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## AQUINAS COLLEGE SPORT – Term 1 Newsletter

**We aim to provide opportunities for all students to actively participate in sport throughout the year, whether it is at a competitive or social level. We encourage all students to represent Aquinas College.**

Welcome to everyone in the Aquinas College community. A special welcome to those new families who are just beginning their sporting experience here at the college. We are expecting another busy and rewarding year in 2019 and look forward to continued growth and success over the coming months.

The sporting year gets off to a very quick start as competitions for Summer codes start very early. [Sports Registrations for Summer Codes](#) opened in December and will be closed off on *Monday 4 February 2019*. If you have not yet completed registration forms for the Sports your child would like to be a part of, please do this now. If information is not received by Monday 4 February, the student runs the risk of missing out this season.

Later in Term 1 Winter codes begin preparations for the start of their season so the website is a vital communication link for us. All the information required to register for those codes is available on the [school website](#) so please take the time to check this important information. Ensure you are checking out the [News Section](#) of the school website as this is where new information is posted initially.

In Term 1 & 4 we offer Cricket, Futsal, Quick Rip (Term 1 only), Rowing, Sailing, Surfing, Tennis, Touch (Term 4 only), Volleyball and Water Polo. In Term 2 & 3 we offer Badminton, Basketball, Football, Hockey, Netball, Rugby and Squash. The following sports are also offered throughout the year; Equestrian, Golf, GymSport, MultiSport, Pistol Shooting, Rock Climbing.

The first major school-wide sports event is our Athletics Day on Friday 22 February. This is a great way to start the sporting calendar off as the whole school will be involved in this competitive but fun-filled event. Due to the event being held at the Tauranga Domain, some events will be run at school prior to the actual Athletics Day so students will need to check the school notices for details of these events. Whanau/families are more than welcome to come and support this event. In the coming week, you will be receiving more information about how the day will run.

The School Swimming Sports also take place early in Term 1 starting with our Year 7/8 Swimming Sports on Thursday 14 March at the Greerton Aquatic Centre. All Year 7/8 students are expected to participate and this provides another opportunity for students to earn valuable House points. The Year 7/8 students can choose to swim competitively or non-competitively if they are not confident swimmers. The Year 9-13 Swimming Sports are being held a week later on Thursday 21 March at the Baywave Aquatic Centre. Students can register on-line for this event. As with Athletics Day whanau/families are welcome to come and support these events. Information about these events will be sent to parents in the weeks leading up to the events.

I look forward to meeting many of you at the major school-wide events or on the sidelines supporting our students.

Nga Mihi nui  
Bill Kite  
Director of Sport

### **New Summer Code Available- 3x3 Basketball**

If your child would like to play 3x3 Basketball in Term 1, please follow this link for the [Registration Form](#). It is important to register by *Thursday 7 February 12.00pm*. Your child risks missing out if this is not complete by this date.

Once all registrations have been received it will be determined if trials are necessary and this will be communicated to you via email, along with additional seasonal information. Games commence on Monday 18 February and will continue for 6 weeks. Season fees can be expected to be between \$30.00 - \$40.00 per player.

Students that play in the TCBA weekly competition for AC (subject to teams being available) will be given priority to enter the National 3x3 Basketball Competition in March at the ASB Arena.

### **Summer Sports Code Update**

Please ensure you have completed [Online Registration Forms](#) online prior to Monday 4 February.

#### *Cricket*

You still have an opportunity to register for Cricket. Once registrations have closed, email contact will be made to advise you of muster and training dates. If you have any queries in the meantime, please head to the [AC Cricket Webpage](#).

#### *Futsal*

If you have registered online for Futsal, you should have already received an email regarding submitting a team. If you did not receive this email, please contact me [ctarr@aquinas.school.nz](mailto:ctarr@aquinas.school.nz). Games start on the 24 February.

#### *Quick Rip*

Quick Rip is played in Papamoa at the Gordon Spratt Reserve and does not start until Friday 8 March. You will receive further information about this sport in Week 3.

#### *Volleyball*

If you are Year 7-10 and have registered online for Volleyball, you should have received an email with details about trials. It will be determined next week if trials are required for Boys of all years, and Year 11-13 Girls. Contact will be made in the coming week. If you registered but have not received this email, please contact me [ctarr@aquinas.school.nz](mailto:ctarr@aquinas.school.nz).

All Trials will be held in the AC Gym from 3.30pm – 4.30pm. Please ensure you arrive early and bring appropriate gear to trial in including covered footwear. Trial dates are as follows:

- Year 7 & 8 Girls – Monday 11 and Wednesday 13 February
- Year 9 & 10 Girls – Tuesday 5 and Thursday 7 February

#### *Water Polo*

A muster/trial is booked in for Friday 1 February at Toi Ohomai pool at Windermere. Times have now been confirmed:

- Years 7 & 8: 3.30pm – 5.00pm
- Years 9 - 13 Boys: 5.00pm – 6.00pm
- Years 9 - 13 Girls: 6.00pm – 7.00pm

There will be another trial on Friday 8 February at the same times as above, so don't panic if your child can't make this Friday. You do need to prioritise one of these Fridays as a trial if you can't make both dates.

