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Match Results:

Saturday				
AG/Div	Home Team	H	A	Away Team
AA/E	Forest Rangers - 18's	0	4	Lugarno (1)
AA/C2	Kogarah Waratah (1)	3	2	Lugarno
AA/D	Carss Park	4	5	Lugarno
AA/G	Kogarah Waratah (2)	1	1	Lugarno (2)
AA/G	Lugarno (1)	4	1	Oatley RSL
AA/E	Lugarno (2)	2	4	Connells Point
AA/C1	Kogarah Waratah	2	2	Lugarno
PL1/1	Lugarno	0	1	Connells Point
PLR/R	Lugarno	0	3	Connells Point
U13/A	Lugarno	3	2	Arncliffe Aurora
U13/C	Connells Point	1	0	Lugarno
U14/B	Forest Rangers	1	3	Lugarno
U15/B	Connells Point	11	0	Lugarno
U16/A	Lugarno	0	3	Hurstville City Minotaurs
U17/B	Lugarno	5	4	Kogarah Waratah

Match Reports:

6 Bee 3 v Penshurst West

Goal Scorers: Michael Nicholson 2 / Miles Laney

POTM: Miles Laney



Well after a 2 week break, the kids were fired up to play! They played really well considering they have had a break. It is fantastic to see all 7 so enthusiastic about playing.

Miles had a great run up the field to score the first goal, with Mikey following not long after, with another huge run up the field. Well done boys!

Second half, and the kids were as enthusiastic as the first half. Mikey scored another fantastic goal, putting us at 3-2.

Well done to Miles receiving the Player of the Match award. All the kids played brilliantly.

6 Bee 6

Player Profile: 60 seconds with Billy

Number: 13

Age: 4

Favourite colour: Orange

Favourite team: Cronulla Sharks

Favourite game at training: Coach Says

What part of football do you need to practice: Dribbling past players and shooting to the goal.

What do you like most about playing football: Passing and scoring goals.

If I'm not playing football, I like to: Play Rugby League

When I grow up, I want to be: A sportsman.

What is something that mum/dad tells you to do: Don't annoy my sister!!!



7 Bee 2 v Banksia Tigers

Goals scorer: Sam / Chris / Josh

POTM: Josh

We travelled to Gardiner Park, on Saturday to meet Banksia at their home ground. It was another perfect morning for football and great to see everyone for the game.



The majority of the first half was spent defending in our half as Banksia proved to be strong. However we were not about to give in and our efforts were rewarded with the first goal scored by Josh. This goal was a great goal as it was the direct result of a nice through ball, our listening about passing at training is paying off. Banksia replied quickly followed by another goal for us, this time by Sam who was perfectly positioned to receive a pass in front of goal. Banksia replied again and we finished the first half even, as we started with two goals each.

In the second half Lucas produced some nice change in directions of play and Chris was, as always, so strong around the field. Liani was always in the middle of the play while Olivia had a great run up the side, and showed us how to play so brave. Chris produced a goal from a great long shot. Banksia helped us a little with an own goal. However Banksia remained strong and also scored several times. At full time we once again showed that we can play all around the park and can score plenty of goals.

Thanks for refereeing Sash and Bill, fantastic effort team see you at training.



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8 Bee 2 v Ramsgate

Play began on a beautiful sunny morning almost without the manager. He was not lost, just temporarily misplaced. Ramsgate were down one player, so the score of 5 goals Lugarno and 1 to Ramsgate may have been different if they had had a full team.

Alek opened the scoring with a lovely goal and scored another later on in the match. As usual, he was very active around the field and made his presence felt.

Patrick also scored 2 goals and had other opportunities as well. As time goes on, he will learn a little more situational awareness and when in possession may see one of his own players standing free. A quick pass then may well be a scoring chance.

Jack was our other scorer with one goal to his credit. Jack made several penetrating runs and was unlucky on at least two occasions. Jack was always there in defence when Ramsgate made a break.

Some of the Ramsgate players were pushing and shoving. We should not push someone over or try and trip them. That is not good sportsmanship. But we can hold our ground with our hips and shoulders and not be pushed around. It is the referee's job to look after that kind of thing.

Clark is improving every week and the coach nominated him today as the most improved player in the team. Well done Clark.

Sam, Lachy and Zac are our reliable defenders who are always willing to have a go. Samuel made a great clearing kick that flew over the head of the Ramsgate defenders. Lachy more than once defended, won the ball and made a great clearing kick. Zac seems more confident and was always in the thick of things.

