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Dear Muscle People Physiotherapy,

On behalf of the Papanui High School Senior Boys and Girls Touch teams I would like to thank you for your support in the past two seasons. We have always been extremely grateful for the generous amount and quality of the products you have supplied. Our players are not afraid to push their bodies to the limit and we always manage to make good use of the strapping tape, bandages, muscle rub and so on.

I want to outline the success of our two teams and hope that you find satisfaction in the fact that your support helped us achieve these successes.

In 2007 the boys' team won the Canterbury regional tournament and came 3<sup>rd</sup> at the South Island Championships. We then attended the National Secondary Schools Championship for the first time since 2003. Our aim was to make the top 8 and we surpassed this by making the semi finals and narrowly losing to the eventual winners. Our overall placing was 3<sup>rd</sup> and we were the highest placed South Island team.

In 2008 we defended our regional title and came second at the South Island Championships. At the national tournament we were hoping to win and after a 'drop-off' and a head collision between two of our players, we lost the semi by one touchdown. Once again we were the highest placed South Island team.

In 2007 our girls' team came 2<sup>nd</sup> at regionals and they showed courage with only 8 players to win the South Islands for the first time. After some close losses at nationals, they came 6<sup>th</sup>. Being first timers at nationals the team was satisfied with their success and looked forward to doing better in years to come.

The 2008 year was extremely successful for the girls. They came 2<sup>nd</sup> at both the regionals and South Island Championships. At nationals things were looking promising as they went through the round robin and semi finals undefeated. Things got even better when they smashed the 6 time champions Papakura in the final. This was a massive victory for such a young team.

The boys' 3<sup>rd</sup> and girls' gold medal made Papanui High School the best Touch school in the country.

This year the girls have only lost one player from their 2008 team and they have maintained their high standard not only by winning the regional tournament but by convincingly beating their long time nemesis, Rangiruru in the South Island Championships final.

The boys have lost four key players so things were a lot harder and after a loss and two drawn matches, the boys placed 5<sup>th</sup>. Thankfully we have been invited to attend the nationals and the players have vowed to make the most of this opportunity.

The players were given a terms rest to refresh and concentrate on their other sports. During term 3, both teams have been doing morning fitness sessions as well as one to two Touch specific trainings each week. Next term we will be playing at the local Belfast Module, Linfield Elite Competition and 'Touchzone'. The latter is the elite Canterbury competition and is this year being used to select Canterbury teams. These games will help prepare both teams for the nationals in December where we hope to repeat the successes of the previous year.

Once again we sincerely thank you for your support and look forward to maintaining this relationship in the years to come.

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