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FROM THE PREZ

We live in a digital and electronic age that we should embrace, but sometimes the good old fashioned things are still very good...and often the best. Please allow me to explain.

Our children would struggle to understand the concept that we grew up with, of taking a photograph with a camera (as opposed to with a phone), then taking the roll of film out of the back of the camera and waiting a few days to get the film processed at a specialty photo processing shop – sometimes we even took the film to our local chemist to get the film processed – remember that?! Heck do our children even know what film is?!

Then we would share the photographs around with family and friends the old fashioned way – by hand. Now of course it is all done by, text, Facebook, Messenger, Snapchat, Instagram, WhatsApp, Viber, Air drop and a million other social media apps.

Gone are the days when it was common to go to the family closet and open up the family photograph album to see some old cherished memories.



Now it as all changed! Now we live in a selfie world where photographs are scattered across cyber space. I lament at how many wonderful memories are being lost and how our children, their children and generations thereafter will not have the opportunity to handle old photographs and share the memories of today. I lament that in age of Instagram and Snapchat, memories are viewed once and then forgotten about as we move on to the next selfie image. When I grew up we cherished film and photographs because there was a cost involved and so they were not so readily disposed of. Today taking a snap and sharing it is free.

So why I am sharing this? Because this Saturday it is Team Photograph Day. I believe it is very important, like your school class photographs, to keep them and cherish them and not just take it for granted. These are your history that future generations can discover.

In recent years I have by default become the club and Association's historian as I have delved deep to discover and write our histories. We are fortunate enough to have Australia's FIRST Olyroo play for our club

– Bill Henderson. He is the goal keeper in this 1946 team photograph and he played goal keeper in the Melbourne Olympic team in 1956. He once told me to keep all photographs and to keep everything, they are all precious memories.

When he gave me his team photograph I was thrilled with excitement. So imagine just how thrilled I was to find this very old photograph in the archives of Parramatta City Library. It is the oldest photograph I can find after our Association was formed in 1900. This photograph is of the Granville Magpie team from 1902!

Now imagine someone looking at your 2020 team photograph in the year 2120. So to afford your future family generations the opportunity to discover their history, please make sure you attend the team photograph day and order your team photograph.

Noel Dona,
Club President.



FROM THE SECRETARY

Photography Day – Please see below and take note of the time your team is scheduled for their photo shoot. The times have been designed around the time your team is playing **this Saturday**. There is not much room to accommodate teams that arrive late, so *please* ensure you are on time!

Team	Arrive Time	Photo Time	Comment	Game Time
10 Wombats	8:10	8:20	Before home game	9:00
08 Possums	8:20	8:30	Before AWAY game	9:20
08 Koalas	8:30	8:40	Before home game	9:00
06 Wombats	8:40	8:50	Before home game	9:00
12 Div.4	8:50	9:00	Before AWAY game	10:05
08 Wombats	9:00	9:10	Before home game	9:50
07 Possums	9:10	9:20	Before home game	9:50
14 Div.3	9:20	9:30	Before home game	10:00
10 Koalas	9:30	9:40	Before home game	10:00
07 Koalas	9:40	9:50	Before AWAY game	10:50
06 Possums	9:50	10:00	After AWAY game	8:30
10 Dolphins	10:00	10:10	After AWAY game	8:30
09 Wombats	10:10	10:20	Before home game	10:40
11 Koalas	10:20	10:30	Before home game	11:00
12 Div.3	10:30	10:40	Before AWAY game	11:20
09 Koalas	10:50	11:00	Before home game	11:30

RESULTS FROM ROUND 09

A pretty bad day at the office for the club, we collectively registered our worst result for the season. Our mighty U12/3s suffered their first defeat and some other teams also came unstuck with poor results stemming from indifferent performances (I'm looking at you U10 Dolphins). Still, most if not all of our full field teams should feature in the upcoming finals. Go Granville Waratah SFC!

Age Group Div.	Home Team	Home Score	Away Score	Away Team
08 Koalas	Greystanes FC	1	2	Granville Waratah SFC
08 Possums	Holroyd Rangers	2	4	Granville Waratah SFC
08 Wombats	Pendle Hill FC	3	0 (f)	Granville Waratah SFC
09 Koalas	Greystanes FC	3	0	Granville Waratah SFC
09 Wombats	Granville Waratah SFC			Bye
10 Dolphins	Granville Waratah SFC	2	4	Auburn District
10 Koalas	Granville Waratah SFC	12	1	Toongabbie Demons
10 Wombats	Auburn FC	2	1	Granville Waratah SFC
11 Koalas	Lidcombe Waratah	6	1	Granville Waratah SFC
12 Div. 3	Wentworthville Uniting	4	0	Granville Waratah SFC
12 Div. 4	Lidcombe CSC	Match	Postponed	Granville Waratah SFC
14 Div. 3	Pendle Hill FC	1	1	Granville Waratah SFC
AAM Div. 4	Granville Kewpies	0	2	Granville Waratah SFC
Premier League Res.	Guildford County	1	1	Granville Waratah SFC
Premier League 1sts	Guildford County	1	4	Granville Waratah SFC

MATCH REPORTS

We publish 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.

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**, this week the **Under 8 Possums** team for another great report, thanks to coach **Anthony** for submitting it.

Under 8 Possums – Featured Match Report

Our team had the luxury of a sleep in this week as we faced **Holroyd Rangers** for a 10:30am kick-off at their Guildford West home ground. We knew we had to be on our game as when we first met in Round 2 it was an exciting encounter which saw us come from 3 nil down to win the match with a heart-stopping goal in the last few minutes to finish 5-4 ahead in a thriller.

