

MAORI OXSHOTT CRICKET CLUB

April has arrived and although the weather has not yet brightened dramatically, the days are getting longer and thoughts can start turning towards an Ashes Summer.

At MOCC there has been tremendous work going on behind the scenes and the Club continues to make great strides. The website, recruitment of players for the Senior and Colts teams, development of a weekly schedule for Friday night training, addition of qualified coaches and the purchase of new equipment are largely on track.

You should also not underestimate the effort that went into producing the fixture card before its circulation last month. The negotiations over advertising space were time consuming and the Colts alone have more than 60 matches for those aged 7-15 which had to be agreed with the opposition.

We are now ready for the 2015 season on the field and for an unannounced Friday evening visit at some point in May/June by the ECB to conduct our Clubmark assessment. The attached Code of Conduct is one of the documents that has been reviewed in preparation and it is a timely opportunity to circulate to you.

Annual Subscriptions are coming in in dribs and drabs as is the nature of these things. It would be really helpful if you could settle these if you intend to participate over the Summer. Equally, I would appreciate the courtesy of hearing from those who will not be re-joining. Our planning for the Summer relies on accurate knowledge of numbers and in our Under 11 group we have reached the 30 player squad cap, necessary to ensure regular cricket in the two teams we have entered at this age.

For ease of payment, online details can be supplied on request.

As the season fast approaches we would be grateful for your word of mouth recommendations to school counterparts and other acquaintances, particularly for boys aged 7-10 and girls 7-13. We are very happy to let newcomers try out on a Friday night before committing to membership.

Friday night training commences on 24th April. There will be a second hand kit sale before the month is out and we are also keen to see a healthy number turn out for the Scoring course – all ages welcome, with no prior experience required – on Wednesday 29th April.

I take this opportunity to wish all our Colts and their families a very Happy Easter.



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