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# AROUND THE GROUNDS

#### **Upcoming Events:**

- School Holiday Football Clinic, run by our Coaching Director Michael Tuesday 4
   July to Thursday 6 July. Click here for more information
   <a href="http://www.lugarnofc.com.au/images/flyer-final.png">http://www.lugarnofc.com.au/images/flyer-final.png</a>
- Saturday 1st July Life Members Day
- Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> July Annual Trivia night start getting your tables together more details will be out very soon....

#### Thank you:

To Kristy, our Non Comp liaison Officer, for all your efforts in organising the U8 Gala Day last Sunday. Thanks also to all who helped on the day, there are too many to list, but all your hard work added up to ensure the day was a great success and all the kids had a fun day.

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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	1	1	Connells Point	AA/C	Hurstville Minotaurs	1	0	Lugarno
AA/D	Banksia Tigers	0	2	Lugarno	AAW/A	Lugarno	2	1	Bexley North
AA/E	Carss Park (1)	3	0	Lugarno	O35/B	Lugarno	3	0	Banksia Tigers (2)
AA/F	Banksia Tigers	0	3	Lugarno	PWL/1	Sans Souci	3	2	Lugarno
AA/G	Lugarno	3	0	Sans Souci	U13/B	Glory FC	3	5	Lugarno
AAA1/1	Lugarno (1)	2	0	Peakhurst United	U14G/A	Lugarno	0	1	Oatley FC
AAA1/1	Hurstville ZFC	3	4	Lugarno (2)	U15/B	Sans Souci	6	0	Lugarno
AAAR/R	Lugarno (1)	3	0	Peakhurst United	U16G/A	Lugarno	1	5	Connells Point (1)
AAAR/R	Hurstville ZFC	1	4	Lugarno (2)	U18/A	Lugarno	2	2	Sans Souci (1)
U12/C	Lugarno	0	0	Bexley North					
U13/B	Bexley North	0	4	Lugarno					
U16/B	Lugarno	7	0	Oatley FC					
U16G/A	Connells Point (2)	1	0	Lugarno	Friday				
U18/A	Arncliffe Aurora	1	0	Lugarno	O45/A	Oatley FC	0	2	Lugarno



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## Canteen & Field Set Up for next weekend:

Date	Team(s)	Start	Finish	Duty Required		
	( )	Time	Time	,		
	11 I	7:30 am		Set Up Midi Field (field must be set up ½ hr before the game, KO 9am)		
	12 C	9:00 am		Set Up Field 4 (field must be set up ½ hr before the game, KO 10.20am)		
	15 B	8:30 am		Set Up Field 6 (field must be set up ½ hr before the game, KO 10.05am)		
	7B 6			Pull down fields (SSF1 & 2) after the game		
	11 A			Pull down Midi field after the game		
Sat 24 <sup>th</sup> June	AA D			Pull down Field 4 after the game and clean up any rubbish left on side.  Return posts to lock up area – no games on field 4 on Sunday		
	AAA (2)			Pull down Field 6 after the game and clean up any rubbish left on side. Leave posts up for Sunday's games.		
	7B 2	7:30 am	10:15 am	Canteen Set Up. BBQ Duty. Canteen Duty		
	6B 4	10:15 am	1:00 pm	BBQ Duty. Canteen Duty		
	8A (Dellas)	1:00 pm	3:30 pm	Canteen Duty. BBQ Duty. Clean up Canteen.		

Sun 25 <sup>th</sup>	12 C	7.30 am	Set up Field 6 – (field must be set up 1/2 hour before the game. KO 8.30am)		
June	PWL		Pull Down Field 6 after the game. Return posts to lockup area.		



### **Match Reports:**

6B1 v 6B2

**POTM:** Jozef Piotrowski

This week we were lucky enough to play another Lugarno team. The boys were all excited to play after the week off and enthusiasm was at a high. The team has started to work together more, passing to each other and helping each other out in defence. It is also nice to see all the children getting and staying involved in the game.

Daniel was busy in defence this week chasing down players with his 'tough face'. James played hard in attack and was rewarded with many scoring opportunities. Angus tried hard to keep up with the play and had a few attempts at goal. Fletcher worked on his aim and scored an impressive long range goal from around half way. Jozef was our player of the week. He listened and tried hard in all



the drills at training. He was always around the ball in the game and got involved in defence and attack.

Well done boys and thank you 6B2's for an enjoyable game.

#### 6B 3 v Kogarah Waratahs

**POTM:** Jarvis

After a week off, the boys were looking forward to the game against Kogarah.

