**Newsletter 13th February 20****21**

**Term 1 Sports**

**BASKETBALL:** Saturdays 9am – 10am at Lynmore Primary School gym, Iles Rd.

(NB 8.30 am start for extra fitness training.)

**BOCCE** Or **INDOOR BOWLS** Wednesdays 5pm – 6.30pm at WHHS, Old Quarry Rd.

****Bocce is on the Astroturf courts below the school gym (to the left when entering the school grounds. Indoor bowls, if wet weather, either in the school hall or Te Maru.

**SOCCER:**Tuesdays 6pm – 7pm at Lynmore Primary School gym, Iles Rd.

**C:\Users\Stella McLeod\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\HGPBH29H\MC900295379[1].wmf**  **SWIMMING:** Mondays 6pm -7pm in the deep pool, Aquatic Centre, Tarewa Rd.

(Competent Swimmers only) **or** Thursdays 6pm -7pm in the learner’s pool**.**

C:\Users\Stella McLeod\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\Temporary Internet Files\Content.IE5\0LR4CW5M\MC900324492[1].wmf**TEN PIN BOWLING:** Two sessions. Saturdays at Strike Zone, Motion Entertainment, Te Ngae Rd.

**Restarts 13th Feb.** New athletes are asked to attend the second session **at 10.15am**, **$5 per game**.

**The first session at 9.30am** plays as an official league so teams are the same each week. The **second session at 10.15am**, teams may vary each week depending on who comes. New athletes are asked to attend the second session. Games are subsidised by Special Olympics Rotorua; athletes pay the rest. **9.30am** play two games. **$100 per term ($10 for 2 games**). Finishes by 10.30am. **10.15am** play one game. Usually finishes by 11.15am. **$50 per term ($5 per game**). We prefer payment via **Direct deposit** or **Internet banking** to **Special Olympics Rotorua, ANZ account 06 – 0996 - 0153831 – 01** For ref:Please put the athletes **name** and **Tenpin**.

**FITNESS SESSIONS –** Fridays 4.30pm -5pm at Smallbone Park, Devon St

These sessions are particularly for those selected to go to the National Summer Games, but all athletes are welcome. The aim is to increase fitness levels plus provide an opportunity for athletes and volunteers in different sports to get to know other members of the NSG team.

N.B. There is also extra fitness training before basketball for those who play basketball; please come to at least one of the two sessions as often as you can.

**AGM**

Annual General Meeting

**Wednesday 31st March 2021**

**7pm**

St Chad’s, 2 Devon St

All WelcomePh 07 348 5889

**Fundraisers**

**Easter Raffle – Donations of Easter Eggs Needed**

We will run an Easter raffle so would appreciate donations of Easter eggs to fill one or more baskets.

**$100 Bunnings Voucher - $2 Raffles**.

**** Max 100 tickets. We will be running several of these throughout the year as Bunnings donated vouchers to us last year in place of cancelled BBQs.

**Garage Sale – No date yet so please hang on to your donations**

We have been promised one of the monthly Ray White Real Estate garage sales for this year, but we don’t yet know when it will be so are not collecting items for it yet. Please keep any good quality goods that you want to donate at home for now. Only saleable items; no rubbish please!

Other Fundraisers are planned including **Steam Puddings on the 24th April** and Bingo nights. Page 2 has our NSG update.

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**NSG 2021 Update - 300 Days to go! (as of Friday, 12th Feb)**

**Website:** <https://nsg2021.specialolympics.org.nz>

The National Summer Games are in Hamilton from 8th -12th December.

The team will travel over on Wednesday 8th Dec. The opening Ceremony is at 4pm. We will return home on the night of Sunday 12th after the closing ceremony and disco.

We are away for only 4 nights this time.

**The following people have been selected to go to the NSG as of December last year**. Please note there may be changes for a variety of reasons, usually because someone has to pull out. Volunteers are on a 1:4 athletes ratio, except swimming is 1:2 and a few athletes need a 1:1 volunteer.

**Head of Delegation**: Jill and assistant HOD, Shona

**Indoor Bowls -** Athletes: Troy, Chris R, Te Waikura and Sean. Volunteers: Nick and Kylie

**Bocce -** Conor, Emilija B, Paige, Angela A, Krystal, Kelly and Allan Ca. Volunteers, Chris B, Michelle and Stella

**Swimming -** Tui, Harema, Bailey C and Natalie. Volunteers: Coach (to be confirmed), Robyn and Carol

**Football/Soccer (7-a-side) -** Leo, Brent, Jordan, Maureen, Madison, Chris T, Zane, Keyarn, Simon, Bailey D and Kris. Volunteers: Russell, Jessica H and Mike

**Basketball -** Moko, Richard, Corvette, James, Casey-lee, William, Bodie and Amelia. Volunteers: Lorraine and Keiha

**Tenpin -** Matthew G, Delarnie, Fiona, Marcel, Angela F, Jakob, Lional, Gregg, Carl, Shannon, Jesse, Nadia, Dominic, Esther, Adrian and Angela M. Non-travelling reserve: Felicity. Volunteers: Maxine S, Margaret, Helen and one other (to be decided).

Also still to be decided are who will be reserve volunteers and possibly other reserve athletes.



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**Payment of NSG athlete’s contribution of $400 each (less than half of the cost).**

Thank you to those athletes who have paid in full or are making regular payments. We need every athlete listed above to start making payments now by **Direct deposit** or **Internet banking** to **Special Olympics Rotorua, ANZ account 06 – 0996 - 0153831 – 01.** For our reference, please put the **athletes name** and **NSG.** This is so we can keep a track of who is paying what, and to distinguish NSG payments from other payments for tenpin and tournaments. If for some reason an athlete does not attend the NSG, then the money will be refunded.

**Paperwork:** Every athlete needs a current registration and medical or we cannot enter you into the NSG or tournaments. If you are given forms, please fill in and return them. Volunteers need up to date forms too.

**Commitment to Sports Practices and Tournaments**

Our NSG athletes need to make an effort to attend every sports training session, unless ill, particularly in the sport they have been selected for. Selection is NOT a guarantee that you will go if you don’t turn up to training. Every NSG athlete needs to attend at least one Tier 1 tournament and one Tier 2 tournament in their sport to qualify. Most NSG athletes are qualified in T1 but because many tournaments were cancelled last year there will be only one chance to attend a T2 tournament before the cutoff at the end of June.

**Term 1 Tournaments**: 6/7 March T2 **Bocce** in Thames; 27 March T1 **Swimming** in Taupo; 17/18 April T2 **Football** in Rotorua and T2 **Indoor Bowls** in Tauranga and 18 April T1 **Basketball** in Rotorua. *Preference will be given to NSG athletes and potential reserves in Terms 1 &2.*

**CNI Term 2 Tournaments:** 8/9 May T2 **Basketball** in Hamilton; 22 May T1 T**enpin** in Hamilton; 22/23 May T2 **Swimming** in Hamilton; 13 June T1 Football in **Cambridge**; 19/20 T2 **Tenpin** in Rotorua