

Netball and Hockey 2017

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Registration Night:

The Netball and Hockey seasons are right around the corner and our tamariki are feeling excited. Our Netball and Hockey teams are open to entries from children from Year's Four, Five and Six this year. The Ngati Toa Netball season is due to commence on the first Saturday of Term 2 – 6 May. Hockey dates have not been confirmed however will also be likely to start around this time. Our **sign up meeting** this year will be held on **Monday 20 March from 6pm – 7pm**. To secure your child's position in a team you must attend this meeting and pay the registration cost of \$40. During the meeting I will explain some new rules and go over the expectations of spectators.

Coaches and Managers:

This year we are looking for coaches and managers to help out with the growing number of teams in both Netball and Hockey. We know that many of you do not have experience in coaching and managing and therefore, might be feeling reluctant to help. Because of this, I will be running a coaches and managers evening. The date for this meeting is **Monday 27 March, 6pm – 7pm**. As a coach or manager, you will be required to attend. At this meeting we will discuss the expectations of your role and hand out your team equipment. You will also have an opportunity to practise coaching in small groups (with your peers). We will be providing you with a coaching manual that you will be able to use throughout the season.

Can my child play both Hockey and Netball?

If you are wanting your child to play both Hockey and Netball this year, you will be required to coach or manage one of these teams. This rule has been put in place as we have struggled to find enough coaches and managers in the past. We only expect this to affect two or three families as it is not common for children to play both.

Umpiring:

Netball rules insist that every team must provide an umpire for every match. This umpire must have completed the umpire course. Netball coaches and parents interested in umpiring, will be required to take part in this umpire course. The course will take place on two dates. These dates are yet to be finalised however are scheduled for early April. You only need to attend one of these dates (as it suits you). If your team can't provide an umpire you will be required to pay \$15 per game to have one provided for you by Ngati Toa Netball. So it's in your team's best interest to find an umpire for the season. This will be discussed further at our sign up meeting.

Contacts:

If you have any questions or concerns throughout the season your first contact should be with your team manager. You can also email me at Janelle.reid@titahibay.school.nz.

Return Slip:

Please complete the **return slip by Friday 10 March**, only if you are interested in coaching, managing or umpiring this year. Otherwise we will see you on **Monday 20 March from 6pm – 7pm, in the staffroom** for the registration evening.

Child's name: _____ Child's age: _____ Room number: _____

Your name: _____ Your relationship to child: _____

Contact phone: _____ email: _____

I am interested in helping out this year in NETBALL / HOCKEY (circle one)

I would like to be a COACH / MANAGER / UMPIRE (circle one).