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# ***AROUND THE GROUNDS***

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## **Upcoming Events:**

- Monday 12<sup>th</sup> June – **Richo Cup** – Gannons Park from 8:30 am - raising health awareness amongst adult players
- Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> 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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## Match Results:

Saturday					Sunday				
AG/Div	Home Team	H	A	Away Team	AG/Div	Home Team	H	A	Away Team
AA/C	Kogarah Waratah	1	0	Lugarno	AA/D	Bexley North (2)	1	1	Lugarno
AA/D	Lugarno	4	2	Ramsgate RSL	AAA1/1	Glory FC	3	1	Lugarno (2)
AA/E	Oatley FC (2)	1	2	Lugarno	AAAR/R	Glory FC	2	3	Lugarno (2)
AA/F	Connells Point (1)	0	1	Lugarno	AAW/A	Kogarah Waratah	2	0	Lugarno
AA/G	Oatley FC	1	3	Lugarno	O35/B	Penshurst West	2	1	Lugarno
AAA1/1	Lugarno (2)	3	4	Penshurst West	PWL/1	Lugarno	1	2	Scots FC
AAA1/1	Carss Park	1	4	Lugarno(1)	U14G/A	Lugarno	0	2	Sans Souci (2)
AAAR/R	Lugarno (2)	1	3	Penshurst West	U18/A	Lugarno	0	7	Arncliffe Aurora
AAAR/R	Carss Park	0	2	Lugarno (1)					
U12/C	Lugarno	3	0	Sans Souci					
U13/B	Ramsgate RSL	0	1	Lugarno					
U15/B	ASOW (2)	3	0	Lugarno					
U16/B	Arncliffe Aurora	2	1	Lugarno	Friday				
U18/A	Connells Point	1	3	Lugarno	O45/A	Scots FC	12	2	Lugarno



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## **Canteen & Field Set Up for next weekend:**

Date	Team(s)	Start Time	Finish Time	Duty Required
Sat 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	11 I	7:30 am		Set Up Midi Field (field must be set up ½ hr before the game, KO 9am)
	13 B	8:00 am		Set Up Field 4 (field must be set up ½ hr before the game, KO 9.40am)
	15 B	8:30 am		Set Up Field 6 (field must be set up ½ hr before the game, KO 10am)
	7B 2			Pull down field (SSF1) after the game
	7B 6			Pull down field (SSF2) after the game
	10B 1			Pull down Midi field after the game
	AA D			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 1	7:30 am	10:00 am	Canteen Set Up. BBQ Duty. Canteen Duty
	7B 4	10:00 am	1:00 pm	BBQ Duty. Canteen Duty
	9B 3	1:00 pm	3:30 pm	Canteen Duty. BBQ Duty. Clean up Canteen.

Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> June	16Girls A	7.30 am	<b>Set up Field 4</b> – (field must be set up 1/2 hour before the game. KO 9am)
	O35 B		<b>Pull Down Field 4.</b> Return posts to lockup area.



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## **Match Reports:**

### **6B 1 v Hurstville Minotaurs**

**POTM:** Daniel Stopa

Today we had a home game against another team from the Hurstville Minotaurs. They were a small team who used a couple of the players from the team we played last week. This was actually a good thing because it allowed for an easy comparison. The boys all improved upon their performance from last week and started to add a lot more passing into their game.

Fletcher returned to the park this week with determination and took it upon himself to chase down their fastest player and make some huge defensive plays. He also scored the first goal of the game. Jozef ran hard and fast to get in the way of the opposition and tackled the ball away from them. He is a pleasure to watch with a smile that never leaves his face. Angus used his dribbling skills to take the ball down field, sometimes the wrong way, but after a few pointers from coach Andrew he had it sorted. After being awarded 'the best smile' from the photographers, James was full of confidence and used this to tackle their strong players and make some important attacking plays using his lightning speed. Daniel was our player of the week. He took the field with a look of determination on his face and was an important defender using those TMNT shin pads. He also drove the ball down field and was more involved in attack. At the end of the game he looked like he had tried his best and had little left in the tank. Great game boys!!



