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# ***AROUND THE GROUNDS***

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## ***Upcoming Events:***

June 3<sup>rd</sup> – U8 Gala day. This year's Gala day is proving to be the biggest ever with 36 teams from all over Sydney registered to play – any help from LFC players and parents would be greatly appreciated.

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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	Lugarno	1	2	Kogarah Waratah	AAW/A	Carlton Rovers	1	0	Lugarno
AA/D	Lugarno (1)	0	1	Carss Park (2)	O35/A	Forest Rangers	1	1	Lugarno
AA/F	Lugarno (2)	4	0	Lugarno (1)	PWL/1	Lugarno	2	0	Scots FC
AA/G	Rockdale Suns	0	4	Lugarno	U16G/B	Peakhurst United	2	1	Lugarno
AA/H	Scots FC	3	1	Lugarno FC	U17/A	Oatley FC	1	7	Lugarno
AAA1/1	Peakhurst United	0	2	Lugarno					
AAAR/R	Peakhurst United	2	4	Lugarno					
PL1/1	Lugarno	0	2	Sans Souci					
PLR/R	Lugarno	0	2	Sans Souci					
U12/A	Lugarno	5	1	Ramsgate RSL					
U12/C	Glory FC	1	2	Lugarno					
U13/C	Carss Park	1	2	Lugarno					
U14/A	Lugarno FC	3	5	Hurstville ZFC					
U16/B	Bexley North	3	6	Lugarno					
U17/A	Lugarno	1	2	Glory FC					

## **Match Reports:**

### **6B 1 v Scots FC**



After hitting some nice form over the last few weeks, the boys were keen to keep it up against the Scots FC 6B1 team.

Scots FC arrived with only 4 players, but all a head taller than our boys and, after a quick conversation with their coach (who to no surprise knew our manager Michael), it was a 2<sup>nd</sup> year team with the youngest about to turn 6 soon, and with our oldest player still a couple of months from turning 6 and a few in our team still 4, we knew we had a tough test this week.

Within a few minutes we saw a team of 6 year olds pass and dribble better than most All Age teams, and it was 4-0 to Scots. A few fresh legs came on for us and the tide halted slightly, but they still managed a couple more.

Second half as Scots looked to tire a bit, a few good opportunities presented themselves for us to get on the scoresheet, but every time it looked like we would put one away, a Scots player would come from nowhere and take the ball from either Christopher or Elijah, who both tried their heart out. Soon a few of the boys grew frustrated with the lack of ball, lost interest in the game and were

inventing new dance moves or rolling around instead of playing the game and Scots got a couple more.

At the end of the day, it looked like a cricket score was coming early but the boys got it together and kept them down to single figures, better luck next week team.



### **7B 3 v Bexley North**

**POTM:** Hunter

A nice sunny day and we lined up once again vs Bexley Nth.

After a few tough weeks, we were hoping for a good game and we got off to a great start. With the ball bouncing around the Bexley goal, Hunter found an inch of space and managed to find the back of the net to get us underway. Zach L was aggressive all game and he doubled our lead moments later with a great solo goal. Samuel was also in the thick of the action, and his strong play gave us the clear possession advantage. That said, Bexley fought on strongly and managed to peg a few goals back.

Second half, and Boyley started with a bang. A strong tackle led to him finding clear space and a nice individual breakaway goal. Aidan contributed well, with one defensive play in particular saving an otherwise certain Bexley goal. Lucian also had plenty of classy touches, and Jarvis also made a couple of really nice passes to put his teammates in space.

In an exciting finish, Hunter and Zach L both scored again to cap off a good overall effort from the boys.



## **9B 2 v Banksia Tigers**

**POTM:** Hugh

A great competitive game against a strong side. Emerson had some great runs up the middle and Elouise was quick to take it up the line. Harley was key in keeping us in the match in the first half, Hugh was everywhere in defense and attack with some great kicks and tackles taking out POTM. Credit to the defense it was solid in the second half with Emma, Charlie and Oli making some great stops alongside Harley.

The second half was a different game. We held strong for 18 minutes and Miles pegged one back after a couple of chances, including a great shot from Elle from far out. Zoe looked bound for goal with a great busting run. In the end it was a great contest and we can hold our heads high.



## **10B 1 v Kogarah Waratahs**

**Manager's Trophy:** Elle

**Coach's Trophy:** Charlie

With an early morning wake up call there were more than a few groans to get down to Gannons for the U10B1's 7am photo shoot!

I was expecting a few bags under the eyes (and not just from me) however with some neatly styled hair by all the players - Garnier would have seen a spike in product sales over the last few days 😊



With the promise of a pre-game Macca's, the groans quickly turned into cheers as we took the trek across to Scarborough Park... nothing to do with the football, that was the joy of the hash browns, hot chocolate and maple syrup and pancakes...

