADE BASEBALL

This season's team was a mix of new and veteran players, youth and experience.

Throughout the season we played well to finish with 9 wins, 4 losses and 2 draws. We finished the regular season in third place. We won the Final against 2nd place Cougars but unfortunately lost the Grand Final against Bonnet Bay. I am very proud of our achievements.

Thank you to Phillip Pidgeon for completing the scoring duties for most of the season. Thank you to Tash Cuddy for volunteering to carry out the team managerial duties. The team in Grand Final batting order:

Daniel Bowden – back playing after a layoff. Played 3B and outfield, good fielder and strong batter.

Andrew Parker – starting pitcher for most of the season, great left handed batter who contributed many hits including 2 home runs into the trees at Heathcote. Great all-round player.

Scott Ingwersen – Player/Coach, loves playing 1B, contributed many hits and walks with the bat.

Chris Weekes – starting catcher, strong cleanup batter with many hits and extra base hits, helped guide the team from behind the plate.

Brett Harris – back playing after a break. Contributed at the plate and in the field. Backup catcher and infielder. Ended up being our closer towards the end of the season.

Sergio Piovesan – 2B extraordinaire, got many outs throughout the season. Contributed at the plate. Great having Sergio's positive attitude on the team.

Ben Richards – our other main pitcher who struck out a lot of batters. Throws the ball hard, contributed many hits with the bat.

Chris Ware – new player to Baseball after a long cricket career. Baseball lover who picked up the skills quickly. Played outfield, batted well picking up many good hits.

Josh Pidgeon – came into the team in November after his HSC. Batted well, fielded in the outfield and pitched in 1 game.

Tash Cuddy – played infield, outfield & pitched. Great to have Tash on the team. Always contributed at the plate.

Peter Bearman – new player to Baseball who had a great season. Took him a while to work out his batting but he improved markedly throughout the season. Quiet achiever who played outfield.

Ben Jamieson – our main SS who got many outs in the field and main leadoff batter who contributed in every game he played.

Claudia Ingwersen – 2B and outfield, contributed in the field. Batted well picking up some good hits.

Graham Kennedy – great to have Graham in the team again. Seasoned baseballer who contributed at the plate, played centre field and catcher.

I enjoyed being involved with this great team of baseball players very much. Let's do it again next season!

Coach Scott