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# ***AROUND THE GROUNDS***

## **Well Done:**

To Kristy Parmenter for organising our record breaking U8 Gala day – it all went so smoothly, with great feedback coming in from Clubs who attended. Thanks also goes to the Committee who worked hard all day, and the U6 & U7 teams parents who also helped out immensely!

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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	Peakhurst United	0	3	Lugarno	AAW/A	Lugarno	1	2	Sans Souci (1)					
AA/D	Oatley FC	0	13	Lugarno (1)	PWL/1	Lugarno	1	1	Connells Point					
AA/D	ASOW	3	0	Lugarno (2)	U16G/B	Sans Souci	2	1	Lugarno FC					
AA/F	Oatley FC	1	2	Lugarno (2)										
AA/F	Lugarno (1)	1	4	Glory FC										
AA/G	Forest Rangers (2)	2	2	Lugarno										
AA/H	Lugarno FC	1	1	Banksia Tigers										
AAA1/1	Oatley FC	3	4	Lugarno										
AAAR/R	Oatley FC	3	2	Lugarno										
PL1/1	Lugarno	1	7	Banksia Tigers										
PLR/R	Lugarno	1	5	Banksia Tigers										
U12/A	Sans Souci	2	1	Lugarno										
U12/C	Rockdale Suns	0	2	Lugarno FC										
U13/C	Lugarno FC	2	0	Banksia Tigers										
U14/A	ASOW	5	1	Lugarno FC										
U16/B	Lugarno	2	3	Hurstville Minotaurs						<b>Friday</b>				
U17/A	Bexley North	11	2	Lugarno FC										

## **Match Reports:**

### **6B 1 v Peakhurst United**

Another tough day in the office for our 6B1 side, who went up against the Peakhurst United 6B1 team.

The boys wanted to get back on track this week after last week's disappointment but faced another strong side. This week had everything including some, well maybe a lot, of tears.

Benji was busy being his brother Dylan's bodyguard and Julian enjoyed playing against his cousin. Christopher, Cooper, Elijah and Liam worked hard to try and get us a result, but we ended up on the wrong end of the scoreboard for the second week in a row.

Maybe the missed training session didn't help, but with the chance of rain and the freezing weather on Wednesday we made the right call.

Better luck next week team!





### **7B 3 v Banksia Tigers**

**POTM:** Samuel Wainwright

A cold and windy morning, but the action on the field was hot as the boys put in a really strong effort today.

Developing into a strong overall player, Lucian's improvement has been amazing this year. His pressure on the ball earned him an awesome early goal, getting the scoring underway. Player of the Match Samuel kept up the pressure, and he was directing play strongly from a defensive position in the 1st half. Boyley also contributed with a number of quality touches and solid tackles leading to an early scoring opportunity. Zach L came on next and, as always, he threatened the opposition with some quality play. We went into the half 1-1.



Hunter was strong to start the 2nd half, and only moments in he had our 2nd goal of the day with a powerful strike. Jarvis and Aidan pressed enthusiastically, with Jarvis coming close to scoring a few times with some swift attacking. Aidan defended well as always, keeping Banksia on their toes all game.

We ended up going down 3-2, but it was actually one of our best efforts. The boys were well organised from the kick-ins, passed well, and didn't back down at all against a bigger and aggressive Tigers team.



## **10B 1 v Peakhurst United**

**Goal Scorer:** Charlie

**Manager's Trophy:** Malachi

**Coach's Trophy:** Billy

The Artic gods have finally had their say!

With the short trip across town over to Peakhurst park the clouds looked like they had snow in them.

Jackets were in full force, along with the beanies and the gloves...

With the whole team at the game early for the warm up it seemed like everyone had their shooting boots on!

With Billy 'Navas' in between the sticks, Josh in the middle at the back, Lachie to his left and Elle to his right, Oska 'The Rock' in the middle alongside Lily and with Abs, Chop and Tristan running the line at the front it was all systems go!

From the off we pushed forward in numbers and created a number of chances within minutes with Charlie, Tristan and Abs all getting into the mix.

We were up against a good side though, so we had to be strong in the tackle – big tackles flying in from Lily, Oska, Lachie and Elle kept them at bay.

Josh looked comfortable commanding the rear guard and sweeping up anything that came at him, which kept the Peakhurst attack limited to strikes from a far.

Although, why was I worried as we had 'Navas' in goal. Each time Peakhurst struck anything towards the goals Billy seemed to have his 'eye in'.

One 'rocket' was launched from just outside the box that seemed destined to end up in the net, but 'Navas' has other ideas with a long out-stretched arm to his right he tipped the ball over the bar... simply amazing!

With a quick few substitutions we brought on 'The Big Man' Malachi in midfield, pushed Michael into the attack and Romeo into defence.

This seemed to spur on the attack and with a great pass from Michael into the feet of Charlie... and off he went on a little mazy run. The Peakhurst defence were hot on his heels, but with a little look up to check for the goalie, he pulled back the trigger to launch the ball high into the top corner! 1 nil.

