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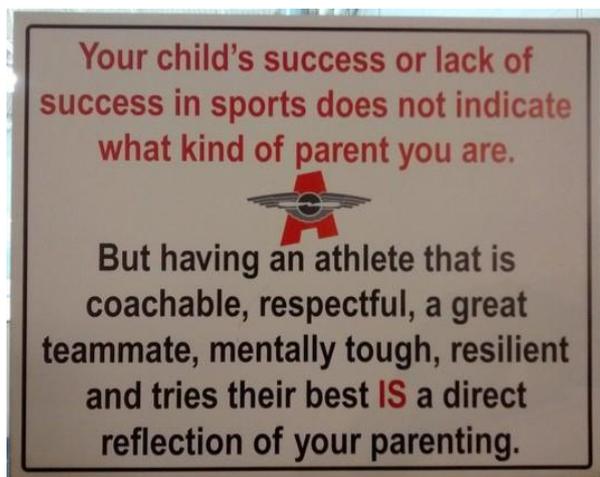
FROM THE PREZ

Well we are now officially at the half way point of the season and things are looking very good for your mighty Granville Waratah Soccer Football Club.

- Our club has cracked the 300 member mark for the first time in our 120 year history! Congratulations everyone!!
- We have more teams than ever before! (of course MiniRoos teams have less numbers)
- All our full field teams are in serious contention to make the finals and do well! Oh I never get sick of singing or hearing our club's Victory Song!
- We have many good and genuine volunteer coaches and this is reflected in the quality of teams at all levels.
- The general vibe and harmony within the club seems pretty good. I especially enjoy seeing all the great photos being sent in posted in this newsletter and or our Facebook page. It is also pleasing to know that these photos are being shared to relatives and friends all around the world!

All this is very good as our future looks strong and very promising as we will continue to grow on the back of Parramatta's construction and population boom. There will be hurdles in our journey however our biggest challenge is that collectively we continue to grow and get better as a community... in all facets of the club. That means both on the field and off it too. Let's not rest on our laurels but rather always aim to improve – so for this reason I am always approachable – as is any committee member – to listen to you, to hear your suggestions, your complaints and even better still, to hear your solutions.

Recently our sport was in the media spotlight for all the wrong reasons. Both the Canterbury and Bankstown Associations were feeling the heat of media scrutiny for very poor off field behaviour and violence. Our Association has felt that heat in the distant past, indeed so has our club, however, we have cleaned up our act substantially. I take this opportunity to remind everyone that we are a ZERO TOLERANCE CLUB. Talk is cheap and so we must follow up these words with actions.



Sport and especially soccer football can be and typically attracts very passionate participants. Passion is awesome and is what makes our sport great, but it must be kept in check! AT ALL TIMES!! Even when it may seem impossible to do!! We cannot control the behaviour of others who lose control of themselves and practice anti-social behaviour, like swearing, bullying and threats of violence - and I am not just talking about players, as was the case highlighted on radio station 2GB in the Canterbury Association, being for parents of an under 7's team!

However we *can* control ourselves. Let me repeat, we CAN control ourselves! IN OUR HOUSE IT IS OUR RULES and we are governed by a Zero Tolerance Policy. Controlling yourself is a requirement and an expectation. So, please remind yourself and our club members and parents if necessary because responding or retaliating to poor or even disgusting behaviour may be very difficult not to do but can your passionate behaviour stand the test of media scrutiny or the investigation of a policeman because breaking the law may find you in front of a judge!

Above all, let us all aim to be good sports and role models to our fellow members and other clubs... that's the Waratah Way!!!



RESULTS FROM ROUND 9

Another great result from the latest round of games. This is the third week running where the club's teams have won more games than were lost. Great work Granville Waratah SFC!

A special mention to the **Under 9 Dolphins** who are on a five match undefeated streak, winning four games and drawing one. Well done team!

