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Thursday 4th May – Coaches & Managers Meeting 8pm @ Club Grandviews Monday 12th June – Richo Cup – to be held at Gannons Park

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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	Banksia Tigers (2)	3	0	Lugarno	AAW/B	Lugarno	4	1	Carlton Rovers
AA/D	Lugarno	3	3	Connells Point	O35/B	Lugarno	1	2	Rockdale Suns
AA/E	Lugarno	2	6	Oatley FC (1)	PWL/1	Lugarno	0	1	Sans Souci
AA/F	Lugarno	2	0	Rockdale Suns	U14G/A	Oatley FC	0	1	Lugarno
AA/G	Forest Rangers (2)	1	6	Lugarno	U16G/A	Connells Point (1)	4	1	Lugarno
AAA1/1	Lugarno (2)	3	0	Lugarno (1)	U18/A	Lugarno	1	4	Sans Souci (2)
AAAR/R	Lugarno (2)	1	1	Lugarno (1)					
U12/C	Lugarno	6	3	Banksia Tigers					
U13/B	Lugarno	3	2	Bexley North					
U14G/A	Lugarno	1	0	Arncliffe Aurora					
U15/C	Lugarno	5	1	Sans Souci					
U16/B	Oatley FC	1	4	Lugarno	Friday				
U18/A	Rockdale Suns	0	6	Lugarno	O45/A	Lugarno	1	6	Carlton Rovers

Canteen & Field Set Up for next weekend:

	Team	Time	Duty required
	AA E	7am – 12 noon	Set up fields; Canteen set up; BBQ duty; Canteen duty
Saturday 6 th May	7B 6	12 noon – 2pm	Canteen duty; BBQ duty
	U11 I	2pm – 5pm	Pull down fields after checking with canteen re: posts required for Sunday games
Sunday 7th May	14 Girls A		Set up Field 4 (field must be set up ½ hour before game)
Sunday 7 th May	16 Girls A		Pull down Field 4; return posts to lock up area

Match Reports:

6B 1 v Forest Rangers

POTM: James

Today we played a home game against another Forest Rangers team. The boys are responding well to the guidance of our new coach Andrew. It was great to see the improvement the team has made so far this season, in particular with their enthusiasm and concentration.

Everyone played a part during the game, with strong runs from Daniel and Angus helping the team to get the ball up the field. Joseph was keen to get his boots involved and is proving to be a useful defender close to



the goal. Fletcher used his deadly right boot to clear the goal and score several points for our team. Our most valuable player today was James. He defended tirelessly throughout the game and dribbled the ball using 'the wings on his feet' down the field to score a runaway goal.

You could tell everyone had a good game as all the boys left the field with a smile on their face and a hunger requiring a trip to the canteen.













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6B 2 v Forest Rangers

POTM: Jett

The team were excited to play today and full of confidence after last week's win. Today's opponent, Forest Rangers.

In the first half, the boys played really well. Lots of ball movement and team work making it difficult for the Forest Rangers to get the ball.

The second half was full of the same team work and energy as the first half. Virtually all the boys scored goals this week with Jett, Cruz, Samuel and Ethan all finding the back of the net.

Lucas again this week was solid in defence and even had a great run with the ball from half way almost resulting in a goal.

The team are improving and gaining more and more confidence with every game.

Solid win from the 6B2's, well done!!







6B 3 v Forest Rangers

After a few comfortable wins, it was a good challenge for the team against an undefeated Forest Rangers team. It was a tightly contested match, with excitement down to the last kick of the game.

Lucian started strongly, and continues to improve each week. He got us moving forward and created some early opportunities. We couldn't find the back of



the net however until an amazing Zachary Boyle solo run from half-way opened up the game. He beat several players before cracking the ball into the back of the net.

Jarvis then made a decisive break down the right edge, followed by an excellent pass to Hunter who scored an angled shot from the right side just before half time. We went into halftime up 2-1.

