



Kia Ora Merrilands Whanau,

We hope you have all had a fantastic welcome back to school!

Unfortunately, due to Covid our sports season came to an abrupt halt and the organization for future sports remains slightly unforeseeable. However, plans are underway for the summer seasons in a range of sports. The opportunities to play these sports is a great way for kids to develop their physical skills and also grow social skills, and other aspects that are key to well-being (hauora).

Please find the relevant information for upcoming sports. As I am sure you are all aware the running of teams requires organization and effort in a voluntary capacity. We look forward to seeing parents involved in supporting, managing or coaching a team. Please note without coaches, teams will not be entered, little previous experience needed for this role so please help to make this possible. Also, we require firm team numbers by certain dates in order to enter teams in relevant competitions.

Please find below a range of information pertaining to winter sport and the upcoming summer season. If you have any queries, please see Mr Shipkov or Brenda.

Basketball - *A message from the New Plymouth Basketball Association*

Miniball Yr 0-4

Unfortunately, due to the number of players, coaches, support personal and parents involved with Miniball this number will easily exceed the 50 person limit allowance.

With this in mind we have had to unfortunately finish our mini ball league where it stands.

Junior League Yr 5-6

Again as our number for this competition exceeds the 50 person limit we are finishing the season as it stands. However we have decided to have finals. The top two teams as the results stand at present will compete in the finals. Congratulations to the Merrilands Mako have qualified for the semi-final . This takes place on the 23rd of September time to be confirmed.

Please ensure washed uniforms are returned directly to Mr Shipkov ready for the next sport.

Summer Touch – Term 4 at Devon Intermediate. Games run on Mondays.

6 players per team are required with a minimum of 2 girls.

Entries must be in by Friday the 17th of September. Cost per player - \$30.00

Touch Registration [link](#)

Summer Soccer – Term 4 at Merrilands Domain (Rangers Club). Games start at 6pm and run on Tuesdays.

6 players per team are required. Entries must be in by the 24th of September. Cost per player - \$20.00

Soccer Registration [link](#)

Summer Cricket – Term 4 Cricket takes place on Friday nights at 5:30pm.

Teams require 8 players. Entries must be in by the 24th of September. Cost per player - \$20.00

Cricket Registration [link](#)

Noho ora mai, Mr Shipkov