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

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 reports and photos to: secretary@granvillewaratah.com.au

All previous newsletters are available from the club website via this link:

<http://granvillewaratah.com/wp/newsletters/>

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**, but this week there was no clear winner so it goes unrewarded. But special mention goes to the **Under 10 Dolphins** for a great account of their foggy day out. Thanks to **From the Sidelines** for sending it in!

The **Under 9 Wombats** win the Photos of the Round purely for the picture of our first ever four-legged supporter! Thanks to **Coach Mike** for sending it in!

VACANT CLUB POSITIONS

The following positions are currently available and any help would be hugely appreciated. These positions are:

CANTEEN MANAGER: The role includes organising food to sell, preparing and running the canteen on match days. The manager will work with Vince (our treasurer) and offers front row seats for all games on the main field.

EQUIPMENT MANAGER: The role is basically making sure that our teams receive all relevant equipment and that they return it at the end of the season. Equipment includes jerseys, balls, cones, ball bags and anything else necessary.

WEB DESIGNER: the club would like to give its web page a fresh new look. If we have any talented web designers within the Waratah family, here is your chance to make your mark.

For all positions you will receive the whole support of the committee as well as the satisfaction of knowing that you are helping your children, their friends, team mates and your community. To volunteer, please speak to any committee member who will gladly explain more detail if necessary and/or get you started.



Under 7 Possums

It was a cold and somewhat wet morning away to **Rydalmere FC** but we were glad the game was on. The team turned up ready to go and even beat the coach this week. Well done parents and players!

This week, the team focused on two main areas and that is showing the other team how we can dribble and practicing our passing game. I am very proud to say the team did outstanding in both these areas.

Moksha, Yash, Savya and **Farhan** were first to go on the field. **Moksha** made an outstanding weaving dribble in the opponents half. He weaved past two players and almost made it all the way to the opponent's goal. **Yash** made several passes to players in space which was great to see. **Yash** has been paying attention during training and trying his best but also practicing in his own time I am sure. **Farhan** was once again one of the best tacklers on the field and made lots of interceptions this game. **Savya** was very enthusiastic in his play and made some good dribbles too.



Nicholas and **Rose** came on next. **Rose** wins the award for most happy player of the team this week as she ran her socks off all game and was not afraid to tackle the bigger players in the other team. **Nicholas** once again showed just how brave he is playing with the bigger kids and doesn't shy away from a challenge.

This week the player of the match award went to the whole team. I was very happy with the way we are improving to play as a team each week as we learn to play the game. Good work team!

Coach Michael

Under 9 Dolphins

A match to always look forward to is a visit to Progress Park, the home of **Auburn District**, who was our match opponents on the weekend. The fields are always in good nick, and the canteen is well-staffed and stocked with all the goodies under the sun. Auburn District is also proud of their footballing heritage and coaching abilities and their supporters are boisterous and passionate so teams can usually expect a tough but exciting match down at the Wellington Street grounds.

We were without **Joseph** and **Siddhant** for the match and so the question was: could the team pull off similar heroics to last week where both aforementioned players were instrumental in our great come-from-behind win? The answer was yes, yes they could.

In a very pleasing and dominant display, the team attacked from the first whistle and didn't let up until near the end when we did coast a bit after securing the result. An improved feature of the team's play is players getting into good second ball positions. When our attacks break down, increasingly, there's someone following up from behind to help keep the momentum going forward. **Ishan** in particular has picked up this very useful knack of being in the right place at the right time and showed this off a number of times during the match. **Ishan** also always looks like he's run a marathon when he's subbed off which is how this coach wants the rest of the team to look like, instead of the pristine faces devoid of sweat that sometimes come off the field! Great effort and good job, **Ishan**!



Jamaar strides towards goal, is he going to score?



Yes, yes he is!

