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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Well Done:

16B & AAD – our first teams who have booked a spot in their respective Grand Finals

The 12C, 13B, 14Girls A & AAF teams all have another chance to win a spot in their Grand Finals this week

And the AAA (1) Res, AAA(1) Firsts, AAA (2) Firsts and 18A teams will be starting their Finals campaign this Saturday

Please go out and cheer them on if you can – go Luggars!!

Week 2 Finals draw

Saturday:

13B - 9.15am at Carss Bush Park No 1 vs Connells Pt
12C - 9.25am at Bicentennial Pk East No 1 vs ASOW
AAF - 12.30pm at Bicentennial Pk East No 2 vs Forest Rangers
AAA (1) Res - 12.30pm at Carss Bush Park No 2 vs Penshurst West
AAA (1) - 2.30pm at Carss Bush Park No 1 vs Rockdale Suns
AAA (2) - 2.30pm at Carss Bush Park No 2 vs Sans Souci
18A - 2.30pm at Claydon Reserve vs Connells Point

Sunday:

14 Girls A - 8.45am at Memorial Park vs Bexley North

Good Luck to all Lugarno teams

Congratulations: 13B winners of the \$50 Woolworths Wish card for reports to the Around the Grounds newsletter for July '17.

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Canteen & Field Set Up for next weekend:

Date	Team(s)	Start Time	Finish Time	Duty Required
Sat 12 th Aug	10B 1	7:30 am		Set Up Midi Field (field must be set up ½ hr before the game, KO 8.30am)
	7B 6 & 7B 2			Pull down SSF1 & 2 after the game
	10B 2			Pull down Midi field after the game
	8B 1 & 7B 4	7:30 am	9:00 am	Canteen Set Up. BBQ Duty. Canteen Duty
	6B 2	9:00 am	11:00 am	BBQ Duty. Canteen Duty
	7B 3	11:00 am	1:30 pm	Canteen Duty. BBQ Duty. Clean up Canteen.

Sun 13 th Aug			No games on our fields
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Match Reports:

6B 3 v Peakhurst United

POTM: Aidan Hawkes

We were missing Zach L and Sam this week, so we needed a big effort from all 5 boys. The opposition turned out to be one of the toughest we have faced this year, with a nail-biting game going right down to the final whistle.

Despite a size advantage to the Peakhurst team, Lugarno came out aggressive with Zach B and Hunter pressing forward strongly ... Hunter surprised Peakhurst with an early goal, and just moments later he doubled our lead, setup by some physical challenges and a nice pass from Zach B.

We were up 2-0 approaching the half, but the momentum had swung to Peakhurst. Lucian gave us some nice kick-ins and skilled touches. His skills and involvement continues to improve each week. Jarvis backed up last week's great game with another solid performance. He had a few chances pressing forward, showing individual speed and skill.

Zach B was finding space and putting himself in a good forward position all 2nd half, but we just couldn't link up with him to add to our total.

Once again it was Aidan to the defensive rescue, saving numerous Peakhurst opportunities. This week's effort earning him player of the week honours.

The boys took some tough knocks this week, but I was impressed that they didn't back down and played in the right spirit to the end. A tough game, yes, but a good challenge nevertheless that showed how far we've come as a team.





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8B 1 v Carss Park

Goal Scorer: Remi Theophile

POTM: Catherine Kaniouris

The kids weren't quite awake on this windy and chilly day at Gannons Park.

Our goalies, Emma and Oli, didn't even touch the ball this week, with most of the possession in our favour.

Elouise had another great game this week, as well as Hugh and Ashton.

Catherine, our Player of the Match this week, had a great game, running up and down the field, dribbling, throw ins and some superb saves.

Remi scored, our one and only goal for the week, in the last 15 seconds of the game.

2 weeks to go, will be sad to see the end of such a great season.

Final Score: Lugarno 1 – Carss Park 0



9B 3 v 9B 1

Goal Scorers: Aiden / Toddy

POTM: Emma

The sun was shining, the birds were singing and all was in readiness for the big game, mate against mate...Lugarno vs Lugarno!

The 9B3's were missing Emma, our Star Sweeper, and more importantly Steve, our Star Manager and writer of our fantastic match reports!