Sineth got us going with a positive start after netting an early goal in just under 3 minutes of play. We enjoyed a good amount of ball in our possession, but Holroyd was making it difficult for us to advance up the field without a fight. **Tristan** was busy down the left-side, putting plenty of pressure on the opposition and linking up with his teammates with a few very effective one-two passing moves. However, it was Holroyd who were next to score with a breakaway run and an accurate strike on goal.

Granville were quick to respond shortly after when **Sayan** got into some clear space to find himself with a one-one-one with the keeper which he converted with his usual clinical finish.

Both teams continued to battle hard to gain ascendancy, with our boys having a few more chances on goal, but after failing to clear the ball effectively in defense, it was Holroyd who were next to add to their score by responding in numbers to take advantage of the error to hit back and level things up.

Then, just before the break, our play of the day saw some good work down the right side of the field with **Sineth** in possession, when a loud call for the ball from **Zoran** could be heard by all as he stood in perfect position, unmarked in the goal square. **Sineth** responded with a timely pass, which **Zoran** put away with great composure and ease.

At the halftime break there was plenty to like about our play, particularly the passing and calling between players. With the slope of the field and wind in our favour in the second half, the only tactic I wanted the players to adopt was some bigger clearances out of our danger zone in order to take advantage of the conditions and turn our defense into attack more effectively.



Adnan and Zoran close in



Adnan defending in style

Adnan began stepping up his efforts in defense, chasing hard after the ball and working in tandem with **Bijad** to shut down any potential danger from Holroyd. The longer the game went on, the better were became at exiting our own half, making full use of **Liam, Ashutosh** and **Yaseen** in support out wide.

Holroyd were not letting up either and despite our efforts there were very few opportunities for us to increase our score and create a safe buffer. Instead it was Holroyd who came close to scoring next with a powerful kick on target at close range, but **Tristan** was equal to the challenge with a brilliant save in goals getting both hands on the ball, much to the relief and joy of all the parents watching on the sideline. The tension began to increase as time went by, knowing that one mistake from our team, one lapse in concentration



Team mates Yaseen and Bijad

and our slim lead would vanish. However, the energy levels from our team was still high and watching **Mehaan** race back to cover in defense demonstrated to me that the players were still switched on and still wanted to win this game.

With the score unchanged from halftime, the last few minutes saw parents and players alike willing the ball into the goals one last time. All of the Granville players then pressed forward in a final team effort to ambush the Holroyd goal, when eventually **Sayan** had enough of a gap to get a clear shot which hit the right post, ricocheted off the back of the keeper and into the goal, resulting in loud spontaneous screams and cheers, followed by the full time whistle.

Another pleasing match to watch from our team and another well deserved result. **Tristan** was a clear and obvious choice for our Player of the Match award this week due to his excellent effort and team play in the first half, followed by an impressive performance in goals with a memorable save to keep the opposition scoreless in the second half. Way to go **Tristan** and well-done team!



Tristan is POTM

Coach Anthony

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

Final Score: 2 – 4 to Granville Waratah SFC

Under 7 Koalas

We played against **Rydalmere FC** on the weekend... with only three players! Still, the team didn't forfeit as the kids wait for Saturdays to play soccer and enjoy and only in the morning we knew we had only 3 players.

Though our opponent had the advantage of the number (4 players on the field) and 4 subs ,and though we were playing at their homeground our 3 little musketeers really played well!

Arjun scored the only two goals for us; **Roy** showed great defending and **Shrey** was awesome!

The final result was a win for Rydalmere but I am still proud of our koalas and the effort they put in this game.

We took a decision to train even more and learn more skills for next games and next season as we are motivated to play as a team: 'All for one and one for all'.



Coach Victor



Under 10 Dolphins

We were up against **Auburn District** on the weekend, not a match the team was looking forward to, based upon our experiences the last time out. And from our performance on the field and the result of the game, I think it had an effect. Also, the players were very disjointed in their play – too many individual efforts that didn't result in a pass to a team mate when attacking – and way too much ball watching and not enough marking of players in defence.

We were never ahead on the scoreboard and once we were two goals down, Auburn didn't lose their two goal buffer. We did see two goals on the day, from **Nathan** and **Elijah**, but there was little else to get excited about. Well, we can get a bit excited about our goals – both well taken solo efforts (see below for Elijah's effort) – but each goal was a consolation and for this team it's a strange feeling to have.

The players are a little over-confident at the moment and we saw that in some good dribbles by players desperate to get up the field but they need support when they do this and we mainly failed to support. This is all valuable experience while we are still a miniroos team but we need to get this right before we can play full field.

Coach Andy

Final Score: 2 – 4 to Auburn District



Under 11 Koalas

It was a very frustrating match against **Lidcombe Waratah**. The first half was a very good exciting, tense, up and down, back and forth contest. Every player made a valuable contribution and although we were down 0-1 at half time, the boys could be and should be very proud of their efforts – I was!

The second half started well and was a continuation of the first half until **Deon** copped a hard knee injury and was taken off the field. Such was the closeness in the match, that being down one player made all the difference. It was all one sided after that and even though Player of the Match Arianne managed to score a nice goal, it really was one way traffic – unfortunately the wrong way.

Losing this match wasn't the disappointing thing for me, as we have lost before, it was the way we lost. For the first time this season the boys look defeated. Their shoulders dropped and the fighting spirit was missing. I am not certain why, but we will regroup and hopefully return to the fighting spirit this weekend.

Coach Noel

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

Final Score: 6 – 1 to Lidcombe Waratah

