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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/B	Lugarno (1)	3	1	ASOW	AAW/B	Lugarno	6	4	Forest Rangers (1)
AA/C	ASOW	0	5	Lugarno	AAW/C	Penshurst West	5	4	Lugarno - 18G
AA/C	Carss Park	1	1	Lugarno (2)	O35/B	Arncliffe Aurora (2)	1	5	Lugarno
AA/D	Lugarno	2	2	Carlton Rovers (2)	U13/Girls	Bexley North (2)	0	6	Lugarno
AA/E	Lugarno	1	4	Bexley North					
AA/F	Penshurst West	2	1	Lugarno (2)					
AA/F	Lugarno (1)	4	3	Hurstville Glory					
AA/G	Lugarno	1	0	Connells Point (1)					
PL1/1	Oatley RSL	3	1	Lugarno					
PLR/R	Oatley RSL	2	0	Lugarno					
U12/B	Connells Point	7	0	Lugarno					
U13/C	Bexley North (2)	1	3	Lugarno					
U14/C	Lugarno	0	0	Forest Rangers					
U15/A	Lugarno	0	2	Bexley North					
					Friday				
U17/18	Rockdale Suns	0	2	Lugarno	O45/A	Lugarno	1	1	Carlton Rovers

Match Reports:

6 Beginner 3 v Hurstville Minotaurs

POTM: Grace

Even after a late night out at the U6's BBQ, the team turned up excited and ready for some more soccer action. Our first hit out against a non-Forest-Rangers Team proved to be a thriller, with all kids contributing to our second win of the season.

The game started evenly, with player of the match Grace improving on her reputation as the biggest kicker in the U6's. Her clearing kicks made sure we didn't allow any early goals. Samuel was on fire this week, with what was surely the run of game. He flew down the right touch line, beating what seemed to be the entire team, and then cut it back infield for a goal scoring chance. Kyla had another fantastic game, backing up an excellent effort at the BBQ night. She had the first half's closest goal scoring chance, narrowly missing the net with an awesome run and powerful kick.



The super subs gave us a lift in the second half. Zachary B came on with fresh legs and was involved from the get go. He made some awesome solo runs, big kicks and had a smile while doing it. Jarvis also came on in the second half, and his excellent defensive skills made sure we kept a clean sheet. He brought the crowd alive several times with some speedy runs with the ball.

Hunter was heavily involved, and one of his patent clean breaks brought the crowd to their feet. We were having the best of possession and territory but couldn't find the back of the net... That was until late in the second half Zachary L pounced on some great lead-up work by the team and finished an awesome goal with style.

All in all, it was an exciting and encouraging game. The players and team as a whole continue to improve and you wouldn't recognise them as the same team from the trial games to week 5.



7B 3 v Connells Point

Goals Scorer: Michael Nicholson 2

POTM: Emma Devet

Unfortunately our opponents were late to the game and as such, they had to forfeit. However, once they arrived, they were happy for a friendly game. The kids played so well, and were super keen to play, as always. George and I are very fortunate to have such a great team of kids that want to play at any opportunity.

Emma got in there this week, giving it her best. She had some great kicks and some great runs too.

Mikey and Miles were in fine form, running up the length of the field, getting in there and showing their super soccer skills.

Charlie, Oli and Pip again had a great game, great job!

Looking forward to the game next week, with our full strength side, with Catherine back from holidays.



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7B 6 v Carss Park

Even though Carss Park was a no-show, that didn't stop our kids having a kick, with the help of some wanna be soccer stars.

A huge thanks to Jarrod Eastwood for taking on the coaching duties this week whilst Coach David is recuperating. We really appreciate your support and that of all our parents.



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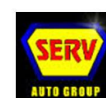
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8B 1 v Arncliffe Aurora

POTM: Oskar

After back-to-back wins against the dads in the holidays and the older kids last week, the home fans were hopeful of another win against Arncliffe at Gannons No2...

Unfortunately we were up against a real strong side that looked like they had just stepped off a recent football training camp with their slick passing, dribbling and crosses into the box! I think they'll be one of the strongest teams we'll come up against this year....

Whilst Arncliffe scored a few goals today, these U8B1's are still undefeated in playing fair, playing as a team and having fun – each week we learn something new and improve! Well done kids, keep up the good work!

From the whistle Arncliffe pushed forward, but with tackles flying in from Josh, Abbie, Lachie, Michael and Oskar and some great saves from our goalkeeper Piper we kept them at bay... however after all the tough tackling they found a breakthrough.

We had chances ourselves in the first half with a great through ball from Josh to Tristan who broke away from the strong Arncliffe rearguard... but we couldn't quite manage to find the net.

To change things around a little we brought on our new signing Rhianna along with Romeo and Lily who kept chasing down the Arncliffe midfield.

