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# ***AROUND THE GROUNDS***

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## **Congratulations:**

### **Minor Premiers for Season 2015:**

14B, 16Girls A, 16Girls B, AAWomen B, AAWomen D, AAC (1), AAG (2)

### **In addition to the above, the following teams also qualified to play Finals football:**

12 Girls, 13A, 13C, 14 Girls, 16A, 17B, AAC(1), AAE(1), AAG(1), O35C

**Wow!! What a great year for our Club – great work by players, Coaches and Managers.**

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## ***This weekend's Finals draw:***

R	Date	Time	AG/Div	Home Team	Away Team	Ground
<b>Saturday</b>						
Final	22/08/15	09:20	U14/B	Lugarno	Peakhurst United	Peakhurst No 5
Semi	22/08/15	09:25	U13/A	Connells Point	Lugarno	Scarborough Pk North
Final	22/08/15	10:15	U17/B	Lugarno	Oatley RSL (1)	Bush Pk/Carss Pk No1
Semi	22/08/15	10:50	U16/A	Connells Point	Lugarno	Scarborough No 7
Final	22/08/15	11:00	U13/C	Ramsgate RSL	Lugarno	Bush Pk/Carss Pk No 2
Final	22/08/15	12:30	AA/G	Penshurst West	Lugarno (1)	Poulton Pk No 1
Final	22/08/15	15:30	AA/C1	Lugarno	Carlton Rovers - 21's	Illinden Sports Centre
<b>Sunday</b>						
Semi	23/08/15	09:00	U12G	Oatley RSL	Lugarno	Kingsgrove Avenue
Semi	23/08/15	09:30	O35/C	Arncliffe Aurora (1)	Lugarno	Poulton Pk No 1
Semi	23/08/15	10:35	AAW/B	Lugarno	ASOW	Scarborough No 7
Semi	23/08/15	11:40	U16G/B	Lugarno	Oatley RSL	Peakhurst No 5
Semi	23/08/15	12:35	AAW/D	Lugarno	ASOW	Illinden Sports Centre
Semi	23/08/15	13:05	U14G	Arncliffe Aurora	Lugarno	Kingsgrove Avenue
Semi	23/08/15	13:15	U16G/A	Lugarno	Connells Point	Peakhurst No 5



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## **Match Reports:**

### **6 Bee 3 v Sans Souci**

**POTM:** Michael Nicholson

This was a super hard game this week. Not sure whether the kids like these early starts!

Miles had a great game - so close to getting a goal, and a great kick from the sideline. Great work Miles!

Catherine worked hard too, so close to getting a goal.

The second half came around quickly, with Mikey having a brilliant kick in from the sidelines.

Emma, Charlie, Oli and Pip again played well this week, everyone tried their hardest, but it just wasn't our week this week.

One more game to go everyone!



### **7 Bee 2 v Sans Souci**

**Goal scorers:** Josh / Chris

**POTM:** Olivia & Josh

As the year draws to an end it is so pleasing to see the continuous improvement and Saturday's game was no exception, the game was an absolute stand out. Maybe it was the five a side, or maybe everyone has just learnt so much throughout the year, but Saturday was the best game we have played and you should all be so proud of your efforts. We missed Lucas and Coach Sash on the weekend but they would be proud of the way we played. We played with



good field position and we are starting to see the formation of fronts and backs, we played strong individually and as well as a team and the effort was reflected in a high scoring draw against strong opposition.

We were deservedly two goals up and the end of the first half. Liani and Olivia both making a number of great tackles. However Sans Souci did not let the game go and they played very determined in the second half. However we continued to play so well all-round, some more goals were scored for each side, it was a fantastic and closely contested match, well done. There was mixed sideline commentary on whether the performance and absence of coach Sash were connected, however valuing my job, it was decided the game was the result of all the hard work put into the training sessions. See you all for what will be our last training session this Tuesday.

End result: Draw



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## **8 Bee 2 v ASOW**

**POTM:** Lachy (for most improve player)

We kicked off on a dry and dusty field and quickly got on top with some lovely passing between the players. Oatley West chased the ball and some appeared very tired as the match wore on.

Many people thought that our passing game was one of our best. Well done everyone!

The score was 9 to one. Top scorer was Jack with 3 goals, then Cooper with 2, Max with 2 and Patrick with 2. Well done all the scorers, especially those combination of players who passed to each other which resulted in a goal.

