

Waitakere Soapbox Derby

Sunday 18th March 2012



2012 West Auckland Champion
Campbell Harrop
Hobsonville School
Western Leader car



2nd Place
Ethan Van Vugt
Whenuapai School
Pinepac Car



3rd Place
James Anderson
Whenuapai School
Pinepac Car

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Waitakere Race Director
Kerry "McHat" McMillan



Adults versus the kids – the "Corporate" cars



The Rangeview team in the DARE Police car.
Constable Luke, who ran the DARE program at
Rangeview last year was part of the team



Rutherford College

ACS / Toshiba Heat Pumps car

<instead of manning a speed camera to catch everyone and fine them>



Riverhead Scouts in their
Harkins House Haulage /
North Auckland caravans car



Henderson Intermediate in the Douglas
Pharmaceuticals "Hairy Lemon"
The Hon John Key also contributed \$300 to our
event from his charitable fund

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Our new school Matipo
in the Westpac car



Massey High representing
MD Aluminium



Henderson Intermediate
Cheerleaders



Waitakere Primary
Cheerleaders
<where on earth did they find those hats?>



AGC Sunderland

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The Warehouse Stationers



Waitakere Primary

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First National Centre
Smith & Partners and
Treehouse Print Waitakere Residents
 & Ratepayers

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The pit crew area at the start



“Brake Now” signs ready to be raised at the finish



Hobsonville in the fast Western Leader car



The “Green Machine” and Massey High off to a racing start



Waitakere Primary’s “Green Machine”



Henderson Intermediate Representing NZRPG <Westgate shops management>

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Swanson Primary in the Future Cuisine car



Bruce McLaren Intermediate

Sponsors are:
Distinction Furniture
St Michel
Vivid Computers
Waitakere Architects



AGC Sunderland against Waitakere Primary



Henderson Intermediate and The "Hairy Lemon"



Whenuapai school in the Pinepac racing car



Swanson Primary In the Ritchies car

<Notice how the colour scheme bears a striking resemblance to the Pinepac ITM V8 race car?>

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Rutherford driver concentrating on the finish



Bruce McLaren driver



Henderson Intermediate



The "Unmarked" <from the front> Police car

<Happy the race is over?
Or loving every minute of it?>



A stall for fundraising



Teams were out in school colours

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Fire? Where?

The Fire Service came with their kitchen fire display



No racing whilst the red flag is up



A break between loading the car return truck



Heading safely to the hay bales



The team keeping the hay bales straight

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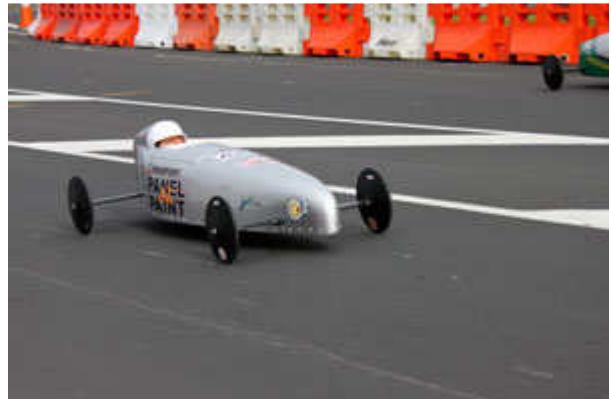
A minor crash. Josiah Brown from Henderson Intermediate hits the barrier on stopping
<Right at the photographer's feet!>



Aaron and Zach's Masters cars.
Checked by the scrutineers and
parked ready to go



Henry



James



Zach



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Behind the scenes:

Our Rotary International Youth Exchange student, Cecile from Belgium, helping feed the organizers;
Don and Toni (our past Rotary District Assistant Governor) helping out with the timing



Everyone is really keen on seeing the results



The Rotary tent with photos of previous races
and other things we are involved in
(no, it's not just soapbox!)



2010 Champ Henry Dyer's medals on display

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School Stalls feeding all the people. All profit went to those who ran the stalls



Everyone keen to hear the results



Shawn Dyer, presented with a fishing rod for all his help. He went straight back to his Scouts saying "Look what we have got!"



During track calibration the timing reflectors blew over.
A spot of tape and it was secured for the day.



A **very** windy day with everything, including the timing gear, tied down by 9am. Rain hit just before lunch then cleared.

We made it!