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FROM THE PREZ

I would like to address an important issue that has been brought to my attention regarding MiniRoos soccer football.

Recently I posted on our Clubs Facebook page the score of one of our MiniRoos games. I promptly received a text from the Association that “publishing scores of Aldi MiniRoos games is not supported by the GDSFA, Football NSW or the FFA”. It was an interesting text and, truthfully, I was a little annoyed about being told what we can and cannot post on our club’s Facebook page. The FB post was in a positive light and was being well received but then I had to think about the reasons why our governing bodies have adopted this position. Consequently I visited the web pages to be reminded of the goals of MiniRoos football:

ALDI MiniRoos is designed for kids of all abilities, aged 4 – 11 years. The nation-wide initiative uses short, game-based sessions to introduce the sport of football to newcomers in an inclusive way. It focuses on learning new skills, being active, making life-long friends and, potentially, unearthing the next generation of Socceroos or Matildas.

MiniRoos football is not designed to be focused on winning but rather to allow kids and even their parents to discover the game. Emphasis is not on the result or position on the ladder but rather to provide an environment and a platform for education and learning the game and its skills. So, on this point, we understand why we received the text.



The club’s Executive Committee has discussed the matter and we now take the position that we will not be posting MiniRoos scores on Facebook. However, for our weekly newsletter we will be recording the scores for the under 8-11’s teams only. We believe this is a good balance between protecting the goals of the MiniRoos program and celebrating the efforts of the teams that have won their games, because after all, isn’t the first question you ask a player after their game is, “how did you go today?” This question takes on more importance the older a child becomes, which is why we won’t be publishing scores for under 6 and 7’s games, where the question we should be asking the child after the game is, “did you enjoy yourself today?” Too often this message is lost on some parents, so hopefully together as a club, this media policy is a first step towards seeing the bigger and better picture.

FROM THE SECRETARY

With three rounds of games now complete, many of you will have enjoyed the away game experience. It can be quite the adventure in unfamiliar territory for all you who are new to soccer this year! But thankfully there is one constant that makes the experience manageable and that is the ubiquitous **club canteen**.

Need to know which field your game is on? Ask at the canteen. Need something to warm you up on a cold winter morning? A hot coffee or tea will do the job. Haven't eaten breakfast yet? The best clubs will offer bacon and egg or sausage and onion rolls from their BBQ, all which makes for perfect conditions for watching soccer.

We need to offer that same experience to the people that make the journey out to our home ground and the essential ingredient to running a successful club canteen is volunteers.



We have written up a volunteer roster based around when teams are playing at home. Each week, a different team will be assigned a 30 minute roster spot which will end just as the team is kicking off. As teams are supposed to turn up to games at least 20 minutes before kick-off, all that is needed is to come an extra 10 minutes earlier to help out in the canteen.

Your team's coach or manager will be calling for volunteers from the pool of parents available, please put your hand up as I swear you will not regret the experience of being the heartbeat of Saturday Soccer!

The club canteen is also an important source from where clubs can buy better equipment. A well-run canteen will raise the sort of money we need to buy goals, balls, bibs, cones and all the other coaching essentials. This is why we are desperately looking for a canteen manager who can raise our canteen level to rival that of the best the other clubs can offer. If you think you could fill this role, please get in touch with anyone from the club committee!

IMPORTANT: Coaches & Managers Meeting

Wednesday 8th May, 7:30pm

At the clubhouse, Robin Thomas Reserve

ATTENDANCE IS REQUIRED!

MATCH REPORTS

It is our intention to feature in all newsletters, 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!

Please remember to caption who is who in any photos your team submits to be included in this newsletter. Email to: secretary@granvillewaratah.com.au

All previous newsletters are [available from the club website here](#).

Please Note: The final score will only be shown for U8s and up. For 6s and 7s we don't want to encourage parents to focus on the score but how much fun and enjoyment their kids are having.

