## Under 11s Girls HBE vs Balgowlah Suns

Today was a stunning day for our Under 11s mums to celebrate Mothers' Day. What better way to celebrate than to watch our girls play AFL. Big thank you to the mums and mum figures who support, taxi and encourage their girls in their AFL journey.

We started off strong with winning the toss. From the first ruck, it was a bit of David verses Goliath in team height, but our girls didn't hold back. While the ball was mostly in the Suns forward 50, our defence was strong, locking the ball down avoiding goals.

Strong kick ins from the Suns' goal square found Eagles players, however we did find it tricky to break free in the middle of the field. A few times the ball entered our forward 50, presenting opportunities to kick toward the goal.

After a tough contest, the girls didn't loose heart and kept fighting. A few strong marks, passes and a sprint down the field led to an Eagles goal by Maia and a big cheer from the parents on the sidelines. Super proud of the girls for the way they didn't give up and gave it their all.

Player of the match went to Ariela who was on fire today. In the mids she won the ball, in defence she made strong tackles and as a forward she made space and applied pressure.

Char, Josie, Elise were strong in defence, locking down the Suns at crucial moments. Tia, Mikaela and Charlotte D ran hard for the ball, had good control and were able to kick and handball to Eagles players down the field.

Maia and Olivia did great in the ruck. They may have been smaller but they were mighty, jumping high and at times winning the tap.

Eliza and Ariela were strong in the tackles, running down opposition and marked up well. Big shout out to our amazing Under 9s who jumped in to help us out today - Maddie, Amelia and Myah. Playing against girls twice their height didn't hold them back, each getting into the action.

With a bye next weekend, our girls will be ready to jump back into the action, continue to give their best and hold their heads up high.