The game started at a furious pace, with end to end action and quality football all around. The 9B3's managed to score one early with a great through ball from Toddy leading to Matilda expertly getting her big toe on a moving ball and and slamming it into the top crossbar and into the goal...1-0 9B3's.

This was a great team goal with Capri and Daisy defending hard in Emma's absence and setting up this attacking raid.

The other Lugarno team showed some great passing and attack forcing an error in defence and they were able to respond with a great goal.

The game continued to entertain with both teams making chances and great saves by Anika and the opposition goalkeeper.

But it was Toddy who seized an opportunity to show his pace and class, speeding onto a through ball and slotting one home - 2-1 9B3's!

The opposition continued to play quality soccer and were able to level just before half time with a great team goal... 2-2 and the magic oranges were needed.

Coach James rallied the team and highlighted the basics and sticking to the drills we practiced at training. The team were itching to get back on the pitch and confidently ran on (with shirts tucked in - thanks ref!!) eager to get the 2nd half underway.

The 2nd half started just as frantically as the first half with end to end action and great attacking and defensive plays from both teams. The script was written for one of our team to become a hero and it was Anika who found some space in the middle and drilled one home after a great cross from Toddy. This was Anika's first goal in 2 years and one which was well deserved.

The 9B3's then played their hearts out in defence! Aiden ran forwards and back in his role as midfielder, Yushra showed some new found attacking skills and even got a shot on goal, Jordan made some desperate saves and our super sub Samuel, playing up 2 years in age held his own against some very determined opposition.

Despite some quality attack the 9B3's held the opposition out and we recorded a **wonderful 3-2 win!** This was the team's first ever back to back victory and the smiles were there for all to see!

It was terrific to see some of our training drills work and we are full of confidence coming into the end of a great 2017 season!

A special mention and thank you to the Lugarno Under 9's opposition - the game was full of skill but played in a great spirit and highlighted the great club spirit we have at Lugarno FC!

This was shown by the 'HAPPY BIRTHDAY ABBEY' sung at the end of the match by both teams.

It's an oldie but a goodie - ***soccer was definitely the winner on this beautiful Winter's morning at Gannons Park!***



The coaches comments for each player:

Anika - one of her best games of the season with some fantastic goalkeeping in the first half and a wonderful goal in the second!

Aiden - continues to improve each week and cover more ground than Burke and Wills each game - he must certainly sleep well on a Saturday night!

Daisy - started the game awake and at a cracking pace, filling the big hole in defence that we had without Emma and showing off her skills with strong runs, desperate tackling and lightning speed!

Yushra - adjusted well to playing in a new position and made some strong passes and even a great shot on goal! Has the best team spirit and the biggest smiles each game (even when hurt!)

Jordan - our super goalkeeper who every time pulls off some amazing saves, earning the respect of all the spectators. His first half continued the great attacking partnership he has with Toddy and hopefully a goal comes his way in the final games.

Toddy - our attacking superstar who skilfully and unselfishly has set up Aiden, Matilda and Anika for goals over the last 2 weeks while still scoring excellent goals himself!

Capri - with Emma out we needed a new Super Sweeper and Capri was brilliant. She was so fast and quickly covered ground to shut down numerous raids with her pace and strong tackling. A quality effort that made her coaches, team and her family proud!

Matilda - scored an incredible first goal and continued to show commitment in attack and defence - chasing down the opposition and making the most tackles she has made this year.

Samuel - helped out from the Under 7's and made some impressive moves in attack, passing and always looking for an opportunity to shoot. A future Lugarno FC superstar in the making!!



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11I v Carss Park

Goal Scorer: Anthony

POTM: The Whole Team

No Subs, no worries!

Admittedly the coach was a little worried when we realised we had some big game players out for this matchup. The team was going to have to also play the entire game without a break with no subs against a team that gave us a beating at the start the season.

We held off a relentless onslaught of attack through some desperate defense from our awesome backs Patty, Nick and Cameron who was having a blinder specially for his mum's birthday. Surprisingly we went to the break at 0-0. Great job by Jono turning in a clean sheet.

We came out firing in the 2nd half and for the first time we looked like we were a chance of scoring thanks to some fine attacking work by our busy mid field Alex and Anthony who were asked to be everywhere and they really did their best. Peter had a very good first half in the mid field and then took the gloves in the 2nd half and continued the great work as Carss Park continued to apply more pressure. Eventually they broke through to take the lead at 1 nil.