Not that I'm complaining, it clearly did the trick... although I doubt any of the World Cup teams will be planning a trip to McDonalds prior to any game soon.

From the off, our little superstars were itching to get forward and some neat little interchanges between Josh and Charlie set the tone for the match.

Our solid foundation at the back with Malachi in between the sticks and Michael commanding his defence of Lachie and Abs - we kept any oncoming traffic at bay.

We looked strong in midfield with Billy's silky skills and fine passing, coupled with Oska 'the powerhouse' at his side putting in the tackles to shield the defence. Mind you we had to be strong as the Kogarah Waratahs were clearly a well-drilled side with some fine footwork and neat passing throughout their team.

We pushed forward in numbers and some fancy footwork on the left wing by Josh released Charlie in on goal, but we couldn't quite manage to get the ball into the net. We continued to press, but this time it was the Waratahs that broke through into our box... a neatly struck shot flew into the top of the net.

Minutes later it was Josh's turn to get in on the action and let one rip towards the goal - unfortunately it just scraped off the side of the post for a goal kick.

They continued to press, but with the big tackles flying in from Lachie, Michael and Abs there seemed to be no way through... but unfortunately for us they broke again to make it 2 nil! It seemed unfair to go two down after all the possession we'd had, but we did not give up.

With Lily, Elle and Romeo keen to get into the action we changed around the personnel on the pitch. Elle quickly got into the frame to mop up anything that came at her.

With the halftime whistle approaching you could clearly see this game wasn't over... there was definitely more 'maple syrup and hash browns' in the tank!

A hand over of gloves from Malachi to the 'cat' Josh ... it was now time to release the 'Big man' on to the pitch. With Oska and Billy commanding their midfield and pushing through some lovely through balls to our attack of Charlie, Tristan and Romeo..

Within the space of minutes, I think I counted 6 corners and as many efforts on target. Charlie on song today and his left and right boots clearly talking to each other... he danced left and then right to curl the ball towards the back post - even their coach thought he'd guided it in. Not to be outdone a fine strike from just inside the area fell to Tristan - but clearly their goalkeeper had done his homework on our attack and kept the ball out of the net.

Next up was Oska and then Malachi who drove the ball, which narrowly missed the top of the post. The Waratahs just couldn't seem to get out of their half.... but as they say in the building game 'you don't build a house without a foundation'!



*Girl power!*

Our 'foundation' of Josh between the sticks and our back three were clearly as solid as a rock!

Unfortunately for us we couldn't seem to break through the Waratahs defence but we kept pushing till the end. Whilst we were on the losing end again today we were unlucky not to walk off the pitch winning 4 or 5 to 2. Today's game is an absolute stand out for me with some outstanding performances all over the pitch. Some silky skills from Josh, Billy and Tristan, some fine defending by Lachie, Romeo, Lily, Abs, Malachi, fantastic tackling and passing from Oska and Michael. But the big shouts go to 'Managers Player of the week' Elle for her work rate, passing and defending - great game and 'Coaches Player of the week' goes to Chop for his Messi like skills and his strikes on goal - unlucky not to get a goal today. Keep practising.

Great game today guys see you all at training!

## **108 2 v Connells Point**

**POTM:** Adrian

Today the 10B2's played against Connells Point at Gannons. The team started off really well, with a great long kick from the kick-off from Emma nearly resulting in a goal in the first 10 seconds.

Unfortunately, shortly after that we copped an early goal and went down 1-nil. But the team stuck together and pushed the ball around the field really well. We were passing to each other, holding our position, and making



some good clearances in defence. Bailey was excellent in goals and got the ball out quickly so that our wing players could get the ball early and play it down the line. We created some good opportunities up front, with Ari, Aydin & Zoe attacking the goals well, as did our Roman import Samuel. It was a tight game in the first half, and we went into the break at 1-nil down.

Again we came out strongly in the 2nd half. There was again some great passing with purpose from the players, and there was a lot more commitment in defence, which frustrated the opposition. It was only through a lapse in concentration and silly defensive error which allowed the opposition to score a 2nd goal. But that didn't stop the team from fighting - and there was real determination in their eyes after that goal to try and get a goal back. Samuel made some great runs up front and could have had a couple of goals, and Aydin nearly had his maiden goal, it was only a great tackle by the keeper that stopped him from scoring.

The game unfortunately finished at 2 nil down, but we were very proud of the effort that all the players put in.

The coaches comments for each player:

Zoe - again she was making some great runs in attack today, and played attacker, midfield and defence today - she was everywhere!

