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As we near the end of the season, just a few things to remember.

- After your last game the manager will collect all the jerseys.
- Coaches please also return all the balls, bibs and cones to the manager after your last game.
- Managers, please wash all jerseys and return to Greg within 7 days of the final match, with the balls, bibs and cones.



On The Ball

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Saturday 19th August 2023

U8 White vs Greystanes FC White 1 - 0

A win to take us into the grand final! Irfan scored the only goal of the match to get us across the line. We were up against a very strong opponent who kept us on our toes the entire match and never let up. Lots of cobwebs in our game today that we didn't quite blow out. Lots of ball watching, not tackling and kick and chase instead of passing. We will work on all of this again in training. We were down 3 players on top of that. Thank you to Farhan for stepping up and filling in. Jess played wonderfully today and saved us once from a shot in front. Fantastic goalkeeping by George and an amazing effort by Neil S in goals during the second half. This is only the second time Neil has played goals and he performed extremely well. Thank you to Zayden for filling in for our defence and some good dribbling by George. Onto the grand final!

Goal scorers - Irfan Hussain 1

U9 Red vs Greystanes FC Red 2 - 0

Oh what a tough game it was with equal time spent in both sides of the field. A tough goal called by the ref early in the game, several chances at goal that needed some brunt to the shot, and a shot by our opponents hitting the goal post almost equalising the score at half time were some of the highlights of our semi finals game. Well done to the boys for getting this far. Tuesday's preliminary finals will bring back memories of last year's preliminary finals against Greystanes Black but we are ready to take them on again so bring it on!

Goal scorers: Erik Bausse 1, Obaida Oqielat 1

U9 White vs Greystanes FC Blue 1 - 0 (golden goal)

Goal scorers - Roshav Shrestha 1

U10 White vs Greystanes FC White 0 - 4

The game was a repeat of last year semi finals playing a really the best team. The team played really well in the first half and the opposing team were only able to score one goal by half time. However in the second half the team emotions got the better of them of them after the second goal and the opposing team were able to score two more goals. The team has a shot to play in the finals with a must win game on Wednesday night at 6 pm

U10 Girls

vs

Greystanes FC

1 - 0



Amazing game today!! With the incredible speed and passing from our U10s, Defence played beautifully side by side together keeping that ball away from goals so did our strikers, with Izzy scoring our opening goal!!

Can't wait for Grand Finals next week!!

Goal Scorer: Izzy Abdou 1.

U11 White

vs

Greystanes United

5 - 0

Finishing third during the normal season, saw the reality of final time hit the team today knowing a loss meant our season ended. The team took the field with a good determination. The first half was evenly matched - our attack kept pushing forward and a good corner kick from Jeremias, saw Eyad find the net for his first goal of the season. When Greystanes lost their goal keeper through injury the game shifted. The coaches talk at half time did the trick and the passes became stronger and we controlled the ball and the game. Eyad, Joachim, Jeremias and JJ were able to break the line. 4 more goals followed from Eyad, JJ and Jeremias. Our backs of Ali T, Gabby, Michael and Raph held their line strong and our midfield and wingers Emily, Owliya, Arad, Xavier and Youssef listened and gained ground down the sidelines. Johnny was strong in goals but was not challenged in the second half. Great win today to kick off our finals

Goal scorers: Eyad Beli 2, Jeremias Ezenwa-Ndukaku 2, Jabari Uno 1

U12 Red

vs OLQP Falcons White

2 - 1



Minor premiers and now grand finalists. The team maintained the tenacity that saw them lose only 1 game this season, and that was today's opponents. Right from kick off we put the pressure on and kept the ball in their half. The midfield of Nathan, Logan, Lukacs and Jayden demonstrated great team work with accurate passing and displayed how good their game can be. Our backline of Antonio, Ibrahim, Ameer, Charles, Ahmed and Ellie stopped everything they threw at us. Sebasjin played great defence as keeper, always making the right decisions. We came close to opening the scoring through Rhys, Chris and Muhammad but some nerves and good defence meant no score at half time. Our second half plan was the same, the team kept up the work rate and was awarded with a corner. A set play by Nathan, Logan and Lukacs before the game saw a brilliant corner from Nathan, that found the head of Mohammed for the first goal. The roar from our supporters was as loud, if not, louder than 75,000 people at Stadium Australia. We knew it wasn't over and had plenty of work to do. Eventually the opposition found the back of the net and tied the game. The team had to dig deep and push for a winner. Another corner opportunity saw the 3 midfielders work their magic, and again Nathan was able to get a ball in which rebounded off a defender, lucky for us it found Lukacs who managed to squeeze the ball between the keeper and the post for what is his best goal ever. Up 2-1 and held strong and played smart, keeping it simple to eventually running out the clock and taking the game. Intense game and amazing effort by the team.

