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Match Results:

Saturday				Sunday					
AG/Div	Home Team	Н	Α	Away Team	AG/Div	Home Team	Н	Α	Away Team
AA/C	Lugarno	0	0	Hurstville Minotaurs	AA/E	Sans Souci	1	2	Lugarno
AA/D	Lugarno	4	6	Forest Rangers	AA/F	Lugarno	4	2	Penshurst West
AA/E	Scots FC	3	2	Lugarno	AA/G	Lugarno	1	3	Carss Park
AA/F	Forest Rangers (1)	3	1	Lugarno	AAW/B	Rockdale Suns	0	15	Lugarno
AA/G	Lugarno	2	0	Penshurst West	O35/B	Oatley FC (1)	7	0	Lugarno
AAA1/1	Lugarno(1)	4	2	Sans Souci	PWL/1	Scots FC	0	3	Lugarno
AAAR/R	Lugarno (1)	1	3	Sans Souci	U12/C	Rockdale Raiders	2	1	Lugarno
U12/C	Oatley FC (2)	6	2	Lugarno	U14G/A	Sans Souci (2)	1	3	Lugarno
U13/B	Lugarno	11	0	Ramsgate RSL	U15/C	Lugarno	6	1	Hurstville Minotaurs
U15/C	Lugarno	3	2	Forest Rangers	U16/B	Lugarno	3	1	Connells Point (1)
U16/B	Lugarno	5	1	Arncliffe Aurora	U16G/A	Hurstville ZFC (2)	1	2	Lugarno
U18/A	Arncliffe Aurora	1	0	Lugarno	Friday				
					O45/A	Hurstville ZFC	7	2	Lugarno

Canteen & Field Set Up for next weekend:

	Team	Time	Duty required	
Mondoy 47th April	O45 A		Set up field 6 (1/2 hour before game)	
Monday 17 th April	AAA 2		Pull down Field 6; return posts to lock up area	
	AAA 1	7am – 12 noon	Set up fields; Canteen set up; BBQ duty; Canteen duty	
Saturday 22 nd April	U7B 3 12 noon – 2pm		BBQ duty; Canteen duty	
ZPIII	U18 A	2 pm – 5pm	Pull down fields after checking with canteen re: posts required for Sunday games	
	U14 Girls A		Set up Field 4 (field must be set up ½ hour before game)	
Sunday 23 rd April	AA C		Pull down Field 4; return posts to lock up area	

Match Reports:

6B 2 v Forest Rangers

Game 2 was against rivals Forest Rangers. The boys started off a little shaky in the first half but were a new team in the second.

Jett, Cruz and Samuel really stepped up in attack all just missing the goal on multiple occasions. Through some great team work and passing Jett made the breakthrough with our only goal.

Both Ethan and Lucas were solid in defense making it difficult for the rangers to score in the second.

Overall a good performance from the 6B2's. Proud of my boys.





6B 3 v Connells Point

POTM: Zach Longbottom

After a tough loss last week, the kids were down in troops with two of our players away on holidays. However, being two kids down meant we had five players remaining to get the job done and they did that in style!

Our team started strongly with some great runs by Zachary Longbottom, whose exquisite control and ability to find space in seemingly impossible positions made him an extremely difficult player for the opposition to deal with.



It was only a matter of time before Zachary scored the first of many goals and from there, the whole team contributed to a great game. Lucian defended strongly and made some key interceptions with the opposition bearing down on our goal. Jarvis made some great passes and his kick ins were always accurate and ensured the team were always moving forward.

In only his second every game, Aidan played his part and defended well and made some good runs with the ball when needed. Samuel continued to improve his game massively from last year and managed to score his first ever goal with a great run and clinical finish.

The highlight of the game was a goal which the team missed with a great run by Zachary finished with a great pass to Samuel who just missed - but some great team play and a huge improvement on last year!

In the end the team scored too many goals to count but most importantly had a great time doing it and played with huge smiles on their faces the whole time.

Congratulations to Connells Point for being great opposition and great sports and well done to our team for playing such a great game and having a great time doing it!





