

## **U9 Deledio**



Trophy Recipients	
Best Team Player	Jake Davis
Most Consistent	Christian Attard
Coaches Award	Matthew Hunter

## Season Summary

Firstly, I'd like to thank all the coaches in U9's this year (James, Mal and Aaron) for putting their hands up when asked. A great effort and season from all of you, backed up by the Magpies being the dominant club in the age group.

A big thank you to all of the parents that helped me out this year, as goal umpires, coaches when I was away, back-up team managers, oranges and lollies, my girls with the magnets and bottles, and of course Nat as team manager. Having great parents makes my coaching job very easy. You lead by example demonstrating commitment to the club with many of you on the committee and encouraging your boys to back-up for other teams almost every week. Every boy in Team Deledio played several times for other teams this year, from U9's to U11's Magpies and the opposition.

The boys developed into a fantastic team this year, which really showed later in the season when we started to move the ball from one end to the other with the ball barely touching the ground. We only focused on a handful of areas and it was easy to see how well the boys had progressed, with good examples getting to the front of their teammates and creating options by running into space.

It was a very successful season for Team Deledio which all players and parents can be proud of. I thoroughly enjoyed being coach and thank the boys for their respect and effort, and of course fun times this year.



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### Player Profiles:

#### **Christian Attard**

Christian is well advanced with all the skills of AFL, as well as game awareness and agility. He was strong every week in all positions, listened to the coach's instructions and gave the team a lot of drive forward through the zones.

#### Alex Curran

Alex always had the right answers to the coach's questions showing that he is a great listener. Alex was big and strong breaking through tackles and hand passing to his teammates, which created many goals this season.

#### Jake Davis

Always at training and giving his all. Jake has excellent skills and football knowledge for such a young player and was one of the team's best at supporting his teammates running through the lines. It was again, such a pleasure to coach Jake, and who could forget that hanger?

#### **Liam Drower**

Our team big man brushed many kids aside throughout the season with his size and strength. It was a luxury to have Liam in the ball-ups and see him rip the footy out of opponents hands and consistently handball it off to his team mates. Liam's understanding of AFL really improved throughout the season.

#### **Oscar Greasby**

No one loves being in the forward line more than Oscar and he certainly kicked some brilliant goals for the team this year. Oscar is very skillful and developed into a great team player as the season went on, bringing his team mates into the play at important times.

#### **Hamish Hendry**

Hamish was deservedly selected for the rep team this year on the back of his excellent form in the first half of the season. Hamish has fantastic skills and the best overhead mark in the competition. He took so many great overhead marks this season which few kids can do at this age group.

#### **Matthew Hunter**

Matthew was so strong and hard at the ball. He saved us in a few close games and kept us on our toes when helping out the opposition. He plays tough and well in all positions, is a great boy to coach and thoroughly deserved his place in the rep team.

#### **Jude Moller**

Jude's skills improved every week and he kicked some good running goals this year. Jude was consistent and competitive in all positions, was a great tackler and team player. Dad is very proud of his boy.

#### **Aidan Prentice**

ADP Pro was the team wrestling champion at training and it transferred to the field with his strong tackling this season. Aidan was brilliant at getting the ball out of the contests and hand balling to his teammates running past, just as the coach wanted!!

#### Jenson Sweep

JK developed in all areas of his game throughout the season and kicked some great goals after getting himself in the right position to receive the footy. JK played well in all zones and has nice clean hands picking the footy up off the ground.



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