



SOAP BOX DERBY FUN

Students from schools all over Auckland gathered at Westgate on Sunday 23 March to compete in the much awaited Soap Box Derby. Undeterred by the postponement the week before they eagerly arrived ready to race their schools sponsored "super stock" cars down the hill. The chanting filled the air as the races began and the positive atmosphere was contagious.

The students had spent many weeks preparing for the event, building their cars and practicing to gain their best time. Teams

consisted of a pit crew and drivers, both of which roles are popular and reveal the lure of the Derby – speed and fixing stuff. The cars are built to very specific safety requirements in America and have weights added and subtracted so that the weight of every car and driver are equal. Timing is the key, the students quickly learn.

Girls and boys alike got into the spirit of the event and with ice-cream stalls and a bouncy castle as well. It was a fantastic family affair.

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