

# **ST. MONICA'S COLLEGE**

## **MEETS**

### **THE WORLD CUP AT D.R.C.**

**The world game arrived at St. Monica's College -Dalton Road Campus on 5th June, 2006.**

Every homeroom in Year 7 to Year 9 were allocated a world cup country and the teams played off for the St Monica's DRC World Cup, on our own FIFA approved soccer pitch. Every homeroom entered a team of 4 males and 4 females, rosters of year 10 soccer excellence students were organized to referee, fixtures were displayed including rules of engagement and over a 4 week period at every lunchtime teams played off for the ultimate prize.

The enthusiasm of Australia's performance over the second term school holidays really added to the students excitement on their return in 3rd term, with the competition being of the highest standard. In the final France (7 Silver) played off against Ukraine (9 Silver) on Friday the 21st of July, after each team progressed from the semi final wins over Brazil (7 Emerald) and Netherlands (8 Red).

As was stated in the rules, France being a year 7 team had a 2 goal advantage at the start of the game. The game consisted of two ten minute halves. An enthusiastic final was witnessed by a large crowd of spectators with Ukraine scoring an early goal to put enormous pressure on the team from France. At half time the score was 2 - 1 with France displaying excellent defensive skills, especially considering they were playing a Year 9 team consisting of five Year 9 soccer excellence students. With less than a minute to go in normal time it looked as if the French team were going to win, before Ukraine scored an outstanding equalizing goal. Extra time was played in an attempt to produce a winner, with both teams trying their utmost to score the winning goal, but to no avail.

It came down to a penalty sudden death shoot out to decide our World Cup champion team. In a tense shootout the Year 7 Silver team representing France showed tremendous intestinal fortitude to defeat Ukraine in a real see-sawing affair with six successful shots on goal before a result was reached.

France's team was composed of:

Stefanie Oddo, Emily Sabatino, Rhiannon Filippone, Ashleigh Boyle, Marissa Leone, Justin Penzo, Julian Ciurleo, Michael Di Battista, Kristian Cauchi and Daniel Laurretta.

The winning team received the World Cup soccer ball, a movie pass each, and a large chocolate soccerball to be shared by the homeroom. Special thanks to the year 10 soccer excellence students who refereed the 34 games over the 4 week period, and to all students who supported their team and homeroom over the duration of the competition.

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