



# THE PITCH

Carlingford Baseball Club Newsletter

## Important Dates

**2<sup>nd</sup> Feb** - Juniors resume

**16<sup>th</sup> Feb** – Last round live ball

**2<sup>nd</sup> Mar** – Last round tball/mod

**17<sup>th</sup> Mar** – Legends vs All-Stars

**7<sup>th</sup> Apr** – Presentation Day & AGM

**4<sup>th</sup> May** – Senior Presentation Night

## Sponsor News

Thanks to our latest sponsor, life member and founding committee member, Jack Henry and his wife Myra who have donated \$250.

## Position Vacant

Assistant Groundsman to occasionally help out Scott Butler who does such a fantastic job looking after our diamonds



## President's Welcome

Welcome back to baseball in 2019!

You should have received an email on Monday regarding the working bee at Murray Farm this Sunday from 9am, but if not and you can make it then please send me an email to [president@carlingfordbaseball.com.au](mailto:president@carlingfordbaseball.com.au) (so I can manage the numbers) and bring a spade if you have one.

We have only a couple of regulars who put in countless hours pre-season and during the season, with weeding, mowing, line-marking and general maintenance. Special thanks to Scott Butler and Andrew Borg who have helped out in the last few weeks.

Even if you can only spare an hour, you can feel proud that you have done your bit to help and contribute to our fantastic looking (even if a little overgrown) grounds.

**Cheers**  
**Mark Highfield**

# **SENIOR PRESENTATION NIGHT - 4TH MAY 2019**

**Put this date in your calendar - more information to follow...**

## **CANTEEN DUTY**

This week's teams are:

7.45am – 10.00am: **U9 Redsox**

10.00am – 12.30pm: **17/2**

**Two people are required from each team,  
1 for BBQ and 1 for Canteen**



## **WHO IS PLAYING THIS WEEK?**

### **Juniors**

HILLS JUNIOR BASEBALL ASSOCIATION  
SUMMER SEASON 2018-19  
DRAW FOR 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2019

17U Brian Cashmore – West League  
Carlingford vs Quakers Hill @ Murray Farm 1 – 10.30am

14U Hay Street – West League  
Carlo/ Baulko vs Blacktown@ Northmead 6 -8.30am

14U Peter Street – South League  
Carlingford vs Blacktown@ Laybutt 2 – 8.30am

11U Jim Bergan League  
Carlingford vs Baulkham Hills@ Northmead 4 – 8.30am

10U Col Daisley – North T-Ball League  
Carlingford Black Sox  
BYE

9U Wendy Vigenser  
Carlingford Red Sox vs CH Cavalier @ Murray Farm – 8.30am

8U Peter Schmidt Super T-Ball – North League  
Carlingford vs Kings Langley@Ash Brown 4 – 8.30am

# Seniors

**SYDNEY METROPOLITAN BASEBALL LEAGUE  
SUMMER SEASON 2018-19**

**2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**



**G3 SOUTH CONFERENCE**

**Carlo Red vs Schofields @ Murray Farm - 1.15pm**  
**Carlo Black vs Kellyville Kolts @Murray Farm - 3.30pm**

**H GRADE CONFERENCE**

**Carlo Black vs Schofields Gold @Muirfield – 1.15pm**  
**Carlo Coils vs Mackillop @ Muirfield – 3.30pm**  
**Carlo Red vs Schofields Green @ Peel Reserve – 1.15pm**

**PACIFIC COAST BASEBALL LEAGUE  
SUMMER SEASON 2018-19**

**2<sup>ND</sup> FEBRUARY 2019**



**A GRADE DIVISION 2**

**Carlingford Cougars**

**vs**

**Japan Baseball**

**@ Rofe Park – 1.30pm**



**altis**

Altis Consulting have jumped onboard as a Silver Sponsor for our Club.  
Altis Consulting specialise in Data Analytics and Management  
and are based in Sydney, NSW.

