

From the Field

Round 9 Match Reports



U5 Kookaburras vs Marayong FC Proudly sponsored by Award Trophy Sales

We played Marayong this week but didn't have our best game. Unfortunately this week we had Kres out with an injury. The team started out well with Olobo scoring a strong goal first up but as we progressed our teamwork didn't play out. We spent a lot of our time at the goal line this week and there were a lot of strong goal kicks.

Kaleb was awarded player of the week for his great tackles for the ball and Alyssa was awarded the encouragement award for her enthusiasm and effort.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Kaleb
McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Alyssa

U6 Kookaburras vs Eastern Creek Pioneer SC

Saturday morning's rarely disappoint and today was no exception!

An open and well contested first half with both sides creating chances. Liam and Joel-Luke were exceptional at the back turning Eastern Creek away time and time again while Frankie, with his passing was trying to unlock their defence with key passes to Blake and Leon. Midway through the half Eastern Creek found a goal with a great shot on the turn and that was all she wrote going in at half time. The boys came out of the sheds with new vigour in the second half, getting first to the ball and creating more and more chances to level. Frankie hit the post, Leon pushed forward at every chance, Joel-Luke and Liam kept turning up to turn away the counter attack. With less than 30 seconds on the clock, Joel-Luke found the final pass we needed to release

Blake and a well timed shot found it's way to the back of net levelling the game with 10 seconds to go.

A well contested game with nothing to split the two sides. Very proud of the effort and resilience shown today.

Well done!

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Blake

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Joel-Luke

U6 Sharks vs The Ponds FC

Another encouraging game from all involved. Was great to see the team having fun and getting involved.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Ezra

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Jai

U7/3 vs Minchinbury Jets

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Second half was a lot better with defence and communication. Players have to remember to stay focussed. Overall a great effort.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: William

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Julian

U7/8 vs Newbury Bulls

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A tough game for Under 7 Dev 8 this week, but it was great to see everyone getting in there and giving their best. We saw increased confidence from Brandon, some great enthusiasm from Katie, lots of clearances from Josh, some great dribbling from Seb and Nathaniel, and a couple of really good tackles from Cassius.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Brandon

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Josh



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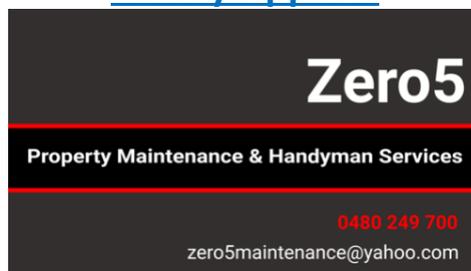
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U7/9 vs Eastern Creek Pioneer SC

The medieval costumes, armour and weapons being adorned by people at the park pointed to the epic 'battle' that was to unfold - for parking spots and on the soccer field! A tough game in which we finally prevailed.

We were the better team, unlucky not to score more than 2. Great defence by Evie, and 2 great goals from Hunter. Solomon was awesome! He was enthusiastic all match, keen to get to the the ball and displayed some impressive skills, turning with the ball and passing towards the opposition's goals.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Solomon
McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Hunter

U8/3 vs Doonside Hawks

The crazy parking at Blacktown Football Park had us starting with less than 7 on the field, but that didn't stop us starting well, using space and passing to our advantage.

Great effort by the starting 7 who played the entire first half without subs and stayed strong all the way through.

We kept up the passing through the rest of the game and it was great to see everyone show off what they've learnt this year.

Also thanks to the Football Park for providing sports awards to all the players.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Krishn & Nishant
McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Stella

U9/6 vs Parklea SC

With two players out sick, everyone got a good long run on the park. The field at Parklea is much wider than we are used to playing on. Parklea were obviously more used to their field, and that home advantage showed in that they made much better use of the extra space. While at the end of the day our opposition had the upper hand, they had to fight for every goal that they scored. We defended well, and as the game progressed starting using the space more as players without the ball moved wider to escape the congested middle channel. Some of our positional play still needs some more work, but everyone is improving each week. We had our chances, and an excellent and

calmly executed consolation goal was wonderful to see as it demonstrated the further development of the team, growing into a more considered and thoughtful approach to their football.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Jet

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Layla

U10/2 vs Riverstone Schofields Junior SC

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Today we finally had the whole team playing together, which was great to see.

After conceding a goal in the first 2 minutes of the game, the team then woke up and came back scoring 3 goals until 2 minutes left conceding 1 more but with enough on the board.

