



on the rise

Mission Statement:
"To have all pupils play tennis all their lives"

**Term 3
2010**

FUTURES TENNIS ACADEMY

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

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Fees due:

25th June

**Term 3 starts:
Mon 12th JULY**

Office hours - 9.30-3.30pm

Hi Parents,

Term three starts on the 12th July. We hope all players consider enrolling in coaching and **also** the Internal Friday Competition. There are few things in life which you can improve by simply practicing once a week. All sports offer at least one practice session followed by a match day. Tennis offers this all year round. For more information regarding what option you have to further your coaching please call our Office Manager, David Jonkers.

All Hot Shot players [modified ball coaching] received a Competency Report Card at the end of term. For more comprehensive feed-back please feel welcome to speak to your coach at the end of your coaching session.

Lastly, a few reminders:

A] All classes missed due to rain are guaranteed and made up by using the extra weeks in the school term B] As is standard business practice there is a 2% surcharge for all credit card payments. C] Please keep us updated on the mobile number you want recorded on our database so that you receive notification of classes that are postponed due to rain.

Good Hitting! Director Wes

Color Coded Coaching Programs

Our programs are based on the International Tennis Federation [ITN] and are rated by the color of the ball that kids use. We have now standardized all our programs [coaching/competition/rewards/tournaments] to use the same name, equipment, rule modifications and standard so that all programs are homogenized to each other. Our Programs are:

Hot Shots Red Ball- 75% compression ball, 1/2 court

Hot Shots Orange Ball- 50% " 3/4 court

Hot Shots Green Ball- 25% " full court

Futures Program - **Yellow** Championship Ball, full court

Challenger Program - " full court

Pro Program - " full court

Grand Slam Program - " full court

Wimbledon Tournament

Friday 10-12pm - July 2

Red, Orange & Green Ball

FREE for Red Ball players

We want younger kids to play more often and to know the many programs that are available apart from just coaching for this age group.

Therefore we are offering all RED BALL kids a chance to play in our fun modified Wimbledon tournament for FREE.

The only skills we ask pupils to have are a great attitude and the ability to be able to start a rally with a drop and hit.

All players receive a prize and there is a Trophy for the winners. Read page three of the newsletter for more info.

The Wimbledon Championships is one of our four Master Series Tournaments per year and starts on Friday the 2nd July at East Malvern Tennis Club from 10-12pm. Red Ball pupils still need to book in so we can arrange staff.

Please simply call our office on 9528 6375.

The fee for all other players is \$20. Enter on page 4.



FTA POLICIES

Credit: We have a no cash refund policy under any circumstances. Credit may be given for any pupils who miss four classes or more due to illness with a signed Medical Certificate.. Make up classes may be available if you miss a class for any reason. Please call the office to arrange make up classes.

Rain: The tennis term goes for eight weeks. All classes are guaranteed against rain. A text message is sent to parents informing them of a classes being postponed once a decision is made. Classes missed due to rain are "tacked" on to the end of the school term which may go for ten or eleven weeks.

For all our policies please refer to www.futuresennis.com.au and click on Policies.

Fun, Fitness, Forever ... Futures

Friday World



Night Tours

on the rise



The main feature of the competition this term is the closeness of scores at all levels on the leader boards indicating players' have been well graded and are enjoying the benefits of good competition each week. As is normal for this time of year the weather has played its part with one washout at 5.30pm and two wash outs from 7pm so there will be a need for a staggered end to the term. Congratulations to all players who participated!

Hot Shots Red

These grades have been played in fine spirit with huge improvements noticed in rallying, scoring and general understanding of the game. The B grade final results see **Izabella Jepsen** a winner on 36 points and **Dimitris Fatouros** just heading off the rest of the field on 32 points. Owing to a wash out at 4.45pm A grade still have another week to go. **Fergus Boyd** is leading by just 1 point over **Archie Stevens**, with **Celina Yang** still a chance a further 4 points back.

Hot Shots Orange & Green

There was a lot at stake in the last week of comp with many pupils with chances of taking home the trophies. As it turns out we have finished with some ties for 2nd place so play offs will be required. **Piers Rogers** won the Green 2 competition on 31 points ahead of a three way tie **Jack Fone, Tristan Clements, and Daniel Straw** all on 28 points. **Timothy Bayley** had a 1 point margin over **James Bryden** in Green 1 with a further four players' within 3 points of each other. **Quillian Axtens** came from behind to take the Orange 1 competition by 1 point from **Amy Gordon**. **Caitlyn Davis & Natasha Kendall** shared 2nd place in Orange 2 behind clear winner **James Chand**.

Futures & Challenger

After a washout earlier in the comp there is still one scoring week to go till the end of the term. **Eddy Mizrahi** has cleared out from the pack in the Challenger 2 grade with an 11 point lead over **Cameron Binks**. **Harry Prentice, Lewis Powell & Michael Cheung** lead in their respective grades.