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<u>8B 1</u> v 8B3

Goal Scorers: Remi Theophile 3 / Emerson McNeill / Ashton Frawley

POTM: As Remi Theophile

Another fantastic game this week for our amazing 8B1s.

We were lost without coach George, however he had a pep talk (via phone from Norfolk Island) with them prior to the game -I'm not sure how much they heard as they were too excited to start play!

Oli and Hugh were brilliant in goals this week - congratulations and a great game to you both!

Remi had some brilliant runs up the field, along with Ashton. Emersen scored a sensational goal, her first for the season, and I'm sure there will be many more to come.

Great throw ins this week team, must have been our great training session on Thursday night. Elouise and Emma had some great throw ins from the sideline.

Charlie really got in there this week and tried his hardest, with some great kicks. Great running and great defence from Cate this week, always trying her best and getting in there to support her team.



We love all the kids' eagerness to be back on the field after changeovers, they love their weekly game of soccer.

Thanks also to coach Damien for 8B3, who refereed and also helped and encouraged his own team, plus ours this week.



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9B1 v 9B2

POTM: Josh (Manager's choice) & Lily (Coach's choice)

Certificate awarded to: Abbie

After a great training session at Caringbah on the astro-turf earlier in the week, we were looking forward to taking on the other Lugarno U9's side at Gannons.

With Lugarno's No 1 manager away for the weekend (sampling 'Grape Juice I'm led to believe) ... in stepped the deputy Rick to manage the team affairs.... and what a great job he did!

The sun was blazing down on Gannons and the local support from both sides were in fine voice...

The opposition were pushing forward at every opportunity with the skills of Cooper, Brodie, Manny and Eddie ... however with the strength of Oska, who slipped back into a central defensive role, along with Tristan and the fine goal-keeping skills of Josh 'The Cat' kept them at bay.

In the first half we held our own and worked together with a fine display of dribbling, passing and tackling skills. Abbie, Charlie, Lachie and Tristan all had opportunities to score, but we couldn't quite manage to find the net. Unfortunately for us, the opposition broke the deadlock and also added another just before half time to lead by 2 goals as we headed in for the break!

As we trudged off at halftime to get our vitamin C and an extra energy boost, the heat of the sun seemed to get even hotter... better suited to the backpackers at Bondi who would have been enjoying the rays!

We continued to battle in numbers with Romeo, Elle and Lily putting in some fine tackles to keep the opposition at bay, however with the fine skills from the opposition they broke our defence again.

We continued to push for a goal with breaks from Josh, Oska and Charlie but it wasn't going to be our day. As we wilted under the heat the opposition created a few more chances to end the game 5 nil. The better side won the game, but it was great to see our little Aussie Battlers work together and they never gave up.

Again it was so difficult to give out the awards as everyone played so well, but the award for the 'Deputy Manager' Player of the match went to Lily for her continuous running, dribbling and tackling, whilst the 'Coaches' Player of the match went to Josh for his fine keeping skills between the sticks and his constant threat in the 2^{nd} half at pushing forward to put them under pressure.

9B 3 v Kogarah Waratahs

Goal Scorers: Edward 3 / Cooper 3 / Manny

POTM: Cooper

Today we played against Kogarah Waratahs away. Unfortunately, we didn't start off as well as we did the week before, conceding some early goals by an opposition that seemed very advanced for beginners!

Nevertheless, the team put together some good passes and had some good opportunities in front of goal in the first half. Emma made some great bone crunching tackles and Capri in goals pulled off some really good saves that kept us in



the game. Some quick throws by our keeper turned defence into attack, with Jordan, Aiden and Matilda having good opportunities in front of goal.

The second half we came out a lot stronger, only conceding the 1 goal the whole second half, thanks to some fine saves by Daisy in goals. Yushra was solid in defence and Annie was threatening in front of goal on a couple of occasions. We just lacked that killer instinct in front of goal, and definitely missed our 3 goal hero from the week before (Toddy scored the team's first ever hatrick in his first game for the 9B3s!).

The team all showed significant improvement, especially in the second half. The focus at training will definitely be shots on goal, as we aim to get our first win of the season.



Well done to all and have a safe and happy Easter break.





11 v Ramsgate Saturday 1st April

Game 1 at one of the many Scarborough Parks.

