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Teacher in Charge, Cricket
All Primary and Intermediate Schools

Dear Sir/Madam

New Zealand Cricket is delighted to announce the continuation of the primary and intermediate boys' and girls' cricket competitions in 2012 and we now extend an invitation to your school to participate in the following tournaments:

New Zealand Cricket Cup (Yr 7/8 boys)
New Zealand Cricket Shield (Yr 7/8 girls)

The purpose of the competitions is to encourage boys and girls to play cricket. It provides an opportunity for them to participate in a limited overs competition and, in particular, it gives schools whose normal sports programmes follow different paths, the opportunity of playing against one another at cricket. While entry advice has been e-mailed to full primary and intermediate schools, **all students up to and including those in Year 8 are eligible to compete.**

The competitions will be organised on a zonal basis – there are now six zones, mostly aligned to the New Zealand Cricket Major Association boundaries – with geographically adjoining zones playing one another to determine who will play in a national finals tournament at the end of the year. In the case of the zone with the largest number of entries, the winning team will automatically qualify for the finals tournament while the zone runner-up will play the inter-zone match. In total, four teams from each competition from throughout the country will attend the finals tournament.

New Zealand Cricket will cover the total costs for travel, accommodation and meals associated with the playing of both the Cup and Shield national finals. As well, New Zealand Cricket will subsidise the cost of road travel and, when considered necessary, accommodation costs, for the inter-zone finals.

We are conscious that with some of the smaller schools, playing numbers may be such that it is not possible to field teams comprised solely of boys and/or girls. In such cases, it has been decided that mixed gender teams will be permitted to play in the boys competition. The girls competition will be for teams comprised entirely of girls.

Also, some schools may wish to combine to form a team and the eligibility requirements in this regard allow for **up to three schools to merge providing the total combined school roll of Year 7 and Year 8 students (as per the current “Staffing Entitlement Notice”) does not exceed 200 students.** The merging schools should be within close proximity of each other and within the Territorial Local Authority Boundaries as listed in the Directory of New Zealand Schools and Tertiary Institutions. Copies of the current Staffing Entitlement Notices are to be signed by the principals of the respective schools and forwarded to New Zealand Cricket, by the central/host school, for verification.

Teams may play in either white or coloured clothing.

With the competitions commencing early in the new school year, it is essential that entries be completed as soon as possible – **the deadline is 25 November, 2011** – and returned to New Zealand Cricket. Once entries have been received and processed, they will then be handed to the respective zone convenors who will prepare a draw and liaise further with you.

Why not give it a go? It can be a lot of fun and remember, **entry is free.**

We welcome your involvement.

Yours sincerely

Blair Franklin
National Development Officer - Schools



NEW ZEALAND CRICKET CUP

(NATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS BOYS' COMPETITION)

ENTRY FORM, 2012

SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

TELEPHONE: () _____ (SCHOOL) () _____ (HOME)

FAX NO: () _____

E-MAIL: _____

DOES THE SCHOOL HAVE IT'S OWN GRASS/ALL WEATHER WICKET? YES/NO

DID YOU PLAY IN THIS YEAR'S COMPETITION? YES/NO

ENTRIES CLOSE WITH:

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On **25 November, 2011**



NEW ZEALAND CRICKET SHIELD

(NATIONAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS GIRLS' COMPETITION)

ENTRY FORM, 2012

SCHOOL: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CONTACT PERSON: _____

TELEPHONE: () _____ (SCHOOL) () _____ (HOME)

FAX NO: () _____

E-MAIL: _____

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