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## **8B 1 v Sans Souci**

**Goal Scorers:** Remi Theophile 3 / Ashton Frawley

**POTM:** Catherine Kaniouris

It was a big day today with team photos and then playing our game. Thankfully the kids didn't tire themselves out prior to our big game against Sans Souci.

Our goalies were once again fantastic in goals, Hugh in the first half, and Catherine, who kept her eye on the ball and had some great saves. Emma was a great defender for our team today, ensuring our goals and goalie were looked after at all times.

Emersen had a blinder of a game - she was everywhere! Her trusty sidekick, Elouise, was another of our superstars this week, getting the ball and getting up the field at every opportunity.

Our goal scorers, Remi and Ashton, were on fire again, Remi scored 3 goals! Congratulations boys. Well done!

Oil and Charlie again had some great runs, saves and throw ins.

A sleep in next week kids for a late game!

Congratulations 8B1, a great win this week. Lugarno 4 – Sans Souci 1



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## **9B 1 v Penshurst West**

**Manager's POTM:** Lachie

**Coach's POTM:** Josh

**Goal Scorers:** Josh 2 / Oska

There is no stopping our U9B1's at the moment! With a short trip across to Olds Park and the sun beating down on us we were confident of getting off to a fine start following on from the recent games we've played....

As soon as the whistle blew our little battlers were gunning for a goal - we



dominated all over the park! With a fine goal-keeping display in the first half from Romeo, there was no getting the ball past him. Our defence of Elle, Lily and Lachie were also standing strong and didn't give the home side much opportunity to get past us... Great tackling guys!

When the defence is strong it always gives a good opportunity to build on and break forward... and break forward we did... we created chance after chance but the keeper seemed to be in a defiant mood...

With Oska, Michael and Abbie all creating chances for the away side, the away support were all hoping for a break through.... with a great through ball from midfield it was Josh that jinked past the on-coming defence and pushed the ball past the goal-keeper to give us a well-deserved lead.

This seemed to ignite the fire for us to push forward again with some great passing from Ella, Michael and Tristan to release our forwards. Josh was keen to add to his tally and, as the ball bounced in front of him, he swung out his right boot to connect on the half volley, which sweetly ended up in the top corner of the net! Not to be out-done this time it was Oska's turn... in much the same fashion and position he controlled the ball nicely, looked up to see where the keeper was and powered the ball past the keeper who didn't have a chance... 3 nil Lugarno!

With a change of personnel in goal at half time with Michael donning the gloves, the 2<sup>nd</sup> half was much of the same. Whenever the home team tried to attack it was Lachie chasing back to put in the last ditch tackle to protect the goal.

We pushed forward at every opportunity, but again the goalkeeper was in no mood to give any more away... this time it was Abbie, Romeo and Tristan all trying to add to the tally.

The best opportunity of the half fell to Tristan who trapped the ball just inside the opposition half, he dinked the ball past the defence and let the ball fly which seemed to just get past the keeper but only to be stopped on the line!

This little team seem to be getting better and better as the weeks go on. They are pushing forward as a team and looking up to pass to a teammate at every opportunity. It's always difficult to pick players of the week as everyone is improving and playing so well, but the standouts this week for Manager's Player of the week go to Lachie for his fine defending and tackling and the Coach's player of the week goes to Josh for his fine forward play and well taken goals!

Well played everyone - you **all** deserve an award this week!

### **9B 3 v Carss Park**

**POTM:** Toddy

Today we had the yearly team photos, and then ventured off to Charles Pirie to play against the infamous Carss Park.

Shooting practice before the game was unbelievable, with the canal behind the goals getting a few of our balls as donations. And this paid off because the kids started really well, putting some good passes together and having plenty of opportunities in front of goal.

Unfortunately we still lacked that killer instinct, and despite being the dominant team for most of the first half, we found ourselves down 1-nil following a cheeky goal from the corner flag, which curled in to the back post.