It was a heavy trade period over the summer which sadly saw us having to offload some of our big guns due to salary cap restraints, but this allowed us to inject some new blood in to the team so no doubt it would take some time to find our feet and work a few things out.

This was reinforced at the hands of a solid 5-0 lesson by a well organised and fit Ramsgate side. Many of us could barely find the park let alone the kids positions but when it looked like the kids were going to be handed a double figure whooping they showed a little bit of that Lugarno spirit and gave us all some hope for what may lay ahead.

Keep in mind we were only able to come together the afternoon before the game and with more sessions under our belt, fitness and execution can only get better.

11I v Connells Point

Game 2 at Gannons

After a decent 2nd training session and many of the boys now remembering each other's names, it looked to be a more organised Lugarno side taking the field for their 2nd game.

This was underlined when Anthony popped in a goal quite early and we were off the mark for the season. I can't say we were all that confident on the sidelines as Connells Point unloaded a tonne of pressure on our defensive unit and, to their credit, they fought tooth and nail alongside a brave effort from our keeper Jono to provide us with a first half clean sheet.

Connells Point came out with all guns blazing and put one back on us early in the second half but we came out of our short slumber and managed to convert a few more times during our limited opportunities in their half. Some brilliant team work from the forwards provided Anthony the opportunity to do what he does best and he came away with three fine goals. Again, let it be said that some of the team work from our forwards in Owen, Emmanual, Daniel and Hunter enabled us for some great finishes.

On debut for his new team, Peter also scored a brilliant individual goal and was great in both attack

and defense in the middle. Ultimately to bounce back with a 4-1 victory after such a tough first game loss outlines the great work of Cameron, Alex, Michael and defensive leader Nicholas for their great work at the back in defense. A big shout out to Patrick who seemed to be jolly on the spot more than a number of times when it looked like they were going to put one on us but there he was to clear the ball away from danger. When the ball did find the last line of defense, Jono pulled off some awesome saves.



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13B v Ramsgate RSL

Won 11 - 0

Goal Scorers: Will Nicholson 5 / Saul Robinson 2 / Eric Athanasopoulos / Anthony Foti / Josiah Montoya

On an early but still beautifully warm autumn morning, Lugarno lined up on a ground that was still quite soft and a little mushy; without an official referee. Atef from the U11s stepped in to help. Ramsgate managed to exert some early pressure for a few minutes from the kick off, but that was about as good as it got for them, as our team found its way into the contest and then began to control possession and push forward. Saul scored our first goal in the 6th minute after he got onto a through ball, cut back in and beat the 'keeper, and unfortunately the Ramsgate parents felt that it was offside and showed little restraint in yelling out the fact. It did not help when Josi got onto a similar through ball less than a minute later, only to shoot wide. There were a number of no-calls in Ramsgate's favour as well, but each time our defence managed to scramble back and snuff out the attack. Anthony pounced onto a loose ball to make it 2-0 after 17 minutes, and Saul scored his second after getting around his man to shoot from close range. Josi hit the crossbar after a good pass from Jayden, before the Ramsgate keeper managed to block but not clear a couple of shots in a row before Eric finally put it away to make it 4-0 going in to the half time break.

In the second half, the team lifted as Nico, Marcus and Zane worked hard in defence to frustrate all but one of the relatively few times Ramsgate managed to look a little threatening; Ryan D had come out of goals to play at left back, and his replacement Nico made a great save with his face that also tweaked his knee: thankfully, he was okay and able to continue. Will showed a handy knack for getting into great positions and a finishing well to score 5 goals in the half, with Josi scoring his from a header from a corner taken by Nate in the 43rd minute and Eric scoring with his outside foot in the shadows of full time. The half was marred by the Ramsgate coach telling his boys to go in "twice as hard" in response to some perceived foul that was not called, and sadly showed little interest in encouraging his team's parents to rein in their sideline commentary - it seems probable at this point that they will be regraded into the C division, where hopefully their frustrations won't be as great.