Yushra - we finally got her back today, and it was like she had never missed a game. She was very solid in defence and made some great tackles and excellent runs through the gaps

Daisy - again solid as always, she has made the sweeper role her own - some of her clearances were fantastic today

Emma - another player who was everywhere in attack and defence today - she made some great tackles running back, and then did some good through balls to turn us on the attack

Anika - great game again today, she was up and down on the right side of the field, made some great cover tackles and was solid as always

Aydin M - again in thick of the action, nearly got his first goal today - he ran into the keeper so hard trying to score I'm sure their keeper thought a brick wall had hit him

Ari - got his first test at midfield today, as well as his customary striker position. He is looking more dangerous with each game and i can feel his first goal is just around the corner



Bailey - great first half in goals, and then equally as effective on the field in the second half - he made some great cover tackles and got a bit of dribbling under his belt today as well

Aydon W - made a couple of great runs today with the ball and some good cover tackles, he is improving each week and doing well for his first season

Adrian - played a solid first half on the field, but then begged to be put in goals again second half. And he was "Schwarzer-like" in his performance, probably making the save of the season for us today!

Our player of the match was Adrian, who received the McDonald's award for today with a great effort both on the field and in goals. He really loves playing in goals and the score would have been a lot worse if it were not for the saves he made. One in particular saw him dive across the goals - the opposition shot and everyone thought the ball was in for sure, but Adrian dived across the goals to pull off the save of the season! Great effort!

Great work 10B2's - fantastic effort from all players. Even though we lost, we were proud of your efforts and your determination to fight back - well done to all!



### **13C v Carss Park**

**Won 2 - 1**

**Goal Scorers:** Harrison V / Ross

What a gutsy win by the whole team against one of the competition leaders. I could see from the buzz at our team photos earlier that morning that this was going to be a very special game.

From the first whistle Carss Park came at our defence. Our defence held strong and was able to defuse anything that was thrown at us. Noah had his usual great game in goals for us and made many crucial heroic saves for the team. Alex played the sweeper role perfectly the whole game and was able to stop any attacking raids from Carss Park. Nathan was solid again in defence. Together with his long kicks and throw ins provided the base for some of our attacking raids. Sean as usual

defended strongly and well against arguably one of the trickiest players in the competition. Gabriel didn't stop running and had his usual busy game. He helped Sean with our left side of defence and was inches away from scoring a goal for us in the first half. Harrison V again had his usual strong game and midway through the first half put us in the lead with a delightful left foot lob over the keeper's head. The first half ended 1-0 our way.

Carss Park continued to come at us in the second half. Our defence held strong but it took a lob goal similar to ours to penetrate our defence. At 1-1 we knew we were in with a chance as Carss Park were beginning to tire. Adam, having a great defensive game, then started to get more involved and provided the base for many of our attacks in the 2nd half. Tim, after a great first half at right midfield, was moved to right fullback in the 2nd half and did the job very well. Zack and Ross up front worked well together and tormented the Carss Park defence with their attacking runs. Ray's great ball and dribbling skills were on show and he helped put us on the attack on many occasions. Harrison C never stopped running. He had a great game making some strong tackles. Daniel B got stuck in and played well.

With about 10 minutes remaining we were able to turn defence into attack when a perfectly weighted pass was provided by Harrison V for Ross to run onto. Ross was able to outpace the Carss Park defence and, with just the keeper to beat, put us 2-1 in the lead. The team then held out some final raids by Carss Park to record a gutsy and memorable 2-1 win.

With the first half of the competition over the team is well placed on the table. Fantastic effort from the whole team. Looking forward to the second half.

### **AAF (2) v Lugarno (1) Won 4 – 0**

**Goal Scorers:** Andrew 2 / Mark / Rob

Up against the F1s for the 2nd time this season, we were looking for back-to-back wins after getting back on track last week. Typically, it was a tight first half with both teams creating chances to score. As the half wore on, we slowly got on top and were rewarded with the final kick of the half. A floated free kick by Fotes to the far-post was coolly volleyed past the keeper by Coxy. 1-0 up at halftime.

The 2nd half started with Mark on the bench...but when he subbed back in, our Irish talisman made an immediate impact with his first touch - an outrageous left-footed volley than dipped into the top right hand corner of the goal. 2-0 up and confidence high, we sealed the game with two more goals. Rob converted from close range after Yare's cross into the box...while Coxy continued to push his claim for a striker's spot after heading in a corner. It could have been more with Kotta and Rob both hitting the woodwork. At the other end, our defence held out to record our first clean sheet of the season.

It finished 4-0, a good day at the office.