Sunday trainings will resume on Sunday 3 February at Baywave. Years 7 and 8 will train from 2.00pm - 3.00pm, Years 9-13 Boys will train from 3.00pm - 4.00pm and Years 9-13 Girls will train from 4.00pm - 5.00pm. Please remember you must pay entry into Baywave at Reception. Please contact TIC Kurt Kennedy if you have any questions, [kkennedy@aquinas.school.nz](mailto:kkennedy@aquinas.school.nz).

#### *Equestrian, Golf, Multisport, Rock Climbing, Surfing, Tennis:*

As these Sports offer events throughout the year as opposed to a seasonal competition, you will be contacted in the lead up to events. Please contact the appropriate TIC if you have any questions in the meantime.

#### *GymSport, Pistol Shooting, Rowing, Sailing:*

These clubs are run primarily by out of school contacts. You will be contacted in the coming week with information about the code. Please contact the appropriate TIC if you have any questions in the meantime.

### **AC Sports - Coaches**

We are tremendously proud of the fact that 70% of our students are actively involved in sport at AC. We also appreciate that without our parent support, we would not be able to boast that amount of participation at our college. We value and encourage the involvement of family in all that we do and certainly sport provides ample opportunities for families to do that. If any parents or extended family are interested in being involved through coaching or managing, please contact our Sports Coordinator, Mrs Caitlin Tarr, via email ([ctarr@aquinas.school.nz](mailto:ctarr@aquinas.school.nz)). We would appreciate any help or assistance you can give us.

### **Sporting Results**

#### *New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics 2018*

Aquinas College was represented at the NZ Secondary Schools National Athletics Championships in Dunedin by Hannah McGregor. She competed in the U16 Girls Discus and Shot Put events gaining 3<sup>rd</sup> Place in the Shot Put and 5<sup>th</sup> Place in the Discus. We are proud of Hannah's achievements and congratulate her for gaining a podium finish – well done Hannah.





### *Rowing Results - North Island Club Championship*

Our Aquinas College Athletes competed as part of the Tauranga Rowing Club squad, at the North Island Club Championships and Cambridge Town Cup.

What makes this teams results even more amazing is the fact they competed in the Open Novice category. This means they are competing against not only other school aged athletes, but also adults.

Out of a field of 36 boats, Callum Tutbury was part of a crew that finished 1st and were crowned North Island Men's Novice Quadruple Sculls Champions. Callum then backed up that result by finishing 3rd in the Men's Novice Four. Callum combined with Anton Bernard to finish 5th overall in the Men's Novice Double. Anton teamed up with Scott Clark to finish an outstanding 7th in the Men's Novice Quadruple Sculls

There was a massive field of 50 boats in the Women's Novice Qaudruple Sculls. Mia Finlayson, Charlize Tutbury and Aine Taylor finished an outstanding 2nd place. After 2km of racing Georgie Gash and Bella Stevens were part of a crew that finished 1 metre behind the third placed crew, to finish a very close 4th.

An hour later Mia Finlyson, Charlize Tutbury, Georgie Gash and Aine Taylor combined with Riley Elliott-Lowe for the race of the regatta. Racing in the Women's Novice Eight, against a field where the competitors were having their first race of the day, the boat was almost last at the halfway mark. They absolutely stormed home in the last 1km to finish an incredible 2nd place.

Running along side the North Island Club Championships was the Cambridge Town Cup age group regatta. Stella Janissen finished an awesome 2nd in the Under 16 Girls Single and Aoife Taylor finished an impressive 5th in the Under 17 Girls Single.

Congratulations to all our Aquinas College Rowers on a remarkable weekend at Lake Karapiro.  
*Written by Coach- Steven Finlayson.*



## **Aquinas College Fair Play**

Aquinas College supports the Fair Play Charter for School Sport.

Principles of Fair Play – the underlying principles remain:

- **Respect for the game and its rules**
- **Respect for the officials and acceptance of decisions**
- **Respect for the opponent**
- **Concern for equal opportunity**
- **Maintenance of dignity under all circumstances**

This Fair Play Programme aims to approach Fair Play from two angles – positive fair play and cleaning up fair play.

To view policy and procedural information, and our codes of conduct for Coaches, Managers, Parents and Players, please view our [Code Handbook](#).

We do not always get told about sensational sporting achievements of our students in teams or as individuals. If your child has achieved something within or outside of Aquinas College, please take the time to let us know. You can do this via a link on the Sports Webpage, there is a link to [Submit an Achievement](#), alternatively you can email the Sports Office.

If you require information about where to find sports or registration details, who to contact and how to keep up to date with what is happening with Sports at AC, please view this [newsletter](#) that was sent to new families in December 2018.

If you still have any questions after checking out this document and the school website, please feel free to contact the Sports Office.

Kind regards,

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**Sports Coordinator**

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**Sports Director**

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