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FROM THE PREZ

At the end of the season we will have our Trophy Presentation Day where we hand trophies to all players, of course the bigger the result the bigger the trophy. I hope but also expect to be awarding some bigger trophies to three or four of our full field teams for going deep into the finals... and a Grand Champion trophy is a special hard-earned trophy in itself that I hope to be giving out to a few of our teams too!

In recent times I have read and heard discussions about whether a player should receive an award for just participating and is this the right thing to do... should trophies and awards only be awarded for finals achievements? Some argue giving a player a trophy just for playing risks rewarding mediocrity. I concede that this is a reasonable argument to make, however, I feel effort is also an important indicator. If the player is making the effort, then doesn't it stand to reason that you get more from honey than vinegar? If a player's god given talent prevents him from being a champion player in a champion team, then is it wrong to award a small participation trophy to a child and allowing him or her to feel like a champion for that moment? I believe this sort of encouragement, especially at an early age is the "honey" encouragement to motivate them to keep going and to aim to be better next season.

Aside from the individual trophies, we will also award the Perpetual team trophies. I am sure you have seen all the trophies and shields in the clubhouse walls. You can see from the list below we have a tradition of awarding trophies for the team's Best and Fairest player, Most Valuable Player, Most Consistent, Most Outstanding and/or the Most Improved. The player receives an individual trophy AND their name is recorded on the trophy or shield that stays with club as an historical record!



Three of the club's perpetual trophies that will always line the walls of the club.

I must say that occasionally I take a look at the shields and trophies on our walls and after being at the club for this my 18th year, I really do enjoy reminiscing about some of the players that I have coached and have played for the club making up the rich Waratah tradition we are so proud of.

From the table below you can see that, previously, only for the under 6s did we award two trophies per age group. This year that will change! The Club’s Executive Committee has decided that this season every age group will have two awards. Typically, one award will be for the Most Outstanding Player and the other will be for the Most Improved Player. Of course, if a coach wants to give another award, say an Encouragement Award, he or she can do that too, but it won’t be a Perpetual Award.



The Team of the Year is our most impressive and highly coveted trophy!

Age Group	Shield Name	Award Criteria
Under 6	K & B Perpetual Shield	Best & Fairest
Under 6	H. Bremmell Shield	Most Improved
Under 7	Mary Fox Shield	Most Outstanding
Under 8	T. Mangion Shield	Most Outstanding
Under 9	Frank Jacob Shield	Most Improved
Under 10	Borg Trophy	Most Improved
Under 11	Paul Black Trophy	Most Consistent
Under 12	B R Guy Trophy	Best & Fairest
Under 13	Sutherland Shield	Most Improved
Under 14	Vince Wyatt Trophy	Most Consistent
Under 15	Beau Worthington Trophy	Most Consistent
Under 16	Noel Dona Trophy	Most Valuable Player
Under 17	D & L Painters	Most Consistent

Whilst some of the Perpetual Trophies are named in honour of the club’s life members, all the new awards will be named in honour of all the other life members of the club to ensure their legacy and contribution is never forgotten. This includes current Club Secretary Tony Farrell who received the highest honour our club can give and was awarded Life Membership last year.

The list of Life Members to be honoured includes will be; L. Walker (dec.), A. Saggus (dec.), R. Burnett (dec.), I. Tye (dec.), D. Shipton, G. Kell, J. Marsh, R. Paye and T. Farrell.

And to complete the awards presentation, the club also presents an award for the Team of the Year, the Player of the Year and Young Player of the Year Award (for Miniroos players only).

The **Team of the Year** is decided by a points formula where a team earns points for results but can lose points for red and yellow cards... which is why it is always harder for older teams to win it!



Which trophy will your child’s name adorn?

The **Player of the Year** and **Young Player of the Year** Award winners are determined by the Management Committee. We take very seriously the task of determining who should win these two prestigious awards. We take nominations and comments from coaches but we also like to watch many games throughout the year and look for standout performers. So if you see any members of the MC watching your games... take note that we are more than just supporting your team!

FROM THE SECRETARY

The cold weather arrives!

Winter has finally arrived and with it a blast of cold air. So, how to you keep your kids warm when training or playing soccer in the cold? Remember this game came from England, so it was brought up in the cold. For training, the kids can just wear track pants and a couple of layers on top. Do think in layers, they may want a heavy jumper before and after training, but during training, something lighter is needed - maybe combine a singlet or something slightly heavier, with a warmer long-sleeve t-shirt.