With the sun beating down and a much needed energy boost from the halftime oranges, we came out in the 2nd half with a stride in our step... must have been the extra vitamin C!

With Josh taking on the central defender role and putting some extra bite into the defence with his tough tackling and Piper breaking forward, along with Oskar down the wing, we created more chances to score with Abbie just missing out on the target.

Our little Aussie battlers kept fighting all the way to the end, which was great for the fans to see – we were so unlucky not to get on the score sheet!

Whilst everyone played so well again, the stand out for his strong tackling, his passing and dribbling down the wing goes to our Player Of The Week – Oskar! Well-done buddy, great game again!



8 Intermediate v Penshurst West

POTM: Ed

It was excellent to see everyone for the game this Saturday at Olds Park.

The weather managed to hold out for what was a great game. I think we played especially well in the second half, both in defence and attack. There may have been a few skills that we have forgotten slightly over the school break but I am sure it will all come back to us over the coming weeks.

Remember the importance of maintaining our positions and I am sure we will practice feeding the ball from goalie to a side support and then playing forward up the field.

Keep up the good work, see you all at training on Tuesday.



10I v Sans Souci

Goal Scorers: Anthony Pejovski / Mitchell Woods / Owen Beer

POTM: Alex Noun

Our team played out of their skins this week, scoring 3 goals.

Anthony and Mitchell's goals were great, but the break down the field from Mitchell to pass to Owen was superb. Our defence was rock solid not letting in any goals, this was credit to Tom, Nicholas, Emmanuel and Michael at the back.

Our attack was just as good as our D, with entertaining passes from Owen, Lucy, Daniel and Hunter, however it was our Player of the Match - 'Alex' that stood out this week, both in attack and defence - Alex was everywhere.

Coach Harry rotated the beach well enabling the game to flow and Mario was great on the sideline. Back to Gannons again this week for a late kick off against the Sans Souci 1 team.



11B 2 v Hurstville Glory



Yeah, Saturday again and the best part of the weekend was here "SOCCER". The U11B2's were down at our home field Gannons Midi and thankfully greeted by reasonable weather after a forecast that did not look so great! As a matter a fact it was quite hot and this would actually play a part in today's epic against Hurstville Glory FC.

Great to see the boys assembling early as I really do believe in a solid warm up and team chat just to get our heads right - whilst we play for fun we also play for structure and possession and any time we get to discuss team tactics is really important. This was our second week of a

full card, which gives us great opportunity to rotate the heavy workload positions to try and keep fresh legs on the park at all times.

The boys really seemed keen as they pushed through their warm up phase with some passing drills - noteworthy is the improvement of their own passing - confident and solid and is showing some real improvement as we move into other areas of skill development, another phase to this is controlling the pass and/or taking the first touch and this is an area I would like our boys to develop in.

With all that said the game was called on, my first impression today was our game speed was down, for the first quarter of the game we did struggle to find our rhythm as the game see-sawed from end to end. We were a little slow and just could not get our structure right but in saying that our scrambling defense and solid goal keeping from



Alexander kept us in the game with some top shelf saves. As the half wore on we just started to pick the tempo up, it should be said that we were playing worthy opponents today and we were not going to get anything easy. The half closed out at nil-nil and whilst probably reflected the match to this stage, we had finally tested our opponents' defense and keeper with some solid attacking raids but nothing that nudged the score sheet.



Half time, the boys were well weathered and looked a little tired, the coach was a little cranky (only a little) over the loss of formation and the want to just score goals without building up of positioning, passing and possession and wanted the boys to refocus on their position and how they could support the play and team. Also a little re-shuffle of positions and a last comment on being first to the ball in all areas.

Second half away and early indications were good as we pushed forward and you could see the boys trying to play, but again our opponents were strong and this one could go either way. For me the first one to score might go away with this one and as my focus turned back to the game we had a confident ball movement through the middle which found Daniel at pace, beat one and nailed the ball to the top left corner for our first goal 1 – 0.

Instantly this lifted the boys as we found another gear and really started to hold the ball and push forward, in fighting terms we had them on the ropes. Nathan had moved into the stoppers role this half and showed excellent skills of jockeying and slowing down the attacking play as our outside backs came in for support and spoiled all but a few raids, which again Alexander tidied up well. Daniel, Ross and Cody pushed hard and worked for the ball to which gave us our second as Cody found the back of the net with another great hit on target and pushed the score to 2 - 0.

Our opponents all through did not give up but did tire as we kept the speed and passing up which gave us more opportunities, one classic was a cross in with a glancing header from Cody to which the only reason it did not hit the score sheet was some outstanding goal keeping from our opposite number.

Cody closed the half out with a well deserved second and finished the score at 3 - 0. This was not an easy one but I am very happy to see the boys lift, as when they are in the battle it is too easy just to give up and our boys showed today that this was not in their DNA.