POM: Jayden Moore

Scorers: Muhammad Al Shanawa 1, Lukacs Bause 1

U12 White vs Greystanes FC Blue 2 - 0

Today the boys meant business. They knew to stay in the game it meant they needed to be on point and they did just that. They all ensured they gave it their 110% and no joking around. Great through balls by Ahmed from the defence line, received by the wingers were able to find the back of the net ensuring the team stayed in another round. Great shut down of any attacks that came our way ensured we kept a clean sheet and the opposition scoreless. Well done team for all your great performances. Thanks to all the extended McCredie family that came down to watch and support the team.

Goal scorers: Julian Azar 1; Daniel Depares 1.

U12 Girls vs Lidcombe Churches 0 - 4

A good effort today but not our day. Individually everyone played well. We didn't play well as a team and that's where we lost the game. A good lesson this game is to stay in the position you have been given. It only takes 1 person to be out of position to muck up positions for everyone else. Lidcombe were very strong defensively and we couldn't get past that. Our defence was good but their through balls caught us off guard and with not enough players coming back to help Lidcombe scored again and again and we had no come back. I'm proud of the effort this team has made throughout the season, the growing and learning has can be seen from start to end. Stay fit in the off season and see you all next year.

U13 Red vs Kings Old Boys 1 - 1 (3-2 penalties)



It was 'go hard or go home' for the Reds. All our players were present and rearing to go. KOB attacked early, but Gethyn, Nabil, and Luke held them off. Ghadir, Abbas and Zanyar were a bit hesitant at the start, but soon warmed up. Charble, Bilal and Ali E had a few goes at goal, but were too excited and fumbled the finish. Brandon tapped in a goal from a corner, but then KOB equalised 5 mins later. Ali Y, Daniyal and George chased and tackled till the end. It was still tied after over time, so, it we had to go to penalties. Nabil, Shabir and Brandon all found the net. Elio in goals had lightning reflexes and saved the game.

Reds are off to play whites on Wed!!! Well done team

Goal scorers - Brandon Commodore 2, Nabil Nassar 1, Shabir Ali Sultani 1



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U13 White vs **McCredie Onyx** 0 - 1

It was an incredible game on Saturday. Both teams defended really well. Unfortunately, we got unlucky as the opposing team scored in the last min of the game. Really proud of the boys and girl. It's definitely finals time.

U13 Onyx vs **McCredie White** 1 - 0

In a thrilling semi-final match, Onyx triumphed over Guildford White with a score of 1-0. Hasan's late goal secured the victory for Onyx, showcasing their determination and skill. The match was marked by a strong defensive performance from both sides. With this win, Onyx advances to the grand final next week, where they will undoubtedly look to build upon their success and claim the championship.

Goal scorer - Hassan Shah 1

U13 Div 1 vs **Merrylands SFC** 3 - 4

In a gripping Division 1 match, the clash between Merrylands and the opposing team ended in a 2-2 draw at the end of regular time. However, the drama didn't stop there, as the match continued into extra time, resulting in a thrilling 4-3 victory for the opposing team. Stefan emerged as the standout player with an impressive hat-trick, displaying his goal-scoring prowess. Mojib also shone as he made fantastic saves in the goal before an injury stopped him from continuing just before the end of regular time. The match was a seesaw battle, with both teams taking turns to go ahead before the other team managed to level the score. The intense competition and fluctuating momentum made this match a memorable soccer spectacle.

Goal scorer - Stefan Rusu 3

U14 vs **Wenty Waratah** 4 - 3

A nail biter but in the end we got the job done. Stand out games for Rafael and Ahmed in goals. POTM Akram who was fantastic in attack.

Goal Scorers - Moian Amiryar 2, Matthew Monga 1, Akram Omar 1

Our annual Presentation will
take place on
Friday 10th November 2023,
6.45pm start
at Granville South High School
Hall

U16 vs Greystanes FC White 0 - 5



Ali E, Ali K, Dylan, Hussein, Jamil, Jerell, Lachlan, Rachid, Talha and Yama - Thank you for giving it your all right until the end. You all played hard today, persisted, kept your heads high and never gave up. We are proud of the team and thank you all for your commitment throughout the 2023 season. Thank you to Coach Jayden and all our supporters! Wouldn't have been the same without you all ❤️

Raahauge Cup Firsts vs Wentworthville Uniting Gold 1 - 2



We saved a pretty disjointed, poor performance for the semi, a bit like last year. Happily our season was good enough that we get a second chance on Tuesday. I think we just need to relax a bit, play like we have all season and the results we have got all season will follow. On the positive, we played that badly and still only lost by a goal. It would be worth noting that Wenty had very little sustained possession or attacks. They took two shots all day. They scored twice. We simply didn't (and too often don't) shoot enough. I can't do it for you strikers. And so defence doesn't get let off too easily - we all stood back and watched Salem line up that first one. Goal scorer - Zaid Hamze 1

