

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Your son/daughter has expressed an interest in playing futureFERNs netball this year for the school. The season runs over two terms from the week of 13<sup>th</sup> May (Term 2) until the week of 23<sup>rd</sup> August (Term 3). Children would need to make a strong commitment for the duration of the season in BOTH terms.

The futureFERNs programme is Netball New Zealand's official Junior Netball programme. It is a programme that grows with the player and meets the players' social, physical, and cognitive needs and abilities, focused on enjoyment.

Benefits are as follows:

- More touches on the ball which means more opportunity for development
- Emphasise on learning to develop the fundamental movement skills
- Less players on the court, therefore, less complicated decision making
- Modified equipment and court size- scaled down from the adult version to fit children
- More attempted and successful shots on goal
- Developing a lifelong love of netball

#### **SEASON DATES**

- We will be registering our teams on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> of March 2021. Teams will not proceed without parent volunteers to Coach and Manage teams. Please contact Ms Curry if you have any queries surrounding this [alanac@silverdale.school.nz](mailto:alanac@silverdale.school.nz)
- A basic **coaching and umpiring workshop is available for parents** who are going to be managers, coaches or umpires. There are two to choose from. These are to be held at the Hamilton City Netball Centre on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April, 6 - 8pm, and Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> of May 9 - 11am. Workshops are for all levels of experience and provide information about the HCNC programme. Workshops will include practical sessions for coaches and umpires. All managers, coaches and umpires are encouraged to attend. Please register before the 12<sup>th</sup> of April on the website when registration opens: <https://netballhamilton.org.nz/coaches> Or contact: [admin@netballhamilton.org.nz](mailto:admin@netballhamilton.org.nz) or call 07 847 4007
- Practices for Y3/4 and Y5/6 begin when we have established times with new coaches
- Both boys and girls can play unrestricted in futureFERNs and games are played as below:

| Year and Play day                  | Dates   | No play dates | Festival date |
|------------------------------------|---|---------------|---------------|
| Y1 - Y2 Thursdays 4pm              | May 13, 20, 27, June 3, 10, 17, 24, July 1, 8                             | N/A           | Sat 4 Sept    |
| Y3; Y4 Tuesdays<br>4pm or 5:15pm   | May 18, 25<br>June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29<br>July 6, 27<br>August 3, 10, 17, 24 | July 13, 20   | Sat 4 Sept    |
| Y5; Y6 Wednesday 4pm<br>5pm<br>6pm | May 19, 26<br>June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30<br>July 7, 28<br>August 4, 11, 18, 25 | July 14, 21   | Sat 4 Sept    |

- Games are played primarily at the Hamilton City Netball Centre. Coaches will let the team know what time to arrive.
- Teams with more than 2 players of a different year group will be placed in the year group of the oldest player.

**Game day:** The Hamilton City Netball Centre Junior Co-ordinator will be available on game day and throughout the week to answer questions about the overall programme, provide skill session activities prior to game day, updates on draws, and other programme aspects.

Junior Coaches have gone through futureFERNs training and coaching workshops. They will be available in the registration office and around court area to assist coaches and umpires on game day.

### **COMPETITION STRUCTURE**

#### **One-third court:**

Years 1 & 2, 4-aside, skill based session followed by 2 mini 8 minute games.

#### **Two-thirds court:**

Years 3 & 4, 5-aside, skill based session followed by 4 x 8-minute quarters.

#### **Full court:**

Years 5 & 6, 6-aside, 4 x 8-minute quarters

### **Umpires**

Each Y5 and Y6 team is to provide an umpire for his/her own game who may also be the coach.

Umpires may be parents, siblings or a secondary school student.

### **UNIFORM**

- Students will be provided with a school t-shirt, which they will have to return at the end of the season. Black bottoms can be worn with this- leggings, shorts, etc. We would appreciate if parents help to keep the uniform in good condition. Children will also need their own clean pair of sneakers.

### **FEES**

Fees per team vary a little depending on the number of players. In general the fees will be:

Y1 & 2 = \$35

Y3 - 6 = slightly less than \$50

By returning the form, **you are agreeing that the fee will be paid before the first game**, (we will invoice you when we want to this to be paid to the school office). If your child will be unable to pay the fee in one amount, please feel free to come and discuss this at the school office. Children will not receive their uniform, until the fee is paid.

**PLEASE DO NOT PAY THE FEE UNTIL YOUR CHILD GETS AN INVOICE.**

### **EACH TEAM REQUIRES:**

- A manager who stands on the side line and operates a fair subbing system, helps support the coach, helps with any ring-arounds and supports the team.
- A coach who will teach the basic skills needed. (Y1 & 2, this will happen at the Hamilton City Netball Centre before games). For the other teams, practices will happen each week either for part of lunchtime (1pm - 1.45) or straight after school at 3.10 – 4.00. No netball experience is required but the workshop is encouraged.
- Y5s & Y6s only: An umpire – can be the coach

**If we have no coaches, managers or umpires volunteer we will be unable to enter teams.**

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR FORM NO LATER THAN THURSDAY 28<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

Alana Curry

(Staff in charge of futureFERNs netball)



**2021 Silverdale Normal School**

**futureFERNs Return Slip**

**Please return this form only by Thursday 29th March 2021 to Ms Curry or the office.**

I give permission for my son/daughter in Year 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 (circle) to play futureFERNs netball this year and I agree to pay the fee **before the first game.** Yes / No

Child's Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Room \_\_\_\_\_ Year \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Allergies/Medications/ Asthmatic? \_\_\_\_\_  
(Details only if relevant to netball) \_\_\_\_\_

Parent / Caregiver Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Preferred Email Contact \_\_\_\_\_

My child has played before Yes / No How many years' experience \_\_\_\_\_

I am happy for my child's name and phone number to be on a team list which will be circulated within the team. Yes / No

I am willing to coach a team Yes / No

I am willing to manage a team Yes / No

I am willing to umpire for a team Yes / No



I will be responsible for making sure my child goes to practices and being available to play on game days. I will also be responsible for picking my child up at the end of their game.

Yes / No

In case of an accident or injury requiring medical treatment, I consent that the team management can act on my behalf if I am not present and that I, the parent, will pay for any expenses incurred.

Yes / No

Signed \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_