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## FROM THE PREZ

Last Saturday morning I was very pleased to see four games all being played at once. It was great. Robin Thomas Reserve was buzzing with activity, atmosphere and sound. I want to focus on that “sound” for this editorial.

I am a firm believer that our beautiful game is filled with passion both on and off the field, that is, for both players and parents, however this passion from the parents cannot go unchecked. Too often I hear some parents put unnecessary pressures on their children, give instructions contrary to the coach and or just say comments that make their children feel rotten. Sadly and amazingly, in the past I have seen much worse. I have seen parents make children cry and once I even heard a parent say to his son in anger that he would not get any lunch because he missed a goal. I acknowledge it is good to push a child to get the very best from them, but in this pursuit and to achieve victories, parents too often forget to be positive.

Worse still I have seen some parents really abuse child referees. Many years ago a club official (thankfully not from our club) was reported to the police for child abuse because he unloaded a torrent of abuse to a 15 year old first year referee. This is extreme but the message is clear.

So concerned with this growing trend of parents who simply lose the plot, that last year Football NSW promoted a campaign of Silence on the Sidelines. The campaign required parents to keep quiet during games and only clap. Some clubs promoted it but I suspect it was not a huge success. Mostly because I think it is impractical.

Have you ever heard of the saying “you get more from honey than vinegar”?

Football NSW now realise that there is a better way. Allow parents to cheer as much as they like but now the new campaign will be “**Be Positive**”. This is the better way and it is one I want to encourage for all our club members to put into practice. As a coach I will be hard on my players but I always try to say something extra like “you are better than that”, “you can do better than that” or “do better next time”, this is to give them the message I still have the confidence in them to get it right next time.



Positive reinforcement should not be easily forgotten nor can it be underestimated.

Recently I was watching America's Got Talent and saw a little 9 year old girl Celine Tam come onto the big stage bursting with energy and perform Celine Dion's power hit from the movie Titanic, "My heart will go on". She was a real darling and a crowd favourite.

She was singing it confidently and with enthusiasm but nearing the end of her performance, just before she powered into the heights of the song, she looked to her left to see her father off to the side of the stage. He smiled and nodded his head to little Celine, who then took a deep breath and then belted out, "You're here, there's nothing I fear... and I know that my heart will go on", to a standing ovation from the judges. It was quite a performance but it was that positive nod and smile from her father she was looking for to give her the confidence she could do it and do it very well. (Google it and enjoy her performance)



It is a poignant reminder of the power of positive reinforcement and how we should always be mindful that our children need our love and positive support to help them do better and enjoy the game, making every Saturday morning at Robin Thomas Reserve a place where they just can't wait to be.

## HARBOUR CRUISE REMINDER

A reminder about the Family Harbour Cruise! The details:

- Saturday night, 9th September 2017
- Arrive at the wharf at 5.45pm for a 6.00pm departure.
- The boat departs from Birkenhead Point Wharf. Parking is available at the wharf.
- Buffet Dinner and complimentary drinks upon arrival included
- Soft drinks for free for children under 12 all night. Alcohol to be purchased from the bar for adults.
- Only \$35.00 per person. Open to all family members.



**You need to organise numbers and make payment before the end of the last round 18 game on 12 August 2017.** Please make your payment at the canteen ASAP, giving the exact names of who will be attending and they will be added to the list.

**Secretary Tony Farrell will also be attending the ground on Wednesday training nights, 2nd and 9th August to accept payments too.** Please be organised so everyone can enjoy the cruise and not have to be chasing.

**Coaches, please organise your teams!**

## 8 WEEK DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

Please see the end of this newsletter for information regarding an eight week football skills acquisition program for boys and girls aged 8 to 11 years old held on Thursdays at Everley Park, Chester Hill starting in August.



## MATCH REPORTS

It is our intention to feature in every newsletter 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.

Each week we choose the best report to be the featured match report, this week it goes to our **Youth** team with a good insight into the anatomy of a game of football. Thanks to **Noel** for sending it in!