Our first goal came courtesy of a nice long range strike from **Anuj**, who was remarkably calm after his shot dipped under the cross bar and into the goal. **Anuj**, you've only just put your team into the lead, let's have a celebration! Everyone loves a good goal celebration, in fact, our goal celebrations in general have been a little flat and uninteresting of late. This is something I intend to remedy at our next training session with a goal celebration tournament to find the best one!



The body language of the Auburn District player says it all as he watches Anuj's shot fly into the goal!

Nathan scored our second goal, a spectacular effort from a corner that went in with the unfortunate help of the Auburn goalie, and **Jamaar** scored our third, assisted by **Lucas** after some good play by the team.

Ajiri volunteered to go into goals for the second half and did an excellent job for his first ever try with the goalie gloves as the team benefited greatly from **Ajiri's** big kicks out of defence.

Ethan and **Harsh** were again excellent defensive enforcers and were a large part of the reason the team won. But I wish more players would think of the Defender position as worthy of their notice because if **Harsh** or **Ethan** gets sick, who's going to defend our goal?



The team got a bit complacent towards the end when we let in what was probably Auburn's only decent shot on goal but the result was never in doubt and the team is now on a five match undefeated streak.

Good times!

Coach Andy

Final Score: 3 – 1 to Granville Waratah SFC

Under 9 Wombats

I have written a lot of pages full of reports about our games. I believe some of the parents and players read them. Sometimes less is more. I would like to make this one very short.

We won! We won again!

This time we have played against a stronger **Greystanes FC** side and yet we have managed to secure a 1-0 win. Great goalkeeping by **Naitik**, solid defensive formation lead by **Mali** with **Rhithik** and **Cassie** doing a perfect job cutting the opposition counter attacks off. **Matylda** and **Tanmay** were fast and in control in the midfield and **Aarav** and **Srivardhan** were dangerous in attack exchanging perfect passes.

Rutva (pictured right) was our captain for a second game in a row and once again he had led the team to a win. This time he was also one of the strongest links and has made some crucial defensive blocks and interceptions. He was awarded the Most Improved Player of the Game award. Well done **Rutva**!

We danced the Macarena again and if we continue playing as a team we may have to think of a new dance!

Well done Wombats Under 9s!

Coach Mike

Final Score: 1 – 0 to Granville Waratah SFC



Under 10 Possums, round 8, Saturday 1st June

In our game against **Toongabbie Demons** we played well but we lost 6-1.

Congratulations to **Zabian** (on the left) and **Dhairya** (on the right) for being the Players of the Match.

Coach Cetin

Final Score: 6 – 1 to Toongabbie Demons



Under 10 Possums, round 9, Saturday 8th June

In our game against **Greystanes FC** the team was looking good even though we lost 10-0. Well done to **Janai** for preventing more goals from being scored!

The team played very well but we need to practice kicking the ball out of our half!

Congratulations to **Rudar** (on the right) and **Rayan** (on the left)!

Also, a big thank you goes to our manager **Vita** for her wonderful help and also to the parents for your support and encouragement for the kids.

Coach Cetin

Final Score: 0 – 10 to Greystanes FC



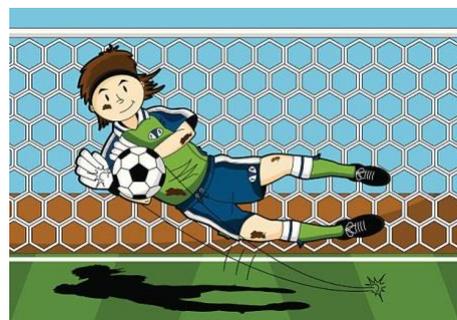
Under 10 Dolphins

In a Fog of Confusion – A Tale of Two Halves – With an 8:30am kick off at Ted Burge Sportsground, Merrylands, headlights sought to break through a thick hanging fog. Ends of roads could not be seen. Middles of roads could not be seen. A way through could not be seen... And so was the case for the Under 10 Dolphins Waratah boys as they faced off against **Wenty Waratah** – a way through, could not be seen.



