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Important Club Dates

JUN-2010	RTO Meeting
29-30 MAY-2010	Team Photos
22-AUG-2010	Gala Day

NEWS HEADLINES

URGENT - Canteen Manager Required

Pia, who has been a fabulous canteen manager, will be finishing up in August leaving us without anyone to run this facility. Our canteen is an important part of our fund raising efforts and we can't live without it. Full training will be provided but we need a volunteer to come forward NOW so you'll have enough time to share in Pia's wisdom.

Sydney FC visit

Our apologies to all the children and parents that turned up on Wednesday night. We were informed very very late that due to illness no would be coming. We will go back to Sydney FC and ask about another time. We'll let you know how we go.

Team Photos

RTOs have now received envelopes to collect money for the team photos, being taken on 29-30 May. If you are yet to receive yours, please contact Mark Goldsmith.

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Gala Day

A Gala day is planned for August 22. We'll have more information once the date is confirmed with the association.

Newsletter Mailing List

All RTOs and parents with known email addresses will be contacted about being added to the newsletter distribution. Look out for this message arriving soon.

MATCH REPORTS - ROUND 5

8th May | 6 Bear 5 Bexley North vs 6 Bear 1 Bexley North

Our starting four had a slow start, allowing the Bear 1's to have an early goal. **Miki** was excellent in defence holding off many a spirited run or a desperate scrabble in from of the goals to keep the Bear 1's from scoring any further. **Zak** and **Luis** were constantly holding off attacks and it was great to see **Zak** so much a part of the action this week. **Ali E** took a big fall, landing head first on the ball, but he quickly dusted himself off just before the half time whistle.

A quick start to the second half saw some good tackling and a valiant attempt at goal by **Luis**. **Ali E** was involved in nearly every tackle with **Marco** constantly chasing the opposition down. Bear 1's scored 2 goals in quick succession and although we remained scoreless, both Bexley North teams had a great morning game.

Thanks go to Zak's dad for volunteering to referee.

Parent: *Eva*

8th May | U7 Lion 5 Bexley North vs ASOW

Abbass was away for all of the day and **Liam** was unwell... well, I thought it was going to be hell. Five on the field with no subs, this was going to be difficult. Against an ASOW team that looked fresh and ready to pounce.

The whistle blew and it was all on. I had complete faith in the boys abilities. With unwavering determination and strong spirit they were able to keep the score at one - nil against them going into the second half.

Tired, thirsty and somewhat defeated they picked themselves up, soldiered on and were able to score in the second half a minute out from full time. As far as I was concerned they were heroes

As coach I'd like to think it was the pre-match pep talk that made all the difference, but I know it was the spirit within each one of our Lions that forged this great result under the circumstances.

Hip Hip Hooray!

Coach: *Carlo*

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8th May | U9B Bexley North (0) vs San Souci (2)

It was the field we played our first game of the season on and won that game. We were looking to do the same this game. Unfortunately it wasn't to be.

In the first half, **Alexander** was at the back and defended the ball. **Angelo** was always going for the ball and kicking well. **Christopher K** and **Christian** did a great job passing the ball around. **Christopher K** tried to score a goal but unfortunately missed. Better luck next time. **Max** was his usual self running everywhere, attacking and defending the ball. **Matthew** was our goalkeeper for the first half and tried really hard to defend the goals. **Eric** did a great job in the wings. He was right in it, even trying to score. **George P** was passing very well and also tried to score but missed. Keep it up. **Marissa** was on fire today, I think the other boys from Sans Souci didn't know what hit them. She was attacking them, taking the ball off them and passing to our team. **John** and **Athan** did a fantastic job defending the backs. **Athan** had some powerful kicks out of goals. **George K** was running and passing great today. The backs were doing a good job trying to keep the ball out of goals.

Then in the second half, **Alexander** was in goals and did some great saves. **Christopher G** did some good throw-ins, up over their heads and later tried to score a goal. **Christian** tried for a goal from the sideline but missed.

It was a good, friendly game. The boys played really well and all did a good job. Next time we just need the ball to go in the net for us. The player of the match was **Marissa**.

