Definition:

Primary School Sports Association (PSSA) is a district based sports association whose role is to convene an inter school sporting competition. The MKPS association is the Hornsby PSSA. The Hornsby PSSA has gazetted Fridays to be the Summer and Winter day for the inter school competition. As defined by the PSSA ethos the competition is Gifted and Talented program, schools are to send their best possible teams to the events. Small schools do have the opportunity to combine to enhance the quality of the competition.

Summer Sports: Cricket and Softball.
Winter Sports: Soccer and Netball.

School involvement:

Where practicable, MKPS will be involved in Winter PSSA only. The decision to not be a part of the Summer PSSA program is due to the impact on the organisational and operational structures of the school in Terms 1 and 4. This has been forwarded to the Hornsby PSSA executive. The principal of MKPS reserves the right to withdraw from the Winter sports process where there will be an adverse effect on the operational and organizational structure of the school. This is to include class support timetabling, appropriate apportioning of mandatory instructional time (NSW DEC school compliance) and teacher relief (industrial award) time. The school executive in consultation with the staff and in consultation with the P&C executive will be the sole arbiters of this decision.

Coaches:

Due to the size of the school, coaches (teaching staff) will be sourced from Years 3-6 (inclusive of Teaching Principal). Parents may assist the teacher in developing team skills, however, every person will be subject to a working with children check and at the direct approval of the principal. The principal reserves the right to terminate parent support at any time.

Participation:

1.1: Teams will be structured in accordance with the Hornsby PSSA team allocation, types of teams and number of students within each team for every season.
1.2: Allocation of coaches will be made by the MKPS PSSA committee and signed off by the principal.
1.3: Training will be held when the coach is available (in recognition of the workload of every teacher working within a small school).
1.4: The school recognises that we must adhere to the Hornsby PSSA agreement that every school participating in the Winter PSSA competition must field two complete and ‘competitive’ girls (only) netball teams before registering a girl in the senior / junior soccer teams.
1.5 Team age definitions: Junior – students (any student in Year 3 and 4) Senior – (any student in Year 5 & 6). There are no age statutes.

Trials:

2.1: Trials will be held on school grounds (unless authorised by the principal).
2.2: The dates of the trials will be posted on the school calendar and web site.
2.3: The dates of the trials are subject to change without notice due to teacher illness or professional learning experiences (which override MKPS’ involvement in the PSSA process).
2.4: Every student, no matter race, disability or cultural beliefs will be allowed to participate in the trials.
2.5: The coach’s decision on team structure (student names) will be final.
2.6: Appeals to teacher decision will be placed in writing and dealt by the MKPS PSSA committee.
2.7: Where a breach of procedural fairness and / or policy is recognised it will be referred to the principal with the appropriate recommendations.
2.8: The principal will inform the parent/s concerned in writing as to the result of the appeal. The result of the appeal is final.

Transport:

3.1: Where practicable all transport to away games will be by bus.
3.2: the principal will be the only authorising person for parent transport.

Permission:

4.1: No student will be allowed to participate in PSSA without first returning the appropriate permission slip.
4.2: The principal reserves the right to withdraw students from PSSA if in their opinion the student’s behavior will compromise the principal’s obligation under their Duty of Care and the Work Place and Health Act 2010.

Payment:

5.1: All PSSA payments for transport will be invoiced to successful students.
5.2: Students must apply for student assistance if monies cannot be forwarded.

Policy to be reviewed April 2013 or when required on direction of principal or NSW DEC staff.