The boys quickly turned a positive into a negative with some cracking work up the other end and eventually Anthony finally had one go his way, scoring a belter from about 30 metres out. Anthony certainly enjoyed a little more freedom thanks to the pressure applied by our forwards, Daniel and Hunter, as well as Jono and Alex, whose form and focus has been much improved in recent weeks. Towards the end of the game Peter pulled off an amazing save literally putting his head on the line to save the game. He quickly brushed himself off, passed a quick HIA and continued his great work.

What a performance against a strong and skilful side. Absolutely no way of pinpointing a Man Of The Match so we gave it to the whole team for the most courageous performance of the year. Proud of you lads.

Final Score: Lugarno 1 – Carss Park 1



Goal Scorers: Matthew Denson / Kane Spiteri**POTM:** Harrison O'Brien

The top two teams faced each other on a sunny yet windy day at Charles Pirie. Going into the game as minor premiers Lugarno was both focused and determined at the task at hand. After losing the coin toss Lugarno ran into the wind in the first half. Opting for a 4-1-4-1 formation, Will started in goals, Harris, Raffi, Mark and Stephen comprised the defense, Harrison started as defensive midfielder, Jordan, Lachlan, Kane and Alex comprised the normal midfield while Omar was chosen as the striker. On the interchange bench were Danish, Mitchell, Matthew, Issac and Peter.

Benefiting from the strong breeze, Bexley North quickly established themselves in the Lugarno half and spent the first 25 minutes of the game camped in Lugarno's half. Despite the mountain of possession enjoyed by the opposition during this period of play, Lugarno managed to defend strongly limiting the opposition to just three attempts on goals, two of which were on target. Despite their superior possession the opposition failed to really hurt Lugarno and Lugarno's goal keeper Will was largely untroubled.

Having absorbed the Bexley North pressure Lugarno started getting back into the game and by the 32nd minute it managed to subject the Bexley North defense to sustained pressure resulting in Lugarno's opening goal to Matthew in the 34th minute of play - just a minute from the half-time break.

At the half-time break the team was instructed to play the ball mostly on the ground and to play higher and more compressed in defense. With the wind strength persisting, the team was told they should also be able to dominate play and play most of the game at the opposition's end.

The second half turned out to be a carbon copy of the first half as Lugarno utilised the strong wind to place the Bexley North defense under enormous pressure. During a period of total domination Lugarno were winning corner kicks and creating goal scoring opportunities with their sustained attack. One such corner kick taken by Kane flew straight into the right hand corner assisted by the strong breeze to make it 2-0 Lugarno's way, eight minutes into the second half.

Lugarno continued to create numerous goal scoring opportunities as Peter, Kane, Matthew, Jordan, Lachlan and Omar all went tantalisingly close to scoring Lugarno's third goal. Despite the second half dominance no more goals were scored and the game ended with Lugarno running out winners 2-0.

Playing the second placed team and winning in such a style was a great effort by the team, as was the clean sheet for the game. In the end the 2-0 result clearly flattered the opposition as more clinical finishing by Lugarno would have resulted in a more realistic score line.

What differentiated the two teams was that while both had their period of dominance and ball possession, it was Lugarno that was able to turn that dominance into goals as well as creating a host of goal scoring opportunities in the process. Lugarno's attack not only had more options going forward but was also relatively more creative and dangerous.

Lugarno now gets a week off as a reward for their effort in reaching the grand final.

Well done boys and good luck in the game that matters - the Grand Final.

Game stats:

	Lugarno FC	Bexley North
Total shots	14	7
Shots on target	7	4
Goals	2	0
Corners	8	1
Possession	50 per cent	50 per cent



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AA D v Forest Rangers

Wo 4 - 1

Major Semi Final

Goal Scorers: Ciaran Quinn / Josh Sale / Yonboy Morton / Junior dos Passos

Finishing just short of the minor premiership, the Lugarno boys were fired up to put themselves straight into the big dance against the minor premiers Forest Rangers.

Given the fact Forest Rangers took 6 points off us in both matches against understrength teams both times we played them during the year, the Lugarno lads were in the mood to give a little back to them, when it counts!

Forest were well and truly rattled. Lugarno dominated the midfield, and everything Forest threw at us, we gave it back twice as much. Lugarno set up camp in the Forest half for the first stanza, and

after some swift passing in the centre third, the ball found its way to the heart beat of the team in the mids, Ciaran Quinn, and he whipped it in to the back of the net – Lugarno 1-nil.