Each week we choose the best report to be the **Featured Match Report**, this week it goes to the **U9 Wombats** (again!) with a fantastic read about their 'felt like a World Cup win'! Thanks to **coach Mike** for sending it in!

The **U9 Wombats** also win the Photos of the Round. Thanks to **coach Mike** for sending them in!

All the results for Round 3:

Age Grp / Div	Home Team	Home Score	Away Score	Away Team
08 Koalas	Granville Waratah SFC	1	3	Auburn FC
08 Wombats	Granville Waratah SFC	1	4	Ermington United
09 Dolphins	Granville Waratah SFC	5	0	Rydalmere FC
09 Koalas	Wenty Waratah	4	3	Granville Waratah SFC
09 Wombats	Granville Waratah SFC	4	4	Pendle Hill FC
10 Dolphins	Auburn District	2	2	Granville Waratah SFC
10 Koalas	Granville Waratah SFC	4	7	Pendle Hill FC
10 Possums	Granville Waratah SFC	1	3	Auburn District
11 Possums	Toongabbie Demons	4	0	Granville Waratah SFC
13/1	Auburn FC	10	0	Granville Waratah SFC
14/3	Granville Waratah SFC	7	4	Wenty Waratah
15/Combined	Merrylands SFC	5	0	Guildford McCredie
U16/2	Ermington United	4	3	Granville Waratah SFC
AAM/5 BLK	Granville Waratah SFC	9	0	Holroyd Rangers
AAM/5 WHT	Toongabbie Demons	0	3	Granville Waratah SFC



Under 9 Wombats – Featured Match Report

With the break for Easter and ANZAC Day our youngsters could recharge their batteries. I was worried that School Holidays would create the issue where we didn't have the right number of players ready to take the field on a warm Autumn Saturday morning!

A big thank you to those parents who brought their most important treasures to the game as well as bringing them early to ensure the team had a proper warm up and the players ready to go.

We had exactly seven players for our match against **Pendle Hill FC**. Enough to start the game but not enough to avoid a beating like in a previous game when we lost away 0-10!

I asked for help and again 6 year old **Klara** put her little hand up to step in as a sub for her under 9s friends. Her under 6 teammate and U6 best goal scorer, **Arjun**, followed her and suddenly we had two subs. The call to arms was also responded to by **Miles** and **Nathan**. With four substitutes we were ready for the battle!



The game started very well with solid defending by our captain for the game **Tanmay**, ably supported by **Rohan**, **Mali** and **Rhithik**. Our defenders held off the attacks of the opposition and for a long time neither team opened their goal scoring account. However, Pendle Hill were pulling off some dangerous individual runs and after one of those our goalkeeper **Matylda** was left one-on-one with the opposition striker. **Matylda** is still new to goalkeeping and had no chance to defend a very strong shot. Pendle Hill FC were first to score. In fact they followed their first goal another two times and we were three goals down before half time.



Cassie prepares to square the ball to a team mate

After our half time motivational speech we changed the structure and thus looked a completely different team from the first whistle of the second half. With loud support from the crowd of watching family and friends, Granville started creating some ambitious attacks. **Cassie** pulled off a spectacular dribble and started what **Nathan** finished with a great long range goal! Our team suddenly had wind in our sails and continued our offensive play with some solid defence.

Miles and a delighted **Aarav** scored a goal each and suddenly we were level on 3-3. Our team was so excited that we unfortunately let an opposition player

be one-on-one with our 'keeper yet again and he took his chance to score. We were 3-4 down, tired and disappointed, but not resigned to our fate.

One minute before the end of the game we had a free kick. The opposition formed a proper wall and our players prepared something we have never trained before so I'm glad they watch football with their parents! **Aarav** ran up to the ball like he was going to shoot but instead tipped the ball back to **Nathan** who took a very powerful shot and almost scored the equalizer! A round of applause mixed with a sound of disappointing "Aaaaahhhh".