Pro & Grand Slam

Cameron Lucas looks to be in a strong position to be a new A Grade champion with 2 scoring weeks to go with a 7pt lead over reigning champ **Luke Nikolovski**. **Brenton Hansford** is clinging to 1 pt lead over **Marcus Read** in the B Grade, while **Mitchell Bevan** is making a late charge trailing **Lea Maria Russ** also by 1 pt in the C Grade.

There are four Grand Slam tournaments: Australian Open, French Open, Wimbledon and the US Open.

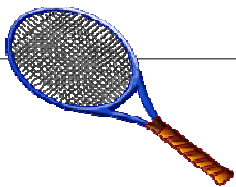
Can you match the centre courts below with the tournament?



Answers:

First Photo - Wimbledon, Second French, Third US Open, Fourth Aussie Open.

Pupil Sponsorships



www.futurestennis.com.au

Did you know that all pupils who get to the first "Hot Shots" stage of "Sponsorship" in their My Tour Books are automatically eligible for a 10 % discount off all racquets. As you win the Futures, Challenger, Pro and eventually the Grand Slam tour the discounts increase and includes all our merchandise. Sponsorships also include free entry to try new and different programs that we offer e.g. Friday Night Competition. Anyone wanting to re-deem their sponsorship simply needs to show us what Tour they are up to in their Book and then to book into the program that you want to try. Please call the office for all enquiries.

Players Page



FUTURES STARS



Congratulations to the below pupils who have performed creditably during the past term.

Cameron Lucas Malvern

Ioanna Stamatopoulos Korowa

Gemma Seeley Korowa

have all represented their schools with distinction in The Victorian Primary Schools Sports Association Competition.

They were each part of a three person team selected to represent their school in a District Tournament. Ioanna (Doubles), & Gemma (singles) were part of the Korowa team which won district, then zone playoffs to qualify for the Regional Tournament. They came second in this and narrowly missed qualifying for the State play offs. Cameron Lucas (Doubles) and his Malvern Primary team went a step further winning their Regional Tournament before coming second in their group in the State Finals.

Jessica Gazarella

Jessica has won all her singles matches and her team are now in the finals of Junior Pennant. She will be jumping six grades higher next season which is a fantastic effort!

Kyle Didone & Thomas Miller

Both boys competed in the 10 and under Nestle Peters Junior Development Series No.1 Tournament at Boorondara at the beginning of May. Thomas reached the semi-finals with ease before going down 3/6 6/1 7/6 in a titanic struggle. If Thomas had have won that match it would have set up a final showdown with training partner Kyle. Congratulations to Kyle as he won the Final convincingly. Both boys attend training at the same squad practice.

Coaches Tip

“Reception skills”

I am often asked what is the most common error people make in tennis? I always answer with the one word “reception”!

Reception is all the things that happen before we even hit the ball. It is the thing that nearly all beginners get wrong!

Tennis is a game of receive first and then send [a rally]. All players go through the same mental process whether they realise it or not.

Firstly, when players are receiving the ball they must perceive the flight of the ball: the height, direction, speed, length and spin to be able to move into position to be able to play the shot. Remembering also that a tennis shot has two trajectories the one through the air and the one after the bounce. This can be extremely confusing to beginner player who may run at the bounce of the ball and not allow space for it. Once players are confident they know where the flight of the ball is going to land they must move to position to execute the shot the correct distance away to the side of their body As they move they must also work out where they want to send the ball back to their opponent [cross court, down the line, down the middle]. This decision is usually based on the amount of pressure one is under. As they move they are also thinking about the technique necessary to perform the shot [change grip, racquets goes back etc].

Lastly they must actually perform the shot.

Being able to read the flight of the ball is the most challenging thing for beginners. They may be able to perceive the direction the ball is coming, forehand or backhand, but to also work out the depth presents major problems. Therefore it really is no wonder that most beginners find they are either too close, or far, away from the ball when hitting. Or they may be always getting under the flight of a high bouncing ball and then slap at the shot instead of moving back and allowing the ball to drop into their hitting zone.

This is one reason why the softer, slower and lower bouncing Red and Orange balls we use are best for young pupils so that we allow time for these skills to be taught and learnt instinctively.

FTA Director - Wes Horskins



Red, Orange, Green Ball WIMBLEDON

Tournament

ENTER NOW!

Friday 2nd July 10-12pm

\$20 per player

FREE for all Red Ball players

Each holiday we strongly recommend all pupils from 6 years up participate in our Masters Series Tournaments at East Malvern Tennis Club.

For youngster we recognize the three F's of competition:

Fair-we ensure equality,

Fear-make kids feel comfortable,

Fun -be active and play with friends.

It is an important part of a child's development for them to experience a friendly form of competition. It also justifies why they receive coaching! Imagine going to footy, netball or cricket training week after week but never playing a match!

For the very young we structure the tournaments in a non-competitive environment so that they may play for a team and only for themselves as they become more emotionally mature. Or if they do play singles they play many quick matches.

We have a Red, Orange and Green ball tournament for all kids 10 and below.

This Tournament is FREE for all RED BALL players.

To ENTER details are on the back of this newsletter.