Game day is a bit harder, as the kids need to wear their team uniforms on top. Remember that they will run a lot and if their underwear is too heavy, they will sweat more, which will make them colder after the game. I found a singlet or similar under the team shirt is often enough on game day, maybe add an extra t-shirt on the colder days or for 8:30 starts. They can arrive at the field with a track suit on top, which is then normally taken off after the first bit of warming up before the game, so have their name on it to make sure it comes back to you.

If you feel long sleeves or leg covers are needed during the game, then there are two rules we need to follow, particularly for the competition teams (U12 and above). First, the team shorts and shirt must be over the top of these. Second, they must be the same colour as the main colour of the uniform - so the same "royal blue" as the shorts. These rules are not always enforced, but a ref is entitled to enforce them, particularly if the colour you have chosen might cause confusion. A product known as "skins" (a type of "Lycra" style tights) is often used.

Great football from the U9s!

I enjoy refereeing the younger age group teams, seeing the determination and enthusiasm of the young players. And sometimes you get to see football that would be considered pretty good stuff for much older and more experienced players, and last Saturday I saw just that.

I'm afraid I don't know the names of the boys involved but one of our players was pushing the ball down the right hand side of the field. There were plenty of defenders around and I didn't think a goal was likely. But suddenly he crossed the ball to the other side of the goal, where another one of our team was waiting, and he was able to get a touch to it to score the goal. They made it look so easy! If you watched the Socceroos do the same thing, you would be saying what a great goal you had just seen. Keep it up U9s!

MATCH REPORTS

It is our intention to feature in every newsletter of the season every match report we receive! Coaches, managers and parents, please organise among you to ensure someone is selected to write a report of the match!

We are also now choosing the best report to be the featured match report, this week it goes to the Under 10 team who also take out the photo of the round! Thanks to **Ben & Jane** for sending them in!

Under 6 Green

It was a double header this round and our Saturday game was against **Rydalmere FC**. Our team was outclassed but played their hearts out and did not give up till the end. The team is growing in confidence week by week, so keep your heads up and keep kicking and tackling away.

Our Sunday game was against **Sydney Dragon FC** and the team was pumped for retribution to make up for their loss on Saturday but we were disappointed as the other team didn't show up and forfeited the match.

Thanks to the families for their continual support and team spirit!

Quote of the week:

"An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward. So when life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means that it's going to launch you into something great. So just focus, and keep aiming." Stephanie Simpson

Coach Daniel

Final score on Saturday: 7-1 to Rydalmere FC

Final score on Sunday: 3-0 to Granville Waratah by forfeit



Under 6 Red WHT

The mighty Red-Whites are starting to gel. We're a great team because we have pre-existing friends, some kids who are experienced with soccer and some who aren't. But as a team, we keep on trying and we're getting there.

Our Saturday effort against **Rydalmere FC** was our first non-loss of the season, we drew 1-1, but we might have snatched a winner as we had a few shots that just didn't quite make it into the goal. We played more openly and confidently than we have before and we had the better of the other team. This will start to show in later results!

Our Sunday effort was a local derby against our very own **Granville Waratah Red-BLK** team but we were down two key players. This was reflected in the 5-1 score line and one of those goals was an own goal the players could do nothing about. Still, we stuck to our guns and by the end of the game we were starting to draw close to our very worthy opponents.

A shout out to coaches Ish and Rish and all the parents from the Red-Blacks - you guys are playing amazing! Well done.

This week we've got to work on starting well. We're still sleepy in the first half. But coach Sandeep and I are proud of every single one of our guys. We're getting better and we're having great fun.

Coach Paul.

Final score on Saturday: 1-1 vs Rydalmere FC

Final score on Sunday: 1-5 to Granville Waratah Red-BLK

Under 6 Red-BLK

We played a great game on Saturday against **Ermington United** for the second time this season and while this time Ermington took the game 3-2 we couldn't be any prouder of our under 6 Red-Blacks. Our players put in a great defensive performance in stopping Ermington from securing their eventual win with a big score line.

Well done to **Rhys** our Player of the Match for scoring our side's goal and for an amazing defensive performance where he stopped many goals by Ermington. Well done to **Rashan** for his goal. He really is turning into quite an excellent player!

Jaiden and **Romir** were excellent chasing after the ball and it was great to see **Dewan** and **Joanne** coming out of their shells and showing so much improvement since the start of the season.