Rex is always keen to do his best and was not scared to be in the thick of things to fight for the ball.

Max was away helping the U 8bee 3's who were short of players over the holidays.

The final score shows we are still undefeated. Ramsgate gave us 3 cheers at the end of the game. If that happens in future we should give 3 cheers back. That is what good sportsmen do.

8 Bee 3 v Ramsgate RSL

POTM: Vinnie, Jamie, Ryah, Emilyn, Vas Linden and our extra helper Max (from 8 Bee 2)

We are still short a lot of players due to injury and holidays so we called our friends at the Bee 2s. Max was happy to help us, and we were very grateful as he made up our numbers so we could play with a full team.

Playing with no reserves is tiring, but the kids did so well against the competitive Ramsgate side. Max opened up the scoring with a great goal, that was the result of some great teamwork. Jamie was our goalie today and he was kept very busy and saved all of the first half attempts at goals. He was very proud of himself and celebrated every save that he made.

We went into the second half up by one, but tired. We had a bit of a position shuffle to help the kids up front have a break. Emmy and Ryah were fantastic in defense, both girls helping to keep the other team at only one goal. Max scored another fantastic goal and we left winners today!

Vas, Linden and Vinnie were great in the mid field and the front with Max. All kids tried their hardest and it really paid off. Well-done Lugarno!

We look forward to all of the kids from our team being together again next week ☺



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9 Bee v Carss Park

POTM: Bailey

After the school holidays, the team was eager to get back on the field and playing soccer.

Carss Park were a good side, and matched us fairly evenly. It made for a great match which was drawn 0 – 0 until the final minute of the game. It was also probably our most promising game so far with the flexibility the team showed in different positions. Although everyone has their favorite position, we switched around our usual attackers and defenders in the second half and everyone did an excellent job.

Callum and Emily were excellent in defense as always, but showed they can also attack extremely well. Emily was a standout - she had so many chances at scoring, she gave nearly gave us heart attacks on the sideline. Peri loves to play striker, but he played really well in defense in the second half, and Willis is so adaptable, you can put him anywhere and he'll make his mark. Cameron and Ashton both had great games, each had chances up in front of the goal as well as winning the ball over in one on one battles. Bailey and Anthony had their turns as goal keeper, doing brilliant jobs, and did equally well on the field. After playing the last few games in attack, Bailey did a brilliant job staying in a defense and staying in position when the action was up the other end of the field. He was often the only one left in defense, and gets this week's POTM award.



We certainly created our share of scoring chances, but so many went just wide of the net, or in Peri's case, just over the net. Great goalkeeping by Carss Park made it even more difficult to get on the scoreboard, saving all our shots which were on target. You can't win them all, and although we lost this close match, we all came away with great experience and smiles. Well done team.



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9 Fox 1 v Forest Rangers

Goal Scorer: Anthony Pejovski

POTM: Owen Beer

Thanks to a later kick off this week, the Foxes were well-rested and ready for competitive game against the Rangers number 1 team.

This game was more than a game between two local teams, the Rangers contained a few school buddies and therefore bragging rights were up for grabs. From the kick off the game moved from end to end, with long range shots and effective passing from **Tom** and **Michael**.

Emmanuel kept well in the first half with some cracking saves to keep the Rangers to zero. **Nick** defended well and with **Lucy** and **Hunter** in attack the Foxes were looking the real deal.

Finlay chased everything that moved and with **Daniel** keeping the pace up the middle, we were always going to finish strong. **Anthony** was at his best scoring our all 3 goals, displaying many skills to ensure we ended up on top this week

Our player of the match **Owen** played strong, both in attack in the first half and then moved to keeper in the second-keeping the Rangers scoreless.

Nice work team.

A HUGE thanks to Hamish for taking the action shots and Harry for coming up with the game plan. The Foxes return to Gannons this week to take on Rangers 3, which is sure to be an entertaining local derby.



10 Bee 2 v Connells Point

Saturday 11th of July was our first game back after the school holidays, it was reported to be a very cold weekend but we were greeted by a beautiful winter's morning. Also we had plenty on our side as some of the boys went through intensive training and fitness with Irish at his clinics over the holiday period so the match today was promised to deliver.



We hit off first with a kick off time at 8.30am down at home – Gannons Midi – I realised early that we were going to be short troops as a couple of messages came through that a couple of the team were still on holidays – this left us with a playing roster of 6 players today and the game in real doubt, but with some heavy negotiations at the highest level it was agreed to play a 6 on 6 game. (Thank you to Connells Point for the good sporting spirit).