After a half time spray from Coach Jimmy, who obviously did not appreciate the way the oranges were cut up (apparently he likes the skin off....), the kids came out again and immediately had an impact. We put together some good passes and had some good build-up play. Our defence was again solid, and both our keepers from each half, Capri and Aiden, pulled off some great saves. Special mention goes out to Toddy, who scored his 8th goal of the campaign, and remains our leading goal scorer. Despite the team's best

efforts, we went down in the end 3-1, but it was truly a game that we dominated and the kids should feel very proud of their performance.

The coach's comments for each player:

Anika - despite hurting her fingers in the warm-up from a way-ward shot, she told us she doesn't need fingers to run, and showed some good toughness to get on the field and help her team.

Aiden - made some really good saves in goals and also showed a bit of attacking flair in the first half.

Daisy - tremendous potential when she is focused, and showed us glimpses of what she is capable of in the second half - keep up the good effort.

Emma - again rock solid in defence, and showed some good skill to try a bit of dribbling out of the defence instead of just booting it, well done.

Jordan - ran all game and was giving the opposition a head-ache with his dribbling skills

Yushra - the other pillar of our defence, she seems to love the full body hits, and I wouldn't be surprised if she coat-hangers someone 'rugby league style' one day - do not get in her way!

Toddy - always threatening when he got the ball, and was rewarded with a great goal towards the end of the game.

Matilda - she does some good things with the ball and just needs to keep chasing that ball hard down the line - keep going and I'm sure she will be on the score-sheet soon enough.

Capri - as always she ran hard and made some great saves in the first half, one in particular saving the ball right off the line, saving a certain goal - good job!

Our player of the match was Toddy, who was dangerous in attack and scored a great goal. But the Coach's award goes to Anika, who was brave enough to play through the pain-barrier and help out her team mates. Well done!

Well done 9B3's - keep up the good effort and I'm sure our first win of the season is just around the corner.



### **13B v Ramsgate RSL**

**Won 11 - 0**

**Goal Scorers:** Josiah 4 / Andrei 2 / Eric / Christian / Saul / Marcus / Ryan C

On a beautiful autumn's morning, Scarborough East Park was new to many of our team and as such lots of confusion about where it was located. Lots of calls exchanged and directions given, but everyone managed to arrive to the game on time ready to face our Round 9 match against the bottom placed Ramsgate RSL, who we had beaten 11-0 in Round 2.

#### **BREAKING NEWS! FASTEST GOAL OF THE SEASON SCORED – 17 seconds after kick off.**

Well, our boys couldn't have had a better start to the game. Against the Ramsgate kick off, Nate intercepted the back-pass from their forward to their midfield and with Josiah, proceeded to 1-2 through their midfield and defence as if they were training posts with Josiah finishing off neatly to the bottom corner.

It wasn't long before Lugarno found the net again, in the second minute in fact, when Anthony took a ball in midfield and beautifully sent the ball wide to Nate who easily beat his defender to cross the ball into a waiting Josiah who made easy work of it and put us ahead 2-0.

Josiah didn't have to wait too long to get his second hat-trick of the season. Anthony again distributed the ball out to Nate, who turned his run towards goal and his shot was parried away by the keeper, only to find Josiah, who was able to then finish off to take us to 3-0.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> goal came in the 8<sup>th</sup> minute through Josiah receiving a ball from Jayden and taking it wide down the line and then crossing in to find Eric who expertly finished off the play.

In the 15<sup>th</sup> minute, Marcus' throw in found Andrei down the line, who put on his after-burners and headed towards the box and was able to cross the ball in to Christian, who gave the keeper no chance by placing the ball low and wide to take us 5-0.

At half time, we talked about keeping sharp and keeping our shape and positions despite the fact that we were well ahead and in control of the game. Eric went into goals and Ryan D was now having a run out on the field.

The second half began in the same fashion as the first with quick goals to extend our advantage. Our first of the half came through Saul picking up a loose ball in deep in midfield and then, after taking the ball up, placed Andrei through with a perfectly timed and weighted ball. Andrei made no mistake driving the shot low and wide of the keeper on the near post. 6-0.

