



## BALMACEWEN INTERMEDIATE

### **Balmacewen Intermediate Hockey 2018**

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Your child has registered to play hockey this year. Hockey will commence at the beginning of Term 2. The first game is on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> May and the final game will be on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> August. No hockey in the school holidays.

#### **Teams:**

- Teams are mixed gender, and will all be a mixture of Year 7 and 8 students.
- The players will be selected based on their skill and ability and the teams will be graded.
- The first few weeks of the competition are grading games. During this time the teams will be changeable.

#### **Games:**

- All games are at the McMillan Centre near Logan Park. Games are played on Friday afternoons/evenings.
- The children must wear shin guards and a mouth guard - these are compulsory.
- All of the teams will be playing in an 11 a-side competition and they will all be playing on a full field. The games run for 25mins each way with 5 mins for half time.

#### **Uniform:**

- School will provide a hockey top and skorts or shorts for as many players as we can. Students will need to purchase the Balmacewen hockey socks from school. They are great quality socks and cost \$15 we prefer not to have a borrow system for socks for obvious reasons.

#### **Practice times:**

- Practise times will be advised once the teams are named. Depending on what suits the majority of the team and their coach, they will be either during a lunch time or after school on our school turf.

#### **Trials:**

- We will have a skills session and a few small games on the school turf on **Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> and we will have a follow up session at lunch time on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> April** to determine the ability of the students.

#### **Fees:**

- The Otago Hockey Association has included the weekly turf fee into the overall fees. Fees will be a total of \$95. This includes maintenance of the goalie gear, badge cost, uniform hire, purchase of hockey balls and the fees charged by the Otago Hockey Association ( **\$1378.75** per team.) Fees are due by the end of the term. Unfortunately students cannot play unless they have paid their fees.

#### **Commitment:**

It is important that when the children make the decision to play hockey, that they see this as a commitment to the team. They will be expected to attend all practises and matches where possible. When they are unable to be at a practise or a game they need to let their coach know.

#### **Parent Help:**

This year we need coaches and managers. This is really important because without coaches the children can't play, your support would be appreciated here. If you are able to help with this please email me. Your continued support through transportation and cheering on the sideline is always valued.

Kind regards,

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