Parent: *Rosa*

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8th May | U11A Bexley North (2) vs Carss Park (0)

Victory has never tasted so good after Bexley North came home with their first win of the season! And they did it in radiant style. Our team dominated play during the first half. They stuck to their game plan - get to the ball first and put pressure on the opposing team. It seemed as though everything came together for the boys on Saturday. All were at their best, and the team threw everything they had at Carss Park. Whatever the parents put in their breakfast that morning, please keep doing it! Our goals were scored by **Nikita** from two free kicks. They were aimed high and into the corner, taking advantage of the full-size goals the 11's have been graced with this season. Our defence line was almost unbreakable, giving Carss Park little opportunity to add points to the scoreboard. Our mid-fielders stood firm in their positions, looking for opportunities to make a break, and passing the ball to the forwards to complete the attack. It became obvious now on the field - the boys are calling for the ball, they're looking for unmarked players, and they're not afraid to being more aggressive with the ball. But the game wasn't over yet.

The second half saw Carss Park come back stronger and on the attack. They knew they had some work to do if they were to make something of this game. After some encouraging words by our coach at the break, the boys continued to defend strongly against the renewed enthusiasm displayed by their opponents. There was some classic passing from the left and from the right into the in-goal area, followed through with some headers and foot touches by our boys which just missed the goal. This kept on-lookers entertained and on their feet the entire 50 minutes. Worthy of particular note was our keeper, **John**, who saved many attempts at goal, and keeping the final score line at the full time whistle. Congratulations to the team on a great win and a most enjoyable game!

Manager: *Anthony Spata*



8th May | U10B Oatley RSL (0) vs Bexley North (5)

Our players were in fine spirits coming into the match. It was pleasing to see our players adopting the match techniques they learnt at training. Some brilliant skills from **Walid** (perfect cross) and **Ziko** (back kick) was fantastic to watch which almost led to a goal.

Fantastic goals from **Tarek** (3), **Walid** from half way (1) and a power shot out side the box from **Michael** (1) were brilliant. There were plenty of more goals on offer but we didn't take them. Our defense played well trapping the ball properly using their head (literally), chest and feet. I didn't see any monkey swings in the match unless I had my back turned at the time.

This week I will be watching closing if anyone does the monkey swing.

Overall pleased with how our players performed! We have a tough match next week in Kogarah Waratahs, and I am sure our players will turn up and play to the best of their ability! Well done everyone and keep it up!

Coach: *John Verteouris*

8th May | U12C Bexley North (0) vs Banksia (8)

Playing one of the top teams didn't phase us or discourage in anyway. Great team work is happening along with great passes. **Thomas** did some top defending with **Philip** who also did some great chasing. **Nathan** doing a top job in goals with support from **Cameron** in clearing the ball and took the game up to their half for a change. **Jonathan** and **Cameron** were confusing Banksia with passes around them. A couple of great clears from **Alexander** certainly helped in putting the ball in the right places. Excellent pressure from **Evan** didn't make it easy for them. A handball resulting in a goal from a penalty took them to 0-2. **Sebastian** showed some good pressure and fighting spirit. A rebound off one of their players backs resulted in a bounce into our goal. **James** was excellent in protecting the goal and clearing but another handball from us resulted in another goal. They seem to be getting a lot of penalties these guys. Bexley North were not giving up. A couple of great big boots from **Brandon** kept the game interesting. A good job from **Anthony** in protecting the goal while **Andrew** kept hassling the players just to make it difficult for them. With all the pushing and pulling shirts these guys were doing, it's not hard to see why Banksia Tigers were on top of the ladder. Game ending in 0-8 in Banksia's favour.

Assistant coach: *George Vass*

8th May | U12B Bexley North (4) vs Forest Rangers (4)

The game started off fast and you could see we were going to have a closely fought game as neither team seemed to be dominant. **Michael** again scored the first goal from a beautiful corner kick in from **Hassan** which got everyones spirits up. It was such a closely fought game that as soon as one team scored the other team responded immediately. The goal scorers this week were **Michael** (2), **Chris P** (1) and **Hassan** (1) so again the work load was shared. We had many opportunities but could not capitalise on them but we definitely had many chances to break the deadlock. **George** and **Jordan** both did some very good kicking from the wing into the middle but were unlucky not too connect with one of the guys to score.

The defence were kept very busy this week and I think it was the first game this year that we were truly put under constant pressure. I have to say that the heat probably contributed to it being a tough game and the fast pace left a few of the boys tired at the end.

Zac again did some brilliant saves in goal which was lucky as it ended up being a draw at the end. **Josh** and **Johnathon** ran hard to stop fast breaks and **Ali** as usual did some great clearances to relieve the pressure. **Attila**, **Josh** and **Chris K** backed up the defence in midfield when it was really needed so the work load was evenly spread.