Other results in our grade were interesting without telling us a lot: Bexley North and Hurstville Glory played out a 1-all draw, while Kogarah Waratah beat ASOW 4-1. Connells Point chose to forfeit their match against Arncliffe Scots, which probably actually helped their goal difference, as it meant they "only" conceded 3 goals for the forfeit. Unfortunately, only two games remain before teams are regraded, both on the weekend after Easter. Only one of those games will be against a winning team, and that Saturday game against Arncliffe Scots will probably be a very challenging game even though Scots might be missing players.

Huge thanks to all of the parents who turned up and helped out with canteen and field put away duty at relatively short notice, including Dom from the U18s who got his dates wrong and offered to stay and help anyway - have a happy and safe Easter everyone!

13B v Connells Point Won 12 - 0

Saturday 1st April

Goal Scorers: Josiah Montoya 4 / Nathaniel Seeto 3 / Eric Athanasopoulos 2 / Andrei Esdaile-Watts / Christian Barisic / Nicolas Kladis

Despite rain washing out a month of training, fine weather on Friday and Saturday meant that round 1 went ahead as normal. With team gradings to be reassessed after 4 rounds, Ocky wanted the boys to make a statement right from the start of this season.

Lugarno dominated midfield and the play for most of the game, but didn't score their first two goals until the 11th and 13th minute of the match: the CP goal keeper made several excellent reflex saves as the boys struck most of their shots either straight at him or just wide of the goal, but in the last 6 minutes before half time they finally put away another 2 goals to go into the break 4-0 up.

On the resumption, a similar pattern played out as in the first half, with Lugarno's midfield winning most of the ball and turning it into good chances without actually finishing any of them for 16 more minutes, until Jayden's burst down the right and cross to Eric saw yet another shot parried away by the keeper, only for Nate to pop up at the right time to tap the ball in; a few minutes later, they pounced on a weak goal kick and Josiah blasted a good shot into the top right of the net. Marcus then made a run from defence, hit the pass up the line for Jayden to centre the ball to Christian who was then able to beat the keeper with his shot to send us 7-0 up.

Connells Point then had their best 5 minutes of the game, when they managed to apply some pressure to our defence and earned three corners in a row. They were not able to turn any of those into clear shots on goal, and in the last 8 minutes the floodgates opened, with Lugarno scoring another 5 goals in quick succession against their dispirited opposition.

It was a great result to get our season under way, although Lugarno lived a little dangerously at times, with Zane in particular making some important tackles as the last defender chasing one or more opponents. The long grass also presented some challenges, with the ball stopping quite quickly and passes often going slightly behind the intended recipient, who had to stop and prop to get it, but overall the structure looked good, and still with plenty of room for improvement.

14A Girls v Sans Souci Won 3 - 1

Goal Scorer: Jade Renno / Alana Petanceski / Tamar Tchamkertenian

POTM: Stephanie Konjarski

Lugarno faced another undefeated team from round 1 when they faced Sans Souci (2) at Claydon Reserve.

With regular goal keeper Madelen not available for the game, Alanna Caracoglia took on the important role for the first half. Being an early game it took the girls a while to get going but when they did they dominated the opposition to such an extent that the game was extensively being played at Sans Souci's end.

Determined running and attacking football by Stephanie, Jade, Alanna Cogle, Alana P and Tamar resulted in a number of goal scoring opportunities being created before an excellent run and cross from Mia found an alert Jade for Lugarno's opening goal. With Lugarno in attack mode, the second goal came when Stephanie found Alana P outside the penalty area. Without hesitation Alana P launched a kick into the right hand corner for Lugarno's second goal. For a moment there was

confusion as the hole in the nets allowed the ball to escape the nets but, to the referee's credit, he confirmed it was a goal and the goal stood.

Having gone 2-0 down Sans Souci started showing a bit more urgency but the Lugarno defence comprising of Josephine, Alana P, Celine, Charlie, Zena and Mia were not giving the opposition an inch to play any attacking football. In midfield Taylah, Anastacia, Tamar, Capri and Bryana were active in turning defence into attack and by closing the gaps effectively starved the opposition of field position to launch attacks.