Thank you to **Rish** for refereeing the game and also for helping me out so much and thank you to **Dewan's** mum, **Kawbaz** for bringing oranges so that the little ones had more energy to keep going after half time.

On Sunday it was another beautiful morning for soccer as we played our very own **Granville Waratah Red-Whites** and saw our players dominate the first half with their dribbling and kicking.

Rhys delivered the first goal early on the game and then followed up with more goals. Seeing the momentum going, **Rashan**, **Romir** and **Dewan** brought their A-game. Now we were playing very well indeed!

Big kicks from **Romir** and great defence from **Dewan** made it hard for the other team to score. **Rashan** dribbled and controlled the ball, giving the Red-Blacks another big goal.

At the break our team enjoyed a 4-1 advantage and so we really enjoyed our half-time oranges, courtesy of **Joanne's** dad **Ali** who came to the game even though **Joanne** couldn't! You can't ask for a better team spirit.

The Whites came out in the second half with a huge emphasis on defence, making sure to "kick the ball out!" multiple times to stop the Blacks scoring! But our boys and girls are motivated and eager. They kept charging and contesting the ball to their advantage.

Well done to **Rhys** for scoring a hat trick of goals and to **Rashan** for scoring the other one guaranteeing a win for the Red-Blacks. Well done to **Dewan** for saving a huge goal for the Whites and **Romir** for making sure the ball stayed on our side.

A huge thank you to **Rish** and **Michelle** who looked after the team during my absence! We have such a great group of parents who are very close and supportive of each other.

Match reports by Coach Ish and Manager Michelle

Final score on Saturday: 3-2 to Ermington United

Final score on Sunday: 5-1 to Granville Waratah Red-BLK



Under 7 Blue

With the merging of Green and Blue teams and this being a home match for Granville Waratah, we had 10 players turn up! So, after consulting with our opposition **Lidcombe Waratah**, it was five vs five on the field.

Lidcombe quickly got one on the score sheet but Granville equalized through **Siddhant** and then **Faheem** came on as substitute and scored the second goal for Granville.



Soham and **Sameep** were rock solid in defence pulling some brilliant saves. **Sadaf** showed lots of enthusiasm with **Riyana** trying as well. **Ethan**, **Darsh** and **Oliver** in midfield scrapped with opponents for the ball, winning quite a few individual duels. Half time ended 2-1 in Granville's favour.

The second half saw **Rayan** entering as another substitute for Granville and lots of scrapping for the ball from both the teams. Lidcombe equalized when unfortunately two of Granville players fell down in midfield. We pushed hard and after some intense pressure near the goalmouth, Lidcombe conceded an unfortunate own goal which handed the match to Granville!

Everyone was delighted with the win as the photo shows, well done team!

Match report by Sandeep

Final score: 3-2 to Granville Waratah



Under 7 Red

In what turned out to be the final game for two of our star players, the Under 7 Red team came out deserved winners in our game against **Newington**. We are sad to see **Eilam** and **Jordan** leave but we wish them all the best with their academy training!

It was an exciting game with many shots on goal from our side with **Eilam** leading the stats with five attempts, followed by **Jordan** with three. We will sorely miss both these players in weeks to come but I'm sure the remaining players will step up and adapt to their omission.

Eilam scored two goals including the winning goal in his final game and so it was fitting that he walked away with the Player of the Match award. Well done **Eilam**!

Veydant also played well in only his second game for the team with a great all round effort as he managed to do everything, except score, at least once as he: assisted a goal, attempted a shot, passed successfully, and saved a goal. He wins the Highlight award for this week, well done **Veydant**!

Cousins **Dhruv** and **Harsh** pulled off some of their usual goal-saving tackles while **Troy** and **Nathan** added to the excitement with shots at goal that narrowly missed. Well done to all players for just our second win of the season!

Coaches Andy, Carlos & Jorvan

Final score: 2-1 to Granville Waratah



Under 8 Blue

The Blues played at home against **Auburn FC** and were beaten 3-1. Despite the loss, this was our best performance of the season! It was 0-0 at half time due to some great defence and excellent goal keeping by **Carter**, who managed to save numerous shots on goal. Some of the saves were very courageous. Well done **Carter**!