The **Under 7 Red** team wins the Photos of the round for the second week running. Thanks to **Alaena** and **Bhavesh** for sending them in!

### YOUTH 1 (Under 17 Div 1) – Featured Match Report

#### Saturday

Our away game against **Toongabbie** was one where we just did enough to win.

It was 3-0 at half time with goals to **Franklin** who was killing it with his speed down the right wing, new player **Hasib**, who was playing against his former team and **Ahmed** in the middle. We should have put a few more in the back of the net but complacency set in.

The second half was difficult to be motivated as Toonie were only playing for pride given they cannot make the finals. With the assistance of a no call from the referee they scored a goal from a 5 metre offside and then scored another late in the match.

Despite the 3-2 score line the result wasn't really ever in doubt as the team was focusing on the Sunday game against Wenty.

Player of the Match went to **Franklin**... and we sang the Victory Song again.

**Final score: 2-3 to Granville Waratah**



#### Sunday

The last time we played this team we were yet to find our chemistry and so we were keen for another crack. Both teams were up for the game.

We started slowly taking about 15 minutes to get into our groove, but just as we did Wenty hit us with a very good and fast counter attack that found the back of the net with a sweet strike that ricocheted off the inside of the post. The wind at our back played havoc with carrying the through balls too long but we did manage to find some spaces but failed to take our chances in front of goals. It was a tight first half but I felt we would play better into the second half wind.

As I predicted, we did and the ball movement was very good however it seemed Wenty were more intent on protecting their lead and parked the bus as we tried to score the equalizer. Wenty scrambled well and thwarted every raid on goal. We dominated the first 25 minutes of the half and played some sweet one touch soccer but the best attacking phase of the game ended in an offside call... it deserved better.

We pushed a second striker into play but Wenty added a defender. They were happy to sit back and try to hit us with a counter attack which on only one occasion they almost scored however that was their only real chance for the half. We continued to apply the pressure and had a number of corners and where Rohith used his height but his headers went wide or over the cross bar. The last 10 minutes of the game, neither team looked like scoring as fatigue set in and only having 1 substitute didn't help.

So the score remain 1-0 meaning they will finish second on the ladder and we will finish third. The only good news is that we play them again next week at home.

Player of the match was **Omid** in goals who looked confident.

Coach Noel

**Final score: 1-0 to Wenty Waratah**



### **Under 6 Blue-WHT**

Our game against **Ermington United** was all about defence and the star defender this week was **Ejaz!** He saved several Ermington goals, stopping their strong attacks. **Ejaz**, I think you take "Player of the Match" for this game!

There was also some excellent defence in the midfield with fantastic plays from **Troy** and **Rana**, whose newfound confidence on the field has changed the whole team. Excellent work, guys!

**Arush's** fast running helped move the ball up and down the field and **Miles** had a great run giving us a goal in the second half.

Compared with the score line of the last game against Ermington, today's result was fantastic and all the parents and the coach are so proud of these wonderful players.

Match report by **Joyce**

Coach Paul

**Final score: 1-4 to Ermington United**



## Under 6 Green

It was a great performance by the team even though they were unable to come away with the win against **Parramatta City**, going down 3-2.

We raced to an early 2-0 lead thanks to a long range goal from **Dontae** and then **Dhruv** finished off another great attacking raid by the team.

Parramatta did well to fightback and score the next three goals to come away with the win.

Granville Waratah dominated the whole game and but missed a few good opportunities. It was a great game by both sides.

**Sheryas** walked away with the Superstar of the Week award, well done!

Great commitment and determination was shown by **Nabhya**, **Pranshu** and **Parsa** throughout the whole game.

The players as a team have improved immensely from the start of the season and I couldn't be more proud of them.

Coach Daniel

**Final score: 2-3 to Parramatta City**



## Under 7 Blue

The Blues recent run of good performances came to an abrupt halt against **Lidcombe Waratah** and it was not the skill but attitude that cost us the game. On a bright Saturday morning almost all the Blues players seem to have turned up for a stroll in the park rather than a football match against an opponent against whom they had won last time.