Football is a funny game and just as Lugarno looked in complete control of the game and heading into half-time with a comfortable 2-0 lead, a Sans Souci attack resulted in a 50-50 tackle involving Josephine and the Sans Souci striker both ending up on the ground as they accidentally clashed into each other. With both players still down on the ground the Lugarno defence stopped running. Josephine regained her feet and, in a show of great sportsmanship, instead of defending, went to consult the Sans Souci striker who was still on the ground but, as this was happening, the referee, instead of stopping play to allow team officials to attend to the injured player, allowed the game to go on which resulted in Sans Souci's opening goal amongst all the uncertainty.

At the half-time break the team was reminded to play the referee's whistle and not to stop running or defending as was the case that gifted Sans Souci their goal.

Inspired by the goal, Sans Souci started the second half positively and came close on a number of occasions to scoring the equaliser. Second half Lugarno goal keeper Mia had a busy spell after the resumption of play as the Lugarno defence successfully repelled Sans Souci's attacks. With further positional changes Lugarno was able to restore its structure and the momentum started swinging back towards Lugarno. Another penetrating run by Stephanie helped set-up Lugarno's third and decisive goal when she found support play in Tamar, who received the ball outside the penalty area, and then took on the Sans Souci defender beating her with pace before launching an unstoppable kick into the right hand corner of the nets.

With Lugarno going 3-1 up the second half game dynamics completely changed as Lugarno went close on three other occasions to adding another goal, but Sans Souci managed to hold on and not concede another goal.

The win ensured the undefeated start of the season will now be taken into round 3 when Lugarno faces the second Sans Souci side. All round it was a great team performance with Alanna Caracoglia and Mia deputising in goals to cover the absent Madelen and the Konjarski twins Stephanie and Josephine each putting in an exemplary player of the game performances one in attack and the other in defence.



Goal Scorers: Stephen Theodoridis 2 / Alex Pejovski / Kane Spiteri / Jordan Apostolas

POTM: Stephen Theodoridis

Our second game of the season and first of the double header weekend saw the team face an understrength Arncliffe Aurora side.

Opting for a 3-2-4-1 structure, Will started in goals, Harris, Raffi and Mark comprised the defence, Mitchell and Harrison started in defensive midfield, Danish, Jordan, Kane and Issac comprised the normal midfield while Omar played as the striker. The interchange players for this game were Alex, Stephen and Peter.

In what turned out to be a one sided game Lugarno dominated from start to end going into the half-time break with a comfortable 3-1 lead courtesy of goals by Kane, Jordan and Alex. The second half play mirrored the first half as Lugarno dominated field position and constantly threatened the opposition's goals. Two well taken goals by Stephen helped stretch the margin to 5-1.

With the team feeling comfortable throughout the game, Lugarno played a possession game in the second half creating scoring opportunities almost at will as the total goal attempts reached an impressive 25 for the game.

Game stats:

	Lugarno FC	Arncliffe Aurora
Total shots	25	5
Shots on target	12	3
Goals	5	1
Corners	5	2
Possession	70 per cent	30 per cent

16B v Connells Point (1) Won 3 - 1 Sunday

Goal Scorers: Kane Spiteri 2 / Jordan Apostolas

POTM: Kane Spiteri

The second game of the double header weekend saw the top two teams face each other.

Both teams were down on numbers due to the school holidays with Connells having 2 interchange players to Lugarno's one which became none for the second half following the half-time departure of Harris.

Playing on a warm day with no interchange players available for the entire second half tested the team from a fitness perspective.

For this game the preferred 3-2-4-1 formation was once again deployed that saw Kane start in goals supported in defence by Harris, Raffi and Stephen. Mitchell and Harrison once again combined in defensive midfield while Danish, Jordan, Issac and Alex formed the normal midfield and Will played as the striker. Mark was the only interchange player for this game.

Connells Point started on a positive note dominating the opening exchanges as Lugarno sat back and absorbed the pressure. While the opposition dominated both ball possession and goal scoring opportunities during the opening 15 minutes of play, Lugarno was able to absorb the pressure and as the half progressed Lugarno started gaining control of the game and creating goal scoring opportunities. Lugarno went into the half-time break having ended the first half with a slight attacking and ball possession advantage.

