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Dear Parent/s,

SCHOOL SPORT - JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Below is the information about the sports that commence in first term. Please read carefully for new and different playing times and extra information. Obviously, we will not be able to field teams in all sports in all year groups but where there is enough interest we will do our best to ensure a team is entered.

This year we are again offering 'come and try' sailing. The day for this has changed to a Monday, to avoid the clash with soccer, which has been the case in previous years. The information for sailing is on the page attached, with a tear off section that needs to be completed, in addition to this one. A big thank you to Mrs. Allison for working hard to provide this opportunity for the girls.

Soccer is offered from Grades 1-6. Games will be played on a Thursday after school, from 4.00pm to 4.50pm, at a variety of grounds eg. Fahan, Angelsea, SHC. The roster will extend for 8 weeks commencing on 20 February and will involve Fahan, Collegiate, St. Mary's, Mt. Carmel and Sacred Heart. All grades will play 6-a-side, maximising participation and involvement in the games. Of course the avenue still exists for those girls who wish to play soccer on Saturdays, as well, to join one of the clubs in the area.

Equipment: Soccer boots, shin pads, mouth guards, school shorts and school polo shirt.

Minkey Hockey, Half Field and Full Field is offered. Grades 2, 3 and 4 playing minkey, Grade 5 a half field 7 a-side version and in Grade 6 they progress to the full field and 11 a-side. Games are played on Saturday mornings and participants would be required to train once a week, after school or during lunchtime as determined by the coach/manager and the players. Starting date for the roster is still to be determined by Hockey South (in April).

Equipment: Hockey stick, shin pads, mouth guards, hockey boots, school shorts and school polo shirt.

Please note: This is how hockey has run in the past, however there has been talk of some changes with the format. I am currently waiting for confirmation of what shape school hockey will take, whether it will remain the same or not. Another sign up sheet will be distributed for hockey once this is confirmed.

Tennis is being offered to Grades 5 and 6. Students eligible will, firstly, be those that are taking lessons, either at school with Tony or having private lessons, offering them a chance to put into practice some of the skills they are learning and then secondly others that have an interest. First in best dressed! There is only room for two teams of 4 from each school. This roster commences on the 18th of February, running for 6 weeks, and will be played on Tuesdays after school, from 4pm to 5.30pm at either Fahan, Ham Common, Mount Carmel or Friends.

Badminton is offered only for Grade 6 students, as they will be participating with the Grade 7s in a senior school roster. Training is conducted in the school gymnasium during a lunch hour, with games to be played on Friday night. Teams or individuals can compete in the badminton roster.

Equipment: Badminton racquet, school shorts and school polo shirt.

Later in the term information regarding Water Polo for Grade 6 will be distributed, with the opportunity to be involved in the Year 7 program.

The girls will need to be properly equipped for the sport/s in which they elect to participate. That information will be provided through their coach/manager. The school will pay any registration fee, with the only other possible cost being entry fee to different venues, which remains the individual's responsibility.

It is necessary that the forms be returned ASAP. If you have any questions or queries, please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

Additionally, if there are any parents who would like to help by coaching a team or managing a team and are yet to have received that dreaded tap on the shoulder then please just add that to your daughters form. Our volunteers will have to complete a police check, if they haven't already but this will be as painless as possible.

Yours sincerely,



Tim Dale
Junior Sports Coordinator

Parent and Student sporting agreement 2014

Please ensure you read the information below carefully and acknowledge your agreement to Fahan's Junior School Sport Policy.

The Fahan Junior Sport Program is geared towards providing the girls with a range of sporting opportunities, in rosters that have a participation focus and which students are able to learn new skills, in a non-threatening environment. We encourage those girls who develop a passion for a sport through these experiences to pursue this enjoyment at the next level (eg. Club, representative) and we are happy to facilitate this involvement.

Specific policies currently applied are as follows:

1. (a) Sport at Fahan is not compulsory, however, once a student makes the choice to play she is placed in a team, she has an obligation to coaches and team members that needs to be fulfilled. Some difficult choices are made with regard to number of teams entered in rosters and how many in a team. It is preferred not to have large teams with large numbers of subs, and this is done on the assumption that students will fulfill their commitments.

(b) Girls are required to attend all practices and matches. They must personally notify their coach or the Sports Administrator if they are to be absent from either a game or a training session for a particular reason, and as early as possible with regard to games so replacements or alternative arrangements can be made if necessary. Our coaches are volunteers/staff who willingly give up their time to enable Fahan to enter teams in rosters.
2. Girls competing for the school are expected to be wearing the correct uniform. In most cases this will be the Fahan polo top and shorts; not the house polo top. There will be occasions when the weather will be cold and at such times jumpers can be worn, but it is preferred that all team members are in the same attire. The correct safety equipment for that particular sport must be worn. If students do not meet safety requirements the coach; referee or Sports Administrator have the right to refuse participation.
3. Fahan is well placed to host a range of sports, which means that the girls often play a number of home games. In these instances girls will generally make their way to the venue at the end of the school day. There can therefore be a small period of time before their games are due to commence and parents should be aware that in this time the school takes no responsibility for students. In saying that coaches are generally at venues well before the games are scheduled to start and there is often a staff member in the vicinity.
4. Given that some of our coaches are parents and volunteers from outside the school, girls who have medical conditions such as asthma or any other condition that requires medication must alert the team coach/manager of this at the beginning of the season. Medication should be carried with students to all sporting events.

I agree to Fahan's Junior Sport policy as above:

Student Name: _____ **Signed:** _____

As a Parent/Guardian I acknowledge my daughter's sports choice and will support Fahan's Junior Sport Policy and my daughter's commitment to her chosen sport/s in 2014.

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ **Signed:** _____

School Sport Term 1 2014 – Junior School
Please return asap to you Class Teacher

I, _____ give permission

For my daughter _____

In year _____ to play:-

Tennis / Sailing / Badminton / Soccer (please circle)

Signed: _____ **Date:** _____
Parent/Guardian