We closed the afternoon out with a cupcake and a big Happy Birthday Cheer for our own Sean.

Well done boys, you deserve a rest - only till Wednesday!



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Goals Scorer: Josi 2 / Andrei

With uncertain looking weather overhead, Lugarno had the early game against the second Bexley North Bombers side at their home ground on Kingsgrove Avenue; with Alex our only absentee, we had a full bench of subs, with Ben T, Jordan and Spyridon starting off wearing the fluoro vests.

The early exchanges went back and forth, with Lugarno getting into good position and the Bombers looking to counter; after the first 5 minutes, however, Lugarno established a strong possession and positional advantage and the game was mostly played in our forward half. A particularly pleasing aspect of play was the way that our backs did not just put the boot through the ball and send it out over the sideline, but were able to play it from the feet, push up and connect with our midfielders: Peter and Jake were especially good in this regard. Bexley added to the pressure on themselves with many of their goal kicks going straight to our players, but despite our dominance, we were only able to really test the Bexley North goal keeper once, when he was able to tip over the crossbar a great free kick from Jake from just outside the box. All of our other attempts at goal were either hit straight to the 'keeper, struck without quite enough power, or sent too wide or too high. Logan was kicked in the legs once when trying to hit a shot, which could easily have drawn a penalty, but the referee kept her whistle in her pocket and play went on. Our goalkeeper Ben only had one two saves to make: a simple one hit without much power straight to him, and another good save after the Bombers' striker ran onto a through ball from a marginally offside position to hit a good shot that Ben was able to palm away. For much of the rest of the time, he was able to sit down on the grass.

The second half began in much the same fashion, with Bexley North having 6 and sometimes even 7 players defending in their box and Lugarno trying to hit or dribble balls through them rather than trying to stretch them wider to create more space: a strong goal kick from Ben gave Billy another great chance, but his good shot was well blocked by the Bombers' keeper.

In the 45th minute, disaster struck: after being so solid in defence for so much of the game to that point, one Bexley North midfielder managed to dribble past 4 or 5 of our defenders and put in a strong shot, which Ben was able to parry away to the left: however, from the resulting corner, the ball bounced around in our box for what felt like an age before being punched into the back of our net and send us 0-1 down. With slightly heavier rain starting to come down, Lugarno had to come from behind once more.

4 minutes later, Peter was able to thread a pass from centre back to Nate at left wing, who put the through ball for Josi: although he seemed offside to the sideline observers such as the Lugarno parents, the ref allowed play to go on, and Josi beat the 'keeper to score the equaliser in the bottom right corner. Just a few plays later, Billy at right wing sent a great centering pass to Josi, who was able to blast an unstoppable shot past the keeper to put us in front 2-1. With that extra spring in the boys' steps, Lugarno were well on top again, with Andrei intercepting midfield passes, Logan hitting the side netting, and Josi forcing a diving save out of the keeper. From the resulting corner from the right hand side, Jake curled the ball away from the mass of bodies right in front of goal and Andrei - one of the shortest players on the field - met it with a header into the bottom left of the goal to increase the lead to 3-1. In the last few minutes, the Bombers tried to attack with some long balls, but were caught out twice for offside in quick succession before the full time whistle was blown.

This was a game where Lugarno put in 26 shots at goal, more than double our average over the previous five rounds, without it being reflected on the scoreboard until the last 13 minutes - in that sense, we were perhaps lucky to be able to come back again, and is definitely something for us to work on.

In other games on the weekend, Sans Souci's surprising 1-3 loss to the Rockdale City Suns means they slip back to 2nd place on the ladder with 10 points, with our win taking us to 1st place on 11 points: however, the Bombers' #1 side have a game in hand, as the result of their Round 3 game vs Rockdale has yet not been published for reasons unknown. If Bexley North are awarded a win in that game, they would jump up over both Sans Souci and ourselves into 1st place with 12 points.

And in other news, after suffering five heavy losses in the U13Bs, Arncliffe Aurora have dropped down to the U13Cs, which shifts the bye into our fixture list: the Association have slotted them into equal 6th place next to the Bombers side we just defeated, with the same points (6) and goal difference (12 - 14 = -2). Their arrival in our division may also be why we play Forest Rangers "sort of away" again next week at Gannons 1,

which is the opposite ground to the one we first played them at in Round 2 (the one closer to our clubhouse / the toilet block / Grandviews Club / Our Lady of Fatima Catholic church side of Gannons). Forest Rangers remained anchored to the bottom of our division with just the 3 points, but that was a 3-0 win against the Rockdale Suns, who just beat Sans Souci on the weekend just past - obviously most teams are still showing a lot of inconsistency in their results, but as we come out of the school holiday period and the teams aim to improve and get into the groove, that may change. See you on Saturday!

