



First Serve Newsletter 2

A regular update on all things Junior for members of Cashmere Tennis.

February 2025



Saturday morning Hotshots with Matt

Hi

Welcome to our second junior newsletter First Serve for the 24/25 season. We wish to keep you updated with information relevant to you and your children related to junior tennis at Cashmere Tennis Club.

With the season now just underway after the Christmas break it's great to see everyone back out onto the courts and having a hit. Welcome to those new juniors who have recently joined us and good luck to all our junior interclub teams in round 2.

Matt, James and Noelene

Meet the Coaches



Matt Meredith

Coaching Director
Matt is working with the
Hotshots



James Meredith

Head Coach
Junior Administrator
James is working with some
interclub teams



Salomon Diaz

Our experienced and enthusiastic
coach from Argentina.
Salomon will be working with our
Hotshots and interclub teams



Liam Jones

Student at Christchurch Boys
High
Plays in the Division One men's
team



Lily McHarg

Student at St Andrews
Plays in the Premier Woman's
Team



Josh McPhail

Student at Lincoln University
Plays in the Division One men's
team

Hot Shots Fun Days

**On Sunday 23 February
we are having another
Hot Shots Fun Day.
9am – 11am**

This is a fun competition and great opportunity for our Hot Shots Kids to play a little bit more tennis!



These Fun Days are for our current Hot Shots members and the entry is free. They include a round robin fun tournament of short 15 minutes games, on modified (smaller) courts. We will need some parent helpers to help the kids keep score so let us know if you can help out.

Give it a go, learn some more about Hot Shots and meet other families. We will have the BBQ going and other fun treats.

Please book on the Meredith Brothers' website.

Note the next Fun Day for HotShots is Saturday March 29 2025.

Hot Shots Tell Me More

Hot Shots is just for kids. Smaller courts, shorter racquets and softer balls mean that kids can play a proper game of tennis from the moment they step on court.

Tennis is all about serving, rallying and scoring. Tennis Hot Shots helps make this easier for kids because of the smaller courts, slower balls and shorter racquets. Sessions are made up of tactical, technical, fun and social elements which create developmental readiness in children.

Using modified equipment in children's sport is not a new idea. Many sports have been using smaller pitches, lighter balls, shorter bats, lower hoops and other learning aids for many years.

Congratulations

Cameron Miller and Jacob Smith who won their divisions at the recent Waimari Junior tournament,

Qualifier in the Canterbury Teams Event - Mia McHarg
Bad luck to Gwen Clare who just missed selection

Successful in the 2025 Tier 2 Canterbury Junior Championships
Liam Jones, Elina Wang, Gwen Clare

Huge effort from the premier ladies who did so well in the very recent Canterbury year 11-13 Secondary Schools Competition.

Lila Waghorn and partner 1st in the girls doubles. Sophia Amyes and Lucy Young 2nd. Well done to Ruby McPhail also.

WHAT A RESULT for Sophia Amyes who got a first place in the Year 12-13 singles.

Apologies if I have missed anyone.



Junior Interclub

Round two of the interclub season has just begun. Well done to the juniors who are playing in teams this year. Good luck to you all..
Play with passion and always remember to be a good sport.

We welcome any managers or parents to send us a photo of your team.
or place photos on the noticeboard.

Congratulations to the following teams who have begun round 2 with wins :

Friday – open boys mixed
12u mixed
14u girls
10u mixed
Saturday – Boys Premier Primary
12u girls
Girls Premier Primary
Good luck to all the other teams.



Team Managers please note that if Canterbury Tennis has allocated the astro courts at the club for interclub and there are hard courts available, make the switch if that better suits your team. Senior tennis does not start until 1pm and junior interclub has priority until the conclusion of their games.

General Information

Court and Toilet Access

If you're planning on coming down for a hit with the kids, then courts 11 and 12 are usually always available unless there is an event using all courts. You can access these courts through the internal middle gate behind court 9. The club is happy for adults who aren't members to have a hit with their Hot Shot's kids to help them practice the skills they are learning in coaching.

There is heavy usage of the courts through the summer. You can check availability online and book a court through Pay2Play, setting up a login through your child's registration.

If you need to access the toilets when the club house isn't open, then use the code 4040 in the keypad for the single door facing the courts. (This toilet is not for general public use.)

We have a key in the lockbox which gives you access to courts 1-6. **This is for member use only. Please return the key to the lockbox.**

First Aid

The first aid box is located in the corner of the kitchen above the stove.

Lost Property

Our lost property is kept beside the entrance to the disabled toilet. Please check regularly.

Saturday Morning Coffee

We would love to have coffee available for you – we have the machine but need a barrister. Thanks to Ayaki Yuka and his daughter Christina who will make coffees next Sunday.

Uniforms

The club orders for uniforms for this season have closed. You may purchase privately from Southern Monograms. The cost per item will differ from the club advertised order form. Check first with Noelene as she may have your size top in stock.

Try out a Tournament



Competing in a tournament may sound a lot more daunting and pressure laden than it actually is. Junior tennis tournaments are set up to cater for all ages and stages of tennis.

The next tournament is the Canterbury Junior Summer Open APRIL 21-24

Giving a tournament a go has many benefits including:

- Meeting new people and making new friends
- Playing matches against different people of your ability
- Improving your tennis through playing so many games in a day.
- Spending the day playing tennis and having fun

Warm ups before tournaments

The club provides coaching warm ups for our players 7-8.30am at Wilding Park for all major junior tournaments. Please keep an eye out for the dates.

Coaching cancellations are posted on the Cashmere Tennis Facebook Page.

Notes

Our Junior Club Championships will be held on Saturday morning March 29.

Entries will be open for all juniors from the hotshots green ball level.

The championships will be followed that same day with the junior breakup at 5pm. .

Please enter when entries are open. We would love to see as many juniors as possible involved.

Further details will follow.

Inclusion in senior social play

Juniors please note that those of you who play at the interclub level are very welcome to join the senior social play sessions on a Saturday afternoon. Play starts at 1pm until around 4.15pm. Just report to the person running the board to enable your inclusion in the organised games.

Winter Coaching

Matt and the coaching team will be running winter coaching terms 2 and 3.

This enables players to keep up their court time in the off season.

It will be available at all levels hotshots to interclub.

We will send out online registration links shortly.

Important Dates for the Diary



Interclub Finishes for 2025

Friday 21st, Saturday 22 March

Hot Shots Funday (Cashmere
Only)

Sunday February 23 and
Saturday 29 March

Hot Shots Coaching Finishes

Monday 24, Tues 25, & Sat 29
March

End of Season Breakup

Saturday 29 March 5pm

Junior Club Championships
Saturday 29 March