

## Dear Players and Parents,

Attention all juniors – gather your racquets and get down to the Taupo Tennis Club on **Sunday 12 Dec.**

Whether you have been playing tennis this term or not, test your skills against a variety of opponents over this fun 3 hour format of tennis.

We will have the Red (small nets), Orange (1/2 court/service boxes) and Green levels (3/4 court) so that you always compete against players of your level, and I am sure there will be some movements into more challenging groups for some of the juniors who have been playing on Saturday mornings.

So whether it is your 1st Grasshoppers tournament or your 10th, you can be sure to get a good game of tennis! Of course there will be a lolly scramble and prize giving at the end also.

Please read the FAQs for information. For any further questions regarding the tournament, please call Moira Peters on 07 3782929 or Peter O'Dea on 0274 944415

### Grasshoppers Tournament

**Time - 9am - 12pm**

**Venue – Taupo Tennis Club**

**Cost - \$10 (payable on day)**

### FAQs

*- Does my child have to be of a certain standard?*

- Definitely not! Even if they are still only just learning to hit the ball over the net, by playing the mini matches at the **tournament** it will be reinforcing the skills they are learning, and getting them to understand what the game is all about by playing points. We often see a significant improvement in the kids who sign up and play the **tournament**, as they literally get to hit hundreds of tennis balls!

*- Can my child be too good to enter?*

- The great thing about the **Grasshopper** Tournaments is that they are graded on ability at Red (Beginner), Orange (Improver) and Green (Advanced) level; so if you are a 5 year old beginner, you would play over the mini nets with the sponge balls in the Red Group. If you are a 10 year old who is a strong player then you would play in the Green Group. You will always be placed in a group relative to your age and ability.

*- What's the format of the day?*

- We aim to start at 9am on Sunday and after the introductions, everyone will be split into their Red, Orange and Green groups for a 30 - 45 minute warm up, including skills and drills, and have a run through of how to score points. After that the **tournament** begins and it is based on Timed Tennis. For example in a group of 8 they may be playing 5 minute matches against everybody, with a 10 minute break every 4 matches. We aim for all matches to be finished by 11.45 to leave plenty of time for the Prize Giving and Lolly Scramble, and then finish at 12 midday.

*- Can I stay and watch?*

- Yes that makes the event even better! Particularly with the younger ones, they often need some help with the scoring, so any help from parents in scoring games all helps in the 3 hours running much more smoothly!

*- Does my child need to be in a coaching group or member of the Tennis Club to enter?*

- Definitely not! The idea of the **Grasshopper** Tournaments is to be inclusive and involve as many children as are keen to play! So any friends of friends are more than welcome too if they fancy playing some matches!

*- What's the cost?*

- The cost to enter is \$10 per person

*- How do I enter?*

- Please email me at [mjpeters@farmside.co.nz](mailto:mjpeters@farmside.co.nz) with 'Grasshoppers Tournament Entry' in the Subject Header, with Name and Age of child/children. Cash or cheques made payable to Moira Peters can be brought down on the day.