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AROUND THE GROUNDS

Upcoming Events:

- Saturday 27th & Sunday 28th May – **team photo days** – your Manager will have all the information
http://www.lugarnofc.com.au/images/2017_LFC_PHOTO_TIMES.pdf
- Monday 12th June – **Richo Cup** – Gannons Park from 8:30 am - raising health awareness amongst adult players
- Sunday 18th June – **U8 Gala day** also at Gannons Park – a fun day for U8 players from all over Sydney, a must see highlight being the penalty shootout during the lunch break

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Saturday					Sunday				
AG/Div	Home Team	H	A	Away Team	AG/Div	Home Team	H	A	Away Team
AA/C	Dolls Point	3	1	Lugarno	AAW/A	Lugarno	2	2	Sans Souci
AA/E	Lugarno	2	6	Carss Park (2)	O35/B	Lugarno	5	1	Connells Point
AA/F	Lugarno	2	1	Oatley FC	PWL/1	Connells Point	1	2	Lugarno
AA/G	Connells Point (1)	0	3	Lugarno	U14G/A	Rockdale Suns	2	1	Lugarno
AAA1/1	Lugarno (1)	1	0	Hurstville ZFC	U16G/A	Forest Rangers	1	3	Lugarno
AAAR/R	Lugarno (1)	3	1	Hurstville ZFC	Friday				
U12/C	Oatley FC (1)	0	3	Lugarno					
U13/B	Lugarno	6	0	Banksia Tigers					
U15/B	Lugarno	1	2	Bexley North (1)					
U16/B	Lugarno	4	0	Forest Rangers					
U18/A	Lugarno	5	1	Sans Souci (2)	O45/A	Lugarno	0	4	Sans Souci

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Canteen & Field Set Up for next weekend:

Date	Team(s)	Start Time	Finish Time	Duty Required
Sat 27 th May	11 A	7:00 am		Set Up Midi Field (field must be set up ½ hr before the game, KO 8.30am)
	AA E	9:30 am		Set Up Field 4 (field must be set up ½ hr before the game, KO 11.00am)
	12 C	10:00 am		Set Up Field 6 (field must be set up ½ hr before the game, KO 11.45am)
	10B 1			Pull down Midi field after the game
	AA G			Pull down Field 4 after the game and clean up any rubbish left on side.
	AAA (2)			Pull down Field 6 after the game and clean up any rubbish left on side. Return posts to lock up area – no games on field 6 on Sunday
	7B 5	7:30 am	10:15 am	Canteen Set Up. BBQ Duty. Canteen Duty
	8B 3	10:15 am	1:00 pm	BBQ Duty. Canteen Duty
	9B 2	1:00 pm	3:30 pm	Canteen Duty. BBQ Duty. Clean up Canteen.

Sun 28 th May	14Girls A	7.30 am	Set up Field 4 – (field must be set up 1/2 hour before the game. KO 9.10am)
	PWL		Pull Down Field 4. Return posts to lockup area.

NB: Slight change in times for Sunday's set up due to change in the draw.



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Match Reports:

6B 1 v Hurstville Minotaurs

POTM: Angus Grounds

This week we met a new opponent, the Hurstville Minotaurs. The boys had to overcome a few obstacles with a wet pitch, an 8:30am game and missing their striker. They played really well considering all these factors with the coach commenting that the time seemed to suit their concentration levels better.

Daniel is growing in confidence every week becoming a very important part of the team using his 'Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle' shin pads to defend our goal. He also added to our points total with a beautiful shot at goal. Jimmy used those 'wings on his feet' again to drive the ball down field, score great goals and tirelessly chase and defend for the team. Jozef increased his participation using his 'war cry' to encourage teammates and defend. He attacked the ball and was unlucky not to score with a few close misses. The 'player of the week' was Angus. He concentrated at training, passed the ball to his teammates, helped in defence and scored a long range goal for the team.

An enjoyable game to watch.





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7B 3 v Carss Park

Saturday 13th May

POTM: Ivy Jenkins

Great game on Saturday with only one goal in the match.

Unfortunately it wasn't us, but good defence and attack saw us nearly score a couple of goals. We kept trying all game which was great to see.

Very proud of you girls.

7B 3 v Carss Park

POTM: Lilly Elasi

The game started with Carss Park scoring some quick goals. We tried our best to slow them down and eventually our hard work paid off with Lilly scoring a great goal.

Some great defence led us to have a few shots on goal.

Girls, I am proud of all of you, you never gave up.

See you all at training on Thursday.