Lidcombe scored their first goal within the first two minutes. Our Blues appeared disjointed but held the fort and equalized through **Faheem's** brilliant long-range effort and the first half ended 1-1.

In the second half Blues completely switched off and it was exasperating to watch. Own goals, arguing with each other, lethargy, aimless kicking of balls sometimes towards our goal,



all cost the team dearly and Lidcombe slotted in five goals and luckily they weren't a stronger team, otherwise result would have been worse. **Faheem** was our only bright star of the day scored another excellent long range goal near the closing stages of the game but result was never in doubt.

Match report by **Sandeep**

**Final Score: 7-2 to Lidcombe Waratah**

## Under 7 Red

It may have taken all season but a promising cohesion has emerged from all the chaos that is your usual game of seagull soccer and our plucky Under 7 Reds are starting to win games as a result.

Our game against **Newington** saw us getting the basics right and thus not conceding goals resulting from errors, which has been the curse of our season so far.

Keeping a clean sheet means just the one goal will do it and win you the game. It turned out exactly so and suddenly we had that sweet winning feeling back, a feeling we hadn't

experienced for six games I was reliably told on the weekend!

Well done to our ball carriers in **Veydant, Troy** and **Nathan**, they are all starting to regularly complete useful passes to their team mates after winning the ball back in midfield. From a coaches' perspective, there's nothing like seeing three hungry ball hunters dominating possession and preventing any sort of fluid play from the opposition.

But it is our defensive quartet in **Gaby, Soham, Harsh** and **Dhruv** who deserve the lion's share of the plaudits for today's win, they didn't miss a single attacking break by the opposition and restricted their total goal attempts to just a couple. I couldn't be prouder of the improvement all have shown and thus are all joint winners of the Player of the Match and Highlight awards for this week.

Lastly, well done to **Nathan** for his long range missile into the top right-hand corner of the goal, what a way to break your goal drought!

Coach Andy

**Final score: 0-1 to Granville Waratah**



## Under 8 Blue

The Blues played at home against **Parramatta City** and were defeated 5-1.

It was going to be a big task to upset the undefeated opposition, who had previously beaten us quite convincingly. **Rhys** and **Matt** from the U8 Reds helped out as we didn't have any subs. Thanks boys!

**Carter** was once again solid in goal with **Sarah** and **Vedant** offering great support as the two defenders. Our strikers tried very hard all through the game and were unlucky not to find the net on several occasions. **Frank** and **Joshua** continue to develop a good combination, supporting each other in attack. **Mewan** and **Dhyan** were busy and never too far from the ball.

The opposition scored four times in the first half through their dominant forward players.

**Rhys** and **Frank** shared the goal keeping duties in the second half and both put in solid performances with **Frank** providing good long balls to **Carter**, **Joshua** and **Matt** up front.

**Matt** scored for us midway in the half. The score was 1-1 in the second half which was a good defensive effort from the team.

Well done team!!!

Mike, Dave and Vivek

**Final score: 1-5 to Parramatta City**



## Under 8 Green

Our game against **Lidcombe Waratah** was a last game on the home ground which started at 12 pm which was for the first time for such a late start this season.

It was actually very strange game play of our kids which I couldn't understand. Though they were trying hard to score, it seemed like everything was going against us as our players kept missing the goal but only very closely.

At last, as the first half was drawing to a close, **Adee** struck the only goal of the game which was a team effort and he struck timely. Both teams tried hard in the second half but our lead of one goal stayed up till the game finished.

**Hirishi** secured Player of the Match, showing his excellent improvement this season. There were some good team work displayed by **Angus, Adee, Rayan** and the rest did well too.

Match report by **Rashid**

Coach Steve

**Final score: 1-0 to Granville Waratah**



### **Under 8 Red**

What a game! Our Under 8 Red team absolutely owned today's game against **Ermington United**. With a brilliant 3-0 result!