Zachary L broke the game open after half time scoring 2 excellent goals in succession, and then it was all hands on deck to try keep out a fast finishing Forest Rangers. They scored 2 quick goals but some solid defence from Samuel kept them at bay. It came down to the last play of the game and an amazing defensive clearance "off the goal line" by Aidan saved the day for a 4-3 win.

They all played well as a team and had fun as well. It was a competitive and evenly balanced game.



7B 1 v Carss Park

The 7B1's played a tough, close game against Carrs Park on Saturday. All team members played well.

Elizabeth showed great courage and effort in only her 4th game of soccer. Samuel was a super star at the front, leading the way and scoring a goal in the first half, he came close on a number of other occasions. Maddie was all over the park and scored our only other goal of the game in combination with Kiarna, who worked hard getting the ball where it needed to be.

Ben and his almighty left foot kick was on show and helped clear the ball many times. Victoria played a strong defensive game and stopped many goals from the opposition.



A great effort by everyone on the field. Thanks to Coach Dom for his superior guidance! Go the mighty 7B1's!!

7B 3 v Connells Point

A very hard game today, but the girls never gave up.

The first half was tough while we stood back and watched.

In the second half we made our move and started attacking and defending - the game changed completely!

Great defence by Lilly and Miranda saw the opposition's goals slow.

Grace, Kyla, Ivy and Allie started to attack and we made a number of attempts on goal with one goal coming from a great shot from half way.



Thanks girls for a great effort and see you at training on Thursday.

<u>8B 1</u> v Oatley

Goal Scorer: Remi Theophile

POTM: Emma Devet

We had a tough opposition this week and they really gave us a run

for our money.

Emma was a standout in goals this week and wanted to be goalie

for both halves. Some brilliant saves and great kicks.

Remi scored a great goal with some fantastic back up from Emersen and Ashton.

Elouise scooted all over the field, with some great kicks and defence.

Charlie, Oli, Hugh and Cate had a great game, defending our goals and marking their opposition.

Well done 8B1!



9B 1 v Connells Point

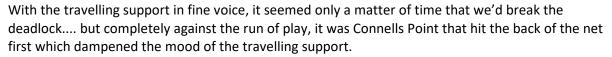
Goal Scorers: Tristan 3 / Abbie / Michael / Josh

Manager's POTM: Michael Coach's POTM: Tristan

What a difference a year makes... last year the umbrellas were out to protect the travelling support from the rain but the opposition didn't brave the wet weather... This year the sun was beating down and I heard cries of 'Look at the size of their team'... "Forget the size of the players, football is played on the floor" was the reply...

What a morning, what a game... From the off our U9's put pressure

on the Connells Point defence, with shots being peppered in from all angles ... Oska coming closest by hitting the post (3 times)!



Not to be outdone, our little battlers continued to press forward with some fine and fancy footwork from Messi (aka Josh) who dazzled the opposition, Oska who kept powering forward but unfortunately being denied by the post on numerous occasions...

We went 2 down, but our heads stayed up and we continued to play as a team and pass the ball around confidently. First Michael smashed the ball into the back of the net followed by a neat move to see Josh score as well to take us in at half time 2-2.



Whatever the kids had for breakfast – it worked! ... The whistle blew and they were like dogs racing out from the traps... With Lily, Romeo and Michael putting the big tackles in defence and Lachie keeping a watchful eye between the sticks we had a good solid base to push forward.

As we pressed forward with the sun beating down on our backs there were shots flying in! It didn't take long for Tristan to get in on the action and quickly bang in 2 past the oncoming goalkeeper.

Abbie, not to be outdone dinked the ball past the defence and side footed into the net... 5-2, surely there was no coming back from the home side. Just as we thought the game was out of sight they came back into the game to make it 5-3.

This seemed to re-energize our little battlers who kept pressing forward and with the promise of dad's cash for scoring... Tristan banged in his hattrick to make it 6-3 and empty the wallet for Romeo.