8B 1 v Rockdale Suns

Goal Scorers: Ashton Frawley 2 / Remi Theophie

POTM: Eloise McMahon

We weren't sure if we were going to play today - something about a month's worth of rain in one weekend! But alas this didn't eventuate and we ventured out into overcast skies to play Rockdale Suns at Bicentennial East.

We had some great defending by all the team today, especially Emma and Oli in the backs.

Remi and Ashton both scored, and there were quite a few more close goals. Remi, Ashton and Catherine had some great runs up the field again today, with Emersen and Eloise showcasing some great dribbling and passing.

Eloise and Hugh were zig zagging up and down and across the field, getting the ball at every chance.

We did have a penalty against us, and a kick into goals by Rockdale Suns, however Charlie as goalie and the rest of the team were brilliant in defending and ensuring the ball didn't make it into the goal.

Congratulations 8B1, a great win this week. Lugarno 3 – Rockdale 0



9B 1 v Oatley FC

Manager's POTM: Tristan

Coach's POTM: Abbie

Goal Scorers: Tristan 2 / Oska

With all the rain overnight we all doubted whether we'd get chance to play!

However, good old Renown Park in Oatley came up trumps again just like last year and it was business as usual!

With the style of play over the recent weeks I was confident of another fine display... the travelling crowd weren't disappointed!

With Michael covering in goal and the big tackles going in from Lachie, Lily and Elle

as soon as the whistle blew we took charge and hardly gave the home side an opportunity to shoot!

At every opportunity Oska dinked around the home defence, closely followed by Lugarno's version of Messi (Josh). We created opportunity after opportunity but it wasn't until late in the half Oska found the break through to open the scoring.

At half time we swapped around the goalies... this time it was Lily who stepped in to don the gloves. She commanded her area when needed, but the defence of Charlie, Lachie and Elle kept the shots at bay.

The 2nd half was much of the same as we pushed forward again. Each week we have been getting better and better and playing more as a team. We are pushing forward in numbers, but when the attacks break down we are all chasing back to protect the defence – great work kids!

We created all the chances with Oska hitting the post; Josh driving forward and Tristan making the home keeper earn his pocket money....

After all the pressure it was bound to break.... this time it was Tristan to boost his goal tally with 2 finely taken goals and also confirm his prediction prior to the game.

Soon after it was Abbie's turn to test the keeper.... within minutes of each other she launched a long range right foot effort that just sailed past the upright and, to prove she hasn't just got a right foot, she did the same with her left which, just flew past the post.

We continued to push for another goal, but the keeper kept us at bay... the game ended 3 nil to us and the trophies went to Tristan for his fine performance and two finely taken goals and the Coaches Player trophy went to Abbie for her non stop running and long range strikes!



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9B 3 v Banksia Tigers

POTM: Capri

We played against Banksia Tigers this Saturday, and whilst the weather was a bit of a dampener, there was nothing that could put a dampener on the kids spirits, even after going down early to some soft goals. We were down 3-0 very early on, but the kids showed some good fighting spirit to claw their way back into the game!

We finished quite strongly in the first half, and after an inspirational team talk at half time from coach James (which we later translated for the kids into English!), they came out again in the second half on fire. I don't know what he said, and neither did the kids, but it sounded amazing!

We made some great tackles and were definitely competing for every ball. We even managed to get in our goal celebrations which the kids had been practicing for weeks, after a nice through-ball put Toddy on the attack, and with only the keeper to beat he didn't make a mistake, scoring what was his 7th goal of the season!

Coaches comments for each player:

Anika - played her heart out, and was involved in some good team passes which put Matilda through on goal.

Capri - our player of the match, she is getting better each week!

Aiden - continued his great form from the previous week, but added something extra with his newly learned skill, the pull-back!

Toddy - played really well, and was so threatening that the opposition had to hack him to bring him down - scored a great goal after some nice build-up play from the team.

Emma - played very well in the defence and made sure the opposition knew who was boss when it came to making tackles.



Daisy - was playing really well in the first half, making some good strong tackles and showed off her dribbling skills, and in the second half managed to pull off some fine saves in goals.

Yushra - always runs out with a smile on her face, but don't let that fool you, she is tough this one!

Matilda - we thought this was the moment to break her scoring duck this season - if she keeps threatening the opposition goal she will get one soon surely!

Jordan - played well in both attack and defence - copped a knock early on but was brave and managed to get back on the field and give his 100%.

Our Player of the match was Capri this week - she gave 110% and was a deserving recipient!

Well done 9B3's!

