

Scots College Basketball Club

Newsletter Term 1 2011



Welcome to the 2011 basketball year and to all our players and supporters. We have some exciting developments to report including the establishment of the Scots College Basketball Club which aims to develop basketball as a premiere sport in the College.

We welcome back James Santure from his OE as our teacher in charge of basketball. Joining him this year is teacher Callum Brookes, who formerly played with the Otago Nuggets and will be coaching the Senior A team.

We would like to formally thank Blossom Cameron who took our senior team to the premiere grade in 2010 and to tournament week for the first time. Blossom, we can't thank you enough for your dedication, enthusiasm and sheer hard work in coaching our senior boys for the last 3 years.

Look out for our Open Day on Sunday 27th February. All welcome.

Basketball Open Day

When: Sunday 27th Feb

Time: 2—4 pm

Where: Scots gym

- Sign up for 2011
- Exhibition game
- Coaching clinic
- Scrimmages
- Sausage sizzle
- Bring the whole family!

Register your interest on facebook, search:
Scots College Basketball Club



Can you help?

We need support with:

- managing a team
- refereeing & coaching
- sponsorship/fundraising

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SENIOR BASKETBALL

Report by Pat Fraser

Looking back on the 2010 basketball season at Scots College is something I will never forget and I am sure I would not be the only one. As the basketball season came around, I thought to myself; "this is going to be really tough without our 2009 MVP, Tristan Braybrooke". After a hammering to Wellington College Senior B my thoughts stayed much the same but after a few weeks of our traditional 6:30 am sessions and Blossom's killer defence workout, we started to play some basketball and came together as a team. We hit some momentum and ended up fighting for our spot in the Premier Boys Division. One of my favourite memories of the season was when we beat HIBS at home and gained promotion. We then got to play the rest of the season at the Te Rauparaha Arena. Speaking on behalf of the team, I think playing in the Regionals at tournament week was without a doubt the highlight of our season. Holding our own against the top teams in the Wellington region, thanks to some great coaching and mentoring from Blossom and Che', was a real achievement. I met a bunch of new people, had a great time and we played some very good basketball to go with it. Thanks guys. The 2011 season will be the last for a number of our players and I believe if we put in the hard work and commitment needed, it can be a very successful one for Scots College Basketball. Good luck everyone, we are all keen to suit up and play in front of our passionate supporters and we are rearing to go.

Basketball at Northfield Mount Hermon, USA

Pat Fraser was the second student from Scots College to participate in an exchange with NMH in Massachusetts in January 2011 when he left summer behind and went back to school ... and played basketball & watched a Celtics game.

Here, each basketball team, regardless of skill or numbers, trains 5 days a week and plays up to two games a week. That is a huge difference compared to our two training sessions a week and a game on Fridays. The really big difference and my favourite, has to be the fact that NMH has it's own three court gym with personal trainers and 'physical therapists', not to mention the fully sprung wooden floors. NMH is ranked 7th in the USA for basketball and was at one stage as high as 2nd. I was lucky enough to train and play on the Junior Varsity team during my stay which was amazing. I have learnt a lot as a player and hope to use some of the NMH secrets in our team this coming season.

On New Years Eve my mum & I walked a few minutes north from our hotel in Boston to TD Gardens, home of the Boston Celtics, where they were playing the New Orleans Hornets. So began the adventure of a lifetime. It had been my goal to watch a Celtic game and here I was, sitting in a stadium with 20,000 people, watching the warm-ups as Ray Allen was making it rain from downtown and Chris Paul was making ridiculous lay-ups look like childs play. As the game played out Shaq was a beast just being a dominant force as usual, the atmosphere was unreal, with deafening roars as the Celtic's went on a 12-0 run. With time almost up, the Celtics were down 83-81, leaving Ray Allen needing to hit a 3 point shot to beat the buzzer and the Hornets. To the disappointment of 20,000 Celtic fans, the shot went wide. Although they lost, the game was a tonne of fun and if you ever get the chance to see a live NBA game, be sure to take it, you will never regret it.



Introducing: Callum Brookes

Geography & Social Studies
teacher, top quality
basketball player and coach

Callum has played for the Otago Nuggets 2004- 2007, the QABL(Queensland) Gold Coast Goannas, Wellington Saints CBL(2nd Division) National Champions and coached the Otago U15 Boys, Under 17 Boys, Otago Secondary School Girls and Morehu 5 Star Mens Club who were Wellington Premier Champions. "I'm looking forward to the 2011 season" says Callum.

Scots College Basketball Club Our key objectives are to:

1. **Grow the player base**
2. **Improve the skill base of all players**
3. **Provide the access to quality facilities for all teams**
4. **Provide suitable resources to all teams**
5. **Promote a high level of play outside of the CSW and WBA competition**
6. **Provide quality administration and team management.**

HOOP CLUB

Offers Back to Basics (B2B) basketball skills training at all levels & at different locations around the city: info@hoopclub.org.nz



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PLAYER PROFILE: STEVEN ADAMS

Age: 17yrs • **Height:** 2.1m • **Shoe size:** 19 • **Wingspan:** Over 7'2" • **Trains:** Every day, twice a day • Also with the Wellington Saints and the NZ Breakers Development squad • **Representative teams:** Wellington U19yrs & Wellington U21ys • Accepted to the University of Pittsburgh in 2012 to play in the NCAA Div 1. We are delighted to report that Steven has just accepted an invitation to play for the Wellington Saints in 2011.