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2010 Soapbox Derby Newsletter #8

13th April 2010



Dear School and Sponsors,

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

NZ Soapbox Derby Finals:

These were held on Saturday 10th April 2010 at 1pm on Kaipatiki Road in North Shore City. Northcote ran their local races in the morning with the Finals following in the afternoon. With the first prize of a trip to America to represent NZ in the World Finals of the All American Soapbox Derby racing was intense.

Of the final eight drivers four were from Waitakere City and a fifth, who now goes to school in the East, is an ex-Taupaki student. And somehow these five were the fastest NZ drivers.
Westies Rock!

As over 200 drivers have raced in the various local races this is a stunningly fantastic result and all our drivers deserve a huge applause.

Race 1 – All drivers raced twice, once in each lane

Race 2 – The fastest 8 drivers again raced twice, once in each lane

The total times of each pair of races determined the fastest times



1st – Henry (Knuckles) Dyer
Riverhead
Metro Roofing
Car 112



2nd – John (Ninja) Tulloch (right)
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3rd Zach Hinton (left)

Waitakere Primary

Airfoam (1/2); First National; FBN Contracting; Waitakere Residents and Ratepayers



Barry Clarke, Airfoam sponsor wearing two hats (one of these should be red)



Barry with words of encouragement for his son Joe



Lyn and Kerry helping sort out the day – and giving hints to Northcote drivers





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Zach co-opted onto starter duties for the Northcote races with Lyn looking on



The Riverhead team waiting tensely for the results



Waitakere parents celebrating results



A very happy pair - Henry and John



A jubilant Riverhead team





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Kerry sneaking around with a stapler making sure our Sponsors and Waitakere City Rotary signs were well displayed at the start and finish



Waitakere making their presence felt on the shore
A couple of our sponsor signs well displayed

Times:

Want to check out the times in the races? These are on our website www.soapboxderby.co.nz

Feedback:

The change from heats to the same timed system we use in the local races was totally appreciated by everyone involved and everyone from the teams to the Rotarians was very, very happy with the day.

Radar's Patch:

Keep an eye out for Radar's Patch – TV1, Sundays at 7pm. The first episode was on Sunday 4th April and if you missed it then it is on the TVNZ website:

<http://tvnz.co.nz/radars-patch/index-group-3437785>

The Soapbox Derby should feature on Episode 6 – but the ride-on lawnmower undergoes transformation in early ones as well.





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Thank You Evening:

This year we really have something to celebrate. The Thank You evening will be held on **Wednesday 28th April** – details to come.

On this night the winner of the Technology Award will be announced.



Rotary Changes:

Mary, who has been an invaluable help with this year’s soapbox derby, has now found a full time job starting in the new term. We would like to thank her for all her hard work in the last three years.

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