The game finished today with a win at 10 – 1 with our boys playing outstandingly well with the open space a 6 on 6 game provides. From here my usual report would be based on notes throughout the match but due to the finishing score and only having 6 players I thought I would report based on how they played in no particular order other than front to back.



Alexander – finished with 5 today, very strong up front and took every opportunity that came his way and provided great support play also.

Daniel – finished with 4 today, worked tirelessly as he worked hard up front to assist and to find the net himself. Also provided great support play and covered enormous amounts of ground.

Sebastian – controlled the middle well and popped up both ends with solid defence and support play up front and if

not for a couple of saves may have found the score sheet as well. Solid half in goals today too.

Liam – finished with 1 today, improving every week in the middle and delivering some well-timed passes and corners that were converted to goals. Holds the ball well as looks for his players and opportunities.

Sean – solid in defence and as usual found the space on occasions to force the ball forward with his pace and fitness. Always supportive and great cover defence.

Nathan – outstanding defensive play and on occasions cut the play off with solid defence to which at one point took a couple of heavy knocks but bravely played on and feeding the ball through with great support play.

It certainly was a great game and, forgetting about the score line, it was great to see the support play and passing that was on display today – also some clever corners that were thought through and led to goals.

Well done U10B2's!



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13C v Connells Point

Lost 0 - 1

Round 14 was played at Poulton Park and we had a tough game in front of us. On the ladder, Connells Point are sitting up top and Lugarno are second, so this game had great importance to us in preparation for the back end of the season.

With a lengthy pep talk prior to the game the boys knew the game plan, unfortunately we let our guard down early and allowed Connells Point through within the first five minutes.

The rest of the game was a real battle, both teams were very even matched and they really pushed each other hard, especially out of the centres. Our sub rotations were used effectively as the boys really endured a tough game.

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Both teams had their fair share of opportunities, the game could have easily gone our way, but on the day Connells Point were able to hold out.

With the game ending 1-0, the boys gave their all, it was a fast paced and gutsy effort by the team. I'm sure we'll meet this team again, and I'm confident the win will be in our favour.

A quick thanks again to Josiah Montoya & Andrei Esdale-Watts from the U11's who helped out on the day. Our goalie Peter Kladis had another great game, and also received praise from the opposition coach.



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14B v Forest Rangers

Won 3 - 1

Goal Scorers: Kane Spiteri / Mitchell Trajkovski / Peter Gazilas

POTM: Mitchell Trajkovski & Mark Martinovic

The final week of the school holidays saw an understrength Lugarno FC side missing four players (Harry, Peter K, Jonah and Issac) take on Forest Rangers in the local derby.

To manage the situation some positional changes were made to the team that saw some players play out of their normal position.

Opting for a 4-4-2 formation Will started in goals once again behind a defensive unit comprising of Harris, Omar, Mitchell and Raffi. Midfield comprised of Peter Gazilas, Mitchell T, Alex and Evander, while Stephen and Kane led the attack. Mark was the sole substitute for the game.

Lugarno established good field position from kick-off and played the first phases of the game in Rangers half. A number of goal scoring opportunities were created during this period but lack of clinical finishing in the final third meant the scores stayed at 0-0 despite Lugarno's dominance.

It took Rangers seven minutes to launch their first serious attack. Initially what looked like some brilliant defending by Mitchell was erroneously given as a free-kick just outside Lugarno's penalty area. As Lugarno started being prepared for the free-kick the unofficial referee decided to point to the penalty spot and award a penalty. It was a farcical decision as the contact was made metres outside the penalty area. No point in arguing the decision as Rangers were virtually gifted the opening goal eight minutes into the game.

This was the first game this season that Lugarno had conceded first and it was courtesy of a dubious decision.

Spurred on by the bad decision, Lugarno bombarded the Rangers goal with shot after shot. Mitchell T, Kane, Peter and Mitchell all came agonisingly close to equalising but somehow, despite their efforts, the goal refused to cross the goal line. The evasive equaliser finally came in the 18th minute when Raffi put Mitchell T through a gap and Mitchell T used his pace to break away from the defence and kicked the ball past the advancing goal keeper.

With Lugarno virtually camped in Rangers half, goal scoring chances were being created by the minute and Lugarno's second goal came in the 26th minute when a long throw-in from Harris found Peter who sprinted away from the defence, entered the penalty area and, to the shouts of the Lugarno supporters who were

urging him on with chants of “Peter shoot the ball”, Peter responded and placed the ball beyond the goal keeper for Lugarno's second goal.