Our goalkeepers did a good job of keeping out the Oatley players and some good saves were made.

Alek played his usual busy game and was unlucky not to score. He made some good clearing kicks and some good penetrating runs.

Sam played well and is following his first kick and kicking again. This is a great improvement. Lachy is also showing a lot more involvement and our stand in coach, Jeff, awarded him MOTM for the most improved player.

Rex enjoyed his time on the field and was often in the thick of things, he knows no fear! Clarke tried hard and seems to have a better understanding of the tactics we use in the game.

Our last game is next week, and I am sure all the players and the parents look forward to the end of season game.

## **8 Bee 3 v ASOW**

**POTM:** Olivia

It was a glorious morning to play our second last game of soccer this year. We were ready to play, with our whole team anxious to start.

Jamie decided to be goal keeper and was kept very busy with the strong Oatley West attack. In the first half the opposition scored two goals and we scored one goal with Olivia's kick launching the ball straight past the goalie into the back of the net! Even Oatley West's supporters were amazed by the strength of Olivia's kick!

Noah decided to be goalie in the second half and he really enjoyed it! He did not let any goals pass him, keeping the second half scoreless. Noah would really like to play goalie in our last game next week too! Unfortunately we were unlucky not to score an equaliser with Vas, Linden, Michael and Ryah all strong in attack.

As usual, Diana and Emmy were strong in defence, and Vinnie made some great mid field passes to the strikers.

Well done 8 Bee 3, we are very proud of your effort this year and look forward to playing one last game this weekend!



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## **9 Bee v Ramsgate RSL**

**POTM:** Everyone

Our second last game of the season was another close affair, but the opposition certainly won the screaming match. We've met some passionate teams this season, but the screaming of instructions by the opposition coach and the yelling at his own players was completely OTT. Fortunately, it didn't take too much away from the great action on the field, where the two teams played out a fantastic match.

Peri swapped his usual striker position for goalkeeper in the first and did a marvellous job. In the second he was great in attack and never gave up on a chance. Callum showed he is made of real tough stuff, playing an outstanding game with an injured hand, even when he came off for a rest, he was keen to get back on and play. Sebastian had a cracker of a game, getting into everything. He was fearless in some one on one battles and really made his mark. Ashton is probably our most improved and was so unlucky not to score. He had some great shots on goal, but just never found the mark. It's only a matter of time before one of them will – hopefully next week! Although it was Ashton's turn in goal for the second half, Bailey volunteered to do his shift as Ashton was so close to scoring, a great display of teamwork and he did a fantastic job. It looks like he is forming a preference for goalkeeping, which seems just fine by the rest of the team. Sometimes it's the hardest position to fill. Cameron and Willis were everywhere on the field and their speed was invaluable. They saved some shots on goal by Ramsgate at the last minute, and made some great runs up forward. The passing is developing well and there were some great examples in this game. Anthony usually has a tendency to belt the ball and has a great kick, but in this game he showed the best control in close quarters, nicely stopping the ball, keeping the ball in play, and made some great passes. The report would not be complete without a special mention to Emily, who, although she was sick, still came to watch her team play and had her gear ready just in case we were short for the match. That is fantastic team spirit and she is certainly a real team player.

We have one game left for the year 9Bs, let's make it our best!

## **9 Fox 1 v Oatley RSL (2)**

**Goal Scorers:** Emmanuel Elazzi / Michael Elazzi / Anthony Pejovski / Mitchell Woods

**POTM:** Emmanuel Elazzi

The Foxes kicked off just after midday at Renown in near perfect conditions. This week we were without Hunter and Lucy, although down on troops the Foxes turned up skill-o-meter to produce one of their games of the year.

Nick and Owen were rock solid at the back in defence, which enabled the team to focus on attack. It wasn't long before Emmanuel (our player of the match), was first to score following swift passing and continued attack from Mitchell and Daniel.



Michael was next to score after continued pressure from the Foxes, mainly from Tom and Fin in the goal area. The game moved from end to end, with classic footwork from Anthony he was next to score from a centre kick from Mitchell, keeping his average in tack.

All in all the Foxes played outstanding this week and finish up the season with a game at Peakhurst Park. The team have really come together this year, increasing their skills and teamwork under the guidance of Coach Harry.