Great game played by all today and a fine footballing display with some great teamwork in battling back, passing and dribbling.

Whilst everyone played so well again in one of the best games I've seen... The trophies go to Tristan for his fine display in goal and his 2nd half hattrick taking the Managers Player of the week award, and Michael for his continuous work up and down the pitch and his finely executed goal to take out the Coaches player of the week award.

9B 3 v Peakhurst United

POTM: Yushra

This Saturday we played against Peakhurst United at Peakhurst Park. It was a rough game that unfortunately did not go our way, but the team played with good spirits and a great level of toughness they probably haven't experienced before.

Unfortunately, we didn't score any goals this game but it was not through lack of effort - we did have some good chances but couldn't find that finishing touch.

The coaches comments for each player were:

- 1. Toddy had a few good chances but couldn't score in the end did some good clearing headers and tried his best.
- 2. Yushra unbelievable toughness and put in her best game so far!
- 3. Anika probably her best game of the season, with some good attacks on goals and a good fighting spirit.
- 4. Aiden ran all first half and put his hand up to go in goals in second half, pulling off a couple of good saves and getting good distance on his throws.
- 5. Daisy ran all game and made some great tackles, with some good passes to her teammates.
- 6. Emma again solid in defence with some great tackles her goal kicks have improved and she is now getting the half way line on a full, which is turning our defence into attack.
- 7. Capri first game back after the holidays but she did really well, making some good tackles and some good passes.
- 8. Jordan got a good couple of minutes in during the second half, hoping to see more of his skills next week!



9. Matilda - some good runs and a few good efforts on goal - she will be a scoring machine before you know it!

Special mention goes to our player of the match, Yushra, who played unbelievably! At one point she got flattened in a tackle by a boy twice her size. She came off for the mandatory head assessment, and 2 minutes later was pulling on the coach's arm saying: "I'm ready to go back on coach!" - what an effort!

Great effort to all and keep up the good work team!







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13B v Bexley North

Won 3 - 2

Goal Scorers: Andre / Josi / Nate

With school sport resuming, Will would have been our only missing player, except that we mislaid Marcus' playing card: although it was subsequently found at Gannons and handed in to the canteen (which means we must have dropped it that morning instead of some time in the last 2 weeks), it wasn't in time for Marcus to captain the side as originally intended.

The warm up was also a little lethargic, and Bexley North started the game much more sharply, getting first to the ball a lot more often and looking a lot more threatening, with a number of shots at goal and forcing Ryan D into making a couple of saves. The first goal was against the run of play, when Andrei judged the bounce of a long clearing kick much more quickly than the Bomber's centre back and clipped the ball with the outside of his foot into the bottom left of the goal to put us 1-0

up. Bexley North kept up the pressure, with Saul playing a prominent role in defence, but just before half time, Bexley North got through with their own through ball from deep in defence, and despite Nico's good chase, the Bomber's striker was too quick and his shot beat our keeper to level the scores at 1-all and giving them a big boost going into the break.



The change of ends saw

Lugarno running downhill with the sun at their backs in the second half, and showing more energy: our wings were looking dangerous, getting around Bexley's backs a number of times, with Eric's long range shot just bouncing wide, and Jayden and Josi stringing together some good passes, but that last cross or pass kept evading us. Bexley North were still competing hard, and in a goal mouth scramble in the 42nd minute, Lugarno couldn't recover after a good diving save by Ryan D for the Bombers to pull ahead 1-2. A few minutes later, a nice pass up the middle found Josi, who put in a great shoulder and hip move to give him separation from the Bombers' centre back running alongside him, but then dragged his shot wide with the goal keeper well out of position. He made no mistake when Lugarno won the ball back from the goal kick and fed to him in good position and equalised the game at 2-all.



Both teams worked hard to get into dangerous positions, but it wasn't until the 52nd minute when Nate rounded his defender again, and blasted a shot at a very narrow angle into the net over the keeper to edge us ahead 3-2. Lugarno finished the game strongly, almost creating a few more chances while keeping the Bombers out, before the full time whistle went.

