



New Zealand Teachers Games – Brief for Media.

The New Zealand Secondary Schools Sport Council (NZSSSC) is proud to bring you the inaugural New Zealand Teachers Games in the 2017 term 3 holidays from Sunday 1st to Tuesday 3rd October in beautiful Mt Manganui and the Bay of Plenty region

The New Zealand Teachers Games are an opportunity for teachers and support staff to have some fun with their colleagues, to compete seriously or socially and to enjoy each other's company on and off the sports field. With options for all levels of ability, fitness and competitiveness, social and sporting activities, the NZTG has something for everyone providing a setting for staff to relax, to network socially and professionally and to experience all the fun that being physically active and part of a team can bring.

The New Zealand Teachers Games are ***open to anyone on the payroll of Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary schools*** so why not get a big bunch of your colleagues (or the whole department/staff!!) together and ***GET YOUR GAME ON!***

Less traditional options on offer include a King/Queen of the Mount race for the serious runner, Round the Mount Relay for teams of 4 and NZ's Fastest Teacher – a 50m dash in age groups with medals for every division, along with team options in Dodgeball, Ultimate and Futsal.

Sports available include Beach Volleyball, Bowls, Badminton, Adventure Running, Relays, NZ's Fastest Teacher, Squash, Basketball, Touch, Ultimate, Golf, Netball, Futsal, Hockey and Dodgeball, as well as Try-a-Sport options in Waka Ama and Stand-up Paddleboard.

Based at the Mount Manganui Club, social activities will be a major highlight with a Great Race and the not to be missed Trivia with a Twist nights.

Sport is a big part the educational landscape in NZ schools. It has the ability to develop school culture and pride and importantly, to engage students in learning and both the school and wider community. Sport can contribute to academic and social outcomes with clear links to key curriculum competencies including Relating to Others, Participating & Contributing and Managing Self. The NZTG aims to encourage teachers to be a part of providing quality school sport opportunities for their students so that students, teachers, schools and communities can reap these rewards..

While NZSSSC will provide the leadership for the games, we are delighted to have some major sport and education partners on board in the form of Sport Bay of Plenty as the NZTG delivery arm along with Ministry of Education, PPTA and NZEI in recognition of the NZTG creating positive health and well-being experiences for our teachers and support staff.

To find out more, to plan your days and to register, visit the New Zealand Teachers Games website at <http://www.sporty.co.nz/nztg> then continue to receive updates, draws results and all the news as well as letting your colleagues in other schools know so they can meet you there by liking our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/NZTeachersGames/>

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