The Team Captain duties seemed to inspire Jarvis, who had his best game of the season by far. He was first to the ball, tough in defence and scored our opening goal with a fantastic run and finish in front of goal. Fully recovered from his injury, Hunter is also enjoying playing and



doubled our lead with a nice individual break-away goal shortly after.

Just prior to the half time whistle, Jarvis capped off a great first half for the boys, making a nice run down the left side, and then making a calculated pass into sharpshooter Zac L who made no mistake with the clinical finish.

Aidan made some of his patented huge "kick ins" from the goal line, and it was on the back of one of those that Samuel scored a well-deserved goal. He worked hard all game in defence, saving several Kogarah opportunities.



Zac B was aggressive all game, with some big tackles that certainly didn't miss their mark. He was looking like his Dad of the late 90's out there and was rewarded with another goal to add to his season tally.

To Kogarah's credit, even with only 4 players they didn't give up going on to score 2 late goals. If not for the much improved Lucian it could have been a closer result. He made plenty of crucial kicks to keep us on the front foot.

Some further second half goals to Hunter, Zac L and Jarvis rounded out a

fun game which finished 8-2.

It was good to see some of the passing that we've worked on at training pay off in the game, and it was also good to see 5 "different" goal-scorers showing the overall improvement of the team.



#### 8B 1 v Sans Souci

**POTM:** Olivar Ametson

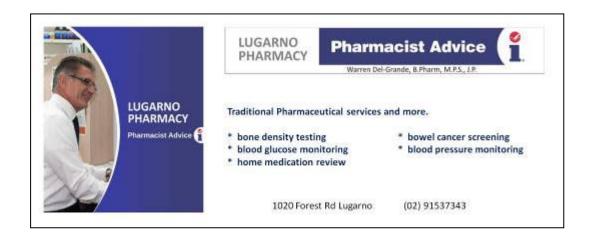
Good game this weekend 8B1! I think we were gearing up for U8 Gala Day on Sunday (although a bit cold, was a great day - kids had loads of fun but were completely exhausted after 5 games).

Thank you to my awesome stand in, Vicki, while I was off watching U13's play, who organised the kids (and the coach) whilst I wasn't there.

Big congratulations to Oli, who had one of his best games yet. A well deserved Player of the Match this week.

Lugarno 0 - Sans Souci 1





#### 9B1 v ASOW

**POTM:** Tristan & Abs

Goal Scorers: Tristan 3 / Lily

The clouds were looking ominous above. It looked like the coach had gone to England and sent the dreary looking clouds back to look over us. We were down the head coach and several players including Romeo, Lachie, Elle and our own little Messi Josh.

There were 4 dads on the sideline thinking they may have to dust their boots off – a la Fine Cotton.

One player down and no subs, Abs chose to stand guard at the goal posts for the first half. It's a good thing she did!

There were some good early battles with great defending from both sides, especially Lugarno. The big three up front of Michael, Oscar and Tristan saw them all cause havoc, applying early pressure on the opposition.



Michael and Oscar were relentless with their attack. Tristan managed to find the gap with a great



goal. The goalie left mesmerised and not knowing what had happened! 1-0 early on Lugarno.

A momentary lapse of concentration, and some sustained pressure from the opposition, saw the scores level 1-1. We needed Elle to show up and she did, just in the nick of time. At the back, Ella, Lily and Abs held off the onslaught and we went into the sheds at halftime 2-1.

The crowd is still not sure how the coach arranged it from the other side of the planet but the half time talk from non-other than West Ham's Slaven Bilic paid off. The contacts the coach has is amazing.

The second half saw everyone contribute well with Tristan continually peppering the opposition goal. Great down the line running from Abs, Oscar and Michael and cross field opportunities created by Lily and Ella. With Elle defending the goals, the team knew the game could be ours for the taking.

Tristan was on fire almost knocking out the posts. Passing to Lily and bang! In it went. 2-2. Bang again 3-2. Tristan only just finished celebrating Lil's last goal when he bagged another himself. A sea of orange flares and flashes of orange erupted on the hill.

With great clearing kicks from Elle at the back and what seemed like a mountain of blue, we kept busting through with great attack from everyone, especially Michael, even after a brutal clash with the opposition. Ella and Abs moved up front to get involved and both just missed out on bagging goals.

Tristan's dad Romeo was seen on the phone to his bank manager when Tristan came from nowhere and bagged a hattrick with assistance from his main man Oscar. Falling to his knees, Romeo grabbed his back pocket looking for an overdraft.

#### 4-2 fulltime. What a game.

A great effort by the whole team. The coach would have been proud for sure, even if his job does look under threat with his absence and the performance from his team today. It seems as though the team is in safe hands at the moment.