Throughout the game we had all the qualities of a great match: we had excitement, suspense, thrill and awe as we cheered on the team. I'm sure all of us parents still have sore throats from our cheering, I know I do.

Our players have exhibited their efforts from training so well; that we saw them connect through their play, with perfect passes, fantastic kicks to the other side of the field and having possession of the ball the majority of the time by working as team.

Well done! Hip hip hooray!

Match report by **Sherina**

**Final score: 3-0 to Granville Waratah**

### **Under 12 Div 3**

We played against last-placed **Dundas United** at home this week and absolutely dominated our opponent with the number of shots we took but it seemed like it just did not want to go in for us.

We were awarded a penalty mid-way and our captain **Reyaj** stepped up to only have his shot saved by the keeper. It was towards the end of the first half that our defender **Dean** shot a half shot volley outside the 18 yard box, for the ball to go over the keeper and dip under the cross bar for us to open the score board. Half time score was 1-0.

The second half started with our team scoring immediately after a great run on the right by **Sandeep** to place a hard and high shot to make it 2-0. Thereafter **Sanchit** pounced onto a loose ball to make the score 3-0. **Reyaj** scored a great goal to make it 4-0 before **Ricky** also managed to score for a 5-0 lead.



We were awarded a second penalty only to have **Aavash** shoot it over the bar. We had a number of chances but at the end of the day it was great result and maintained the pressure within our opponent's half through-out the whole game.

At the end of the game the team managed to sing the famous Granville Waratah Victory song which the boys only started learning the words a few days ago.

Coach Goran

**Final Score on: 5-0 to Granville Waratah**



**Full Results from the weekend:**

Age Grp / Div	Home Team	Home Score	Away Score	Away Team
06 Blue-WHT	Granville Waratah	1	4	Ermington United
06 Red-BLK	Newington	6	3	Granville Waratah
06 Green	Granville Waratah	2	3	Parramatta City
07 Blue	Lidcombe Waratah	7	2	Granville Waratah
07 Red	Newington	0	1	Granville Waratah
08 Blue	Granville Waratah	1	5	Parramatta City
08 Green	Granville Waratah	1	0	Lidcombe Waratah
08 Red	Granville Waratah	3	0	Ermington United
09 Red	Newington	2	6	Granville Waratah
10/1	Granville Waratah	2	1	Auburn District
11/3	Granville Waratah	0	5	Dundas United
12/2	Granville Waratah	5	0	Dundas United
13/2	Granville Waratah			Bye
14/2	Granville Waratah	3	0	Auburn District
YOUTH (Saturday)	Toongabbie	2	3	Granville Waratah
YOUTH (Sunday)	Wenty Waratah	1	0	Granville Waratah

**We would like to thank our major sponsor:**





## PARRAMATTA FC

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### Football Development Program

GDSFA and Parramatta FC are excited to announce the GDSFA's NSW Premier League Football Skills Development Program to players.

#### 8 Week Program

- ⚽ Skills Acquisition
- ⚽ Technical and Tactical Training
- ⚽ Small Sided Games
- ⚽ All coaches are accredited for SAP or higher
- ⚽ Head coach holds AFC, Conmebal Level 3, UEFA B and Coerver Level 6 Licences



<b>Age:</b>	8 to 11 year old boys and girls
<b>Dates:</b>	Thursday evenings, 17 <sup>th</sup> August – 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2017.
<b>Time:</b>	6:00 pm to 7:30 pm
<b>Location:</b>	Everley Park Everley Rd, Chester Hill (opposite Melita Stadium)
<b>Cost:</b>	\$160 per Player (one participant family member) \$150 per player (two or more participating family members)

**Don't delay, positions fill quickly**

**Register your interest** with the Granville Association Office by emailing your child's details ( **name, age, current club** ) to :

**[office@granvillesoccer.com.au](mailto:office@granvillesoccer.com.au)**

**Registrations close 14<sup>th</sup> August 2017**

