

Dear Parents and Care Givers,

At Hibiscus Coast AFC we are about to launch into a new winter season of football. We would like to invite your kids to play football with us. For those of you who are new to football here is some info to get you started:

Football starts for kids the year they turn 5 years old. This means if your child is turning 5 in October or any month this year, they can start playing football now.

For Children 5th grade (kids turning 5 this year) to 8th Grade (turning 8 this year) the club offers parents two options for their children to play. Friday night 5pm-6pm under lights at Metro park or 8:30-9:30am at Stanmore Bay on Saturday morning. The first part of the session on these days are FUN activities and games following the 'New Zealand Football Whole of Football Plan' station rotation format and the second 30 min are matches among other groups.

All 5th—8th grade kids who register receive their own football which they get to keep and they are supplied a uniform shirt for their team.

5th and 6th grade fees for the season are \$65

 7^{th} and 8^{th} grades fees are \$100

When registering you are asked which school your child is or is going to attend so that we can put kids together in school teams. If you want to have your child in a particular team with friends this can also be arranged once we get started.

5th and 8th grades are mixed, we have also the option for girls to join an all girl teams.

Teams that wish to train during the week can do so on their own accord.

The club has a large selection of football boots and gear new and second hand for kids to get kitted out and you will find there are a lot of boots available from other parents as feet grow fast.

Football is a great sport for all kids to get involved with and is a great place to introduce your child to team sports.

"With three girls playing at the club and my involvement in coaching from a young age I have noted that kids who start out playing football have an advantage when picking up other sports like netball and hockey. They usually excel due to fitness and the ability to understand the concept of team play that they have learnt from playing football" Russell HBCAFC Girls Coordinator

At Hibiscus Coast AFC we encourage play and a love for sport by providing a fun first environment for all our kids to grow and learn. It is truly a great place for children to start out their sporting endeavors.

For more information please email me at <u>info@hbcafc.org.nz</u> or register at <u>www.hbcafc.org.nz</u>. For Junior and other Football info please visit <u>www.hbcafc.org.nz</u> otherwise more info to come in your next news letter.

Warm regards,

Mauricio Rojas Technical Director HBCAFC