The golden boots today went to Tristan for his faultless performance and Abs for great goalkeeping and second half down the line attack. The whole team should be proud.



#### 9B 3 v Hurstville Minotaurs

#### POTM: Toddy

As I write this report, a single tear runs down my cheek.....but do not fear, as it is a tear of joy, for you see, the Lugarno 9B3's have won their first game of the season!!!! It was a long time coming, but it was worth the wait!!!

We played today at Gannons against Hurstville Minotaurs. They looked to be a formidable opponent, with a



passing game like we had not seen before, and the skills of a mini Pele on display were mesmerising, but somehow we managed to put on a tremendous defensive effort in the first half,

only conceeding the one goal. We were very proud of the kids first half effort, and must admit that we felt we were lucky to be down 1-0, not because of the efforts of our players, but the opposition were just a very good team.

But something strange happened in the second half - we scored a goal...... Toddy pounced on some sloppy defence and had a shot on goal, it wasn't his best shot, but it was on target, their keeper had an air swing and the ball rolled into the back of the net! All of a sudden it was 1-1, and our players grew an extra foot in confidence, whilst our opposition imploded and started arguing and forgot that they were there to play a game of soccer. And that's when we



pounced! We managed to string some great passes together, right from the back, through to Matilda who put a great cross in for Toddy, who struck the ball sweetly and into the back of the net - we were up 2-1 and the coaches and parents could not control their excitement! Could it be we thought - our first win!

And then it happened again, a low corner from Emma and a great flick on from Toddy and it was in the back of the net again! We were up 3-1, and despite the opposition's best attacking efforts, we managed to defend the scoreline for the rest of the game - and that's how it finished. Our first win of the season against a very good opposition, which was even more pleasing!

The coaches comments for each player:

Anika - played out of her skin, was involved in everything and made some really good tackles and passes.

Aiden - played really well and again nearly got his first goal - he had a great shot that looked like it was in for all money, but it wasn't to be - keeps improving every week.

Daisy - played her best game of the season by far, was involved in everything and deserved winner of the McDonald's award.

Emma - thunderboot was at it again, with goal-kicks that were reaching past half-way on the full, one of which setup our second goal, and the other was a great corner to setup our 3rd.

Jordan - super effort in goals again, he will be missed whilst he is holidays for a while, but what a way to leave with a great win.

Yushra - played one of her best games today, was very solid in defence and managed to tackle their best player many times.

Toddy - has now scored a hatrick of hatricks! This was the 3rd game this season he has scored 3 goals - he has now managed to get into double-digits for the season. Well done!



Capri - improves each week, and was involved in everything today, making some good passes and clearances.

Matilda - played really well today, and setup the 2nd goal with a great cross to Toddy, showing some good vision on the field.

It was a tough one this week with the player of the match, as every player probably played their best game this season, which got us the win. But we have to award it to Toddy, who scored 3 goals again, and ultimately helped us get the win. But also special mention to Daisy, for showing some great fighting spirit and putting in her best game of the season.

Well done 9B3's - it was a fantastic effort to get your first win this season, and you have made your Coaches and parents all very proud!



#### 16B v Oatley FC

Won 7 - 0

Goal Scorers: Peter Gazilas 3 / Kane Spiteri 2 / Danish Baig / Lachlan Debono

**POTM:** Peter Gazilas

After a recent slump in form, the team was provided with a great opportunity to bounce back to form and regain much needed confidence when they faced wooden spoon candidates Oatley FC on Gannons 6.

The day started in somewhat miraculous manner as the team had field set up duty two and half hours prior to its game as the Association had scheduled two non-Lugarno teams for the first game on Gannons 6. Turning up for field set-up it was a great surprise to see that the ropes and flags had already been put up courtesy of grounds manager Jarrod, and an army of volunteers had turned up earlier than requested to move the goal posts in place and to put up the nets. Wow what an unexpected surprise as coach Hagop was left with a hammer to hammer a couple of long spikes to secure the nets, and that was all that was required for field set-up! Feeling like Thor, the spikes were quickly nailed in and an eye was kept on the overhead dark clouds which thankfully gradually gave way to reasonably fine weather as the showers managed to avoid Gannons Park.

With everything going so fine it was a great pity that the Lugarno FC canteen was not selling lottery tickets as no doubt the jackpot would have been won!

As the attention turned to the more serious football affairs the team members started arriving as requested 45 minutes prior to kick-off and commenced warming up. The opposition finally turned up 10 minutes prior to kick-off which ensured we had a game to play.