With Oska and Malachi commanding their midfield we finished the half strongly!

With 11 players, all keen to play up front and me with probably one too many lemonades the night before it wasn't my strongest half time talk of the season...

But luckily for me, our superstars are better than that and it didn't seem to affect them!

This time it was Lachie between the sticks with Lily, Oska and Romeo putting in the big tackles to keep Peakhurst out.

Our midfield of Billy and Malachi pushed forward to assist in the attack but we couldn't seem to break the Peakhurst defence.



Even with a neat move in the midfield that ended up at Tristan's feet who launched his 'rocket launcher' towards the top of the Peakhurst net... but unfortunately the home goal keeper just had the better of the shot to tip the ball onto the bar and safely away for a corner.

Peakhurst would not give up and even with the mighty Malachi covering his team in defence there was another long shot that just crept inside Lachies near post to make it 1-1.

It was a case of every time we pushed forward, Peakhurst did the same – but we stayed strong and held on to take the draw.

Another great game played by all. We lost a little bit of shape in the defence and midfield at times, but we are playing so well together as a team. The passing, the tackling, the dribbling and the chasing back when we lose the ball is evident to see. Some standouts today with Josh's first half performance in defence commanding his defence, Charlie's goal, but the big shouts outs go to trophy winners Malachi for his overall performance all over the pitch, big tackling, passing and running and Billy for his fantastic performance between the sticks – I've heard Liverpool are on the lookout for a new keeper after the European Cup Final. Just let me know how many packets of Tim Tams to keep you with Lugarno FC!! ☺

## **108 2 v Forest Rangers**

**POTM:** Ari

Today we played against Forest Rangers at Gannons. It was cold and windy, difficult conditions for both teams, but they got on with the match and we started on the attack right from the get go. We started off the best we have done all season, peppering the opposition goals with some great attacking opportunities. Both Aydin and Ari up front were threatening on goals, both having good chances that were ever so close. And Emma had a great shot that somehow the goalkeeper deflected onto the cross-bar. And unfortunately, just after those missed opportunities, the opposition made a break that resulted in them scoring a goal against the run of play. The team pushed away their disappointment and continued on the attack, but unfortunately this meant we had very few players in the back and the opposition managed to get a second goal.

We were down 2-0 but the team still got on with it. Some great tackling in the midfield diffused an opposition attack, resulting in Emma pushing a through ball to Adrian, who found himself one-on-one with the keeper - and he did not miss, scoring his first goal for the season! We were now down 2-1 and on our way back, and we went into the half-time break with momentum and confidence on our side.

The second half was gripping end to end stuff.

Both teams played very well, attacking each other's goal, with both keepers for each team making some fantastic saves. Adrian in particular was in great diving form, pulling off some fantastic saves. We defended extremely well, and were equally as potent in attack. Aydin ran all game, and Bailey, Daisy and Anika were excellent in defence. We had some great attacking opportunities also, with Emma missing a free kick after being brought down just outside the box, and Ari ever so close to getting his first goal for the season. The game finished at 2-1 down, but we could have easily won by 3 or 4 if it wasn't for the opposition keeper, who was probably the opposition's player of the match.



The coaches comments for each player:

Yushra - played the first half today, and was terrorising the opposition forwards on the left side of defence - she plays with a lot of determination

Daisy - fantastic effort at sweeper, cleaning up everything that came her way, she did her job very well and saved our goalkeeper from doing too much

Emma - excellent effort in attack and defence, she coped well after being fouled by the opposition a couple of times - a great shot on goal in the first half was only just denied by the cross-bar

Anika - she is becoming the Stan Lazaridis of the right (ask your dad.....), up and down, she is really doing well in the wing-back position

Zoe - couldn't make the game today but hopefully returns firing next week

Aydin M - a busy day for him today, he played hard and was everywhere, he also nearly had 2 goals early in the game and was only just denied by the keeper

Ari - so close! He played a good strikers role today and was ever so close to scoring his first goal - we are planning our play station party for him when he does get that goal - keep up the good work!

Bailey - the terrier, he just doesn't give up - shows such determination when he plays on the field, and he also made some great saves in goal in the first half

Aydon W - played a crucial role in midfield today, making some great tackles and turning the ball out of our defence into the attack - well done!

Adrian - a great effort today, he scored his first goal of the season and our only goal for the game! Plus he played fantastic in goals today in the second half, making some spectacular saves that definitely kept us in the game.

And special mention to Samual, Benny and Antony who helped us out today. All three played really well when they came on for us today, giving away a couple of years but you wouldn't have known with the way they played, and some of the skills and determination they showed. Thanks for your help guys and well done!

Our player of the match was **Ari**, who received the McDonald's award for today with a great effort in attack. He is one of the big improvers in the team considering this is his first season of soccer, and he was ever so close to scoring his first goal of the season, with a couple of great chances on goal! Keep up the good work buddy, you will get that goal soon enough!

Great work 10B2's - today was a fantastic effort from all players. We were all extremely proud of your efforts and thought we definitely could have come away with the win. From our first game of the season we have certainly come a long way! A great effort from all.