Premier League Reserves vs Bexley Lions 2 - 2 (penalties 3-5)



In a high-stakes semi-final clash that would determine the path to the grand final, Guildford McCredie went head-to-head against the formidable Bexley Lions. The tension was palpable as both teams took the field, knowing that only one of them would secure a direct spot in the grand final next week, while the other would have a second chance on Wednesday night. Guildford McCredie started the match with a strong lineup, asserting dominance and controlling the pace of the game. However, their ambitions were halted when Bexley Lions capitalized on counterattacks, netting two goals that left Guildford McCredie stunned. In a strategic move, Guildford McCredie adjusted their backline by shifting Tom and Louie from a flat defensive structure to a more traditional stopper and sweeper arrangement. This tactical adjustment allowed them to better track Bexley's first-grade striker and create additional defensive space. As the game progressed, Guildford McCredie found their rhythm in Bexley's half and their efforts were rewarded when Ahmed Dbouk was fouled in the box, resulting in a penalty. With precision and finesse, Peter Hourani converted the penalty kick, narrowing the gap and reinvigorating Guildford McCredie's spirits. Entering the second half with renewed confidence, Guildford McCredie aimed to overturn the scoreline. However, Bexley Lions resorted to negative tactics, kicking the ball away to relieve the mounting pressure from Guildford McCredie's attacks. Amidst the drama, Guildford McCredie was denied a clear penalty, but justice prevailed when they were rightfully awarded another spot-kick. Wil Wark stepped up and confidently dispatched the penalty, equalizing the score and setting the stage for an intense showdown. As full-time approached, the score remained tied, forcing the match into extra time. Both teams fought valiantly, but neither could find the breakthrough, leading to a penalty shootout. The penalty shootout was a rollercoaster of emotions. Guildford McCredie managed to convert two penalties, but the pressure proved too much as they missed two crucial shots. Bexley Lions maintained their composure and successfully scored all their penalties, securing a spot in the grand final and leaving Guildford McCredie with another opportunity on Wednesday night to earn their place in the championship match. With a mix of determination, tactical adjustments, and heart-pounding moments, this semi-final clash between Guildford McCredie and Bexley Lions will be remembered as a true test of skill and resilience on the path to football glory. Goal scorers : Wil Wark 2, Peter Hourani 1, Terence Makunde 1, Adem Stevens 1

Premier League Firsts

vs Bexley Lions

2 - 1 (golden goal)



In a critical first-grade showdown between Guildford McCredie and Bexley Lions, both teams entered the match with a clear set of tactics. The stakes were high, with the winner securing a spot in the final and the loser facing a replay on Tuesday. From the kick-off, Guildford McCredie's strategy revolved around dominating the midfield and containing Bexley Lions' star striker. Wil Wark, Adem Stevens, and Brandon Nguyen executed their roles impeccably, effectively neutralizing the threat through the centre. The breakthrough came after a well-executed play initiated by Wil Wark's impressive run. His efforts set the stage for Bright Owusu, who capitalized on a ricochet to tap the ball into the net, giving Guildford McCredie the lead. However, the team faced a setback when Jono Manibog, a stalwart of the season, suffered an injury. The hopes remained high that he would recover in time for the upcoming game. Despite maintaining solid defensive efforts, Guildford McCredie conceded a goal from a series of corner kicks, with Bexley Lions finding the net at the back post. This setback prompted Guildford McCredie to regroup and steady their defence. As the game progressed, the momentum shifted when Bexley Lions received a red card, leaving them with a numerical disadvantage. Guildford McCredie capitalized on this situation, controlling the game and maintaining possession. With the scoreboard reading 1-1 at the end of regulation time, the match ventured into extra time. It was a nerve-wracking period, with both teams fighting valiantly for the coveted spot in the final. The defining moment arrived when Bright Owusu showcased his exceptional skill and determination. Receiving the ball on the right, he embarked on a mesmerizing dribble, manoeuvring past five defenders before slotting the ball home at the near post. His remarkable individual effort secured the victory for Guildford McCredie, sending them triumphantly into the final. This thrilling contest, marked by strategic prowess, defensive resilience, and Bright Owusu's stunning solo effort, will be etched in the annals of Guildford McCredie's football history as they advance to the final, brimming with confidence and determination.

