

Dear Principal, Head Master, Head Mistress

Welcome back to another exciting school year. We trust you had an enjoyable break with your family over Christmas after a busy 2014. Education and health was a topical discussion in the media over the past year with a real focus on getting kids active and healthy. I anticipate this will only continue and gain further momentum as we aim to encourage our children and youth to get moving and improve their health. There is a real opportunity to be able to foster and drive this through schools and tennis looks forward to supporting your school with this responsibility in 2015 and beyond.

We hope you found some time to enjoy one of the many tennis tournaments taking place around the country and now, back at school, you have eager students ready to pick up a racquet and play. There were some amazing matches and fantastic performances from our Australian players which I hope has now inspired boys and girls of all ages to participate.

To start the school Term, Tennis has been working on some new initiatives over the summer to further support your school with the delivery of tennis.

ANZ, as the proud sponsor of Tennis Hot Shots, is pleased to announce that for each of your new prep/reception starters in 2015, a free tennis racquet will be provided which each student can take home and keep. This is a fantastic opportunity for schools to provide children with their first taste of tennis.

The registration process as well has been simplified, with the introduction of bulk submissions directly to Tennis Australia. The free t-shirt for each registered student is still available, as well as many other exciting participant benefits. Don't forget the financial support of \$2.00 per registered student as well to assist your school with the continued supply and upgrade of tennis equipment. Tennis wants to ensure that you have everything you require to be able to deliver a quality program.

Tennis will also continue to support the TennisConnect initiative, with the additional \$5.00 per registered student who verifies their personal information and nominates the school as their primary place of play. It is for this reason that the school must not only seek parental permission before providing student information, but also upon submitting information a unique email address for each student is required. The confirmation email will be sent to this nominated email address and parents will be asked to confirm their child's information for the school to receive this additional funding.

The purpose of TennisConnect is to help foster the continued participation of children in tennis through participant benefits as well as community engagement. To assist in transitioning children into the community sport environment it is important for families to know what is available to them. The TennisConnect project will assist with this and ensure that children are continuing to get active and maintain their health once they have left the school grounds.

Now is the time to act to ensure your school does not miss out on all benefits associated with being connected with tennis through the National School Partnership Program (NSPP). Register participants is key, with the introduction of free prep racquets, \$2.00 Playback Rebate for each student and a further \$5.00 TennisConnect support for verified participants. Therefore no matter how small or large your school is, tennis is here to support to ensure you have another great year in 2015 in health and physical education.

Please ensure this information is passed on to your head of sport and/or your physical education head coordinator so that your school does not miss out on these fantastic opportunities. If you have any questions on the available support or your schools involvement in the National School Partnership Program please contact us on (03) 9914 4191 or email schools@tennis.com.au

Best wishes for a successful school year and we look forward to continuing our partnership and providing support for your school in 2015.

Kind regards,



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