In the first half, in a fog of confusion, Granville could not find their feet, nor their place, on the field. Wenty had two razor sharp strikers, who continued to penetrate our defence, and continued to punch shots at goals into the net with precision. Our heroic goalie, and player of the match, **Hrrishi**, put in an outstanding non-stop effort to reduce that number as best as possible. “What a goalie!” was even exclaimed by Wenty’s sideline supporters. At half time, it was 5 – 0 down for our Waratahs.

Again, as is the case with our boys, they turned themselves around and switched themselves on to full throttle. The second half reading a 1 – 1 score line; a stark contrast to the first half, with the final match score 6 to 1 to Wenty. As the fog lifted from the field in the second half, so had Granville’s inability to see a way through... Unfortunately, their epiphany came too late. (Put it into the first half too, boys. That’ll be the key you’re looking for lately).



Hrrishi earned his Player of the Match smile with every move he made throughout the entire game. We had two new additions to the team on the field – thanks for coming and joining in, boys. There was **Tom** – eager and full of energy. And there was **Adee** – a return player to the side, putting our one and only goal in. Welcome back, **Adee**!

Dhruv found a new groove in defence, tackling every opponent in his sights. **Ethan, Angus,** and **Frank** all busted their guts as best they could to try to make things happen with attacks on goals. **Saharsh, Deon,** and **Aryan** demonstrated resilience and endurance against a strong game of attack from the Wenty Waratahs.

We missed some players this week; we missed some opportunities – hopefully we hit our rhythm and stride together again soon.

Coach Steve

Coach's Player of the Match: **Hrrishi**

Report by **From the Sidelines**

Final Score: 6 – 1 Wenty Waratah



Under 11 Possums

The team is back to winning ways with an outstanding win against **Merrylands SFC** in our home match on the weekend.

We saw great defence from **Ali** who scored a goal while carrying an injury from earlier in the game. Indeed, for the whole game **Ali** displayed strong will power and he never gave up.

Zach, our team's Messi, scored a hat-trick of goals with his great talent and skill on the ball. Well done **Zach!**

Meya was again fantastic in goals, keeping a clean sheet and launching some of the attacks with great throws and big kicks.



Shivvesh, Sebastian, Saksham, Guled, Aryan, Prabhnoor, Nilay, Shrey, and **Deshaun** were all pillars of strength for the team with great all round defending and some good passes forward.

Coach Kumar

Coach's Players of the Match: **Ali, Zach, Meya,** and **Aryan**

[Click here for a video of the team celebrating their win](#)

Final Score: 4 – 0 to Granville Waratah SFC



Under 15/Combined

Our match against **Dundas United** was a game of two halves where we were taught a valuable lesson for the rest of the season. The boys were cruising in the first half despite **Rishabh** and **Moey** not playing. **Hesam** covered admirably in goals as he still cannot run or kick with his bad ankle. Dundas did not really trouble us nor present us with any dangerous situations as our defence line was strong, meanwhile we were dominating at the other end of the field. From a corner **Omar** scored a goal and later in the first half **Ahmed** scored another. Going into half time 2-0 and looking to do more of the same in the second half.

Unfortunately nobody told Dundas!

To their credit they came out hungry and determined to put their best foot forward. They moved the ball around the park well and we went to sleep in patches. They were applying pressure and getting into our 18 yard box, then **Sam** bumped into their attacker and gave away a very soft penalty. They scored and became hungrier. We lost our composure for a bit and just long enough for them to have the ball bounce around in front of the goal mouth and gifted them an easy header to score a goal. It was now 2-2 with less than 10 minutes to play. Now we decided to wake up.

We pushed hard for a winning but with **Ahmed** sending his shots wide and **Tommy** sliding his kick in front of goal, we missed opportunity to score and win. At full time Dundas felt they had won, we felt we had lost. It was a feeling the boys will use to inspire and motivate for the rest of the season.