A stunning performance by Lucas seen many intercepts, some great footwork and clearing the ball nicely from the backs. Lily also getting under the skin of the opposing strikers by stopping many plays.

Tommy had a great game in goals and up forward, working past a few players getting the ball across to the box.

Brian, Muhammad and Kieren covered a lot of the field in attack and defense. With Kieren notching up some great plays after being out injured for a few weeks.

Aadvik and Chay played strongly through the middle attacking the ball and taking some good solid shots on goal with Aadvik scoring his 1st goal of the season.

Brody started in the backs defending well but moved to a mid/forward position for the 2nd half and put in a stellar 25 minute performance playing the whole 2nd half due to a couple of late injuries.

Kaden picked up the tempo as the game progressed. Julian with some good footwork in the midfield making it difficult for the opposition to get through.

It was good to see the players performing what's been worked on at training in recent weeks and starting to lift the ball in play.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Lucas

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Keiren

U10/5 vs Plumpton Oakhurst SC

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U11/5 vs Glenwood Redbacks

Great clash between 2 good playing teams. It was waiting for the first team to make a goal, just before the break we scored it. The second half we had the overhand which resulted in 2 more goals. Great game again!!

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Bradley

McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Steven

U12/3 vs Newbury Bulls

What a great game and an even better comeback. Fantastic goalkeeping, very solid in defense, endless running in the midfield and 3 good goals in attack.

Kids had an OK 1st half and a dominant second half, I feel sorry for the team we play when we put 2 good halves of football. Still undefeated and we have so much more to learn. To our parents I hope you are enjoying the improvement in your kids football

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Krishn

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Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Ethan
McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Sadiq

U15/3 vs Marsden Park Galaxy Proudly sponsored by Tilers Now

This was a tough one - more because the opposition spent more time complaining and pushing than playing.

We were the first to score with Matilda keeping the ball alive to start and the Indie and Kevin putting pressure so Dale could get free and he beat the keeper with a bottom left strike.

We had chances, Luke had a pair at point blank range that just caught a defender as did Kevin. Both their goals came more from poor clearances before the goal than the actual goal as both Eva in the first half and Elijah in the second had strong games in goal.

We missed Adam who will be out for 4+ weeks but hopefully he will return even stronger.

Lachlan tried all game as did most of the team and we never gave up and were on attack when the final whistle blew.

IMPORTANT - the opposition spent a lot of the game yelling at the ref and us as well as more than one boots up tackles that left a few of us with bruises and cuts. They also were poor winners taunting us when the game finished - BUT we did not retaliate, we were the class team and that is a credit to all the parents. Thanks and a lot to be proud of in this one!

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Eva, Elijah, Dale & Jamie
McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Ben & Akshat

AAM/7 vs Blacktown St Pats

With the loss of 5 key players, the team had to mix up the usual positions to keep the game alive.

We had the tremendous help from 2 of the over the 35s Matthew and Joshua in our lineup, this gave us 10 on the field and no forfeit. The team played the impossible task of versing the full squad of St Pats, the score 8-1. With our 1 being scored in the first 2 minutes They gave it their all.

Our Goalie Jack had made many incredible saves putting his body on the line for his team., Aneesh our centre mid, was there trying to break through, for striker Harrishan who plays usually as mid fielder to attempt many a goal, both played their best to keep the teams hopes up.

Today's game was playing against many obstacles without giving up.

Claudia Road Café Player of the Match: Harrishan
McDonalds Third Avenue Encouragement Award: Aneesh

O35/5 vs Quakers Hill Junior SC

What a game this was!

Quakers Hill's mid-table status doesn't accurately reflect the quality of the team. They were well organised in defence, and had several strong and creative threats up front. Kings defence had to do some scrambling in the opening 10 minutes as Quakers threw everything at us, but we managed to hold them out through a combination of tight marking and confident goalkeeping. A goal on the counter bought us some breathing space, and we maintained that lead into the break. Quakers came out firing again in the second half, and again the defence held strong, reading their attacking plays and helped by Quakers' indecisiveness in front of goal. Although well organised, the Quakers defence tired in the second half, and the hard working

mid-field and strikers were able to keep moving the ball around, eventually finding the net again. A brain snap from a Quakers midfielder saw them reduced to 10, and the numerical advantage was too much as we closed the game out in style.

Five wins on the spin and another clean sheet has set us up for a classic "6 pointer" top of the table clash next week.

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