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## CLUB MERCHANDISE

**Velcro Club Cap** - \$20

**Premium Flexifit Club Cap** - \$25

**Club Socks** - \$12

**Red Belt** - \$12

**Junior Playing Shirts** (*Loaned to players as part of registration. Must be returned at end of season*)

**Seniors Sublimated Playing Shirts** - \$70 (*\$5 premium for late orders*)

**Uniform Packs from Red Stitches Thornleigh**

- **T-Ball/Mod-Ball \$50** (*includes black pants, belt, protector and socks*)

- **Liveball \$85** (*includes black pants, belt, protector and socks*)

**Training T Shirts**

- Kids/Junior sizes 10-16 \$15

- Senior sizes S-5XL \$20

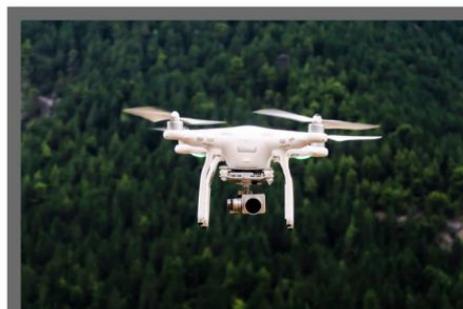
**Supporters Shirt** - \$30

**Club Supporters Jacket** - \$70

These items are generally available at the Murray Farm Canteen on Saturday mornings during the summer season. Otherwise, simply email our Treasurer at [treasurer@carlingfordbaseball.com.au](mailto:treasurer@carlingfordbaseball.com.au) advising which item you would like to purchase. You will receive an email with a link to pay the invoice shortly thereafter.

Uniform pick-ups can be arranged with our uniform officer at [uniforms@carlingfordbaseball.com.au](mailto:uniforms@carlingfordbaseball.com.au)

EFTPOS facilities are being finalised and will be introduced in the near future.



Thank you Kamran from Aerial Surfer for donating images of Murray Farm Reserve obtained from Drone Photography. Aerial Surfer have joined our Sponsorship family for the 2018/19 Season.



Hours Mon-Fri 7-6:30pm & Sat 7-2pm

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Thank you to Steve from Steve's Fine Meats for returning as a Sponsor for this Season. You can find Steve's Fine Meats at Shop 8/1Carmen Drive Carlingford.



# MATCH REPORTS

**Under 8 Braves**  
**Carlingford vs Castle Hill**  
**Result: Win 30-27**

Player of the match was Thomas for his exceptional batting this week. Thomas always brings a cheery disposition to all games.



Despite the wet weather this week, Murray Farm was in great condition for some Saturday morning ball.

Early in the game Leo put his body on the line to deny a huge hit for Castle Hill and we were treated to a nice double play by Dante bringing an end to our turn on the field.

Thomas started off the top of the first innings with a strong hit followed by Ben and Daniel. Bases were loaded as Leo took to home plate.

A huge hit cleared the field with Leo landing on second base.

Again we saw loaded bases with Dante up to bat. A line drive down third base helped Omar and Valentina get home.

A quick pick up by Valentina in the bottom of the second innings was played swiftly to first base for confident out.

A double play by the opponent quick in this round put the pressure on our Braves but a huge hit by Ben secured his spot on first base giving the team the confidence to soldier on. Quality batting by Daniel, Omar, Ethan and Leo provided some entertaining baseball.

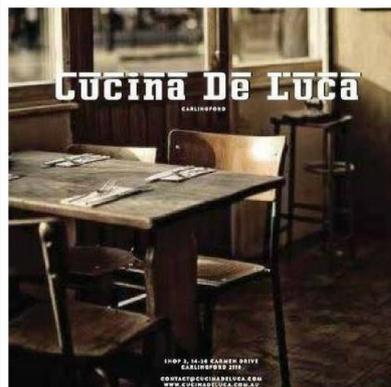
Last batter and loaded bases the pressure was on and a final out by the opponent ended the innings.

An out by Dante on second slowed the pace for Castle Hill in the third. The runs for Carlingford continued to roll in.

Bottom of the fourth and a quick stop by Castle Hill almost cost Ethan a run to first base. This innings saw some strong hitting by Yijia and Thomas and with loaded bases Ben was under pressure to deny Castle Hill an out. A huge hit by Leo and Omar helped their teammates get home with ease.

