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MacGregor “in2CRICKET” Players & Parents

Welcome to the Cricket Club and the new cricket season.

The following information is for parents who may wish to enrol their child in our “in2CRICKET Have-A-Go Programme”. Enrolments can be done at our club sign-on days (Preferred) or the Weeks 1-3 of the programme.

Each in2CRICKET morning is a short duration, activity based session that is intended to introduce and teach the skills that are required for the kids to better enjoy the game of cricket, as they grow older. It isn't a competition but does introduce all the basic facets of cricket in a fun and enjoyable atmosphere. The parents are expected to join in and help run the various activities with the kids under the overall direction of the Group Co-ordinator.

The programme, this year, will be run on Saturday mornings on the **main oval at Sunnybank Hills State School**. (Address: Corner of Symons & Borella Streets, Sunnybank Hills)

The COST is: **\$95.00** per child and includes a group photo for every child at no extra cost, along with many other giveaways. Current planning will see the running of 10 sessions prior to Christmas, during school term 4.

Each Saturday

Start Time: **8:30am** Session Dates: **1/10/2011 – 3/12/2011** (10 Sessions)
End Time: **10:00am** (Approx.)

Two levels of “in2CRICKET” will be run this year with the kids broken into the following groupings.

JUNIOR GROUP: a beginner to intermediate level for the younger 1st time kids (Ages 5-7)

SENIOR GROUP: a more advanced level for the older kids (Ages 7-9) and for those that have participated before.

The first 2-3 weeks are a little confusing as both kids and parents get used to how the programme is run and late starters join the group. Before the start of the 1st and 2nd Sessions, all kids will have the basic rules for the day explained to them.

Progressively, over the initial few weeks, the one and a half hour session will take up the following structure:

8:30-8:40 (ALL) Welcome and breakdown of kids into 6, 8 or 12 Child groupings for the activities to follow

8:40-9:40 (Junior Grp) 4 skill based activities for each group, rotated at 12-15 Minute Intervals

9:40-10:00 (Junior Grp) Game based activities to finish the session off.

8:40-10:00 (Senior Grp) 3 -5 Game based activities for each group, rotated at 15-25 Minute Intervals

A break is provided between all activities to ensure the kids have the opportunity to take in some water and visit the toilet. Use of a water bottle is a good idea as it is a fair distance to the drinking fountains, near the toilets. It will take a few weeks for the kids to learn to rotate in an orderly fashion and some mix ups will occur so don't get too worried as the mayhem will subside as the programme progresses.

All kids are expected to have adequate sun protection including a hat and sunscreen as the activities are conducted in the open area of the school oval. **A parent is expected to remain at the session while a child participates** due to the age and number of children involved. There is no special clothing required except covered footwear must be worn.

Could all parents please ensure that their child arrives prior to the 8:30am start and they don't disturb the gear that has been set up at each activity.

If a in2CRICKET session for a Saturday morning is to be cancelled, due to bad weather or other reasons, **you will be able to check by ringing a phone number (still being arranged) and listening to the recording on the Saturday morning.** If you are still concerned, ring the mobile number of either group co-ordinator or just come to the ground. A group co-ordinator will be there till 8:45-9:00am and will inform you of what is happening.

Please note: **The 1st and last sessions of the season will be run regardless of the weather.**

Our Club hopes that the programme will prove to be both interesting and fun for all involved. To make the programme successful, for the kids, we need as many Mums & Dads and/or other older family members putting their hands up and assisting each Saturday morning. Without this help, we would not be able to run the programme.