Second half action saw Lugarno score 41 seconds into the half when Kane scored Lugarno's third goal. The players all gathered around Kane to congratulate him as he was unlucky with a number of near misses during the first half. At 3-1 the game was more comfortable for Lugarno and a better reflection of their dominance and superiority on the field. While there were to be no more goals added in the second half it was definitely not due to lack of trying as Lugarno continued their attacking orientation going close on a numerous occasions.

Overall, given the circumstances faced by the team - missing four players, having just one substitute while the opposition had three, the win was another character defining one. The team remained focused despite the dubious decision that led to the opening goal. A number of players were forced to play out of position to help overcome the gaps in the team structure created by the missing players. With lack of players available on the interchange bench some tiring legs had to continue on and not rest.

Will was once again safe in goals and played like a sweeper for most of the game; Raffi was solid, first to the ball constantly and fearless when clearing the ball with his head; Omar, who started in defence and was later switched to midfield, put in a committed performance during the game and was involved in a number of memorable runs; Mitchell who also started in defence before switching to midfield constantly closed the gaps helping neutralise the opposition attack and was involved in attacking raids during the later phases of the game; Harris was consistently tackling and chasing the opposition and launching attacking raids down the right flank; while Mark when introduced into the game provided the defence with great composure and structure, decisively clearing the ball to set up counter attacking raids.

Mitchell T once again put in a 150 per cent effort, sensing the danger he constantly dropped back in defence to help out. He was also involved in most of Lugarno's attacks. Alex was busy in the middle of the park running with great commitment and harassing the opposition defence; Peter linking up with Harris was at the receiving end of great balls and was instrumental in launching a number of attacks from inside Lugarno's half. Evander also put in a determined performance and was a critical link between defence and attack; he was also instrumental in attempting to give the team greater width.

Kane ran and chased throughout the game scoring a well-executed goal and was unlucky not to score more. Stephen who initially stated in attack played a key role in Lugarno's attack before being switched to the defence to help sustain the team's advantage.

This latest win has helped Lugarno open a four point gap at the top of the ladder placing the team in a relatively good position for finals football which is now just five weeks away.

Game stats

	Lugarno FC	Forest Rangers
Total shots	19	7
Shots on target	10	4
Goals	3	1
Corners	6	0
Possession	60 per cent	40 per cent



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AAG (2) v Kogarah Waratah Drew 1 - 1

Goal Scorer: Peter B

It was 1st vs 3rd, a matchup between the best defensive teams in the division...we knew goals would be at a premium. With a few influential players missing from our team, the boys were primed for a tough match. There were some pre-match nerves on the sideline before kick-off...namely from Coxy's pooch, Suri!

We started the game well, creating a number of chances for both our strikers. With our passing game on song, our midfield dominated the opening period. Both Fotes and Bernie blasted shots wide, while Vlado had a few efforts from outside the box narrowly miss too.

But it was Kogarah that opened the scoring from a set piece. An in-swinging corner from the left was met by a well timed header into the back of the net. Kogarah 1-0.

From the ensuing restart, we immediately created another chance that saw Coxy's effort from a tough angle just wide. Kogarah had a chance to double their lead, but our defence held firm. We went into the halftime break 1-0 down.

The second half was similar to the first. Both defences solid and the midfield working tirelessly.

After failing to capitalise on a few openings, we finally scored a deserved equaliser. After Foti's long pass found space on the left wing, Coxy, Jeremy and Bernie combined well to cut the ball back into the box. Big Pete met the ball with his first touch, finishing past the keeper with a right-footed shot. 1-1.

Bernie was in the wars again, copping another blow to his ankle as he stopped a threatening Kogarah attack. Nothing a bit of ice couldn't fix!

Both teams pushed for the winning goal. Marshalled by Nesh and Fotes at the back, our defence limited Kogarah to long range shots in the 2nd period, forcing Foti to tip a swerving shot over the crossbar.

At the other end, Jihad's cross-turned-shot almost caught out the keeper, with the ball hitting the crossbar.

We finished the game on the attack but couldn't find the winner as the game finished 1-1. Overall a tough, keenly contested match played in good spirit.

After the game, the boys were treated to a smorgasbord of nuts, Italian sausage and pizzas (courtesy of Foti who well and truly upped the ante). We look forward to Jeremy and Eddy's menu in the weeks to come!

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