## **13C v Banksia Tigers**

**Won 2 - 0**

**Goal Scorers:** Ross / Alex

On a very windy morning the team were looking to continue on from our great performance last week. At our team huddle before the game it was decided that if we won the toss we would run into the wind in the 1st half. We believed that with the wind at our backs in the 2nd half we would come home strong.

Captain for the game was Sean. Sure enough Sean won the toss and indicated to the referee that we would be running into the wind in the 1st half.

The strong wind made it very difficult for both teams. Our team settled into the game well and created a lot of scoring opportunities. Ray was proving to be a handful for the Banksia defence with his silky skills. Ray found himself with a number of scoring opportunities only to be foiled by the Banksia keeper and slipping in the poor condition of the goal mouth.

Zack and Ross again combined well up front. Ross showing his lightning speed had some goal scoring chances. He too fell foul to the poor goal mouth conditions. Ross unluckily had a shot that thundered into the goal post.

Zack made some good attacking runs throughout the game showing some good ball control and passing.

We welcomed our new team member Shane who started the match a right fullback. Shane fitted into our team well and made some impressive tackles and passes.

Against the wind our defence held solid. Nathan played well throughout the game and the Banksia attackers found it very hard to get past him. Nathan provided many passes which put us in great attacking positions.

Alex, settling very well into to the sweeper role for us, just keeps growing with confidence. He had no trouble cleaning up anything Banksia threw at us.

Noah (our keeper) was busiest in the 1st half and was not troubled by the wind or the Banksia attackers. He amazed us all with his huge punt kicks (against the wind) which almost reached the halfway line.

Daniel C had his usual solid performance in our defence. He makes it all look so easy with his well timed tackles and then his pin point passes to our midfielders.

Gabriel, as always, ran himself into the ground throughout the game covering both sides of the field in both attack and defence.

The 1st half ended at 0-0. The 1st half went according to plan. Now to execute our 2nd half plan with the wind behind us.

With the huge wind behind us, most of the 2nd half was played in the Banksia half of the field. Unfortunately for Noah his role in the 2nd half was mainly as a spectator.

We knew that long balls to our forwards was not the way to go as the wind would only carry the ball to the Banksia keeper or over the goal line. We had to play the ball to our feet. The team had many attacking raids on the Banksia goal early in the 2nd half.

Harrison C just keeps on getting better and better with each game. He had by far his most involved game today, tackling and passing well.

Daniel B also got involved more today with his tackling and passing. His "out the back" control of the ball was amazing.

Adam had his usual "no nonsense" game today. His robust playing style, combined with his strong technique, made Adam a handful for the Banksia defence. His ability to bring down (with one touch)



the Banksia goal keeper's punt kick was amazing. He also took a free kick for us outside the Banksia penalty box which sailed just over the Banksia goal.

We came ever so close when a shot from Harrison V thundered into the Banksia cross bar. The ball deflected very sharply to Ross who was not able to direct his header into the goal.

Our persistence paid off midway through the 2nd half with a good team passing display finished off coolly by Ross. Harrison V was creating havoc for the Banksia left hand defence and was able to find an unmarked Ross with a pin point pass.

Shortly after that we were 2-0 up with a well taken goal by Alex. With the 2nd half mostly down in the Banksia goal mouth, Alex was pushed up into our attack. Our play again came from right hand attack with Harrison V teaming up with Ray. Their passing exchange saw Ray eventually pass the ball to Alex who, still with some work to do, smashed the ball into the Banksia net. At 2-0 in the lead our job was done in very difficult conditions.

Sean had a real strong captain's game today. His strong tackles and long passes are a real feature of his game. He dearly wanted to push up into the midfield in the 2nd half but realised that it would be best to stay in defence just in case Banksia was to get a goal.

A very big shout it to Tim who had an awesome game at our right half position. His lightning speed combined with his great tackling and passing abilities was a pleasure to watch.

A huge thank you to Zack's dad Steve for refereeing the game for us today. Your refereeing approach ensured the game flowed freely and at times, given the low volume whistle you had, yelling at the players to stop was the only option. Thank goodness for the replacement "Mercedes Benz" quality whistle in the 2nd half which would have saved your voice.

## **AAF (2) v Oatley FC**

**Won 2 – 1**

**Goal Scorers:** Jehad / Rob

This week we were up against a youthful Oatley team on a windy day at Peakhurst Park.

Once again we got off to our customary slow start and conceded the opening goal of the game...an unfortunate deflected shot that left Foti in goal with no chance. After missing a few good chances to level things up, we eventually found the equaliser. Eddy flicked on a long throw-in to Jehad who side footed a volley past the keeper. Halftime 1-1.

The 2nd half was a tight affair with both sides creating some half chances. We eventually got on top and scored what turned out to be the winner with 10mins to go. Eddy's pin point corner found Rob - who dominated in the air all day - and headed the ball into the back of the net. Lead by Coxy at the back, we kept Oatley scoreless in the 2nd half and ran out 2-1 winners.

