Dear Parents,

There has been a change in structure for the Hooptime Basketball Competition. This letter details the new structure and procedures. A meeting was held today (Monday 12 May) with all interested students from Grades 3-6 and everything that is included in the letter was discussed with the students. If you have any concerns or queries please contact the school.

Inclusion
This year any child who plays or has played competitive Basketball outside of school and would like to participate in the Hooptime Basketball Competition will have the opportunity. We will be offering two Competition dates for children to have the opportunity to participate in, of which children will be selected for one of the two dates. Two All Star Boy and Girl teams will be selected to play at our Glen Iris District day on 6th June (Juniors-Grade 3 and 4) and 28th August (Seniors-Grade 5 and 6), and all other students will be selected to be part of the open competition (dates TBC). In the open competition we can have either All Star or Future Star Teams based on who applies. To be eligible to play in the Future Stars division, students cannot have played at a representative level. Based on the students who apply, this will determine whether we enter teams in the Future Stars or All Stars divisions on the open competition days.

Selection of Teams
There will still need to be a selection process to find out which team students will best be suited to. These trials will be held during school lunchtimes. Dates will be confirmed once finalised. Children will need to sign up at the beginning of the trial and will run through a variety of drills. If a child is away on the day of a trial they will still have an opportunity to participate in the Hooptime Competition, however, will be ineligible for the District Competition Day. Students are to provide a letter from parents stating their absence from the trial, and their Basketball achievements to help when placing them in one of the Open Competition teams.

Parent Help/Coaching
We will require parents who have had basketball coaching experience to assist our teams. Each parent who coaches will be allocated to their child’s team. I am asking this year that we offer 2-3 practice sessions for each team to ensure players have had a chance to work together; coaches have the opportunity to learn more about their players, and to give the students more confidence in their team ability going into the event. Training times will be organised with the coaches and teachers, and will either be just before or straight after school. A teacher will be in attendance for each of these training sessions.

Kind Regards,

Natasha Black
PE Coordinator

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Hooptime 2014 Student Expression of Interest
This expression of interest is to gauge how many students are interested in taking part. Please return this ASAP to Natasha Black to help for forward planning of how many teams to enter.

My child __________________ would be interested in taking part in the 2014 Hooptime Basketball Competition.

My child has played competitive Basketball outside of school for _____ years.