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2013 Soapbox Derby Newsletter #2

4th March 2013

Dear School and Sponsors,

Derby Progress:

The Boys and I have either visited or emailed all schools and it appears that everyone is underway. If anyone is having problems give us a call and we'll see what we can do to help.

SBD Safety Day:

Prior to racing all cars need to be checked by our Scrutineers and the drivers given a safety briefing. We are holding this briefing 10 days prior to Race Day to make sure the cars are safe, spot any construction errors and to give people time to fix any problems.

Date:	Thursday 7 th March 2012
Time:	4pm to 6pm
Venue:	Moselle Avenue Testing Station
Who:	Team Leaders and Drivers
What:	Bring <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The car- Tools- Drivers' registration forms

Please note that as this is a safety issue attendance is **compulsory**.

Drivers' Registration Forms:

The race is coming up fast and driver's registration forms will be required shortly. A copy of this is available at

<http://www.aasbd.org/media/2254/local%20race%20registration%20form%202013%20re.pdf>

Parents can fill these in on-line then print them, or print them and fill them in (legibly!) in pen.

It would make life easier for everyone if you can get the kids and their parents to fill these in and bring them to the Safety Day.

We also need to know what order they will race in before we can record them in the database.

Many schools weigh their entrants and put them in weight order to make weight changing between races easier.

Birth Certificates:

One birth certificate is required immediately after the NZ Finals – the NZ Champion's one. In order to avoid delays in the paperwork ("Oh, I haven't got it and will need to get it from Wellington") I will need copies for all of our Finalists who go through to the NZ Finals.





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For local races these are not required - we trust the teachers to check that the children are eligible to race.

SBD Workshop:

Reminder about the workshop - Learn from the experts... and beat them at their own game!

Friday 8 th March 7pm to 9pm	Fine tuning using the spindling equipment	Pre-booking is essential (insufficient interest and they may be cancelled)
Contact: Shawn Dyer Home: 412 9500 Mobile: 027 390 9885	Barry Hinton Home: 810 9977 Mobile: 022 0143 862	Contact Shawn to book and for the venue details.

Practice Track:

We've found a very quiet road off Sturgess Road – Burgundy Park Avenue.

It is a dead-end residential street with a good slope and a safe run-off. If you use it please be co-operative with the residents - and post lookouts to prevent accidents.





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Sponsors:

Please advise us of any changes to the following:

2013 Schools and Confirmed Sponsors to date			
	School	Full Sponsors	Part Sponsors
1	AGC Sunderland College		2 Degrees Warehouse Stationers
2	Bruce McLaren Intermediate		
3	Henderson Intermediate	Douglas Pharmaceuticals	
4	Hobsonville Primary	Western Leader	
5	Massey High	MD Aluminium	
6	Massey High	NZRPG	
7	Matipo Primary	The Happy Builders	
8	Rangeview Intermediate	DARE	
9	Riverhead School		
10	Riverhead Scouts		
11	Rutherford College		
12	Swanson School		Future Cuisine Auckland Landscape
13	Taupaki School	Ritchies	
14	Waitakere Primary		
15	Whenuapai	Pinepac	

Corporate Cars:

These cars are for use by our Principals or Nominee and our Sponsors or Nominee. Depending on time we may be able to squeeze a few extra adults through as well.

We have time for around 10 races so drivers are required on a first come/first served basis (And if anyone sneaks an entry in without asking the principal if they want to drive first – expect detention!)

Contestants to date:

School / Sponsor	Position	Name

Video Award:

Some kids are born to race; others aren't - but have other useful skills. Involve them! It is fantastic to see the derby through the children's eyes and everyone loves the videos

Details of our Annual Video Award are on our website: www.soapboxderby.co.nz





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Super kids Cars



This year we are introducing for the first time the "Super Kids" Cars. These two cars are owned by the NZ SBD Trust and will be racing at intervals throughout the day at all the NZ races.

The cars are built for two – an able bodied driver and a special needs passenger. The driver will be an experienced racer and the objective is a safe and enjoyable ride down the track.

Alan has been asking the schools for suitable entries for this. If you know of a child who would benefit – contact Alan (contact details on last page of this newsletter).

Note that like all the cars they are suitable for smaller, rather than larger, children

Carnival Ideas:

We all know that the racing is absorbing, fascinating and great to watch. But for a real family day extra activities add spice and colour.

Involve your parents and PTA, dream up a few ideas and contact Heather with the details and remember – all profit goes to those who run these activities.

Life and Colour:



Bring your Cheerleading team!



Carnival Stalls confirmed to date

School	Carnival Idea
1 AGC Sunderland College	
2 Bruce McLaren Intermediate	
3 Henderson Intermediate	
4 Hobsonville Primary	
5 Massey High	
6 Matipo Primary	





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7	Rangeview Intermediate	
8	Riverhead School	
9	Riverhead Scouts	
10	Rutherford College	
11	Swanson School	
12	Taupaki School	
13	Whenuapai	
14	Waitakere Primary	

Food Stalls:

- We are currently well on track to drink coffee, eat ice creams and ...?
- Ask your PTA if they would like to run a food stall – and email Heather with their suggestion.

Suggested stalls include, but are not limited to:

American Hotdogs
Candy floss
Chocolate
Filled pita breads

Filled rolls
Fresh fruit
Fruit smoothies
Kebabs

Milk Shakes
Pop-corn
Sausage sizzle
Scones/muffins

A checklist for stall equipment (including safety info) is on the website.

Food Stalls confirmed to date

School	Food
1 AGC Sunderland College	
2 Bruce McLaren Intermediate	
3 Henderson Intermediate	
4 Hobsonville Primary	
5 Massey High	
6 Matipo Primary	
7 Rangeview Intermediate	
8 Riverhead School	Sausage sizzle, steak sandwiches, water
9 Riverhead Scouts	Chicken satays, cupcakes and drinks
10 Rutherford College	
11 Swanson School	
12 Taupaki School	
13 Whenuapai	
14 Waitakere Primary	
Others	Food
1 Espresso on the Go www.espressoonthego.co.nz	Coffee (top of course)
2 Supa Softee Ice Cream	Ice Creams (top of course)
3 NZRPG	Slushi Machine (bottom of course)





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Guide Biscuits:

It is biscuit season. If any Guides have any remaining stocks that they want to sell then by all means do so at the Derby

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.

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.

We have very few parents on the email list (we haven't been given addresses for them) so please ensure they get a copy and know about the website.

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

Kerry McMillan Derby Director clanmcmillan@xtra.co.nz Phone 832-3229 or 021-416-777	Lyn Parts Phone: 021 251 5490 The storeroom is located behind Grasslands at 570 Swanson Road. Ring Lyn first to ensure he is there.
Heather Pattison Project Manager heather@details.co.nz Phone 810-9589 or 0274-719-569	Alan Pattison Technical Assistant alan@details.co.nz Phone 810-9589 or 0274-80-88-30
Rotary Meetings: Wednesday 6pm to 8pm Starling Park Sports Grounds 34 Glen Road Ranui	Are YOU the missing piece?  Rotary Membership Enquiries Welcome!

Heather Pattison

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