The highlight of the second half was our first goal of the season when **Mewan** and **Joshua** combined with **Joshua** who slotted it home. The second half produced great runs from **Sarah** and **Mewan** into the opposition half. **Varish** was unlucky not to score when he made an attacking raid with only the goalkeeper to beat.

Francis took the goal keeping duties in the second half and was very solid, stopping several shots on goal. His kicks out from the box were very strong, placing our players in strong attacking positions. **Rishit** and **Vedant** put in strong performances always not too far from the ball.

We look forward to more goals in future games! Well done team!!

Mike (coach on the day)

Final score: 1-3 to Auburn FC



Under 8 Green

It was a very good game actually as our mini-roos put up a courageous fight against a good **Auburn District** side. We were short three players as some of them were sick including our regular goalkeeper and some were away but the rest of the team played a very good game. At half time Granville were 4-1 down to Auburn but we parents were very happy as kids were putting effort and there were some close misses too.

Adee was all over the field helping in defence, making move to strike with **Angus** and leading the team very well. **Adee** was very impressive as he showed good attacking skills and produced some beautiful passes to **Angus, Hirishi** and **Smitraj**.

Unfortunately, our mini-roos couldn't convert their chances into goals! Each miss was a painful experience for all watching parents!

After the interval, our defenders **Sarth, Deon, Harsh and Eva** couldn't hold out the pressure from Auburn and we conceded three more goals. But **Adee's** all-round efforts produced one more goal for our side.

Adee was named Player of the Match.

Match report by **Muhammad Rashid**

Coaches Steve & Louis

Final score: 9-2 to Auburn District



Under 10 Div 1 – Featured Match Report

After a string of losses, team confidence was tested yet again as we had two weekend matches to play! On the Saturday, as soon as **Rydalmere FC** scored their second goal, rather than lean on each other, our players resorted to individualism and whining. In the back though, we discovered **Nabil** to be our leader who stands tall and marshals the troops. **Nabil** is a very gifted player and could easily play in the forwards scoring goals but he chose to stay in the backs. Unfortunately, this did not change the outcome and by full time, not much had changed. The game ended a 9-1 loss.

On Sunday we took a different approach because coaches shoulder responsibility, we knew we had to change something! We know that good teams are built from the back so we started with **Olivier** as our keeper. With **Nabil** and **Olivier** in the backs, the defensive team was as strong as we could make it. We augmented them with strong and dependable left and right-backs in **Amir, Liam, Samhith, Montel, and William. Malik, Shayan and Andrew** made up our midfield and our forwards were **Emran, Tharuka and Yash**.



Right from kick-off **Dundas United** were formidable. They pushed the ball forward with pace, got in a dangerous position and shot for goal. **Olivier** caught the ball, **Nabil** marshaled the troops back in position and we resumed play. Again and again the ball was sent back into our half but our strong defensive line was impossible to breach. Now Dundas knew this was not going to be easy. We knew we were beginning to believe!

Yash and **Shayan** benefited from a scrap in midfield and placed a wonder pass to **Tharuka** who takes two touches to his right then shoots for goal... it's 1-0! Game on! Our midfield has found it's rhythm. Our players defend well and feed the ball to our forwards. **Malik's** footwork is devastating. After dispossessing Dundas, he nutmegs a player then shoots and is rewarded with a goal in the top right corner... 2-0!

Our opponents fought back with some strong play, but **Montel** and **William** were brick walls blocking every attack. One advance was a sure goal until **Amir** beat the player to the ball and timed his kick perfectly, sending the ball back to **Tharuka** who scored his second goal after playing a one-two with **Shayan**... 3-0 to Granville Waratah!

Emran and **Shayan** also had a few chances at goal but were unable to capitalise and so we ended the half three goals up.

After half time, **Olivier** and **Andrew** swapped as goalkeepers.

Andrew immediately showed his worth with two incredible saves as Dundas came out very strong. How strong you ask? The ball was kicked into **Samhith's** stomach, **Tharuka** suffered kicks to his legs and **William** was crushed by storming Dundas forwards. But, to a player, they got up and were back in the game!

Now it's Granville's corner. The players decide to take it short, exactly as we trained. Dundas are surprised and out of position. **Tharuka** passes to **Olivier** who puts in a high cross, and **Yash**, with the sweetest volley you'll ever see, scores over the keeper's head! 4-0!!