Parent: *Jennifer*



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9th May | U14G Carss Park B (1) vs Bexley North B2 (3)

This match was a tough one. Even though our girls dominated most of the match it was nil all at half time and Carss were capable of snatching the game from us. In the first half our goalie never touched the ball because most of the game was played in the oppositions half. We just couldn't find the back of the net.

In the second half we started to play as a unit again. The all important passing out wide started and this changed the complexion of the game.

Thanks to **Zac**, he successfully negotiated with the Federal Government to roll out the new high speed broadband lines in the second half. The communication between players improved! **Eleni** was waving her arms signalling directions to the players from the back which was excellent. These are attributes that cannot be taught and come natural to players. The skill of **Fatia** in the middle combined with the speed of **Alexandra** up front and the persistence and gutsy performance of **Sarah** proved too much for Carss Park. Some saves from **Lauren**, **Eleni** and **Christina** in the back could have told a different story if they were not there.

Carss Park is a strong team in our competition and will be a threat in the second round. Anyway, you should all be proud of yourselves! You all played well.

As promised, **Themí** is shouting you to lunch at the Elvis Presley and James Dean Boulevard which is at St Peters, for playing so well over the last 5 rounds. Elvis and James, eat your heart out! Here come the might of the **Bexley North Bombers!**

We have a bye next week you all deserve a break!

Coach: *Themí Kalathas*

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9th May | U18G Connells Point (0) vs Bexley North (5)

One o'clock might not have been the perfect time for a kick off on Mother's Day though the girls did put a smile on their Mum's faces with a convincing five goal win at Poulton Park. This was one of the best performances this year, with the team playing for each other and with positive attacking football. Possession practice appears to be paying off with some fine passing and running keeping the ball from the opposition. The defensive line was resolute in their task with **Melissa G** and **Emily** not giving forwards an inch to move. It was **Cailyn's** corner that was put away by **Alissar** to open the scoring, and **Alissar's** through ball set **Zainab** away for a one-on-one with the keeper which **Zainab** did not miss. **Tara** played excellently throughout and her left foot switch of play that was confidently thumped over the Connells midfield to **Cailyn** on the right wing was surely the pass of the game. **Manale** showed her enthusiasm throughout though was unfortunately yellow carded by the strict referee. **Fatima**, **Sarah** and **Alissar** all created chances to score though it was **Zainab** who scored seemingly from nowhere to put the girls 3 up. **Natalie Murray** then showed great concentration and courage in scoring with a fine header from within a crowded penalty area from **Cailyn's** pinpoint corner. **Mikaela** had played with great promise in goal, always athletic and showing improving positional play and with **Ellen** having played energetically down the left she volunteered to let **Mikaela** out of goal to rampage around the defensive line. Captain for the day **Natalie Martens** had shown excellent link play with her neat passing and a lay off was timed perfectly for **Zainab** to run on to and score her hat-trick.

Coach: *Mark*

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9th May | AAWA Bexley North (2) vs Forest Rangers (0)

At last!! A home game on the hallowed turf at Kingsgrove. As usual with minutes before kickoff, the late comers were depleting any sanity the coach (and manager!) may have had left in trying to field a team for kick off.

The game started out in typical style expected from both teams, entertaining, fast and furious. Even though the Rangers have not won a game or scored a goal this season, it was obvious they were not to be messed around with. Clever passing from both teams and some good goal keeping managed to see the game move from end to end with many opportunities going astray.

The Bombers managed to create many goal opportunities only to see their shots being parried by an eager defence and fine goal keeping by the Rangers. Some clever ball play saw the forwards constantly attacking the goal and before long a well placed pass saw **Melinda** scoop onto the ball and rifle the ball into the back of the net. To their credit, the Rangers did not falter and the Bombers had to keep on their toes, aware that the single goal would not be enough against a highly motivated Rangers side.

Before half time, **Emily** produced one of her trade mark shots from a free kick and placed the ball into the top of the net after curling it over the defending wall to take the Bombers to a 2 nil lead.

The Bombers started the second half exactly where they left off at half time, attacking the Rangers goal. They managed to hold the Bombers at bay denying them many opportunities to increase their score. The team played well and backed each other with our latest recruit **Patricia** fitting in well, playing a strong game in defence.

Many of the Rangers counter attacks were stopped by some fine defending from **Lorraine, Jessica** and **Tully**. The Rangers were determined to score but the Bombers were equally determined to keep them scoreless. A disallowed goal for the Bombers and some desperate defending from the Rangers saw the game end with a 2 - nil victory.