Forest were in fairly uncharted territory going down a goal early, and it showed as they were making pre-school boy errors when Lugarno pressured them on the ball.

However it wasn't all smooth sailing as our captain, Patty Brennan, went off with an injury, and we had to shuffle the team around and the boys had to settle to get used to the change ...

After we settled, this is where Lugarno started to come into their own, with Josh Sale well and truly stepping up in the mids in place of Patty. A nice cross field ball found Josh on the burst, and he slammed it in the back of the net – Lugarno 2-nil.

It was clear the boys were hungry for the W, however Forest started to find their rhythm and started showing signs of why they ended up as minor premiers. The defence were put under



pressure for the first time in the match towards the end of the half, however Lugarno handled it with class and got the ball out of the final third. However, the pressure did

take its toll, with the meat axe at centre back Matt Deeks, going down with an injury and was out of the match. Another quick reshuffle and the Lugarno lads saw out the half – 2-nil halftime.

The lads knew an early goal was required, and after the nightmares Junior was giving the Forest defence all game, something had to give for him up front. He broke away on goal, to which the keeper charged out and took his legs out (seem to be the only way to take him down) – penalty in the box. A huge play in the match, as we knew that if we went 3-nil up, we had one foot in the GF. Who better to step up than cult hero and fan favourite – Yonboy Morton. As cool as anything he slotted it straight in the back of the net - Lugarno 3-nil.

The boys could feel the W coming, however it was at that point Forest started to get going as the game slipped away. They started to use the strength of the counter attack down the flanks, to which Lugarno had to scramble at times in defence. The scramble resulted in a free kick just outside of the area. For the first time of the day, the Lugarno defence was broken, with the ball finding a free man. Forest scored – Lugarno 3-1.

The lads knew they had to lift, as once a team gains momentum, it can result in a couple of goals very quickly.



However, the boys withheld the onslaught and started to get back into their own rhythm they are familiar with (which has seen them dominate the competition at the back end of the year).

After a quick couple of passes up field, a ball found Junior on the half volley to which he punished it into the back of the net. Lugarno 4-1 and a grand final match in full sight now. A well-deserved goal to Junior after the constant threat up front, made even sweeter by the fact he got it

with 4 players marking him all game!!

The boys dug deep at the end of the game to hold on however the wind was taken well and truly out of the Forest sail by then with Forest not even looking close to scoring.

Grand final here we come. Time to finish the job...

Up the Luggars!!

AA F v Forest Rangers

Lost 1 - 4

Semi Final

Goal Scorer: Coxy

Going up against the minor premiers Rangers was challenging enough ... missing 4 of our regular starters for the game would make it even tougher.

Rangers dominated the game from the start and that set the tone for the day. After Rangers opened the scoring from a free kick, we had some good opportunities to equalise. But our failure to capitalise ultimately hurt any chance we had to get back into the game. Rangers scored a second just before halftime and we went into the break with a mountain to climb.

As much as we tried in the second half, we just didn't have it. Rangers continued their dominance and scored 2 goals in the space of 2mins - including a penalty. At this point, with the result beyond doubt, we were playing for pride. Towards the end we managed a consolation goal when Coxy headed in from a corner. Physically we were hurting too. Keeper Foti copped a blow to his nose after bravely diving for the ball; Bernie - coming back from injury - hobbled to the finish; while Zorba's cramp ended his day early. In short, a game to forget.

Rangers, the better team throughout, booked their GF ticket. While we have to re-group for our 2nd chance next week.

AA G v Connells Point

Drew 1 - 1

Semi Final

Goal Scorer: Burnsie

After a valiant effort to make fourth place, playing with between 7 and 9 players for the last 6 weeks due to injuries and travel, a draw was enough to put us out for the year.

We had a squad of 12 for the game which was unusual and we played well. Connells scored early from a corner and 2 headers, we equalised in the second half through a great run by Burnsie and an accurate shot past the keeper. Both teams had chances, and mention must be made of Muddle making at least 2 impossible, brilliant saves to keep us in the match.

Unfortunately, we couldn't convert our chances before the final whistle.

Thanks to all the supporters including the Dalby family for being there for us. Cheers until next year!



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