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## **10 Bee 2 v**

What a beautiful morning as we all started to assemble for today's match which was down at Olds Park and away from our home ground. We all know how much we like Gannons but in saying that Olds Park was in great "nick" and well suitable for our little super stars to show their skill set.

A good warm up was required today as our last couple of early matches have been tough games and we have started really slowly which has made it difficult for the boys to work into the game so with that in mind 20 minutes of a game of possession really got the boys ready for the game.



We only had the regulation 9 today which meant there were no subs and gave all the boys a full game. With all the official requirements out of the way the ref called the game on.

It was clear from the opening minutes that both teams were very equally matched and it was going to be an arm wrestle for the next 50 minutes to see who would end up on top.

It was an end to end affair for the first few minutes that tested both keepers but what was noticeable was our boys' desire for the ball and every opportunity they chased down and took early possession points. Off the possession came attack and gave Ross his first opportunity to score which was not wasted as he cannoned the first goal into the net and got the score sheet moving 1 – Nil. It was great to see the boys light up and celebrate Ross' goal and you could just tell they were on today.

1 goal up and the boys were on the hunt which saw Cody take a long ranger and if it was not for some great goal keeping it would have nudged the score sheet again.

Our opponent's first chance came from a penalty after a heavy tackle in the box and even though Liam went the right way the ball found the bottom right corner and equalled the score of 1 – 1.

This saw a little possession change as our opponents went



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on the hunt, raid after raid was defused by some solid defence and brought the best out in our keeper as the ball was pushed, kicked and grabbed from the goal line as our boys protected the score line. With this pressure came another penalty for our opponents but this time Liam was up to the task as he defended our goal and saved the penalty.

It was like a see-saw as we took control again as Sebastian played a great ball through to Cody who once again took a shoot from outside of the box but this time was too good for their keeper and caused an adjustment to the score sheet by one – 2 – 1.

We kept the pressure up as the ball was worked through the middle well and fed the front two with plenty of opportunity and gave Cody another opportunity close up and was finished well closed – 3 – 1.

Just when you thought the half was down our opponents had a quick break and closed the half out with a goal to take us to the break at 3 – 2.



The turnaround seemed short as we were back on in within minutes and our opponents found early opportunity and levelled the scores at 3 – 3 with a long ranger.

It was like a copy of the first half as the ball was pushed end to end, noticeable was the domination in the air as Sean and Jonathan headed the high ball on many occasions which in turn created great pressure and gave us plenty of opportunity to Ross was the man on hand and finished another goal to give him his second for the day and moved the score line to 4 – 3 which was the end score for the day.

What a game as both teams played hard and fair and was a great one to watch.

Solid efforts all over the park today, notably was our back three which were very strong and Liam was outstanding in goals today.

One to go and should be a good one with the confidence taken from today.

Well done!

### **13C v Kogarah Waratah**

**Won 1 - 0**

**Elimination Final**

**Goal Scorer:** Jayden Montoya

The eagerly awaited semi-final game against Kogarah Waratah was played at Scarborough Park. What a fitting scene, a small grand stand that was filled with supporters from both teams. Parents, family and friends all showed up to support their teams, in what was expected to be a tough and challenging sixty minutes of football – and that it was.

This was our fourth encounter against Kogarah, in the earlier round games we've had a draw, a win and a loss. All those games were very entertaining and challenging, so we were under no illusion that this game would be any different. But did the boys deliver? In a word, absolutely, it was a cracker of a game.



The game from start to end was truly intense, the first fifteen minutes was all attacking style of football with both teams pushing each other to see who could notch up the first goal. Both teams had their  
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opportunities, but it's fair to say Lugarno had the quality attempts and one of those attempts would eventually decide the game. Deep inside the Kogarah half, Lugarno has a throw in that finds Michael, he swiftly dribbles the ball past one opposition defence and sends the ball across the goal line to an eagerly waiting Jayden who does well to trap the ball. The Kogarah defence were quick to react and Jayden finds himself swamped by the opposition, however his quick thinking and fancy foot work prevail and he knocks the ball into the nets, 1-0 Lugarno. So chaotic was the scramble that he copped a nice hit to the shins (unintentional) and came off to rest up for a while. The remainder of the first half was played out in a similar fashion, however Kogarah seem to attack more often and did test our defence a quite a few times.