But there were still 30 seconds left. With the referee calling out how long to go ... “20 seconds left!”, then “10 seconds left!” the team never gave up. And just when it looked like the referee was going to blow for full time, **Nathan** popped up to put the ball in the back of the net! You could hear the cheers in the next suburb!! The team had come back from 3-1 down to draw the game 4-4 and, let me tell you, it felt like winning the World Cup Final!



The team defends a corner

Before the game our team found a \$2 coin. We all blew a "good luck" breath on it and the coin was designated the reward for the best player. And it was **Nathan**! With two goals and leading the attack during the game he deserved the gold coin. A literal reward for a great effort!

Our Team Player of the Match award went to captain **Tanmay** who has improved massively and played a very good game while being sick. This shows the true commitment of the little players and their parents.

Rhithik and **Rohan** followed the game plan well and provided some crucial passes while **Mali**, **Matylda**, **Klara** and **Cassie** have again shown that girls can play as hard as the boys.

I am so proud of all the players!

Coach Mike

Final Score: a 4-4 draw

After the big loss the previous week, the players took to training seriously. We borrowed some Barcelona FC Youth Academy drills and it seems to have made the difference. It also helped us to have a support of **Nathan** with his dangerous shots and one year younger **Miles** with his ball handling skills.

A special mention to both our under 6s who played a whole game right before stepping in and playing again for older mates.

An especially big bravo to our Fair Play Champion **Arjun** who was a real gentleman and when the opposition coach came to us in a half time saying that they lost players and now had only six, he swapped teams and played a whole half for Pendle Hill. Well done **Arjun**!



Team Player of the Match Tanmay showing his dribbling skills



Under 6 Wombats WHT

Our round three game saw the team play a wonderful match against **Parramatta City** to achieve our second consecutive win!

The parents were glad to see their kids enjoying the game and playing well. We didn't have to wait long for our first goal, with **Roy** scoring in the first minute.

Minutes later Parramatta retaliated to make the score 1-1. But our boys and girls were determined to win and **Arjun** achieved this by scoring an incredible eight goals in row!

The three girls in the team **Drisha**, **Arisha** and **Klara** played very well, defending and attacking with aplomb. They will surely be Matildas in the future while the boys also had a really great game.

After our awesome win the team took a photo together and ate oranges.

Congratulations to the mighty Under 6 Wombats White!

Coach Victor



Under 7 Koalas WHT

This week we played against **Lidcombe Waratah** at our home ground of Robin Thomas Reserve. The weather was fine for a good game, although there were some dew on the field. There was a good attendance of parents and supporters for both teams.

The first goal was scored in the third minute of the game by Lidcombe followed by an equaliser in just the fifth minute, scored by **Sineth** for Granville and it was a good kick-start for a game full of action.

There was good co-ordination between **Liam, Sineth, Tristan, Aryan, Arav,** and **Ashutosh**. They all played with a good team spirit, with lot of attempts on goal from Granville and managed to score two goals. Nevertheless, Lidcombe performed well and scored 5 goals in the first half. There was some good defence work by **Tristan** and **Ashutosh**.

In the second half, **Sineth, Liam, Aryan,** and **Arav** took the initiative and combined to score two more goals with **Sineth** putting it in the back of the net. However Lidcombe scored four goals in response to make the final score somewhat closer than it was previously but Granville still claimed victory.

We had a good game performance from both participating teams with **Liam** (pictured right) awarded with our Player of the Match.

Well done to Granville Koalas for a great effort, we will not get too carried away just yet as we still have a lot of work to do to continually improve our football. Best wishes to the Koalas for their upcoming matches.



Coach Rushi and Harshit (filling in for Coach Anthony)



Under 9 Dolphins

A great day for soccer saw the mighty Dolphins team take on **Rydalmere FC** at home. We were without our new team members, **Joseph** and **Ajiri**, who kindly helped out the very short-staffed Koalas, so we took the field with only eight players to draw upon. But the core of this team has played together for a number of years now and, along with the new blood, we are starting to really gel as a good footballing unit.