Overall, it was a highly entertaining game, played in good spirits and friendly atmosphere. The Bombers had to earn their victory today and remain equal second on the table with Kogarah. Next week the ladies take on the undefeated Connells Point team. Watch this space!

Team Manager: *Peter*

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MATCH REPORTS FROM ROUND 4

1st May | U12B Bexley North (7) vs Lugarno (0)

The boys were in the zone today and it showed with lots of enthusiasm and energy on the field. They were quickly rewarded with **Michael** scoring the first goal of the match which was directly due to excellent team work with passing up the field starting from the defenders, through the mid field and then onto **Michael** to complete. Probably the number of goals scored by many of the guys - **Hassan** (2), **George** (3), **Michael** (1), **Attila** (1) - showed the great teamwork for the day. Assisting a goal is as important as scoring the goal and was reflected in how many people scored. I have to say that **Jordan** ran like a rocket all game and was valuable in feeding into the goal to enable scoring opportunities.

However, goals can only be scored if the defence is good and this was indeed what happened. **Jared** and **Zak** shared the goal keeping duties and both worked tirelessly to keep them scoreless. **Zac** made a brilliant save in that he had to dive on the ball twice to stop them scoring with no thought of his own safety. **Johnathon** and **Barra** were kept busy all game and backed each other up on the field. **Ali** again was the rock in defence and his kicking game was fantastic with some exceptional clearances under great pressure.

This match was a good team game and highlighted how well they are coming together in working as a unit.

Parent: *Jennifer*

Rounds 1 - 5 Summary | U11C Bexley North

The U11C have had a great start to the season, they have successfully won 4 out of 5 matches played so far. This team has gelled together well and there is a great team spirit. Summing up the games so far -

Round 1 - ASOW (2) vs Bexley North (3)

Our first game for the season. The team was a little sluggish, we don't like the early starts, but nonetheless played a great game and pulled it off. Some strong play in midfield from **Orcun** and **Hassan**. The goals were scored by **Harrison N**, **Harrison M** and **Kosta**. Our newest player to the team, **Anthony**, played in the forwards and came close to scoring his first goal. Keep up the good work **Anthony**.

Round 2 - Bexley North (2) vs Kogarah Waratahs (0)

With some minor adjustments to player positions following the first game, we were set a real challenge as Kogarah gave us a run for our money and kept the team on their toes the whole time. The new defensive unit and excellent goal keeping from **Sam** kept a good team scoreless. Both goals were scored by **Daniel**, the second one a goal Wayne Rooney would be proud of, however it must be noted that this was a real team effort.

Round 3 - Rockdale Raiders (1) vs Bexley North (5)

Great team work from all players particularly from **Hassan** in the center of defense. He has settled in to his new role well, clearing the danger with big kicks out to the wings from which we scored one of our goals. Goals scored by **Harrison N**, **Orcun**, **Daniel** and **Kosta**. The last one from **Kosta** came from almost half way. David Beckham could not have done better

Round 4 - Bexley North (1) vs Sans Souci (3)

The game was all ours but they caught us 3 times on the break. We really can not wait to play them again. A competitive game however Sans Souci decided to sit back and defend. Bexley kept coming out at them but their defense held on. They caught us on the break late in the 1st half and took a lead to half time. Bexley kept coming at them in the second half keeping the ball up in Sans Souci's territory for most of this half. But as we pushed for a goal they caught us 2 more times on the break. We had several unsuccessful attempts at goal but Sans Souci stood firm in defense. **Harrison N** finally scored the goal we deserved and although we lost we are confident we can beat them next time round.

Round 5 - Hurstville Glory (0) vs Bexley North (2)

We went into this game up against the league leaders who had scored 20 goals in their first 4 games and conceded none. We knew this was going to be a tough game. A draw would have been a good result. We marked their best players well and marked their star striker out of the game. Well done **Jack**, **Michael S** and every player in the defense for a job well done. The 1st half was even but as the game went on we were looking the better team. They got frustrated that they could not break us down. The entire team played as one strong defensive unit but we also created chances. In the second half we came at them hard and 2 goals were scored by **Harrison N** and **Daniel**, with the forwards **Harrison M**, **Dion**, **Anthony** and **Mike** assisting in the set ups. Hurstville kept coming however and our defenders stood tall keeping a team that averaged 5 goals per game to nil! Everyone's name should be mentioned for an outstanding effort. **CONGRATULATIONS 11Cs**.

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