

#### **PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**

With only 4 rounds for junior club and collegiate players left and 5 weeks for seniors its hard to believe that we are nearly at the end of another season already. Its therefore time to start thinking about all those end of season things. So get your diary out and mark these things

**13 August - Club Duty** - the roster is currently being finalised and will be out soon to give you plenty of notice. Its proving tricky as its the last day of play and the Future Ferns will be having their prizegiving after their games. Look out for it and please turn up for your time or find a replacement as its an awfully difficult job if people let us down on the day. We appreciate all those that have put their names forward.

**Trophies** - if you have a trophy from last year please return these to either the school office or to Shirley Todd at 16 Syntax Place, phone 2982453. These need to be back to us by 8 August.

**Prizegiving** - this is being set for Monday 29 August in the school hall at 6.30. More details closer to the time will be sent out through the coaches.

**Uniforms and gear bags - 25 August** - Uniforms including jackets should be collected by the Managers after the last day of play, washed and returned to the school hall between 6-7pm on 25 August. The uniform bond will be provided to the manager to hand out the following Monday at prizegiving. Coaches please return your gear bag on 25 August as well. Well will send details to coaches and managers closer to the time to remind you.

The Executive has been considering a uniform change for the senior club including collegiate teams. Players had asked if we could move to a dress to modernise the look. We are in the process of looking at suppliers and designs and getting prices. While we had intended to move to this in 2013 to give a chance for people to be prepared financially, we are now looking at this for 2012. We will also be considering various options to assist financially as we know that for some families this will mean several purchases. For our current Year 9 and 10 players who have only just purchased uniforms we will also be considering the option of purchasing your current uniforms back to add to our junior club stocks as we know that they have only had one or two seasons wear. Nothing is yet finalised and we will keep you updated.

I hope that you have all enjoyed your netball as much as those young future fern players that I have been watching each week. They and their enthusiastic parents and coaches have been great fun to watch this season.

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#### CG Diamonds Coaches: Jeanette Ross

Diamonds have been struggling with absence, injuries and illness during the RPL tournament and the first Championship round. We would like to thank Melanie and Ainsley for standing by and Suzie and Jean for coming to the rescue and doing a great job helping us out. The tournament was a miserable wet day over Queens Birthday and making the RPL League was not to be but will look forward to having another try next season. Although we went through the first Championship round without any wins, 3 of those games were lost by only one goal. We need to work really hard at keeping our errors to a minimum and look forward to the next round meeting those teams again and turning those losses into wins. Also a big thanks to your continued support on the sidelines.

#### CG Sapphire Coach: Jeanette Ross

Sapphire have continued through the first Championship round with absence and injuries. I don't think we have had one week with all players available. We do need to work on being more consistent because when we work together as a team and support and work for each other we put forward a really good half/quarter and can certainly compete with all the other teams in our grade. Although we only secured 1 win in the first Championship round hopefully our effort at trainings will begin to pay off and we will look forward to more wins in the next round. Thanks also to our wonderful Manager Sheryl Cronin who looks after the team when I am not available.

### Collegiate

#### CG Topaz

#### **Coach: Melanie Cronin**

Topaz are playing the championship round in Collegiate B. We have had 3 wins and 3 losses which shows us we are finally in the correct grade. The girls have all started to gel and play as a team as well as working on the personal goals. With only 6 games to go there is still lots of room for improvement and we hope to beat some of the teams we lost to in the first round.

Keep up the good work girls and thank you to the continued support from our parents.



#### CG Ruby: Premier Grade

#### **Coaches Kristal Pihama and Shirley Todd**

The first Championship round has finished and we have slipped to 5<sup>th</sup> place, although only just behind Strathallan and Hunua – who we KNOW we can beat! All of our games have been within 4 points except one – so competitive to the end! Not bad when you are in the top Collegiate division. Even though we have been struggling at times to get 7 players on court with injuries, illness, and other activities, the girls have stuck together as a firm unit, and go out determined every week to do their best. Thanks to Teina, Amelia, Siobhan and Marcia for filling in – and we now have Marcia with us for the rest of the season. Our goal for the next 4 games is to go out and win every game - or at least know that everyone on court has given 100% at training and on Saturday. Good luck for the rest of the season girls. Enjoy your netball.



# Under 15

#### CG Amethysts Coach: Miles Neighbour

Four quarters? I am sure netball has four quarters? Yet at the moment Amethyst are still struggling to put together that complete preformed required for a win.

"A" grade has been a challenge for our team this year, but I do believe we have the team that can pinch a win off the top teams. This was proven in our clash with Karaka, although the result didn't show it, we gave Karaka a big scare and got there coach very animated on the side line.