And this was readily apparent as we scored our first ever tap in from a cross! What a pass from **Ishan** to **Jamaar** who put the cross into the back of the net in the blink of an eye. 1-0 to Granville!

Our second goal was also scored by **Jamaar** (he's going to feature a lot in the description of the goals) who was simply quicker to the ball than their goalie and poked the ball into the net. 2-0 to Granville!

What was defining our game was the passing of the ball between team mates. All of the team is getting quite accomplished at getting rid of the ball before they lose it to the opposition, but not just belting it up-field but by passing in the direction of other Granville players... just like the pros do!

Our third, fourth, and fifth goals were also scored by **Jamaar** (well done!) but in each case it was a great team effort to get the ball near the opposition box where our wonderfully clinical striker knows exactly what to do.



Jamaar scores the fourth goal of the match

Last week in our eight-goal thriller, we let in four goals which ultimately cost us the victory as we only managed to score four ourselves. This week, helped also by a formation change, our focus was much better and rarely was our goal threatened. But in the few times it was, our Player of the Match, **Ishan**, was there to pull off a goal saving tackle! Great work **Ishan**!

Jamaar was probably wondering what more he had to do to be the Player of the Match with his five goal haul, but as I explained to the team, the most impressive feat of the match was keeping the clean sheet, especially after last week's goal fest. **Ishan** also picked up two assists so he wins for a great all round performance.

Ethan and **Harsh** are our defensive enforcers and can take a large slice of the credit for the clean sheet with their effective tackles and blocks (two each). Super well done to both of you!!



Anuj, Lucas, and Troy were excellent in midfield and can all be proud of the way they helped progress the ball up the field. **Anuj** and **Lucas** are both great on the ball and regularly got past the opposition with the ball at their feet.

Troy was also great at this but also served as the team's ball scrapper, winning the ball back from the opposition and starving them of possession.

Nathan was a rock between the sticks, saving well from their two attempts at goal, and his goal kicking was excellent, invariably finding a team mate well in the opposition half.

Such was the quality of the performance, my message to the team at half time was basically 'more of the same, please.' I hope I get to enjoy saying this in each game for the rest of the season!

A big thanks to the parents for their enthusiastic support and for taking the photos you see in this report!

Coach Andy

Final Score: 5-0 to Granville Waratah



With the game finished, the smile on their faces tell the story

Under 11 Possums

In our away match against **Toongabbie Demons**, the kids had a great game and had fun. The first half was tightly contested and we entered the break with the score still tied at 0-0.

The second half saw tiring players from Granville and we ended up conceding four unanswered goals.

Still, it was a great team effort and the players displayed their endurance to play through their tiredness.

Everyone had a chance to play even though some players played their match without any training whatsoever. Even a couple of players who were sick were still interested to play.

Meya, despite picking up an injury, won the Player of the Match trophy and she was excellent in goal, yet again.

Guled made a good attempt and tried his best to win the trophy. Great effort, **Guled**!

Overall, the team needs more training and practice but all the players still did a great job.

Coach Kumar

Final Score: 4-0 to Toongabbie Demons



Under 14 Div. 3

Going in to our round 3 home game against **Wenty Waratah** we knew we had our work cut out for us as our opposition had won their first game 24-0! They were the table leaders going into the game and, with Granville second on the table, it was definitely the Match of the Round for the U14/3 division. And what a match it turned out to be!

Our boys started the first half with a full throttle, pushing forward and looking for the opening goal. Not too long after the kick-off, that it was clear Granville's intention was to

secure a win and top the table, as half way into the first half, we opened our account when **Ahmad** scored a clear cut goal.



From this point Granville had full control and pushed forward for **Ahmad** to score the second, as our midfield had full control of the game with the match largely played in Wenty's half. The team restricted the opposition chances and put two more goals away before Wenty finally got some reward with a goal from their first and only shot on target. We went into the break leading 4-1 and feeling well in control of the game.



As the second half started and with the knock-out game on the following day in mind, the Granville coach started to have more substitutions to rest the players for our match the next day, but still Granville pushed forward and the score went up to 5-1, and then 6-1.