13 Girls v Bexley North (2) Won 6 - 0

Goals Scorer: Tamar Tchamkertenian 3 / Taylah Samardzioski 2 / Jade Renno

POTM: Charlie Argent

Despite the Orthodox Easter, the team managed to assemble sufficient players to even have two interchange players available for the game against Bexley North (2).

With Stephanie unavailable due to Orthodox Easter and Capri still away on holidays, Madelen started in goals with Charlie, Celine, Mia and Anastacia all playing in defence. Monique; Tamar, Alanna and Tiana formed the midfield; while Taylah and Jade were placed in attack. Alana P and Nadine were this week's interchange players.



Lugarno went on the attack from kick-off and took up field position deep into Bexley's half. The early pressure resulted in a quick goal when a pass by Anastacia released Tamar on the left side. Tamar took on the defence, advancing into the Bexley penalty area before crossing the ball to a waiting and anticipating Taylah, who kicked the ball in from a central position, for Lugarno's opening goal in the third minute.

Enjoying superiority both in field position and possession, Lugarno kept the opposition under constant pressure with further two goals being scored by Tamar and Jade to put Lugarno 4-0 ahead at the half-time break.

Two more goals in the second half by Lugarno with both Tamar and Taylah scoring made the final score line 6-0 to Lugarno.

In a game that was totally dominated by Lugarno with the opposition limited to a number of counter attacks which were effectively dealt with by the Lugarno defence, the final score line failed to either reflect Lugarno's game dominance or number of goal scoring chances created during the game.

The team was very wasteful in front of goals. Players were trying to score themselves rather than look for their support play and make better use of the options available to them in attack.

While the attack was generally poor, the other aspects of play were generally good. Mia again put in a solid performance - always first to the ball and making huge clearances, Charlie playing as the sweeper was constantly alert and halted Bexley's counter-attacks and regularly helped turn defence into attack.

Celine, Alana P and Anastacia also put in solid defensive performances and remained focused throughout the game. Madelen had a good game playing both in goals and in defence.

Tiana again ran with enthusiasm and bravely tackled players much bigger than her while Monique, Tamar, Nadine and Alanna all were busy in the middle of the park competing and winning the ball and helping launch Lugarno's attacks. Alanna also showed her versatility in the second half by playing goal keeper.

Taylah and Jade were kept busy pushing the Bexley defenders back into their half and being at the end of Lugarno's constant attacking plays.

The win ensured the team remains undefeated this season having now won five games out of five.

While Lugarno once again played with great determination and team spirit and put in another solid defensive performance the overall team attack clearly lacked intensity, direction, momentum and at critical times decisiveness in the final third.

Charlie was nominated a deserved player of the match for her outstanding defensive work as she covered great distances to get to the ball first. She was also instrumental in maintaining the defensive structure and played a key role in nullifying Bexley North's counter-attacks



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AAC 1 v Carss Park

Drew 1 - 1

Goal Scorer: Juzzy

Reeling from the stupid decision made by powers that be to move us to a higher division, I started with another strong line up to maintain our strong start to the season.

Carss Park came out firing winning all 50/50 balls. Their desire paid off when they got a penalty early. Gary, deputising in goal for party goer Stephen, went the right way but their striker was way off and missed all together. Dodged an early bullet.

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The boys tried to get into the game with some hard work up front from Justin and Thorpe. Atu and Nem worked tirelessly in the middle but seemed to get run over as they had an extra man in the middle. This proved to assist them as they came forward and managed to score after the striker got a lucky shot away and the ball, taking a cruel Gannons bounce, went over Gary's hands to make it 1-0 to them.

Matty, back for his long awaited return, added some spark up front. Playing some good balls to his mids and Justin. Ton on the left made some good runs but their defenders managed to stop what he had to offer. He was unlucky not to score.

Half time 1-0 I was not happy as we were taking them lightly and gave the team a spray insisting they lift the intensity.

Second half the boys went out with a point to prove. Some good solid work from Nathan, Nem, Ray and Aaron across the back didn't allow Carss Park much space to come forward. Atu and Andrew worked hard in the middle with some good work by Hugh and Little George on the wings.

After some good attacking play, Justin popped up to tap home 1-1. George Snr, back on the park, played some great 1-2 touches with Justin - unlucky not to get more from their smart play. Hugh had a chance and was unlucky to head over the bar. Thorpe continued to work hard - took the keeper out of the game but we still couldn't find that extra goal.

We were not at our best but still fought on for a draw. We will be back to training on Wednesday and ready for our next big game against old rivals Bexley in AAB next Saturday. We are keen and ready to take on any side in the higher division. We have already proved this season what our hard work, positive attitude, dedication, passion and desire have done. We will stay strong!

Special mention to Nick who adds so much to this side, he doesn't get much game time but is there every week offering encouragement to the team. He also runs a fantastic training session which has added to our improvement this season.

3: Justin 2: Thorpy 1: Andrew

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