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2012 Soapbox Derby Newsletter #6

5th April 2012

Dear School and Sponsors,

The 10th Annual NZ Soapbox Derby Finals

Saturday – Auckland East Race Day

Saturday, the day of the Auckland East Rotary Club's Pak 'n Save Soapbox Derby, dawned with good racing weather.

3 of our West Auckland teams – the two Whenuapai cars and the Riverhead Scouts – attended. This gave them the opportunity to get a feel for the environment and have a couple of practice runs on the track prior to the NZ Finals on Sunday.

Sunday – Race Day

Twenty four drivers from the four race centres arrived bright and early for the NZ Finals.



After the official photo came a parade, a few speeches...



The Parade starts



Police band





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The Masters cars raced down the track (to show how easy it was) then it was time for two VIPs to try out the Corporate cars.



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Orakei Board Chair Desley Simpson
(who screamed with delight <or fear> the whole way down the track!)

Then... racing started.

There were 4 races consisting of an A and a B race – drivers raced once in each lane with the times added together.

- The first race started with 24 drivers - including 6 from the West...
- The second race started with 16 drivers - including 5 from the West...
- The third race started with 8 drivers - including Fairlane Walsh from Riverhead Scouts)...
- And finally the fourth race with 4 drivers - including Fairlane





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And the winner was...



Gemma McDougall
St Ignatius School
East Auckland Rotary



2nd Harry Clarke, Meadowbank Primary
1st Gemma McDougall, St Ignatius
3rd Daniella Collett, Stonefields School



The Masters cars winners all came from the West.

- 1st: Henry Dyer
- 2nd: Zac Hinton
- 3rd: Aaron Kinge

Photos, Results, Article...

All these and more are on our website: www.soapboxderby.co.nz

If anyone has any links to other photos, school newsletters, articles we haven't found yet... send them to me and I'll add the link to the site.





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Thank You Night:

Date:	Wednesday 2 nd May 2012
Time:	6pm to 8pm
What:	Finger food meal provided
Venue:	Starling Park Sports Club 34 Glen Road Ranui
Who:	All those involved with the Derby
Why:	A celebration of the derby, certificates, video prize and other awards
RSVP:	info@soapboxderby.co.nz
NOTE:	Please note that the venue has changed from last year!

Video Awards:

To all those schools that have been hard at work on your video entries – I look forward to seeing the results of this next week.

Schools and Sponsors:

For those who have not yet done so - please talk to each other as to where the car should be stored and displayed over the coming year.

Rotary:



Now that Soapbox is coming to an end and you have time to breath – have you ever thought about joining Rotary?

We do some very interesting things aside from Soapbox Derby.

Membership enquiries are welcome!

Website:

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As information becomes available we add it to our website – including copies of the newsletters. Photos, videos etc from past derbies are also on our site.





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Emails:

Please keep an eye on your emails as more information will be coming out soon. If you have other people who would like copies - email Heather with their email address and they will be added to the mail out list.

As usual few schools have added their parents to the email list so please ensure they get a copy and know about the website.

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

<p>Kerry McMillan Derby Director clanmcmillan@xtra.co.nz Phone 832-3229 or 021-416-777</p>	<p>(Mr) Lyn Parts Phone: 021 251 5490</p>
<p>Heather Pattison Project Manager heather@details.co.nz Phone 810-9589 or 0274-719-569</p>	<p>Alan Pattison Technical Assistant alan@details.co.nz Phone 810-9589 or 0274-80-88-30</p>
<p>Rotary Meetings:</p> <p>Wednesday 6pm to 8pm</p> <p>Starling Park Sports Club 34 Glen Road Ranui</p>	<p>Are YOU the missing piece?</p>  <p>Rotary Membership Enquiries Welcome!</p>

Heather Pattison

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

