

### **Dear Parents, Whānau and Caregivers,**

At Grant's Braes School we want our children to have opportunities to participate and compete in a range of physical activity and sporting opportunities. We'd like to congratulate your child on getting involved in a sports team! Being a part of a team at Grant's Braes School means that there are some expectations that need to be met by students and their families, hence we request parents/caregivers read and discuss the expectations with your children before registering your child for a sports team. This acknowledges that you understand the expectations for your child to represent Grant's Braes School.

### **Fairplay and Behaviour**

Children are expected to demonstrate Fairplay on and off the field with an emphasis on good sportsmanship. Parents are also encouraged to be positive spectators. It is expected that student behaviour will be in adherence to school rules and exemplify the traits of a Grant's Braes role model. Children representing our school must do so with consideration and respect on the sideline and during the game. It is expected that all team members and coaches will be at games at least 10 minutes prior to the game beginning. It is also an expected courtesy that if a child is not able to attend practices or games, parents and caregivers will contact the coach to let them know prior. However, when committing to a team at the beginning of a season, it should be a consideration that a child will be at every game within reason, and commit for the season. This means teams will not be let down.

### **Uniforms**

Sports uniforms will be purchased from the school office. You may also require extra items such as shin pads, mouthguards and red socks (Futsal only) which you will need to source yourselves from a sports shop or The Warehouse etc. The sports uniform is to be put on after school, before the game and not worn at school on the day.

### **Coaches/Managers**

We are lucky to have such a range of sporting expertise within our school families. Due to the large number of sports teams we have, we rely on parents to help with coaching and managing our teams. We expect that coaches will be professional and fair, ensure all children have an equal opportunity to play and foster enthusiasm in the children. It is up to the coaches to decide if they would like to take a practice and this must be communicated to parents. All coaches and managers must adhere to the school's Police Vetting procedures and will be Police Vetted before being assigned a team. The coaches are to copy the Sports Co-ordinator in on all emails with sports teams and pass on any issues that arise during practices and or/games.

### **Collection of fees**

There are costs for students associated with playing sports, both within school and, of course, for clubs. Grant's Braes School has a policy that no sports team should operate at a deficit, therefore it is the expectation that all student fees will be paid prior to a student participating in a sports team in a season. Parents will be invoiced and payment is to be made by the due date please. If required, payment options can be discussed at the school office. We do have a small fund for parents who are suffering from financial hardship. Please talk to Gareth if you wish to make use of this.

Nga mihi,

Jen Stevenson  
**Sports Coordinator**



