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2011 Soapbox Derby Newsletter #7

23rd August 2011

Dear School and Sponsors,

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

Rugby World Cup Soapbox Derby

OK, so what does the Soapbox Derby have to do with Rugby?

Well...

During Labour Weekend 2011 Rodney are hosting a weekend of special events to celebrate the Rugby World Cup. And one of the Events just happens to be a **one off special Soapbox Derby** hosted by the Rotary Club of Whangaparaoa.

Date: Sunday 23rd October
Time: Afternoon
Venue: Brightside Road, Whangaparaoa
Entry fee: \$150

Entry is open to ALL participants in this year's 2011 SBD – not just those from Whangaparaoa.

Do you have a driver from this year's derby who would be keen to enter – either as a School Entry or a private one?

If so, contact the NZ Race Director Terry Clarkson terry@clarksons.co.nz for details.

Akron Race



Our New Zealand Champion, Aaron Kinge from Waitakere Primary School, raced in Akron in mid-July is the World Finals of the All American Soapbox Derby.





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110 Super Stock cars started in this Event and Aaron did extraordinarily well.

The American races run on a heats system with the winner of each race progressing to the next round.

This year Aaron won his first heat.... he won his second heat... but was narrowly pipped at the post in his third round.

In the words of the AASBD International Director (a Canadian):

Although many months away, planning for the 75th Anniversary Edition of the All American Soap Box Derby has begun in earnest...

2011 was a great year for the Internationals at the AASBD. Our New Zealand pals got by the 1st round for the first time in 9 years and barely missed making the top 9. Our friends from Japan raced well and they too were not far from cracking the 1st round. Canada did make the top 9 and finished 2nd in the AASBD Stock division. This year's performance showed everyone that the AASBD is not an exclusively US based event. The International teams proved beyond a doubt they were not to be taken lightly and moving forward they will be shown more respect.

I hope to be able to welcome Germany back to the event next year, as well as Singapore and hopefully Australia whose Billy Kart racers and organizers have been watching the exploits of the New Zealanders in Akron and at home.

The New Zealand teams from 2010 (Riverhead School) and 2011 (Waitakere Primary) worked together to achieve this result and have come back determined to help all West Auckland Schools with their entries next year. They will be running workshops next February to help teams set up their cars – and have definite plans to help the NZ team win in America!

Our Club Bulletins <http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/news/news-letters> contains email updates on their travels (20th July and 27th July) and a report and photos (3rd August)

SBD 2012

Planning is now underway for the 2012 Soapbox Derby:

- The **9th Annual Soapbox Derby** will be held on **Sunday 18th March 2012**
- Our brochure is on our web site at:
<http://www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/our-fundraisers/soapbox-derby-2012>
- We shall be contacting all schools shortly to confirm entry to this event

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