Dear Parents,

Below is some information to clarify the policies and processes of the Year 5-6 Interschool Sport Program.

- It is expected that all students will be involved in this fantastic program. The benefits of Interschool Sport extend far beyond the development of sporting skills. The program is an integral part of the Year 5/6 curriculum at Lilydale West.

- The progress of teams can be tracked via the following website: https://goo.gl/M5RLVH

- The $28 (Year 6) and the $18 (Year 5) that we are requesting is a ‘participation fee’ and covers both Interschool Sport seasons, in Terms 1 & 2. A number of years ago, the children were asked to bring along a $5 fee for each ‘away’ game, that they were selected to play in. We found this to be difficult to manage due to the constant payments having to be processed through the school office. Parents also found this process to be a nuisance and sometimes unfair. For example, if your child so happenened to play most of the away games and a small number of home games, the costs would be very high for you. If your child played more home games than away games, the costs would be quite low. The payment system we use has proven to be the most fair system for all involved.

- We will endeavour to involve each child in a reasonable number of away games per year. ALL Year 5/6 children will travel to ALL away games, even if they have not been selected to compete. Away games and home games are regarded as equal. Meaning that if your child only plays home games for the season, this doesn’t mean that you don’t have to pay the $28/$18. The payment is regarded as a participation fee, no matter whether the children play home games or away games.

- Year 6 children have priority when it comes to the selection of sports at the beginning of each season. They will also be involved in more games than the grade 5 students, particularly in the Summer Season, whereby the sports played require a smaller number of participants. The idea is that Interschool Sport is running on a two year cycle and therefore when the Year 5’s for 2016 are in Year 6 in 2017, they will have priority when it comes to sport selection and will play in more games than the Year 5’s at the time. This point is particularly relevant this year, with such a large number of Year 5/6 students at the school.

- It is the responsibility of the children to keep track of whether they have been selected each week. Team selection sheets will be displayed on the noticeboard in the Year 5/6 corridor, by each Wednesday afternoon.

- Please refer to the School Sport Victoria code of behaviour, outlined for players and spectators. (overleaf) Lilydale West Primary School operates very strictly under these codes when participating in all sporting events/competitions. It would be a great idea for you to read through these with your child. At the beginning of each season, all of the students will be asked to sign a contract agreeing to follow the code. Any child who fails to comply with the code of behaviour, or if the staff have reason to feel concerned that a child may not be able to comply with the code of behaviour, their participation may be restricted.

If you have any questions about the above information please approach myself or the other Year 5/6 Teachers.

Scott Clarke
Sports Co-ordinator
PLAYERS’ CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

(a) Play for the "fun of it" and not just to please parents and coaches.
(b) Play by the rules.
(c) Never argue with an official. If you disagree, have your captain or coach approach the official during a break or after the game.
(d) Control your temper. Verbal abuse of officials or other players, deliberately fouling or provoking an opponent and throwing equipment is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.
(e) Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team's performance will benefit, so will you.
(f) Treat all players as you would like to be treated. Do not interfere with, bully, or take unfair advantage of another player.
(g) Co-operate with your coach, team-mates and opponents. Without them there would be no game.

SPECTATORS’ CODE OF BEHAVIOUR

(a) Students play organised sport for fun. They are not playing for the entertainment of spectators only, nor are they miniature professionals.
(b) Applaud good performance and efforts by your team AND the opponents. Congratulate both teams upon their performance regardless of the game's outcome.
(c) Respect the officials decision. If there is a disagreement, follow the appropriate procedure in order to question the decision and teach the children to do likewise.
(d) Never ridicule a player for making a mistake during a competition. Positive comments are motivating.
(e) Condemn the use of violence in any form, be it by spectators, coaches, officials or players.
(f) Show respect for your team's opponents. Without them there would be no game.
(g) Encourage players to play according to the rules and the officials' decisions.
(h) Demonstrate appropriate social behaviour by not using foul language, harassing players, coaches or officials.

School Sport Victoria website
https://www.ssv.vic.edu.au/Policies/Pages/default.aspx