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13B v Peakhurst United

Won 3 - 1

Saturday 6th May

Goal Scorers: Josiah / Eric / Andre

After the Association finished it's reshuffle after round 5, we came up against the newly promoted Peakhurst United who had been very successful in their first 5 rounds in division C - enough to earn them a spot in Division B.

They were a very physical team, pushing, shoving and generally playing dirty, but our boys weren't intimidated.

Our first goal came via Josiah who had to fight off their last man who was more interested in playing the man than the ball and, after the defender tripped over himself, Josiah neatly struck the ball with his left foot from just outside the 6yrd box, giving the keeper no chance of stopping the ball. Our second goal came courtesy of a long, low, driving shot from Andrei that the keeper wasn't able to get behind properly and was managed to be nutmegged. Whilst our last goal came via Eric, who nicely finished a good team movement down the sideline.

Unfortunately in a moment of lost concentration, Peakhurst were able to break through right on half time to pull one back to make it 3-1 which is the way the game finished.

13B v Banksia Tigers

Won 6 - 0

Goal Scorers: Will 2 / Eric / Nate / Josi / Saul

Despite uncertain weather and the opposition not appearing until 10 minutes before kick off, play did commence on time against a Banksia Tigers that had only recently come up from C grade; with Saturday school sport cancelled, Will was also able to join us. Zane and Nico were both in the action early, defusing some early thrusts into our half, when Saul's great ball from deep in our half put Nate through in a 1:1 against their keeper, slotting the shot home into the bottom left to put us 1-nil up after 8 minutes. Three minutes later, Anthony found the pass to put Josi past the last line of

defence, who squeezed the shot between the keeper's legs to double our lead. Lugarno had established our presence in midfield, with Ryan C working hard alongside Anthony, Andrei and Christian. At the 15 minute mark, Eric, Mitchell and Will came on from the bench, and only a few minutes later, Will got on the end of a really nice set of passes from Zane to Nate to Christian to himself, and put away our third goal; Mitchell timed a great tackle to win the ball and send us back deep into attack, but although Will was lively and Eric had a few shots from range, the scoreline remained 3-0 going into the break.

Some positional swaps saw Jayden, Andrei and Christian start the second half as the back line, and it was from just inside our half that Andrei fired a pass through to Saul, who got around the keeper for the tap in to make it 4-0 after 34 minutes. A little later, Saul found more space on the right hand side and was able to pass the ball back to Marcus in good position: his fierce shot was headed away by the keeper. From the resulting corner, the keeper fumbled Josi's shot, and his follow up bounced out off the cross bar but fell to Eric, who made no mistake. Lugarno continued to have much the better of the play, and a quick counter towards the end of the match saw Josi's shot from a narrow angle deflect off a defender and then off Will to take us to the final scoreline of 6-nil.

Scots FC continue to rack up the wins and - apart from being 2 points ahead of us in 1st place - are only a few goals behind on goal difference as well. We face them again in Round 10, but not before a return match with Ramsgate RSL next week, who have had their own troubles.

Many thanks to all of the parents who got to the ground early to set up the field - it was very much appreciated!



PWL v Connells Point

Won 2 - 1

Goal Scorers: Jessica Dick / Bec Radcliffe

With the predicted three days' worth of rain all but a laugh, Lugarno FC arrived at Poulton Park to take on Connells Point. Being our second meeting for the season, and previously going down to Connells 8-2 (just to add with no prior training nor playing together as a team), the LFC ladies had a point to prove!

The game was underway and we were spread out well, marking their players up front who capitalised so well against us last time we played. The ball was put through beautifully for Jess on the wing, who had great control and managed to kick a magnificent ball from the corner of the field into the back of the net and BAM!!! - 1-0 and only ten minutes into the game! Whom, might I add, don't think she could believe it herself! It was OUTSTANDING!

We fought hard throughout the first half and even had Jasmine Schillert in goals and under pressure when a penalty inside our box saw Connells narrowly miss and (fortunately) hit the post. They not long after managed to push their attack and get a goal going into half time 1-1.

After a half time pep talk from Irish, great pressure and perseverance from the LFC girls saw us lift as a team with a few missed opportunities. FINALLY securing a great break away compliments of Bec with a run from half way and, as a result, a brilliant goal to put us in front with 25 minutes to go! IT WAS EPIC!



The pressure from Connells kept coming with majority of the second half spent in our half and numerous frustrations from their team saw our efforts greatly rewarded, coming away at the end of a tough game as victorious on this occasion!

Great game by all today especially our passing and calmness in tricky situations really saw the LFC WPL come out on top today!