The second half begins and Kogarah came out with everything they had, the style of football changed from the first half, it was all attacking by Kogarah and Lugarno was in defensive mode, looking to take advantage of every counter attack. As Ocky later put it, it's like we parked a bus in front of our goals, nothing was going to get through. This game was won off the back of Lugarno's rock solid defence, they should be very proud on the performance and the frustration they created by not allowing Kogarah to have threatening shots at goal.

I'm not going to draw out any players, because they all put in 100%, the intensity and competitiveness shown by the team was great to observe. Next week sees us play Ramsgate RSL, if we play with the same enthusiasm and persistence I have no doubt that we'll win. Go Lugarno, a win will lock in a Grand Final appearance!



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## **17B v Forest Rangers (2)**

**Lost 0 - 2**

**Semi Final**



The battle of the top teams in the competition was held at Scarborough North pitching friends against friends. Lugarno was missing Lachlan, our General in defence, due to a dodgy hamstring. Hopefully he will right for the next semi or final. Coach John gave the pep talk and had the boys ready for the game. The game started with Lugarno having a number of shots at goals that shook the Rangers. Billy just missed getting his header in (see photo) and Dimi, Matthew E and James took turns. The forwards were being heavily marked and had to rely on help from the halves. The defenders (Jayden,

Andoni, Blake, Dion, Nathan) were doing well with Kosta taking over the General's role. Mat L as goalie was collecting any attempts easily. Unfortunately the first goal came from a corner that saw one of the Rangers go through the defenders and head it in (0-1). The game was becoming very physical with our players being held and being slammed into. Penalty in front of goals went into the wall unfortunately.



Blake came from nowhere and brilliantly stopped Dylan from having a break and shot at goal. The wingers, Billy, Ryan and Luca frustrated the Rangers. Anthony and Dimi had some good breaks but were often left by themselves as the halves weren't keeping up with them. The second goal to Rangers came from a lapse in defence that Mat L just couldn't save (0-2). A well needed break for coach to give further instructions and extra thoughts from club coach "Irish". [Great to see him there especially as he was hobbling with ankle injury]. The second half was becoming more physical on some of our players but what this did was allow other players to step and take on the Rangers. Our defenders Kosta, Blake and Nathan made great runs into the final quarter of the field for either goal attempts or to lay off the ball to the forwards. Ryan, Christian, Andoni, Billy and Luca worked the midfield well and they along with the defenders kept the ball for long periods of time in the 2/3 of the field towards their goal. Rangers got desperate and kicked a lot of high balls down field only to be met by the boots and heads of Dion, Blake, Kosta, Jayden and especially Nathan. They were not expecting this at all and when Nathan chased down one of their forwards on a break, they realised that they were not going to score again this half. When the ball did reach Mat L, we saw some amazing saves clearing the ball away from the corners and just over; one of them being a penalty shot. Loud applause from both supporters for his efforts. The only thing to sour this half was that the Rangers were becoming very physical and they were not being picked up by the referee. James received a savage elbow to the solar plexus that winded him so badly he had to come off for a while. This fired up Blake, Anthony, Billy, Dimi and later James to have shots but this time it was Jack as the Rangers goalie who was saving their day. Unfortunately the final whistle blew without the team crossing the goal line.

Work still needs to be done to improve, for hopefully, the next visit at the Grand Final. What was great to see was that it was a WHOLE team effort from all players who kept the half time score. Players who were defenders and midfielders took chances to have shots at goal and were supported by the regular forwards. And they *almost* did it on a number of occasions. Now for Oatley next week.



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### **AAW B v Peakhurst United Won 5 - 0**

Last game for the season was played today and what a great game of football from everyone who took the field.



Thanks to Georgina & Rakia from AAWD for helping out as well today.

Semi's next Sunday girls, bring your game face girls. We can't be complacent going in the finals we have to bring our best game over the coming weeks.

Congratulations girls

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### **AAW D v Ramsgate RSL Won 4 - 0**

Last game for the season was played today.

The girls started strong scoring the all the goals in the first half, they lost their drive in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half.

Semi's next Sunday girls bring your game face girls, we have to play a full 90 min of a great football to get us over the finish line.

Congratulations girls

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### **AAE (1) v Kogarah Waratahs Lost 1 - 2**

**Elimination Final**

**Goal Scorer:** Phillip

Unfortunately this correspondent wasn't at the start of this game due to being at other son's semi. Arrived on Gannons 1 to find that Kogarah had scored earlier in the game. Both teams were fighting hard for the ball and the play moved up and down the field. Out of the blue, the ball went towards the goal and Phillip scored one of the most appreciated goals of the season. 1-1 at half time and didn't Kogarah not like that.



