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2010 Soapbox Derby Newsletter #6

17th March 2010



Dear School and Sponsors,

Please copy this newsletter and distribute to all of the people involved in the event

Testing Station:

What: Car check and Safety Brief

When: Thursday 18th March 2010

Time: 4pm to 6pm

Who: All teams and drivers

The body will be removed to check the internal components. To speed things up please removed all bar 4 screws prior to your check – and bring tools to refix them and perform any required repairs.

The check will be performed like a WOF. If a car fails in any area then it must be taken away onto the forecourt, fixed and returned for a re-check after all the cars have gone through.

All drivers and crew are required to attend this along with their racing car.

School Teams:

Some schools have submitted their drivers already – thank you for this.

I will be doing a draft printout of the draw Friday morning for teachers to check, with the final printout Saturday morning. Please try to get me the list prior to Friday morning.

Practice Days:

Alan and Kerry have been watching with interest to see how cars are progressing. I've even managed a break from the computer to have a look – camera in hand of course.





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Westgate Drive middle section
A great practice site



Ready, steady, go!



A few hints from a teacher



And hints from Alan



Bringing the car back up the track





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Race Day and Weather:

Our intention is to run each driver twice, once in each lane, before the lunch break. We then total the scores and the fastest ten drivers will then re-race twice in the afternoon - with the top 4 proceeding to the NZ SBD Finals.



Having two races, once in each lane, allows for any errors in lane calibration.

However... the forecast for the weekend seems to be changing daily as the week progresses.

If the forecast is turns to showers and we have to shorten the race day we do have a contingency plan – and this has been built into the database in case it is needed. (If cars could only race once then the top few from each lane would go through to a second race). The object is to make racing fair.

Currently the weather looks good, it doesn't look like a cyclone with racing cancelled - but we are watching the forecasts in case we have to go to a Plan B... or C.

Feedback:

Thank you for the feedback last week. We now have a reasonably good idea as to where each school is at – and haven't received any horrible surprises... yet ☺

Site Information:

Below is a map of the race area.

The flat area is marked as "Rotary Area". This will have not only our tent and the registration table, but also a miniature train (which needs a large flat area) and a bouncy castle.

Schools are asked to erect their tents and food stalls in the area marked "Stalls". Sites will be allocated on a "first come, first served" basis.

The pit tents can be erected in the area marked "Pits"





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Race Day:

Rotarians will be there by 7:30am - but please give us a chance to sort ourselves out before asking detailed questions too early!

Can schools please set up at 8am and be ready for racing at 9am.

The registration desk will be available from 8am. We will be checking that we have all drivers' declaration forms and issuing driver and pit crew ID cars.

Technology Prize:

We do want footage of the race day and teams need time to edit this. With school holidays fast approaching, followed by Easter mails, the closing date is Friday 9th April.

(This seems a fair date - two weeks of school with a bit of Easter time to finish it if needed - and it ensures the momentum isn't lost over the holidays).

Please save the files as an .mpg and post them on a DVD to the Rotary address. (If anyone has any problems with file format - contact Heather)

Winners will be announced in the new term.





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Schools, Sponsors & Race draw:

We will be racing the cars in the following order at approx 2 minute intervals starting at 9am. Any gaps in the data will be sorted shortly.



Schools				
Sc ID	School	Car No	Sponsor	Lane
1	Massey High - 103	103	MD Aluminium	1
2	Sunderland College -129	129	Warehouse Building Supplies	2
3	Taupaki Primary - 128	128	Douglas Pharmaceuticals	1
4	Bruce McLaren Intermediate	150	Waitakere City Council	2
5	Henderson Intermediate	111	DARE	1
6	Hobsonville Primary	124	Western Leader	2
7	Kelston Boys High	117	ACS Panasonic (1/2)	1
8	Lincoln Heights	109	Euro Tattoos (1/3)	2
9	Liston College	106		1
10	Massey High - 104	104	Testing Station, KTS, Massey & Birdwood Settlers Assn	2
11	Sunderland School - 120	120	Air Conditioning Services (1/2) The Web Co (1/2)	1
12	Taupaki Primary		John Key \$300	2
13	Rangeview Intermediate	005	West City Holden (1/2)	1
14	Riverhead Primary	112	Metro Roofing	2
15	Rutherford College	123		1
16	Swanson School	119	Future Cuisine	2
17	Waitakere Primary		Airfoam (1/2); First National; FBN Contracting; Residents and Ratepayers	1
18	Whenuapai Primary	113	Metro Roofing (2/3)	2
19	Birdwood Primary			1





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Food Stalls:

Additional food stalls are still welcome, and all money from these go to the school that runs them.

Some schools are making use of this offer for general purposes, others will help it to fund camps – from local ones to a trip to Germany.

Have I missed any?



Food Stalls

	School	Food
1	Bruce McLaren Intermediate	American Hotdogs and Cold Drinks
2	Henderson Intermediate	Sausage Sizzle
3	Hobsonville Primary	
4	Kelston Boys High	
5	Lincoln Heights	Hamburgers
6	Liston College	
7a	Massey High - German Field Trip	sausage sizzle, chocolates, cold drinks, cakes
7b	Massey High - First 11 Football	bacon sandwiches
8	Rangeview	
9	Riverhead	
10	Rutherford College	
11	Sunderland School & College	Water, fruit, lollies
12	Swanson School	
13	Taupaki School	Shaved ice, Donuts
14	Whenuapai	Sausage Sizzle, water and soft drinks
15	Waitakere Primary	Candyfloss, cold drinks
16	Birdwood Primary	

Latest Television News:

The German TV crew have arrived and are following Monique around for 5 days. This morning they visited Lincoln Heights to meet the soapbox derby team and put Monique's sticker on the car before heading off to film her elsewhere. They will be at our Rotary meeting tonight and then at other places with Monique over the next few days. On Sunday they will be there to see Monique, and the team, at the races.

The All American Soapbox Derby was originally designed for American racers but, due to popular request, they also started an International Race. West Germany was the first non-American team to enter back in 1948. Many people in Germany will therefore recognize the cars when they show on the TV program.





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Monique with the Lincoln Heights Team



The Director with the cameraman



Team and camera crew at work



Stevie with Camera and Sound Men



The cameraman videoing the photographer





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How to remove a sticker with a hairdryer

Cheerleaders, support teams:

There are some cheerleader and support teams coming. Does your school have a cheerleading team / Kapa Haka team / support team in school colours /... that would like to be involved? If so, we'd love to see them!

There will be quite a few video cameras and cameras around. You never know, a good display may end up on TV... somewhere in the world. Or on the Internet for all the world.

Stickers:

If you need new car numbers – please let Kerry know ASAP. He has a printer on standby for these.

Contacts:

The Rotary core team for the event and contact details are:

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