Lots of action for Ryan on the pitcher's mound, with pickups and great hustle by all to get to the ball into the infield.

Great team work between Yijia and Ben, working together on first base and the



A very warm welcome to the team at Cucina De Luca, a local cafe in Carlingford! They signed up to be a sponsor for our club this season and did we mention we love their coffee?



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Shop 2, 14-20 Carmen Drive, Carlingford

pitcher's mound to secure an out. A few great outs by Dante on second base after stopping balls destined for the outfield and the innings was over in a flash.

Valentina was right at home literally, on home plate. Taking her role as catcher very seriously and doing a great job.

Phenomenal hitting by all in the last innings, securing the win against Castle Hill.

Another job well done by umpire in training Ben and thank you to President Mark and Vice President Simon for stopping by to watch the game.

As always a well organised game thanks to the team behind the U8s Braves. Wishing everyone a safe and happy holiday!

#### **14U/1 Cardinals**

#### **Carlo / Baulko vs Quakers Hill**

**Result: Win 7-5**

Conditions at Murray Farm were steamier than a hot tub convention for the match against Quakers Hill (again). After heavy midweek rain, the ground was in amazingly good nick thanks to the mighty efforts of the ground crew. The Cardinals were at full strength with all players (and coaches) ready to go.

A welcome return to the mound for Ben Mercer, who came back from a lay-off looking all class. Shortstop Jack gloved an infield fly for the first out, before a walk and some loose play saw the second batter score. Jackson then grabbed a swirling fly at 1st before a strikeout ended the innings. The Cardinals have been looking for a dominant batting performance for weeks, and it finally arrived. Bad luck for Jack who batted first as he creamed a peach of a hit to left field, only to see it smartly swallowed by a hungry fielder. Eve showed great judgement to earn a walk, before Ben slammed a single to right field. Great stealing saw him advance and eventually score when

an errant pitch evaded the catcher. Jayden, Jackson and Aiden all walked before Oli and Tom both hit safely up the middle to score some runs. Nathan went down swinging before River dug in and earned a good walk. Jack was unlucky to be out for a second time in the innings with a firm hit straight to 1st. Cardinals up 6-1 after 1.

Ben's pitching masterclass then continued, only needing 12 pitches to strike out the visiting side. Welcome back ace!

The Pirates changed pitchers in the bottom of the second calling in their usual starter who, despite an unorthodox action, can generate pretty good heat. The home side were also 3 up - 3 down, with Eve, Ben and Jayden striking out.

To their credit Quakers Hill never throw in the towel, and they came back hard in the top of the 3rd. Aiden took over in the mound to start the innings, and had the visitors two down thanks to a couple of plays at 1st. A full count walk started the visitors' rally before successive 3 batters and a single to right field had Ben and Tom scrambling in the outfield. With the visitors steadily pegging back the lead, Coach Simon decided to ring in the changes with Jack coming in to relieve on the mound. Another walk had the home supporters edgy, before a strike out finally finished things off. The Pirates had managed to score 4 for the innings to close to within 1. The Cardinals needed some runs in the bottom of the third, no easy task against some pretty decent pitching. Jackson led off but was struck out, before patient batting earned Aiden a walk. Good running saw him advance and eventually steal home for a vital run. Oli also missed out before Tom hung tough to also walk. He was desperate to find a way home, but was left on as a final strike out ended the innings. Cardinals up 7-5.

Some controversy to start the final dig as the consequences of a Quakers player having to leave early were politely debated by coaches and umpire. An auto out was the verdict,

which came up second in the lineup- after a terrific throw from Ben at shorty had seen the first batter out at 1st. The next batter earned a walk, but unfortunately slipped after running through 2nd on a steal, and was an easy put out to finish the innings. The Cardinals batted out the bottom of the innings without adding to the score, and time was called.

A good tussle against a likely finals opponent. Safe hits to Ben, Oli and Tom were a good sign, but the real news was Ben's superb return to the mound. 3 wins on end was the

perfect way to go into the mid season break. Merry a Christmas to all, see you in 2019.