



# SOCCER FINALS



## WDSSA DISTRICT GIRLS

On Monday June 20th 2022, twenty six enthusiastic Year 6 girls, walked, under staff supervision, to the wonderful sports facility at Greensborough Secondary College. The purpose of their excursion was to participate in the Watsonia District School Sports Association Girls Soccer finals. St. Mary's played two matches against very strong opponents in Greensborough Primary School and Watsonia North Primary School. Due to the fact that a panel of 14 is only permitted to play in each game, St. Mary's coaches, Ms MacIsaac and Mr. O', made the decision to play two teams-a different panel of girls for each game. This ensured that every girl received quality playing time on the field of play and that everybody would be included, have fun and overall be active and play. In the first game v Greensborough, a very tight encounter saw the score 0-0 at half time. Inspired by some wonderful defensive work and excellent forward play in the second half, the girls on the St. Mary's team emerged victorious on a scoreline of 5-1. This then meant that the new set of girls playing in the second game knew that if they played well and were victorious they would win the tournament. Just like the first game, both teams were evenly matched and the game finished 0-0 after full time. This meant 5 minutes each for extra time. After the extra time period was completed the score was still deadlocked at 0-0 and this meant penalty kicks had to take place. Cheered on by a very vocal, huge parental support and their teammates from the first game, the St. Mary's girls won the spotkick shootout on a scoreline 2-0. Memories of the Socceroos penalty shootout victory to qualify for the 2022 World Cup and their celebrations were certainly matched by the girls at the end of this tournament. Congratulations to all the 26 players and some of the squad had never played soccer before but they totally loved and enjoyed the experience. This tournament victory means that St. Mary's now go forward to represent the Watsonia District at the Division Finals on Monday August 1st 2022 at Banyule Flats soccer ground. Best of luck girls. Many thanks to Tom L, Year 10 work placement student who did a wonderful job as referee for the tournament.



# GIRLS SOCCER SQUAD

SCARLETT M  
TAYLA A  
RUBY A  
ALANA C  
ZOEY E  
ALANNAH F  
GIADA F  
ERIN G  
MIA H  
ELSA H  
EVA K  
SIENNA N  
KALIA O

LYDIA P  
RUBY P  
MILLA R  
MAYA S  
RUBY T  
EMMERSON T  
CHARLI W  
LILY L  
ELOUISE DI P  
ELINA D  
GLORIA A  
ABBAY L  
SOPHIA P