Each player has shown marked improvement over the season, with most players being in a school team the extra netball has done them well. What has been very pleasing to see is the response from the girls put into unfamiliar positions. From this we have had finished round one strong and I think these options will only be positive going into round two. Now the only thing we need to do is to take these individual improvements and put it together as a team.

Bring on round two!



# **Future Ferns**

#### CG Amber Coaches: Courtney & Jasmine

After moving up to Future Ferns section 1, Team Amber came across alot more challenging teams. After losing our first two games to St Marys and Manurewa Rugby, the girls decided ot was time to step up and train harder. This paid off as the second time we played St Mary's we came ahead winning 7-3. Keep up the good work for the last few games girls.

### CG Pearl

### Coach: Cindy Loane, Co-coach: Selina Birch Manager: Pranoti Gupta

Our team of year 3 girls have been playing very well together which has resulted in our team coming 3rd in the President round. Despite being moved up a section part way through the first Championship round, we managed to come 1st= with The Gardens 2 who only scored 1 goal more than us in the round. The team had 5 wins in a row an amazing effort -Keep it up girls. A lot of our girls have been sick over the past few weeks so a special thank you to all those girls who have not been feeling 100% but still take the court on Saturdays and play their little hearts out. Player of the day for the past 5 games were; 11 June - Shivashna Prasad, 18 June - Paige Makiri, 25 June - Ashley Birch, 02 July - Miya Arrowsmith & 9 July -Shireen Gupta. Well done girls for such an awesome effort throughout the season & a special thankyou to all our parents & grandparents who support our team each week no matter what the weather throws at us.



### Junior

#### **CG Ebony**

#### Coach: Kelly Maria and Sarah Lee

At the end of round 1 we have a couple of wins under our belts so the girls are feeling great. Tyla, Dashanna, Wendy, Kendall, Talveer, Gurpreet and Gurleen have all been working so hard on the court and we were happy on Saturday to welcome back Preet who has been absent with an ankle injury for many weeks. The girls continue to train hard each week and hit the court with loads of enthusiasm every Saturday. We wish to thank Siobhan Neighbour (our umpire) for coming to training and giving our girls some tips on perfecting their shooting. The girls can't believe there are only 4 games to go until the season is over - they've all had so much fun!

# CG Turquoise - Year 6 Coach: Janine Hawkins - Junior A Grade

The first half of the Championship Round has started great for Conifer Grove Turquoise. They won 4 games and lost 1, which so far has put them first equal.

The games have not all been easy and there has been a few nailbiting moments. But they have always put in 100% effort and come away with some good results. Also a great start to the next half of the round with a win. All the best for the next four games and remember to keep trying hard.







# Junior

### CG GEMS F Grade Coaches: Paige Adams and Millie Burrow

The Gems had an impressive first championship round winning all but one of their games. Our best game was a 15-4 win against Karaka Cubs, with awesome defence from Georgia and Katy who had to step up in Bianca's absence, her normal position being a shooter. Emma and Sam had excellent shooting percentages and Vivian, Shannon and Grace were very valuable in the midcourt. They have all improved considerably, both as a team and individually. One of our star defence players, Bianca, was injured for 3 weeks but we are all very happy to have her back and ready to play! Players of the day for championship round were Georgia, Emma, Grace, Vivian and Katy.



### Intermediate

# CG Garnet - Intermediate B grade Coach: Jill Collins

The girls played consistent netball through the first round with a draw and win against two good sides include one really great team performance. Unfortunately the last game wasn't so good and the loss was the difference between finishing first and third in the round. All the girls are continuing to make improvements which is great. Alex has mastered her new shooting style and has shown great improvement in the last few weeks and Jenna also came on and had a good go in the shooting circle. Danielle C continues to be strong in getting the ball into the circle and putting in the goals. Danielle H, Tegan and Jenna are doing some great work around the mid court and feeding the shooters. Tegan is showing her versatility in moving between centre and defence. Kaitlin and Sina continue to improve in their first season and are getting some great intercepts and tips on defence in the circle. Anesu is a hard worker and her defensive pressure is making it hard for the opposition. Keep up the hard work girls as you continue to improve.

# CG Ivory - Year 7

### **Coaches: Debbie Mountfort & Ashleigh Snell**

Wow!!!!!! What an exciting round for us - As Ashleigh said in the last Bounce lets take out this round to which we did. We saw some exciting netball with very challenging games. The girls like to keep us on our toes often leaving it to the last round to take out the game, this seems to be when the competitive instinct kicks in.

All games have been very close and we have seen the excitement with our supporters when we take the lead. The girls are improving and as a team, as well we are seeing some dynamic netball skills on court.

A big thank you to Ashleigh for taking the majority of the trainings lately due to work commitments for me.

We also won the YR7 Netball Winter Sports Day so are the team representing North Counties coming up in August.