Our 7<sup>th</sup> goal also came via a through ball from Saul, but this time Josiah latched on to it and similarly to Andrei's shot, was driven low and hard to the far post.

We had a couple of first season goals scored in this game, which was great to see.

Midway tin the second half, Ryan C came back on the field after a rest and found immediate success from a Lugarno corner. Josiah took the corner which found Andrei near post who flicked it out to find an open Ryan C who wasted no time in seizing the opportunity to shoot, and was able to find the top left of the goal. Ryan C was subsequently tackled League-style by Andrei in celebration of his goal. I think hip damage was done.

In the 50<sup>th</sup> minute Marcus who is normally our right back, was pushed forward as a striker and it wasn't long before he found the back of the net for the first time this season. Jayden made barnstorming run down the right and put it through to Andrei who crossed it powerfully to a waiting Marcus who dealt with the speed of the ball perfectly and tapped in from close range to score.

In the 55<sup>th</sup> after defending a corner, Andrei was able to control the ball and turned it immediately into a fast counter down the left hand side of the field. His through ball found Josiah, who held the



ball, dragging in two defenders and the keeper, only to neatly pass inside to find Saul in front of an open goal for us to go 10-0.

59<sup>th</sup> min - our last goal of the game came at the death through Andrei who tried his luck with a thunderbolt from outside the 18yd box which beat the keeper in flight and bounced off the bottom of the crossbar to settle the score at 11-0.

Mitchell, Zane and Nicholas were called on through the game to defuse any Ramsgate attack, but as it is in most games, they weren't troubled. Nicholas and Nate suffered some heavy knocks throughout the game as the Ramsgate frustration spilt over, earning one of the Ramsgate players a yellow card.

The team hurried back to Gannons Park for their Team Photo, only to find (with no encouragement by their coach – I'm sticking to that story!) the nearest dirt pile in preparation for photo.



**PWL v Scots FC**

**Lost 1 - 2**

**Goal Scorer:** Bec Radcliffe

Sunday afternoon and a shorter than usual Lugarno team were still on a high from the week prior and it's epic win over Connells Point.

After playing Scots in the second round and securing the 3-0 win on that occasion, the PWL were confident and hoping for a similar outcome in today's match.

Unfortunately, odds weren't in our favour and an overall complacency from the team saw the girls struggle to get that ball in the back of the net.

After an unlucky break Scots scored however, moments later, Bec had yet another great run down the field and levelled the scores to make it 1-1.

The second half saw the team fall short and an unfortunate kick from their attack straight over Annika's head saw Scots go 2-1 up with 25 minutes to go.

The girls couldn't manage to secure that equaliser and on this occasion, went down to Scots 2-1 - An unlucky game for Lugarno but here's hoping our upcoming BYE can provide some much-needed rest and recovery in preparation for our June long weekend clash against Forest Rangers.



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**AAA (1) v Carss Park**

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

**Won 4 - 1**

**Goal Scorers:** Jarrod R 2 / Aidan / Jarrod M

**Reserve Grade**

**Won 2 - 0**

**Goal Scorers:** Nick / Chris

After last week's double success, we headed to Charles Pirie looking to keep the momentum going against Carss Park. In Reserve Grade, Carss Park was sitting in 4<sup>th</sup> place on 15 competition points, 5 points ahead of us. As such, this was a must win game if we wanted to keep in touch with the top 4. The team responded and put in their best performance of the year to date.

