

**Mount Maunganui Intermediate School**  
**Lodge Ave**  
**Mount Maunganui**



29<sup>th</sup> August 2018

**ANCHOR AIMS GAMES 2018**  
**9th –14th September**

Dear Parents/Caregivers/AIMS competitors,

Congratulations, your child has been selected as part of Mount Maunganui Intermediate Schools Anchor AIMS Games (Association of Intermediate and Middle Schools) team.

We are really proud to have these pupils representing our school. There are over 13,000 students from around New Zealand, Australia, and Pacific Islands competing in this tournament.

***Costs***

Each code has a different cost associated with it. Please refer to the initial newsletter for these costs. Thank you to those who have already paid the fees to the office. **Please note that these fees are due by this Friday 31st August.**

***Opening Ceremony***

The Opening Ceremony will be held on Sunday 9th September at 3pm at the ASB Baypark Arena. Those attending are required to meet in a designated area at 1.45pm.

***Responsibilities***

With selection comes the expectation that your child will represent themselves and our school with pride, at all times heed our school rules, and honour the NZAIMS Oath. It is your child's responsibility to be at the appropriate playing facility at the requested time by their coach/manager. All competitors will need to stay with their team and coach/manager until their last game of the day unless they have a parent or designated adult to take responsibility for them and have had permission from their coach/manager to leave.

***Commitment***

There were many students who attended trials for a range of AIMS teams who may have missed out. **We would expect** that all those lucky enough to be chosen will be fully committed to attending **ALL** meetings and trainings related to their sport. At the moment we have too many students letting their team down by not turning up. We encourage every parent/caregiver to be 100% behind their child and help to ensure that teams have players who are 100% committed.

***Uniform***

For those fortunate enough to be issued with a school tracksuit, (outside codes get priority) these are travelling tracksuits, and competitors are expected to wear them to and from their event. However, they must not play their game in these tracksuits. If your child does not have a tracksuit they are expected to wear our correct school PE uniform. We will allow your child to wear a good pair of their own sport track pants (black). Most teams will also be issued with the appropriate sports uniform to play in. Please do not add accessories to our uniform. The sports uniforms will need to be returned unwashed immediately after the tournament is finished please.

***Optional Uniform:***

Our school AIMS hooded sweatshirts and t-shirts have been ordered, and your child will be notified when they have arrived. These need to be kept for AIMS week and after AIMS they can be worn to school until the end of term three only.

***Expectations***

Your child is expected to be at their playing venue on the days that their code is playing. If their team is out of the competition, or the code is not playing on a day, they are expected to be at school.

### ***Provisions***

For each day of the tournament competitors need to ensure that they are well organised and have enough food and water to last the full day. Please be organised in advance. At some of the facilities there are opportunities available to buy snacks, students may wish to make personal purchases.

### ***Fairplay***

We wish competitors all the best for the competition. They should play fairly, win graciously and if they lose, do so with dignity.

### ***Website***

The following website [www.nzaimsgames.co.nz](http://www.nzaimsgames.co.nz) will be updated daily with results and feedback and will be useful prior to and during the tournament.

**AIMS is an exciting week and we look forward to being part of the highest level sports competition available for intermediate school pupils.**

### ***Dual Codes***

As discussed in a previous newsletter, we have ruled that students may only participate in one team sport. We have done this simply to prevent the clashes that occur in the draws between the major codes. We have considered BMX, badminton, tennis, gymnastics, cross country, multi sport, squash, rock climbing and swimming to be individual codes. Students may only participate in the individual codes and a team code at the discretion of both coaches and if there are no draw clashes. Although, hip hop and aerobics are classified as team sports we have allowed students to participate in one of these as well as another code, as these are a one off performance that takes place on one night only. We appreciate that there are some anomalies with the criteria, but we have tried to give students maximum opportunity to participate without compromising other codes.

Please contact myself via e mail if you have any queries.

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