Goal scorers: Bright Owusu 2

Sunday 20th August

U14 Girls

vs Merrylands SFC

2 - 1



Good game from the U14s today! Important 2-1 win to make it to the next round of semis. We had a great passing game today and were able to support the team by moving into position to receive the ball. We played our corners as we practiced and gave ourselves opportunities to get into the box. Ellie's assist gave Ellina the cracker opening goal right before half time to give us the edge. We played even better in the second half, passing with our backs and midfielders to build the play. We scored a second goal and sealed the deal for next week. Well done girls, well played.

Goal scorers - Ellina Bou Said 1, Danielle Sleiman 1



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Tuesday 22nd August 2023

Preliminary Finals

U9 Red	vs	Greystanes FC Black 7.00pm Kickoff	at Jones 3 (meet at Jones at 6.30pm)	(Banks St., Merrylands)
U9 White	vs	Greystanes FC White 8.00pm Kickoff	at Jones 3 (meet at Jones at 7.30pm)	(Banks St., Merrylands) (dismantle field)
U12 White	vs	OLQP Falcons White 6.00pm Kickoff	at Jones 1 (meet at Jones at 5.00pm to set up field)	(Banks St., Merrylands)
Raahauge Cup Firsts	vs	St Johns Bishopthorpe Glebe 7.30pm Kickoff	at Freame (meet at Freame at 7.00pm)	(Rees St., Mays Hill)

Wednesday 23rd August 2023

Preliminary Finals

U10 White	vs	Greystanes FC Black 6.00pm Kickoff	at Jones 3 (meet at Jones at 5.00pm to set up field)	(Banks St., Merrylands)
U11 White	vs	Greystanes FC White 6.00pm Kickoff	at Jones 2 (meet at Jones at 5.00pm to set up field)	(Banks St., Merrylands)
U13 Red	vs	McCredie White 6.00pm Kickoff	at Jones 1 (meet at Jones at 5.00pm to set up field)	(Banks St., Merrylands)
U13 White	vs	McCredie Red 6.00pm Kickoff	at Jones 1 (meet at Jones at 5.00pm to set up field)	(Banks St., Merrylands) (wear white jerseys)
Premier League Reserves	vs	St Columbas Castle Hill Orange Kick off 7.30pm	at Jones 1 (meet at Jones at 7.00pm)	(Banks St., Merrylands)

Saturday 26th August 2023

U8 White Grand Final	vs	Greystanes FC White 10.30am Kickoff	at Jones 3 (meet at Jones at 10.00am)	(Banks St., Merrylands)
U10 Girls Grand Final	vs	Greystanes FC 9.00am Kickoff	at Jones 2 (meet at Jones at 8.00am to set up field)	(Banks St., Merrylands)
U12 Red Grand Final	vs	McCredie White 11.00am Kickoff	at Jones 1 (meet at Jones at 10.00am)	(Banks St., Merrylands)



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U12 White Grand Final	vs	McCredie Red	at Jones 1	(Banks St., Merrylands)
		11.00am Kickoff	(meet at Jones at 10.00am)	(Wear white jerseys for match)
U13 Red Grand Final	vs	McCredie Red	at Jones 1	(Banks St., Merrylands)
		8.30am Kickoff	(meet at Jones at 7.45am to set up field)	
U13 Onyx Grand Final	vs	McCredie Red	at Jones 1	(Banks St., Merrylands)
		8.30am Kickoff	(meet at Jones at 7.45am to set up field)	
U13 Div 2 Preliminary Final	vs	Wenty Waratah	at Ted Burge 1	(Centenary Rd., Sth Wentworthville)
		11.00am Kick off	(Meet at Ted Burge at 10.30am)	
U14 Preliminary Final	vs	Lidcombe Waratah	at Princes 2	(Princes Ave. West, Auburn)
		10.30am Kick off	(meet at Princes at 10.00am)	
Raahauge Cup Grand final	vs	Wentworthville Uniting Gold	at Jones 2	(Banks St., Merrylands)
		Kick off at 2.30pm	(meet at Jones at 1.45pm)	
Premier League Grand Final	vs	Bexley Lions	at Jones 1	(Banks St., Merrylands)
		Kick off at 4.00pm	(meet at Jones at 3.15pm)	

Sunday 27th August 2023

U14 Girls preliminary final	vs	Quakers Hill Tigers	at William Lawson 1	(Myrtle St., Prospect)
		10.20am Kick off	(meet at William Lawson at 9.50am)	

Saturday 1st September 2023

U13 Div 2 Preliminary Final	vs	<i>pending winning preliminary final vs Merrylands SFC at Webbs 2 at 9.00am</i>		
U14 Preliminary Final	vs	<i>pending winning preliminary final vs Rydalmere FC at Webbs 1 at 10.30am</i>		

Sunday 2nd September 2023

U14 Girls Grand Final	<i>pending winning preliminary final vs Quakers Hill Juniors</i>			
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