



**BALMACEWEN  
INTERMEDIATE**



February 1st 2018

Dear Parents/Caregivers of Water polo players,

Your child has shown an interest in playing water polo for the school starting on Thursday 8th of February for the first term. For those new to Waterpolo, games are played at Moana pool every Thursday between the times of 3.30pm and 6.30pm. There are two competitive grades and a beginners grade. Students organise their own way to the pool.

Each term costs \$30 and this needs to be paid before they play. This covers fees, referees and equipment badges etc. The students also need to pay a standard swim fee when they get to the pool each Thursday. There will be an online sign up email with details for payment that will be sent to parents' emails and there will also be a link to this on our school webpage under Waterpolo. The weekly draw will also be linked to this page once the season begins.

To enable us to select our teams and for new players to have a go, we are having a trial on Monday February 5th from 12-1 at Moana pool. Students will be transported to the pool by bus and the cost for this session will be covered by the fees. For those of you who have not played before, Water polo is in the diving pool at Moana pool. Children **need** to have a **high level of swimming ability** to be able to play the game safely.

This year we have also been directed by Otago Waterpolo that all teams are to have a team swimsuit. We have a small number of school togs but have made contact with teamline to supply school togs. The option will be for students to buy their own swimsuit or to hire each season (term's one and four) from the school. We are still working with Teamline and they are sending to us a sample of sizes for students to try on in order to purchase if they wish. The option for purchasing or hiring will be included in the sign up page. Parents are welcome to come to the school office and view the swimsuits also if they wish. The initial cost quoted for us is \$65 for boys - shorts style, and \$95 for girls full togs with back zips. In waterpolo, a second pair of togs is generally worn underneath. Students are also expected to wear their correct Balmacewen PE gear to the pool. Teamline will be sending the samples sometime this week and I hope to have them by Friday or early the following week. We need an initial indication of the option you will take as it will impact on how many the school is able to purchase and if we have to look at other options for our beginner teams.

If you have any queries, please contact me at school.

Regards  
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Child's Name \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_

At this stage we are likely to ( please circle one)

Hire Togs if they are available

Purchase our own togs