

**Case Study: Royal Oak Racquets Club / Royal Oak Primary School:
Club/School Partnership Agreement**

Programme Date: 04/05/09 – 15/06/09

Title	School/Club Partnership Programme
Focus:	<p>Aims:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide students of the Royal Oak Primary School with a real squash experience • Build awareness of the sport of squash among students at Royal Oak Primary School <p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain a strong working relationship between the school and the Royal Oak Racquets Club
Providers:	Squash Auckland, Royal Oak Racquets Club
Scope:	<p>Budget: \$1,200 for coaching costs Funded by: Squash Auckland & Royal Oak Primary School Cost To Participants: \$30.00 per class group per 1 hour coaching session Participants in Programme: 5 x class groups of approximately 25 - 30 Primary School Age Pupils. Location(s): Royal Oak Racquets Club Duration: 6 Weeks Coaches: Manu Yam, Level 2 and Ken Richardson</p>
Target Population:	Primary School age children
Description of the Project:	Establish a relationship with the Royal Oak Primary School to deliver the Squash Auckland Mini Squash programme
Delivery Process:	<p>I ran the programme in 6 - 1 hour sessions involving 5 courts. I divided the students into 2 groups initially based primarily on their skills, starting with;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the proper orientation of the squash court, • Grip, forehand and backhand strokes, serving on both forehand and backhand sides, and basic court movement • some basic rules of the game, • fun games for everyone • Mini Squash skills starting in week 5 • Selected kids were divided into groups and given the opportunity to play fun games

Programme Documentation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attendance Register • Mini Squash Progress Chart • Participant Feedback forms
Evaluation:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All students completed the 1 Star mini squash skills programme requirements and were awarded certificates of achievement
Success of the Project to Date	Challenges the Project Has Faced
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children were introduced to a new sport • Relationship established between school and club • Of the 15 children who completed a programme evaluation form the average ranking for the programme was 8.5 out of 10 • All 15 respondents said they would like to play squash as part of PE • 9 (60%) said they would like to play squash at a club. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Player/Coach ratio was too large for two coaches to provide adequate attention to each player. • Consider budget for prizes and giveaways.