In certainly our sternest test since Scots, the slow start almost proved costly before the team responded well to earn the win: this leaves us on top of the table, tied on points with Scots but first on goal difference: Scots however defeated the previously dominant Kogarah Waratah 5-2 this round, so who knows what the Association's decision about what teams move between A and B grade will be: we will find out this week.



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14 Girls A v Arncliffe Aurora

Won 1 - 0

Saturday

Goal Scorer: Alana Petanceski

POTM: Mia Barbara

It was a strange feeling for the girls to play football on Saturday morning. Understandably a number of players were not available for the game due to their normal Saturday commitments.

Lugarno started on a positive attacking mode and for large segments of the first half played the game in the opposition half. Despite dominating procession and creating a number of chances for Tamar and Stephanie a lack of clinical finishing meant the goal scoring opportunities were not converted into goals.

The opposition were content to play for a draw and their tactics became apparent quickly when they decided to have 7-8 players in defensive formation. Regular substitutions were also being employed by the opposition to slow the game down and waste valuable time. Players leaving the field for substitution were being instructed to walk off the field slowly to waste more time.

Mia, who deputised in goals, was having a relatively quiet first half but she remained focussed and organised her defence from the back. With Lugarno in control of possession and field position the opposition relied on counter attacking football but strong defending from Celine, Alana P, Josephine, Charlie and Alanna Cogle ensured the Lugarno defence was not seriously breached.

In the middle of the park Zena, Alanna Caracoglia, Taylah, Anastacia and Capri were actively turning defence into attack while upfront Stephanie, Tamar and Jade were taking the game to the opposition with determined running.

With the scores locked at 0-0 at the half-time break, the team was instructed to play the ball quicker and improve support play in the final third to capitalise on the goal scoring opportunities that were being created.

In the second half Lugarno continued to dominate the game but the last 10 minutes saw Arncliffe Aurora become a bit more attacking oriented as they managed to win successive corner kicks. Lugarno survived the period and resumed control of the game succeeding in pushing the opposition deep into their territory.

As the opposition continued to defend desperately, Lugarno continued to stay focussed on the task at hand at continued attacking the opposition's goals. With two minutes left in the game

Lugarno's sustained pressure was rewarded with a free kick some 30 metres outside the Arncliffe Aurora penalty area. Alana P stepped up to take the free kick as Lugarno pushed players in the penalty area to snatch a late goal. A brilliant free kick by Alana P saw the ball pass over the advancing Arncliffe Aurora goal keeper who came out of her goals in an attempt to punch the ball away from her goal. The ball advanced into the empty nets for Lugarno's winning goal.

The goal was a just reward for Lugarno's dominance of the game as well as overall game approach as the team played to get a result.

14 Girls A v Oatley Won 1 - 0 Sunday

Goal Scorer: Tamar Tchamkertenian

POTM: Madelen Giannisis

The second game of the double header weekend saw Lugarno play against Oatley. The team was at full strength for the game welcoming players that were not available for the Saturday game.

Lugarno started very positively in this game going into attack mode from the kick off resulting in two goal attempts within the first 90 seconds. In the fourth minute of play a perfectly executed cross from Stephanie found Tamar inside the penalty area. Tamar controlled the ball and with a defender trying to close her down turned and in one motion powerfully kicked the ball in the lower right corner of the goals past the Oatley goal keeper for Lugarno's opening goal.

The goal lifted Lugarno and they continued to dominate the opposition, securing successive corner kicks and creating goal scoring opportunities in the process.

Oatley relied on long balls to penetrate Lugarno's defence but with Madelen in goals directing her defenders the Lugarno defence comprising of Josephine, Charlie, Alana P, Taylah and Celine remained solid throughout this period. Towards the end of the half Oatley was rewarded with corner kicks as they launched a number of counter attacks but there were no changes to the score line as the teams went into the half time break with Lugarno 1-0 up.