The game was very even early on and the first goal was always going to be crucial. Fortunately, this goal came our way and from a most unlikely source, with Nick scoring from close range after a goal mouth scramble following a corner. Irish almost doubled our lead when he hit the crossbar from a free-kick, but it took a great save from Tim in goals to ensure we went to half-time up 1-0.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> half was again closely fought with both teams have good chances to score. Then, with 20 minutes to go, Carss Park was awarded a contentious penalty and Peter (who had replaced Tim in goals) added another notch to his great penalty saving record. Actually, the penalty taker missed the goal completely, but Peter insists his presence in goal forced the player into error. Almost straight away, a great run and super finish by Chris and Lugarno was up 2-0 and the game was as good as won. Overall, a great effort from all players and just what we needed heading into the 2<sup>nd</sup> competition round next week.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade was one point ahead of Carss Park coming into this game, so this was a great chance to solidify our 2<sup>nd</sup> position on the ladder and also get a bit of a break on those behind us. But Carss Park was really fired up for this game and we were off the pace to start the match. We didn't help ourselves as we continually gave the ball away to put ourselves under pressure. Midway through the half, Carss Park scored to take a most deserved lead. The good news is that this goal really got us going and we started to play football and create chances of our own. A spell of pressure was rewarded, when Aidan scored on his Lugarno debut after some great lead-up work from Jarrod R and Matt F. Unfortunately, Aidan sprained his ankle shortly after scoring and that was the end of his Lugarno debut. We all hope the injury is not too serious. We went to half-time at 1-1 and quite happy to be level on the scoreboard.

A different Lugarno team came out in the 2<sup>nd</sup> half with our intensity level much higher. Our passing was more precise, we won all the 50/50 balls and we closed down their players much quicker. The first 15 minutes of the 2<sup>nd</sup> half was all Lugarno and we created a number of good goal-scoring chances. Finally, a headed goal from Jarrod R to put us in front and only a couple of minutes later Jarrod scored again to put us 3-1 in front. We controlled most of the rest of the game, with Peter happy to have a relatively quiet time in goals. Nearing full-time, Ryan was brought down in the penalty box and Jarrod M stepped up to confidently score from the penalty spot. Final score, 4-1 to Lugarno. Among a host of good players, special mention of the two Jarrod's who were probably our best on the day. If we can put together our 2<sup>nd</sup> half performance for the full 90 minutes, we will be tough to beat in any game.

Next week it's the start of the 2<sup>nd</sup> round and we will be looking for hat-trick of 6-point Saturdays as we head to Olds Park to take on Penshurst West who are equal 4<sup>th</sup> in both grades.





**Goal Scorer:** Harry

Round 9 and it was our first match away from Gannons Park this season.

Despite the smaller dimensioned Poulton Park suiting our "style" of play, it was clear early on that we were in for a tough match against our quicker, more youthful opposition.

In a tight and fairly uneventful 1st half, Conn Pt controlled possession well and always posed a threat going forward. Our best chance of the half came when Frank mistimed his shot from Jeremy's cross on the right wing. Fotes, Harry and Je also had long range shots go over the top, while Coxy's header from a corner also sailed over. Scoreless at halftime.

With a few WAGS watching on for the first time this year, a few of the boys had extra pressure to play well (and to be on their best behaviour during the post-game drinks).

Conn Pt started the 2nd half well and created some good chances...but couldn't convert. For Lugarno, Harry and Fotes had long range shots off target...while Coxy came closest after his header went just over the crossbar.

Conn Pt always looked dangerous and almost took the lead midway through the half after a skilful turn-and-shot hit the post...they were clearly on top. After getting in behind our defence again, Foti pulled off a great one-on-one save to deny them once again.

There was some friendly fire between two of our backs when Coxy accidentally kicked Yare in the head as he cleared the ball downfield. Yare shook it off and battled on.

The game was ultimately decided in the 85th minute when the ref awarded Lugarno a dubious penalty after Eddy went down in the box. A lucky break for the boys. Harry confidently stepped up and converted from the spot. Our defence held out and we escaped with a 1-0 victory.

This game though won't be remembered for our lucky smash-and-grab win, but instead it was the return of Sam...our Captain, our Leader, our Talisman, our reigning MVP. 274 days after he scored the winning spot kick in last year's GF shootout win, Sam laced on the boots for the first time this season. Despite a lack of match fitness, his skill and class were still on show for all to see. Let's hope it's not another 274 days before we see him on the field again!