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AAA (1) v Hurstville ZFC

1st Grade Won 1 - 0

Goal Scorer: Jarrod

Reserve Grade Won 3 - 1

Goal Scorers: Brandon / Rowan / Daniel

In keeping with my policy of only providing a newsletter report if we win both grades (and collect 6 points), well that time has arrived in 2017. It may have taken until the 8th round, but both teams recorded great wins against Hurstville ZFC on Saturday at Gannons. Taking into account last week's "Bye" in both grades, that means we have actually collected 12 competition points over the past two weeks!! Now that sounds even better!!

After 8 rounds, 1st Grade is 2nd on the competition ladder with 16 points (from 4 wins, a Bye, a Draw and two losses). The AAA grade is a very even competition and all games have been close contests. While a couple of our results could have been better, overall it has been a strong start to the season. We really lifted a notch in round 6 against the unbeaten Rockdale Suns and while we went down 1-0, the effort levels were great and the performance was something we could build on going

forward. This continued last Saturday against HZFC and even though the score was only 1-0, I think most people at the game agreed we were worthy victors. We went ahead midway through the first half following a great run out of defence by Damian and pinpoint cross, which saw Jarrod head the ball firmly into the net. At 1-0 up we had plenty of chances to put the game away, but some missed opportunities and a few great saves from the ZFC keeper kept us to a single goal. Having said that, we can thank our keeper (Peter S) for ensuring we got the 3 points, as he also made a couple of great saves, particularly one very late in the game.

Reserve Grade made it a great double for the day as they recorded their second win (3-1) of the season. We dominated most of the first half and after squandering a few early chances, Brandon scored from close range and then, right on half-time, Rowan beat a number of defenders (including the keeper), to put us 2-0 up at the break. The early part of the second half continued to be all Lugarno, but chance after chance went missing in a period when we should have closed the game out. But as happens in football, at only 2-0 down, HZFC were still in the game and with only 12 minutes to go they scored to make it 2-1. The last 12 minutes it was "panic-stations" as we desperately tried to hang on in a game we surely deserved to win. Then, right on full-time, Rowan followed up a goalkeeper fumble only to be grabbed by the keeper as he was about to slot the ball into the empty net. The keeper was sent off and up stepped Daniel to convert from the penalty spot to see the final score 3-1 to Lugarno.

This result was very pleasing for Reserve Grade who have battled hard all year, without really getting the results their efforts have deserved. The team has been competitive in every game and hopefully this victory will be the start of a winning run. After 8 rounds, Reserve Grade are on 10 competition points and in 6th position, but only 5 points behind Carss Park who are 4th (and we play them next week).

Next week we finish off the first round of the competition against Carss Park who are 3rd in 1st Grade (one point behind us) and 4th in Reserve Grade. Will be another couple of tough games, but hoping for 6 more points and who knows, maybe another match report!!

AAF v Oatley FC

Won 2 - 1

Goal Scorers: Jez / Vlado

After last week's loss, the boys were keen to get back on the winners list. It was never going to be easy though. With our regular keeper out, Yare had to deputise between the sticks for the first time this year. An empty subs bench would also test the fittest of the starting eleven.

The opening 20mins saw very few chances. Oatley came closest after their corner was headed on goal, but cleared off our line by Eddy.

On 30mins, Lugarno took the lead with their first real chance of the game. Jez ran onto a through ball over top and rounded the keeper. Lugarno 1-0. Note: we will ignore the fact Jez was 2m offside! The football gods though didn't...and karma bit us back just 2mins later. Oatley's innocuous long range shot directed straight to our keeper...until a wicked bounce cruelly got past him into the back of the net. 1-1.

Just before half time, Nesh's throw-in found Frank in the box, whose goal-bound shot was brilliantly saved by the Oatley keeper.

The second half started as a bit of an arm wrestle. Both teams struggling to create goal scoring opportunities. The first chance came when Coxy's free kick found Kotta free on the left - his well struck shot though was nicely saved at the near post. Soon after, Fotes' free kick was narrowly

headed over the bar from Coxy. Finally, Lugarno's good play was rewarded in spectacular fashion. From outside the box, Vlado's right-footed strike dipped inside the top left corner past the outstretched Oatley keeper. Lugarno 2-1.

For the rest of the match, Oatley dominated possession as they pushed hard for the equaliser. Oatley's best chance came with a few minutes remaining...but Yare stood tall in goal and tipped a firmly struck shot over the bar from close range. The Lugarno boys were tiring towards the end but dug deep to hold on for a tough win.



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