Opting for a 4-4-2 formation, Lugarno as expected dominated the game from kick-off with outstanding display of passing and ball movement. Playing from the back and then moving the ball to the flanks and middle of the field with regular switches of play ensured such a dominant performance that Lugarno was up 5-0 within 22 minutes of play courtesy of a brace from Peter and goals from Lachlan, Kane and Danish.

At half-time the team was at the receiving end of constant praises for the outstanding first half performance and were basically told to keep the focus and momentum going in the second half.

Lugarno continued to dominate the second half and created numerous goal scoring opportunities in the process. However, despite their dominance of all aspects of the game in the second half, only two goals were scored as Kane added another goal to his tally and Peter grabbed a deserved hat-

trick. The game ended 7-0 but should have been much more had Lugarno been more clinical in front of goals in the second half as they missed a penalty kick in the process and managed to hit the post on two other occasions.

With the latest display the team not only bounced back to form but also at times played very attractive football utilising the full width of the field and involving quick ball movement and transition.

Despite a relatively quiet game, Will in goals was alert when he had to be and managed to keep another clean sheet coming off his line to neutralise a rare one on one attacking situation. The defence comprising of Harris, Mitchell, Raffi and Stephen were solid throughout the game and had the confidence to execute a number of back passes to Will as part of the process of playing from the back. In the middle of the park Harrison enjoyed playing in a more advanced attacking role, Lachlan scored a great goal and helped in the ball distribution process to the flanks, while Peter and Jordan utilised their pace to make incisive runs and deliver threatening crosses to their support players. Danish, Alex, Kane and Omar were used in attack at different phases of the game and their successful pressing and hassling of the opposition, as well as speed, ensured the game was being played at the opposition's end.

And just to prove how miraculous the day turned out to be the win helped return the team from third place to outright first place on the competition ladder due to favourable results in other games.

#### **Game Stats**

	Lugarno FC	Oatley FC
Total shots	28	6
Shots on target	18	4
Goals	7	0
Corners	7	0
Possession	65 per cent	35 per cent

#### PWL v Sans Souci

Goals Scorer: Lauren Cassar 2

Sunday afternoon and an extremely windy Claydon Reserve right by the water saw Lugarno FC take on Sans Souci.

The wind played a major factor in today's match with the overall play and possession back and forth for the duration of the match.

The first half saw Lugarno's own Lauren cross the ball in beautifully to go up 1-0, with only moments later an unfortunate but phenomenal kick from Sans Souci to level the scores at half time 1-1.

Lost 2 - 3





The second half saw Lugarno fighting not only against Sans Souci but the wind as well. The girls struggled today to maintain possession and in the 60th minute we let one through to make it 2-1 and then again making it 3-1. We luckily managed to slot one through a penalty due to a Sans Souci handball inside their box, taking it to 3-2 but couldn't get that crucial goal to even the score!

The wind today did us no favours in this crucial match and as a result, we didn't come out on top today - unfortunate game Luggars.



#### AAA (1) v Penshurst West

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Won 1 - 0

Goal Scorer: Conor

Reserve Grade Won 3 - 1

**Goal Scorers:** Brandon / Chris / Eric

There have been two rounds played since the last AAA(1) report and the good news is that both grades have won both games. Round 10 we played Penshurst West at Olds Park, which must have the worst playing surface in Association history. For those players/parents who have not experienced Olds Park, I invite you to visit and have a look. I guarantee you will never complain about Gannons Park again (well maybe?). The wind was also blowing a hurricane straight down the field, so it wasn't the best conditions for football.

Reserve Grade started on fire and goals to Brandon, Chris and a header from Eric (his first goal in 5 years) saw us up 3-0 after 20 minutes. The guys eased up a little and despite having many chances, we could not increase our lead playing with the hurricane in the 1<sup>st</sup> half. The 2<sup>nd</sup> half started with Penshurst West scoring after only 2 minutes and then it was all hands on deck as we defended grimly for basically the rest of the game. In the end, we hung on to win 3-1 for our 3<sup>rd</sup> win in a row.

The hurricane had eased off to a strong gale by the time 1<sup>st</sup> Grade started and we again had the wind in the first half. With the small pitch being so terrible and the wind blowing, there was very little quality football on show. It was going to be case of who wanted the win more. We had most of the early chances and deservedly went ahead when Conor opened his account for the season from close range. We had chances to increase the lead, but only up 1-0 at half-time, we knew it was going to be a tough second half. It proved just that, as we spent most of the half defending the long-ball Penshurst West attack. The Yellow Cards were being handed out with regularity as the game got physical and things got tougher with 10 minutes to go when Justin was very unlucky to be sent off. But the guys dug deep and we were all pleased to hear the full-time whistle still up 1-0.

