

NSW Catholic Primary Schools Basketball Championships 2012

GETTING ORGANISED: Members of the NSW Catholic Primary Schools Basketball Championships organising committee proudly displaying some of the 850 sample bags which will be handed out to players during the tournament, which kicks off tomorrow morning. Hosted by Ss Peter and Paul's, the event will be held over five different locations in Goulburn and will feature 265 games, 40 referees and 25 schools from as far away as Albury and Dubbo. From back: Matt Chilko, Jason Moroney and Tim Hunter. Front: John Thomas, Vanessa Toparis, Jodie Taylor and Kim Weeks. The Goulburn Post will be keeping up to date with all the action from the weekend via our live online blog at www.goulburnpost.com.au, or via twitter using the hashtag #GoulburnBasketball.



The 'Spirit of the Championships'

The NSW Catholic Primary Schools Basketball Championships have always been held in great spirit. We would like to remind all team supervisors, coaches, managers, parents and supporters of their responsibility in creating an environment of good fair sporting play and an opportunity for all players to play and enjoy themselves and the great game of basketball.

Basketball kids to give city a bounce

GOULBURN will come alive when 850 young basketballers converge on the city this weekend to take part in the 2012 NSW Catholic Primary Schools Basketball Championships.

In what will be one of the busiest sporting events of the year in Goulburn, an estimated 2000-3000 players, their parents, siblings, coaches, teachers and referees will be in town.

Twenty-five schools will be attending from as far away as Albury, West Wyalong, Young, Narrandera, Lane Cove, Mosman, Panania, Leeton, Temora, Shellharbour and Nowra.

Championships Secretary Vanessa Toparis said this is the 29th year of the Championships and the sixth time the event has been held in Goulburn by Ss Peter and Paul's Primary School.

"With around a 20 per cent increase in player numbers since we last held this event in 2008, this year will see 265 games of basketball played across nine courts in five different venues around town," Mrs Toparis said.

"You can expect to see Goulburn's cafes, restaurants and shops busy with hundreds of young basketballers and their families right through from Friday until Sunday afternoon.

"The Goulburn Visitor's Centre reported several months ago that accommodation throughout the district was basically booked out and have had to refer people to the Southern Highlands or Canberra for this weekend."

The objective of the Championships is about participation and children from as young as 9 years of age, some who are

new to the sport, will be playing, as well as more experienced and very talented young basketballers from around the State.

Some schools are bringing as many as eight teams to the Championships. After pool games on Saturday teams will be ranked into divisions for Sunday's knockout rounds until the first of 17 grand finals will be contested around lunchtime and throughout the afternoon.

"Albury is a very strong basketball community and their teams are always exciting to watch. The Sydney schools are always very competitive including Sacred Heart Mosman and St Christopher's Panania, as well as many of the western NSW schools from Temora, Young and Narrandera," Mrs Toparis said.

"We are also hoping our local teams do well and they have all been training hard for several months now. Ss Peter and Paul's has 50 children in eight teams and St Joseph's has around 30 players in four teams so they will have the home town advantage and hopefully enjoy lots of local support.

The local organising committee of around 15 people has been preparing for the event for 12 months organising everything from catering and referees to first aid and trophies.

"There is no way an event of this size could be held without a fantastic organising committee and our committee members including Matt Chilko, John Thomas, Kim and Michael Weeks, Jason Moroney, Tim Hunter, Julie Mooney, Colleen Duffy, Anne-Maree Shepherd and Tony Neate, have put in a

great deal of hard work to ensure this is a wonderful event that our school and the Goulburn community will be proud of.

"Our sponsors also have been very generous, especially Goulburn Mulwaree Council who have been extremely helpful in providing funding which has assisted us with our hosting costs including referees, first aid and venue hire fees.

You can catch the action at Goulburn Basketball Stadium, PCYC, Ss Peter & Paul's Primary School, Goulburn High School and Trinity Catholic College. Spectators are welcome to attend.

"Having attended this event for the past ten years there is a terrific spirit about the Championships event no matter which city it is held and we are looking forward to another memorable weekend, showing our visitors a good time and sending them home with a great impression of Goulburn.

The organising committee would like to thank its major sponsors – Goulburn Mulwaree Council, Domino's Pizza, Diggers by the Park, Goulburn Party Hire, TBP Baking and Bryant's Bakery, Longstone Pty Ltd, Masterpiece Cleaning, Harris Scarfe and Bunnings Warehouse for helping to make this event possible.

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