

PADDER TENNIS NEWSLETTER

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Thank You!

To Dean Galt and the team at Pak 'n Save Kilbirnie. Through their Sports Trust ESST, Padder Tennis New Zealand received funding to paint six padder tennis courts at Evans Bay Intermediate School in Kilbirnie, Wellington!

UPCOMING EVENTS

* Horowhenua Roll Out

Term 4 School Delivery

Sport Manawatu funding will help drive our coaching programme in Levin & Foxton schools

* Christchurch Tournament

Year 5+6 Inter-School Padder Tennis Team Tournament

November 5 at Wilding Park Tennis Center, Christchurch

* EBIS Inter-School Tournament

Term 4, 2025

Dates to be confirmed



L - R: Craig Mutch, Sacha Haskell, Paul Grubi and David Patterson

Meet the Team at PTNZ

We're a passionate group of four, dedicated to growing the game and providing fun, engaging padder tennis experiences for all Kiwi kids. We all played padder tennis in school when we were kids and remember the impact it had on us as we grew to all become tennis players. We are visualising the future of tennis in New Zealand and we believe in grassroots, school-based fundamentals.

Our team includes Craig Mutch, Sacha Haskell, Paul Grubi and David Patterson each bringing their unique expertise and enthusiasm to the table. We're excited to share our vision for Padder Tennis and look forward to working with schools and communities across New Zealand. We invite all schools to provide their students with the opportunity to experience padder tennis at school with their mates!

Padder Tennis HUB planned at EBIS

Evans Bay Intermediate School principal, Howard Young, is determined to create a 12-court padder tennis hub for regular community play. With our help, we are planning to host the Term 4 Wellington wide regional inter-school team tournament. We've had interest around developing after-school and weekend leagues - stay tuned for more developments in school playgrounds...



This Week in Pictures



Te Horo School's new concrete pad and wall featuring a half-padder tennis court - building NZs future tennis stars at school.



Three new padder tennis courts at Paraparaumu School. Cross ways inside a netball court has a multi-use purpose that kids love!



Yr 7&8 EBIS students after a lunchtime padder tennis session. We invite local tennis club coaches to hit with the kids at lunchtime and build that relationship with their local schools.



Fifteen Yr 5&6 and Yr 7&8 teams from Kapiti, Hutt, Porirua, Wellington and Wairarapa participated in our first regional tournament at the Wellington Renouf Tennis Center in March, 2025.

Coaching Tip - Backhand Serve

Cradle the ball using your fingers and thumb with your non-dominant hand.

Hold and prepare the bat in front of your belly and around to the side, crossing your arms, like so..

Toss the ball gently upwards and let go! Have the ball leave your hand with the gentlist of touches. Let the ball go up, come down and bounce! .. before you decide to hit the ball with your bat. Go for it, great backhand!!



Regional Progress Report PSC rolling in Chch

Primary Sport Canterbury and PTNZ continue to grow from strength to strength in Christchurch schools. With 10+ schools already identified as "padder tennis schools" ie. schools which have nets, bats, courts and enough balls for kids to engage during break time activity with their mates. We look forward to attending the upcoming November inter-school Yr 5&6 tournament. Please contact us if you would like to know more about this tournament. Alternatively, for Canterbury schools, please reach out directly to Michael and the team at Primary Sport Canterbury to enter your team.

"We really enjoyed playing padder tennis. It was my first time playing and knowing about padder tennis. I wasn't interested in sports like that but I still ended up enjoying playing."

Rosslee, St Mary's School, Foxton

Get Involved!

Interested in getting padder tennis at your school? Check out our website, youtube, facebook and instagram pages. Or, contact Paul directly to fast track your school's padder tennis programme.