At this stage of the match Granville eased off the throttle and went into cruise mode. Wenty took advantage and capitalized on the situation to score three goals and make the score 6-4, but **Ahmad** popped up again and secured the game with his fourth of the night and the seventh for his team, his second super hat trick in two games. Well done **Ahmad**!

A special mention should also go to our right winger **Furqan** and midfielder **Ajay** who also played and did very well.

Coach Zac

Final Score: 7-4 to Granville Waratah SFC

Under 15/Combined

For our home game against **Guildford McCredie** we were without our regular coach, and so the challenge was to perform with a different voice barking out instructions from the sideline!

Granville won our season opener 3-0 and so we looked forward to this game with a confidence that turned out not to be misplaced. The boys played a great game, displaying good skills & team work and chance finishing. They confined the play to Guildford's half for almost the full game, allowing only a few chances to the opposition.

After missing from the penalty spot, **Kamial** shrugged off his disappointment and played a key role in securing the end result of 5-0. The first half finished and the second started very well with a score from **Ahmed** who ended up with two goals for the day, and **Moey** opening a one way road he was a key player in the soiled performance win.

Let's not forget to mention **Nicki** and Shree at the back, but also pushing forward to keep Guildford under pressure the entire time. Let's also not forget his season opener, **Aaryan**, who had a great game, and **Braha** scored and made sure to put his name on the list of great performances. **Sam** in defence got every challenge and secured the win.

Overall, it was a great game with a bunch of good talented players, playing as team should play!

Coach Zac (on behalf of coach Noel)

Final Score: 5-0 to Granville Waratah SFC



All Age Men Div. 5 BLK

After the bitterness of losing the season opener, the boys trained hard for couple of weeks during the Easter break in preparation for our game against **Holroyd Rangers**.

The game was a testimony of that as the boys took control from the get go and never let up, ultimately being rewarded with an outstanding 9-0 win!

Even with a good number of clear chances missed, what stood out was **Abdullah's** goal. After dribbling his way through the lines of midfield and defence he came face to face with Holroyd's goalie who stood there in shock with how quickly their defences had been breached and couldn't stop a fine goal from a talented player!

Marc, our captain, had a great game and contributed to the score-line with a fine goal and could have had a second, only to be denied by the crossbar.

Our 'keeper, **Issam**, put in a great performance to give confidence to the boys to keep pushing forward with Luke taking full advantage with a super hat trick that was all class.

Ahmed in the defence along with **Garry** and **Desh** played a key role in keeping our back yard clean.

A great win for the team and congratulations to all involved!

Coach Zac

Final Score: 9-0 to Granville Waratah SFC



All Age Men Div. 5 WHT

We played our round 3 match versus **Toongabbie Demons** last Tuesday night at Girraween Park. We arrived to find that the grass hadn't been cut and most of the lines were gone! The referee was ready to cancel the match but the locals were given 20 minutes to mark the field. They just managed to do it in time but the lines were bent, crooked and skewed all over the place. With such an inauspicious but amusing start, the game was played in a good spirit.

It didn't take long to get into our groove with **Brad** the "Maple leaf" dominating the game in the middle together with first timer **Nathan** on his right making a good combination.

However it was the left hand flank where the magic was happening with **Moey** making excellent runs to square the ball or he pushed into the box and took some fine shots. Learning to cut back the ball back will improve our options which all the team needs to work on. The game was in control and it was only a matter of time before **Moey** bulged the net and we went in at the break 1-0.

The second half was more of the same but we lost our way towards the end of the game after scoring two more goals from **Anza** and **Nathan**. It seemed all too easy for our fullbacks who really weren't pushed but their concentration lapse allowed Toonie to take a shot that hit the cross bar. Had they scored, it would have soured our victory... which we celebrated by singing our Victory song in good cheer for the first time!

Coach Noel

Final Score: 0-3 to Granville Waratah SFC