Five minutes into the second half Lugarno's attacking football paid early dividends when it was awarded a penalty kick after a Connells Point player handled the ball following a cross into the penalty area. Jordan stepped up to the mark and with perfection scored Lugarno's opening goal. With Kane now back in his normal attacking position after exchanging positions with Will who resumed his goal keeper duties, Lugarno scored two more goals through Kane in the 47th and 61st minutes to go to a 3-0 lead.

With no interchange players available, Lugarno started playing a more defensive game which allowed Connells Point spaces to attack and with six minutes remaining in the game they managed to score their opening goal and pull a goal back for the game's final result of 3-1.

For Lugarno back to back weekend games allowed an opportunity to assess some of the competitors in their division. The team now can enjoy the upcoming Easter holidays with an undefeated start to the season.

Game stats:

	Lugarno FC	Connells Point (1)
Total shots	9	10
Shots on target	6	7
Goals	3	1
Corners	3	3
Possession	50 per cent	50 per cent



PWL v Scots FC Won 3 - 0

Goal Scorers: Bec Radcliffe 2 / Calli Tsipidis

Hot conditions and an energised Lugarno team saw our girls come out in full attack in our second round clash with Scots FC at Scarborough Park North; the first away game for the season.

With a revitalised team and numerous positional changes to strengthen our defensive line, our forwards, specifically Bec, capitalised not once but twice early in the first half.

An outstanding overall team performance throughout the game saw us put through one more in the second half with compliments to Calli who was able to confuse the keeper to move off her line and beautifully position the ball into the top left corner.

A great game today by all team members who pushed each other and worked together.

Sunday

Goal Scorer: Eddy

Game 1 of our weekend double-header was against a Forest Rangers team who we knocked out in last year's semis. The game also marked the return of Bern - one of our best last season - who was coming off a 4 month injury layoff.

The opening stages of the game were tight. It didn't take long for Lugarno to get on the score board.

Zorba and Jez combined well before Eddy put the ball away from close range. Lugarno 1-0.

The lead though didn't last too long... Rangers equalised after they created space in the box and converted. 1-1.

As Lugarno tired, Rangers dominated the end of an overall tight 1st half.

Rangers opening the second half on top and dominated possession ... without creating any clear cut chances. Lugarno slowly got back into the game. Harry and Jez both blasted over the top from long range while Rangers hit cross bar from outside the box.

With the game in the balance, Rangers broke the deadlock via a counter attack down the right. The initial shot hit the post.. but the rebound was put away. Rangers 2-1.

In the dying stages of the game, Rangers added a third after a blatant offside call was missed. Rangers 3-1. The final score flattered Rangers and wasn't a true reflection of the match which could have gone either way. A tough loss for the boys heading into Sunday's match.

AAF v Penshurst West Won 4 - 2

Goal Scorers: Eddy / Zorba / Jehad / Harry

Backing up from a tough match the previous day, there were a lot of sore bodies heading into our clash against Penshurst West.

Lugarno started the game well. Harry & Bern combined well to put Zorba thru on goal... his shot going just wide of the post. We were rewarded moments later when Eddy's cross on the right was deflected by a defender past the keeper. Lugarno 1-0.

Half an hour in, Penshurst equalised from the spot after a handball in the box. 1-1. Despite Penshurst's sharp passing play, our midfield battled well. A nice left footed cross by Kotta was met by Fotes (of all people!) whose header went just wide. Lugarno restored their lead just before halftime - Harry's low free kick was flicked past the keeper by Zorba's laces. Lugarno 2-1. The lead didn't last long though, as Penshurst got behind our defence and tied things up with the last kick of the half 2-2

A bizarre start to the 2nd half. A Penshurst player lost his cool after disputing which team should kickoff. Words were exchanged and the referee had no hesitation to send him off. Lugarno took advantage by taking the lead again. Jez's header from Eddy's cross was saved, but Jehad put away the rebound from close range. Lugarno 3-2.

Despite playing with 10 men, Penshurst still remained dangerous on the counter-attack. There were some close calls, but the Lugarno defence held firm. The game got fiery and tense at times...but Kotta's comic relief throughout the match helped lighten the mood.

Lugarno finished the game in style. Harry gained possession in the attacking half...and with the Penshurst defence backing off...unleashed a long range screamer into the top left hand corner. Goal of the year contender.

