Ready … Set … Go!

Glamorgan School Sports Newsletter

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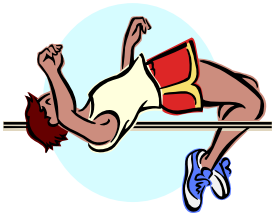

We have had a fantastic year of sport this year with many opportunities for our students to take part in. Either a team sports, as an individual or in an organised sports tournament! As always we would like to take this opportunity to thank all the children, parents and teachers who so actively support our teams in either a coaching, managing or spectator capacity. We look forward to working with you and your children again next year!

Information for Parents

Helping children build physical activity into their daily routine can create a pattern that may stay with them for the rest of their lives.

Research shows that physical activity

- Builds strong bones and strengthens muscles
- Maintains flexibility
- Achieves a healthy weight
- Promotes good posture and balance
- Improves fitness
- Strengthens the heart
- Improves physical self-esteem
- Increases relaxation
- Enhances healthy growth and development

Junior School Athletics Day

The Junior School Athletics Day was on Monday the 16th November. It was held on the field, using athletic activities in a junior style. The children participated in flat races, long jump, hurdles, ball throw, high jump, obstacle races and parachute fun. The finals for the 5 and 6 year olds were held on Friday the 20th with the seniors. There was much applause for our keen winners. The day was a huge success with excited participants and some keen parent supporters.

Jean Bagshawe (Junior School co-ordinator)

Senior School Athletics Day

This term our focus for P.E. has been on correct fundamental athletics skill development in a progressive, fun and participative environment. This in turn prepared our students for our Senior School Athletics Day. Students participated in a range of track and field events. The students who placed in these events then qualified to represent Glamorgan School at an inter-school athletic meet held at the Millennium Centre. A special thank you to Mr Halkyard for organizing the smooth running of events and ensuring we had a most successful day!

Inter-school Athletics Day

Following on from our school athletics day, teams of our best nine, ten and eleven year olds were selected to take part in an inter-school athletic meet at the Millennium Centre (Cougar Stadium). Unfortunately, due to appalling weather conditions on the day, the event was cancelled.

Michaela Nicol

Glamorgan School Soccer Champions

Earlier in the year Glamorgan School won the United Soccer Cluster Tournament, the United Soccer Champion of Champions Tournament and the Kristin Inter-School Tournament.

All that was left to win was the North Shore Championship run by Billy Harris on the 25th November. However things did not start well in pool play with two surprise losses to Northcote and Kauri Park. This meant that to defend the Tournament for a third year in a row Glamorgan would realistically need to win all the remaining matches just to make the play-offs.

The character and depth of the squad showed through with 4 consecutive wins (scoring 23 goals and only conceding 1) and then a solid 3-0 win against Kauri Park in the semi-finals. This set up a classic showdown with close neighbours, Browns Bay School.

Browns Bay started the stronger team in the final and took an early 1-0 lead but Glamorgan did not panic. By half-time Glamorgan had not only equalised but had surged ahead to lead 2-1 at the break. An early goal in the second half seemed to clinch the tournament for Glamorgan but Browns Bay did not give up. With a minute or two left they pulled a goal back to close the gap to 3-2.
After nearly 3 hours of football the last few minutes were the most exciting as Browns Bay threw everything at Glamorgan. The team held firm and came out worthy Champions. The challenge for Glamorgan now is to defend this Tournament twice more to equal Birkenhead's record of 5 wins in a row!
Many thanks must go to United Soccer, Kristin School, Billy Harris and the Referees for organising such great tournaments. This provides a great starting point for our possible future All Whites!

Martin Quinn (Coach)

Touch Rugby

Touch is the most rapidly growing sport in New Zealand. This year our school entered 7 teams in the Browns Bay Sharks module. There are 75 teams entered from Coatesville to Mairangi Bay. Our Year 1 and 2 team have done exceptionally well with winning just about all of their games. Unfortunately due to not having the minimum amount of girls required for the team, none of their points have been taken into account. Well done for continuing to play despite this. Our Year 3 and 4 teams are doing great and the teams I have managed to watch have some real up and coming players to watch out for. I have seen fantastic team spirit and they are working well together. Our Year 5 and 6's have had mixed results. Unfortunately our boy's team has had a lot of players pull out during the season which has left them quite short. The boys have kept playing through this and one game in particular that I watched, they won 8-1 and played out of their skins. The two mixed teams have seen some real development in player's ability. It is amazing to see how they have each improved over the season.
We should be very proud of the children at Glamorgan as a number of them were chosen from all the players in our module to play in two inter-module tournaments. Congratulations to them. Also, we have a few that have been selected to represent North Harbour in two inter-provincial tournaments; Callum Snelgar, Brianna and Jazmine Rudolph Karena. It is no mean feat to be picked for these teams, so our congratulations goes out to them. We look forward to next season and hopefully we will have even more teams. Thank you to all the coaches and managers who have given their time each week to teach these children a great sport.

Andrea Tibbotts (School co-ordinator)

Miniball

This term Glamorgan has three miniball teams playing in the East Coast Bays Leisure Centre games and practicing at school. Our thanks to John Beggs, Andrea Matthews and Kim Lovett for coaching the students and Carrie Mercer for managing. The students and coaches are full of enthusiasm and the games are well supported by parents. Miniball teams are graded into Year 3 and 4 students and Year 5 and 6 students. The number of students wanting to play grows steadily. We are always on the lookout for parents or members of the community who are available to coach and manage.

Robyn Bennett (School co-ordinator)

Looking Ahead to 2010

It's time to get up, get out and get active and support our school at the 2010 Shore to Shore Fun Run/Walk – North Harbour's largest fun run and walk. This is the perfect push play activity for our school, as it not only gets us moving, but it also helps us to get new sports equipment and sports uniforms. The more students who enter the race for the school, the more sports equipment dollars we are eligible for, as it is based on the percentage of the school that enters. The distance is very manageable, as the events emphasis is on participation and enjoyment. The day is one the whole family can enjoy so look out for information early in the New Year.

What a fantastic year of sport we have had at Glamorgan School! Once again a huge thank you to all the staff, parents and coaches who volunteer their time to give our students so many wonderful sporting opportunities. Your support is so greatly appreciated! It is also important to thank and recognize our students for their participation and commitment to their chosen sports. We are always so proud of the way you conduct yourselves and represent Glamorgan School on the sports field/court! Have a safe and merry Christmas and we look forward to another successful sporting year in 2010.

Michaela Nicol (School Sports and Physical Education co-ordinator)