Second half action was more even as Oatley went forward in an effort to get the equaliser. As the game started opening up the Lugarno midfielders comprising of Mia, Alanna Caracoglia, Anastacia, Zena, Capri, Bryana, and Alanna Cogle started enjoying more space to launch Lugarno's attacks.

The attacking players Jade, Tamar and Stephanie started helping the defence as well as carrying the attack to the opposition as the narrow 1-0 lead was providing the opposition with both an incentive and belief that they could get an equaliser. To the credit of Lugarno they were able to close out the game. The final moments saw Lugarno goal keeper Madelen put in a player of the match performance as she came out consistently to win the ball and then distribute it to the flanks turning defence into attack.

With the referee blowing the final whistle the Lugarno team celebrated a tough competitive game against a very physical opposition marking a successful double header weekend and continuing the unbeaten run of the team for season 2017.

<u>16B</u> v Oatley Won 4 - 1

Goal Scorers: Kane Spiteri 2 / Alex Pejovski / Jordan Apostolas

POTM: Peter Gazilas

For the game against Oatley the Lugarno team started with a 3-4-3 formation that saw Raffi start in goals, behind the defensive formation of Harris, Harrison and Stephen. Jordan, Kane, Peter and Mitchell formed the midfield while Issac, Alex and Will comprised the attack. Danish was the sole interchange player available for the game.

A bright opening to the game saw both teams launch attacks resulting in end to end attacking football. Lugarno started slowly gaining the initiative and the game started being played at Oatley's end. By this stage Oatley started focusing on long balls down the flanks but Lugarno defence was effective in neutralising the attacking threats.

In the 20th minute a counter attack by the opposition resulted in Oatley opening the score courtesy of some uncharacteristic hesitant defending from Lugarno. The goal helped to motivate Lugarno who responded by lifting the intensity of their play. With sustained attack directed at the Oatley end, Kane was the recipient of a well-timed pass that put him in space and without hesitation he scored Lugarno's equaliser in the 30th minute.

Locked at 1-1 at the half-time break, the team was instructed to make greater use of the flanks and to be more clinical in second phase attacks.

Lugarno dominated both possession and field position in the second half and with the opposition starting to tire Lugarno turned possession into goals with Kane scoring from a powerful kick 35 metres out followed by goals to Alex and Jordan who scored against his former club in the last minute of the game.

The final result of 4-1 did not reflect the closeness of the game especially in the first half.

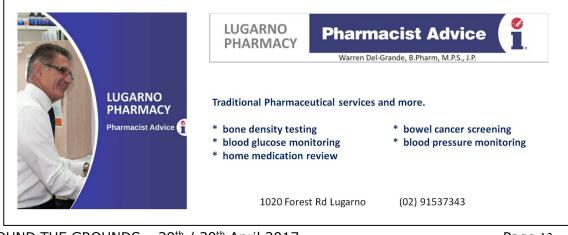
While the team could have been more clinical in front of goals, the overall effort was good as it turned out to be a warm day and Lugarno only had one interchange player to call upon throughout the game.

Once again Kane was full of running in attack and defence and scored two brilliant goals. Alex was busy in attack and scored Lugarno's goal while Jordan took all the corners and made numerous crosses before scoring a fine goal with less than a minute to play.

Harris, Harrison and Stephen were very solid in defence while Mitchell, Peter and Danish were full of running and energy in midfield. Upfront Issac played almost the full game while Will pressed the opposition's defence and came close to scoring on a number of occasions. Raffi in goals recovered well after the opening Oatley goal and was solid between the posts as he organised his defence.

Game stats:

	Lugarno FC	Oatley
Total shots	21	5
Shots on target	12	3
Goals	4	1
Corners	10	0
Possession	60 per cent	40 per cent



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AA D v Connells Point Drew 3 - 3

Goals Scorer: Yonboy 3

POTM: Yonboy

After the demo job the Lugarno AA D lads did over the course of the double header weekend the week before, confidence was high leading into the match against Connells Point.