Olivier has his chance when **Emran** blocks an advancing Dundas attack then pushes the ball left where **Olivier** dribbles past his player to run into an open goal and score our fifth goal. One last push from Dundas was craftily blocked by **Samhith** and **William** with **Nabil** then pushing the loose ball back to the midfielders. Our defensive line diffused every futile attempt from Dundas and the game ended 7-0. What a win!!!

To put this win in context: almost half the team has never played before or at best a few games, and they are playing against the district's best: division one. It takes years to get used to the ball at your feet, to get the timing right, to know your position, to show just enough aggression, and to trust strangers. But these boys have achieved this in just a few weeks and yesterday, OMG, they made us all believe!

Coach Ben

Final score on Saturday: 9-1 to Rydalmere FC

Final score on Sunday: 7-0 to Granville Waratah



YOUTH 1 (Under 17 Div 1)

Playing against the team who have yet to win a game should have been a lot easier than we made it for ourselves. I am not sure if it was the fact the team thought the game would be a pushover or not, but from the first whistle the team looked sluggish and lacked energy, cohesion and discipline. We were simply playing bad and despite still playing a little better than **Ermington United**, we invited them to hit us with a sucker punch and they did just that with an opportunistic counter-attack to take the lead and end the half 1-0 ahead.

At half time the boys got a spray with both Cem and I reminding them of the game plan and to “switch on”. That did the trick because a new and different team came out to play in the second half. Playing short sharp passes, moving the ball out wide, side to side and finding spaces all resulted in a nice first team goal for **Eray**, getting the final assist from **Taw**. That was followed shortly after by another goal to **Franklin**, beating their offside trap down the right flank to shoot across the keeper and slot the ball into the side net to take the lead.

After that we had little to worry about, except right at the end when **Omid** in goals averted a huge disappointment by pulling off a trifecta of saves all within a few seconds – that could have been a man of the match performance on its own – but that award went to **Rohith** who stood tall in the middle. We also saw some good efforts from **Ali Abz**, and **Ahmad**.

After the post-game team talk, we huddled and enjoyed singing our victory song... again!

Coach Noel

Final score: 2-1 to Granville Waratah

FOOTBALL NSW STATE CUP

This **Sunday 4th June 2017** we are hosting **Round 4** of **Football NSW's State Cup** Knock out competition.

Our mighty **Under 17s Youth Division 1** team will be the last of four games **commencing at 2.00pm** when they play against the Redfern Raiders.

Please come along and lend your support!

Other games include the under 12s of Parramatta City FC vs Mosman FC at 9.00am, then the under 21s of Gladesville Ravens vs Parramatta City FC at 10.15am and then Pendle Hill vs Marton FC at 12.15pm.



TEN QUESTIONS

A regular feature of our newsletters, this is where we ask totally random (but coincidentally prominent) people some questions to see what they make of the world... this week we've got under 13s Division 2 team players **Amalie Dona** and **Khushi Sarin**

Both young women hold the honour of being the two oldest female players in the club – probably the only time in their lives they will like to be called old! This is Amalie's fourth year and Khushi's first. Amalie loves mixing it with the boys and is a headstrong fullback, whilst Khushi just wants to learn the game and prepare herself to become the best she can. We want to know what makes these girls tick, so we are asking them 10 questions!

1. Favourite Professional Soccer player:

A: *Brendon Santalab*

K: *None*

2. Favourite breakfast cereal:

A: *Milo*

K: *Corn Flakes (Berry edition)*

3. Kebab or pizza?

A: *Hard to choose but probably kebab.*

K: *Pizza*

4. MacDonalds or KFC?

A: *MacDonalds*

K: *Maccas*

5. Favourite superhero?

A: *Wonder Woman or Green Arrow*

K: *Batman*

6. If you were an animal what would you be?

A: *Either a wolf or fox*

K: *Jaguar*

7. Favourite song on the radio right now:

A: *Believer by Imagine Dragons*

K: *Something just like this by The Chain Smokers*

8. If you could have dinner with anyone in the world, who would it be with?

A: *Margot Robbie, Will Smith or Cara Delevingne*

K: *Former President Obama, Beyonce, Nikki Minaj and Drake. It will be a lit night!*

9. If you had a time machine, where would you go?

A: *Ancient Greece or Rome*

K: *Meet my grandfather (1997)*

10. Your favourite Granville Waratah moment?

A: *When Granville Waratah was first created, because I wouldn't have the memories I have today and probably wouldn't have actually played soccer!*

K: *My first game! (my only game so far)*



Amalie



Khushi

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