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Dear Parents and Guardians of Primary and Secondary students,

Due to COVID-19, school sports carnivals across the diocese have been postponed until further notice. The Armidale Diocesan Sports Council has been continually guided by the state government's decisions and restrictions. The current restriction imposed on school sport is as follows:

- ***Inter-school sport competitions such as zone sport, state wide competitions and knockouts, gala days or inter-school carnivals are not permitted.***
- ***School carnivals such as athletics, cross country and swimming carnivals are not permitted.***
- ***Full contact and semi-contact sports are not permitted.***

At this stage, all Armidale Diocesan Primary and Secondary sporting events have been cancelled until the end of Term 3, this includes the Diocesan Athletics Carnival. However, the following diocesan events **will go ahead** pending current restrictions are lifted;

- Friday 6th November, 2020 - Touch Football Gala day (Inverell)
- Friday 4th December, 2020 - Basketball & Tennis Trials (Tamworth). *Please note these trials have been historically known as Summer Trials however have now been split due to the timing of Polding Trials and NSWPSA championships*

We are hopeful of hosting our school athletics carnival and cross country at some point this year but we will wait for further direction from the Armidale Diocesan Sports Council before dates can be finalised.

The following Polding, NSWCCC, NSWCCPS and NSWPSA events have been cancelled and will not be run again this year:

23 July	NSWPSA & All Schools Cross Country
27 July	NSWCCPS Golf Tournament
27- 29 July	NSWPSA Netball state championship
1 - 2 August	NSW All Schools 15's touch football trials
10 August	NSWCCPS 10 A Side Knockout
10 August	NSWCCPS Girls Rugby 7s Selections
18 August	NSWCCC Netball Championships
18 - 20 August	NSWPSA Boys Touch state championship
19 August	NSWCCPS Hockey Gala Day

19 August	NSWCCC Rugby League Cup
25 - 27 August	NSWPSSA Rugby Union state championship
28 August	Polding Cricket Selections
31 August - 1 September	NSWPSSA Girls Rugby 7s
31 August - 2 September	NSWPSSA Golf state championship
1 September	NSWCPS Netball Carnival
1 - 2 September	NSWCCC Football Knockout Semi Finals/Finals
3 September	MacKillop Girls Cricket Selections
3 - 4 September	MacKillop Boys Cricket Selections
7 September	NSW Champions School Basketball Tournament
8 September	NSW Schools Football Challenge Cup
8 September	NSWCPS Netball Carnival
8 - 10 September	NSWPSSA Boys Softball state championship
8 - 10 September	NSWPSSA Girls Touch state championship
11 September	Polding Athletics Championships
17 September	NSW All Schools Netball Challenge
18 September	NSWCCC Athletics Championships
21 September	MacKillop Athletics Championships
22 - 24 September	NSWPSSA Girls Softball state championship

The following NSWPSSA, NSWCPS, NSWCCC & POLDING Sport events have been cancelled for Term 4, 2020

13 - 16 October	NSWPSSA Boys Cricket championships
19 - 22 October	NSWPSSA Girls Cricket championships
24 - 25 October	CPS Basketball Challenge
26 - 27 October	NSWCCC Junior Boys Basketball Championships
28 - 29 October	NSWPSSA Athletics
5 - 6 November	NSWCCC Junior Girls Basketball Championships

Further updates as they come to hand will be updated on the CSNSW Sports portal.

Refunds will be provided to those Cricket and Golf players who were selected earlier in the year for Polding Trials.

We will continue to provide updates as they come to hand. As we can all understand the safety of students and our staff are still our greatest priority. We hope sport carnivals at our school and around the diocese will return at some point in the very near future.

Yours sincerely,
 Tony O'Donnell & Anna Copeman
 Primary and Secondary Sports Coordinator