That confidence was soon squashed as Connells came out firing and caught the AA D lads napping and still dreaming about the masterclass that was delivered the week before.

The much younger legs of Connells Point used that to their advantage and scored 2 goals in quick succession off the back of some very swift counter attack.

At 2-0 down the lads knew they had to dig deep and started to hold possession and play much smarter than the younger Connells outfit. A couple of shots were fired and unluckily missed by Junior, however Connells Point were rattled and under pressure, at which point cracks started to appear. As the cracks got bigger, it took a bulldog like effort from Yonboy in the box to put one in the back of the net making it 2-1.

The lads gained confidence from that, and other than a couple of counter attacks that were dismantled by the defence of none other than Ashy, the Lugarno Lads were hungry for more Golazos.

After a brilliant attack by Milky down the right, the Lugarno lads earned a corner, to which none other than Yonboy potting it direct from the corner to get his brace and make it 2-2.

As Connells kicked off, the ref blew half time, a huge blow to Connells Point after their early lead.

The 2nd half saw Lugarno dominate in Connells Point's half, to which a brash tackle earned a free kick within Yonboy range.

Naturally Yonny steps up and bends it around the wall into the top corner, leaving the Connells keeper flat footed, and the crowd of 8 in a frenzy. The Lugarno lads went up 3-2.

Connells Point then fired and looked to get one back, but as Miley saved, he without notice held on to the ball for more than 6 seconds (a rule I haven't seen enforced since '92) giving Connells Point an indirect in the box. They capitalised and pulled one back. 3-3.

Lugarno however got hungrier, and as Craig Bain was clear on goal at striker, he was a tad too hungry and, while going for the shot, slipped and brutally dislocated his shoulder. Get well soon Craig, we need ya big fella.

Both teams were rattled after that, and both tended to grind out the game. Lugarno had the better of the chances however we could not convert those chances into goals. In particular it wasn't Junior's day - hitting the post 3 times!!

All 3 goals to Yonboy capped off with a well-earned the man of the match.

AA F v Rockdale Suns

Won 2 - 0

Goal Scorers: Vlado / Frank

Another week, another match without a referee...but more on the game later.

Our reigning player of the year, Sam - yet to make an appearance this year - made his first contribution of the year by supplying the beer and chips for the post-match warm down. As Pete G wheeled the esky from the car park to field 4, he noticed his car keys were missing. A bit of a problem when you consider the match sheet, ID cards and match ball were locked inside his car! After retracing his steps a few times, no luck in finding them.

With kick off time looming, it wasn't too long before the whole team frantically started a mass scale search of Gannons Park. As all hope seemed lost, Zorba yelled "found them!" as he triumphantly raised his hand with the missing keys (Thank you Zorba!). Crisis over and we managed to make kick off just in time!

A tight first half saw few opportunities created by either side. As the half wore on, Lugarno's passing game picked up and deservedly opened the scoring. With the defence backing off him, Vlado's low shot from outside the box dribbled towards goal - reminiscent of a golf putt - and somehow found the back of the net after the keeper's howler. Lugarno 1-0.

It wasn't long before Lugarno doubled the lead. With the ball in our attacking half, Vlado headed the ball across to Frank just inside the box...his classy first time volley looped over the keeper's head into the net. Halftime Lugarno 2-0.

Despite a scoreless 2nd half, Lugarno played well and created some chances. Nesh, playing in an advanced role in midfield, came close a couple of times... and Frank almost replicated his first half volleyed goal. Rockdale had some standout players who kept the ball well but the Lugarno defence held them in check and limited them to long range shots. Lugarno comfortably held the lead as the match ended 2-0. A good performance by the boys overall, especially playing without our 'skill' players. After a slow start to the season, a third consecutive win has put our season back on track.





