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2012 Soapbox Derby Newsletter #5

23rd March 2012

Dear School and Sponsors,

9th Annual West Auckland Soapbox Race:



We should like to thank all the schools, sponsors, drivers, pit crews, families, friends and helpers for coming to the 9th Annual Soapbox Derby and making it such a great event.

The day dawned fine and still – but by 9am was cloudy with a building wind. For a while there we contemplated giving all the cars sails and sending them backwards up the course - and the rain at lunchtime certainly led to some tense moments. Fortunately it cleared, racing resumed and we completed the races.

Finalists:





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The times were, as usual, really close and ideally we would love to send all our great drivers through to the Finals. Unfortunately we can't so base the Finalists on the 6 fastest times in our local final. For those who missed out we hope you enjoyed a great day of racing. And remember... there is always next year!

Our six finalists who progress to the NZ Finals on Sunday 1st April are:

Place	Driver	School	Sponsor
2012 West Auckland Champion	Campbell Harrop	Hobsonville School	Western Leader
2 nd Place	Ethan Van Vugt	Whenuapai School	Pinepac
3 rd Place	James Anderson	Whenuapai School	Pinepac
4 th Place	Aaron Jackson	Hobsonville Primary	Western Leader
5 th Place	Fairlane HUNTER Welsh	Riverhead Scouts	Harkins House Haulage; North Auckland Caravans
6 th Place	George Prinsloo	Bruce McLaren Intermediate	Distinction Furniture; Vivid Computers; Waitakere Architects; St Michel

Photos and Results:

Photos – of the race, adult cars and Breakfast TV – along with the results and a copy of the Western Leader article are on our website: www.soapboxderby.co.nz

Prizes:

We would really like to thank all the fantastic people who donated prizes to our race, Campbell's face whilst holding the Xbox 360 donated by Noel Leeming in Westgate shows how much the prizes are appreciated.

And on the subject of prizes... a few prize winners snuck away before prize giving. These prizes, and a few others, will be given to the winners in May at our Thank You night.

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





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Other Local Races:

West Auckland hasn't won the race yet. Whilst our finalists are preparing for the Finals – so are the teams from the other race centres. Northcote raced the week before us and the other two are still to come:

Whangaparaoa

Saturday 24th March
9am start

Brightside Road
Whangaparaoa

Auckland East

Saturday 31st March
9am start

Stonefields Avenue
St Johns

NZ Finals:

Sunday 1st April
9am start

Stonefields Avenue
St Johns

Our finalists will be there and all spectators are welcome to cheer our teams to victory. This is the 10th Anniversary of the NZ Races (Northcote ran the first one before we joined in the second year) and special events are in the pipeline to celebrate this achievement.

A map, and more information as it comes to hand, is on our website.

Sponsors:

Please remember your sponsors. It is only through the generosity of these great people that we can race.

Please contact your sponsor and ask where they would like the car displayed.



Do you have a space in your school foyer? Do you have any forthcoming school events where you can display it? Would the sponsor like to borrow it for a few weeks or months for a display in their showroom?

The West City Holden car attracted attention at the Kumeu Show last year.

And remember to mention your sponsors in school newsletters, send them a copy – and ask if they would like to visit your school for an assembly and morning tea.

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!





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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.

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:

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Rotary Meetings: Wednesday 6pm to 8pm Starling Park Sports Club 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!