Second half saw some spectacular play at both ends of the field; some great play and some dodgy play. Jordan almost headed a ball in (photo) but the goalie coming out just in time. "Great" dives by a number of the Kogarah players trying to win fouls. Kogarah had 2 players coming down towards Stephen, the goalie, and the crowd held their breath. The player on the right crossed the ball to the player in front of



the goal and everyone thought it must be a goal. But no, Stephen's foot got in the way and it went out. Another shot by Kogarah had Stephen out stretched to send the ball over the goal (photo). Both spectators were applauding the shots and stops. Determined defending saw the brothers Nathan and Andrew crashed into each other but thankfully they managed to get up and continue in the game.

Close to the end of the game Kogarah scored to take the lead (2-1). Play was delayed as the

Kogarah bench ran on to the field and referees allowed it to happen with no consequences. There was still time to play and the boys worked the ball towards to the goal where one of the Lugarno players was brought down in the penalty area. Everyone expected the penalty to be called. Instead the referee ignored the fact that the player was taken down in the penalty and instead blew time. A penalty should have been given as the end of the game was called after the foul but referee wasn't



swayed. A travesty as this meant that the team was out of the finals.

A great season for all the team with the highlight being a 3-1 win with only 8 players.

## **AAG (2) v Penshurst West**

**Drew 2- 2**

**Semi Final**

**Goal Scorers:** Fotes / Tim

After a great regular season, the boys were pumped for our first ever semi final. Up against a PensW team we beat twice during the year, the boys knew they would be out for revenge. There were some nerves leading into the game at Peakhurst Pk - a ground we had never played on before. Unfortunately, we were missing two influential players due to injury, forcing us into some positional changes. After another stirring pre-match speech from the injured Je, we were ready for kickoff.

As expected, the opening period was a bit of an arm wrestle. PensW's sharp passing game was on show, while we struggled to get going. Despite this, it was Fotes that opened the scoring. Standing over a free kick 20m out, Fotes caught out the keeper - beating him at the near post. 1-0 Lugarno.

Our lead though didn't last long. PensW returned the favour as their free kick slipped through Foti's hands. 1-1. This gave them a boost as they continued to dominate the midfield.



On the stroke of halftime though, our wildcard, Tim, popped up to score his first goal of the year! After some great lead-up play by Eddy on the right, the ball fell to Tim who steered the ball low past the keeper.

Side note: All 16 players on our squad have now scored this season!

Halftime: Lugarno 2-1

Despite going into the break on a high, we clocked off early in the 2nd half. Some nice passing led to PensW scoring the equaliser. 2-2.

This was turning into a dog fight.

As the 2nd half wore on, both teams started to tire. Our already reduced subs bench was getting a workout.

Both teams failed to create many clear cut chances. PensW had some long range strikes, while at the other end, big Pete's attempted lob over the keeper skewed wide (we won't mention his comical run-in with Coxy in a goal scoring position!)

Towards the end of the 2nd half, we lost another player due to injury (we think ☺). Yare's 'Air Jordan' impersonation fell flat...literally...on his back. This forced another positional change at left back and the entire team to dig a little deeper.

With the game ending at 2-2, we entered extra time. From the kickoff, we created our best chance. Some good play down the left flank found Eddy making a run into the box... but his first-time shot sailed over the bar. PensW continued to apply pressure on our defence - a cracking goal-bound shot from outside the box was blocked by Bernie close to the line, while our defence snuffed out some threatening chances... including Coxy's goal line clearance from a corner. At the other end, Jeremy's in-swinging corner was tipped over the cross bar by the PensW keeper.

Just like our previous encounters, some PensW players continued to go down in search of an Academy Award. Thankfully, the ref had control throughout the entire game.

Knowing a draw was good enough to progress through to the GF, the boys ran down the clock well and held on for the draw.

Full time (AET): 2-2

Despite not playing to the best of our ability, we managed to grind out a result through our toughness, determination and great team spirit. Our strikers battled all day, the midfielders ran themselves into the ground and the backs withstood a potent attack. Our thirty-something year old bodies are still feeling the affects of the physical encounter, so the week off will do us the world of good leading into the Grand Final.

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