#### AAA (1) v Peakhurst United

1<sup>st</sup> Grade Won 2 - 0

Goal Scorers: Erik / Matt Mc

Reserve Grade Won 3 - 0

Goal Scorers: Alex / Daniel / Will

After a week off with the weather, we returned to Gannons Park to host Peakhurst. These were real danger games with Peakhurst near the foot of the table but more than capable of causing an upset in both grades. Reserve Grade started sluggishly, playing without the passion we had seen in recent games. But the injection of three substitutes, including two O/35 players who were helping us out (Jarrod / Atef), helped fire up the boys. We took the lead when Alex (playing his first game of the season since returning from the USA), followed up a keeper fumble to score from close range. We started to dominate and right on half-time, Daniel doubled our lead with a great diving header (although some players believe he may have slipped and the ball then struck his head ??). We controlled most of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half and just when it looked like the game would end 2-0, Will added another goal right on full-time.

1st Grade had a few players missing and it was going to take a real team effort to get the points. We controlled the game from the kick-off and created a number of really good chances. It looked like Matt F had put us ahead only for the Assistant Referee to rule him off-side, when everyone else at the ground knew he was at least 2-3 metres onside!! We had to be content with a 0-0 score-line at half-time. We needed to start the 2<sup>nd</sup> half strongly and had the perfect result with only 2 minutes gone when Eric scrambled the ball over the line after a great run and cross by Jarrod R. This was Eric's second goal in 2 weeks after waiting 5 years for the first! We had chances to increase the lead but in the end it took a great save by Peter and an amazing block by Tim to ensure we remained ahead. Then, with the clock ticking down, a super ball from Jarrod R put Matt Mc away and he calmly went by the keeper to score. A tough effort by all, but special praise to Brandon, Rowan & Eric who all stepped up from the Reserves to play a key role in the win.

We have now won 4 games in a row in both grades but the real test will come this Saturday when we take on Glory FC who are top of the table in Reserves and 3<sup>rd</sup> in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. It will be another tough afternoon at Penshurst Park but I know the guys will be up for the challenge.





O45 v Oatley FC Won 2 - 0

Goal Scorer: Harry

After a week of rain, Traj sent the email that everyone was waiting for — Peakhurst Park was open for business. Our el presidente's recent return from Hollywood after a starring role in *Despicable Me*, was on hand to assist with setting up the field. The 30 minute pre-game team gathering was relaxed. Team members began to apply a complex range of oils, creams and lotions to all parts of their anatomy. The area smelt like an Indian chemical factory.

The Game started on time. Oatley, attacking with a couple of on target shots. Our goal keeper, an international man of mystery going by the alias of John, flew in that afternoon to take his place in front of the net. When not saving the world, he was saving goals - one particular save was spectacular.

Dom, who recently returned from his prostate examination, showed no ill effects from the procedure. His shot at goals glided over the top crossbar. Fortunately, his doctor had better aim.

Dennis, who uses a sat nav to guide him around the field, was impressed when it said bear left - and there was a zoo!

Mezzy, recently released from the west wing of St George hospital, partnered Sam in the mid field. Nick, who commented that his shoulder goes out more often than he and his wife, had another strong game. Traj played in more positions than madam X. Jeff, the elder statesman of the side, did not allow his Zimmer frame hinder him as he disarmed the Oatley attack.

With 30 seconds remaining in the first half, "The Toe" (Because PDL wants everyone to give him the ball to his toe) missed his attempt at scoring a goal. 'Dangerfield' jumped on the loose ball and guided it to the back of the next. The post goal celebration was something to behold.

Minutes into the second half, The Toe planted the ball into the net, scoring our second goal. To celebrate, he looked towards the corner post with the view of mimicking Tim Cahill, with a quick and energetic punching exhibition - but decided it was too far to run.

On the bench was Suresh, (sureša) is a Sanskrit word which means "Ruler of Gods". This ruler collided with the Hurstville striker last week, hence this week he rules no more!!

Ivan, whose bark is worse than his bite, and another room mate of Mezzy's, attacked everything that was within 3 feet of him. Sammy was dropped by the opposition with a hit to the nose. So swollen was his proboscis, he later smoked a cigar in the shower.

Up 2-Nil, Oatley threw everything at us, placing the defense under more pressure that a chair in Jenny Craig's waiting room. Like a Chinese chef on a caffeine high, Goran yelled instructions from the back, moving players around like a grandmaster chess player ensuring a clean sheet.

At the conclusion of the game, John (international man of mystery) was whisked off to Thailand. Traj decided a Thai massage would be beneficial, while Wazza enjoyed a Thai feed. The remaining team members were transported to palliative care.

