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2013 Soapbox Derby Newsletter #3

8th March 2013

Dear Schools and Sponsors

WIN! \$500 FOR YOUR SCHOOL & \$500 FOR YOURSELF

Buy anything at the Westgate Outlet Centre on Derby Day to Enter
*Terms and conditions apply

Derby Day Specials at all stores
Onsite vendors with Shaved Ice, Doughnuts & Candy Floss
and a full days racing entertainment

2013
Sunday 17th March
Westgate Drive, Westgate

westgate outlet centre

ALL-AMERICAN SOAPBOX DERBY

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Competition available to everyone who makes a purchase from any of the Westgate Outlet stores on the Soapbox Derby Day being Sunday 17th March 2013. One entry per purchase per store. Prize will be drawn on Monday 18th March and winner will be notified by phone or email. The winner will receive \$500 cash for their school of choice, (the school must be a competitor for the Derby) and \$500 worth of NZDNG Vouchers to be redeemed at any of the Westgate Outlet stores. The vouchers are not transferable, refundable or redeemable for cash. The competition is not available to employees of NZDNG Management, its retailers or its agencies. NZDNG will not be liable for any direct or indirect loss, cost or expense resulting from the use of any prize. No correspondence will be entered into. The judges decision is final.

"Please encourage your students and families to shop at the Outlet Centre on Derby Day. Every purchase is an entry into the draw to win \$500 for the school and \$500 for the individual!"

Fun Stuff:

	<p>In2it Street Games will be running FREE activities at the Derby so there will be lots for everyone to do and see.</p> <p>Bring your friends and families!</p>
<p>WHAT IS IN2IT STREETGAMES? IN2IT Streetgames is a programme run by the Getin2Life Youth Development Trust.</p> <p>IN2IT Streetgames provides children and young people across the Auckland region with unstructured play in</p>	





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our public spaces.

We are showing young people that *Any Space is a Play Space!*

WHO IS IN2IT STREETGAMES?

The IN2IT family is made up of different street crew teams that travel to various locations around the Auckland Region.

The Street Crew Teams Bring Equipment and activities appropriate to each of these locations

STREETGAMES SESSIONS EXPLAINED!

Every week our Street Crew Teams will bring different modules to each location, these modules may be Wheels, Balls, Inflatable's or Sticks & Rackets . They are all Unique, FUN and free!

www.in2it.org.nz

SBD Safety Day:

The team were very pleased to see that the cars were well set up and safe.





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Please fix any of the minor issues prior to racing and remember... the teams that didn't make this day need to contact Shawn and to arrange checking prior to Race Day.

A copy of the Safety Brief is on our website: www.soapboxderby.co.nz

There is important information in this – like suitable clothing and no sitting on the barriers – so make sure the teams fully understand this.

This document is part of our Health and Safety Plan so please use it.





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Derby Day Parking:



The Salvation Army have offered parking in their paddock for a gold coin donation. **We request that people use this and support the Sallies.**

The retail workers usually park on the side roads and on Westgate Drive. With us using the road they are under pressure both for staff and customer parking.

The smaller the impact we make on them and their businesses the better!

Race Day Timeline:

Our goal, subject to any delays, is:

7:30am	School teams start arriving
8:00am	Registration desk opens
8:00am	Scrutinizing of cars start
8:30am	Calibrate lanes and double check timing system is working correctly
9:00am	Racing starts
12:00 noon approx	Lunch Break with displays
1:00pm approx	Finalists race
2:00pm approx	Races finish and site clean up
2:30pm approx	Prize Giving





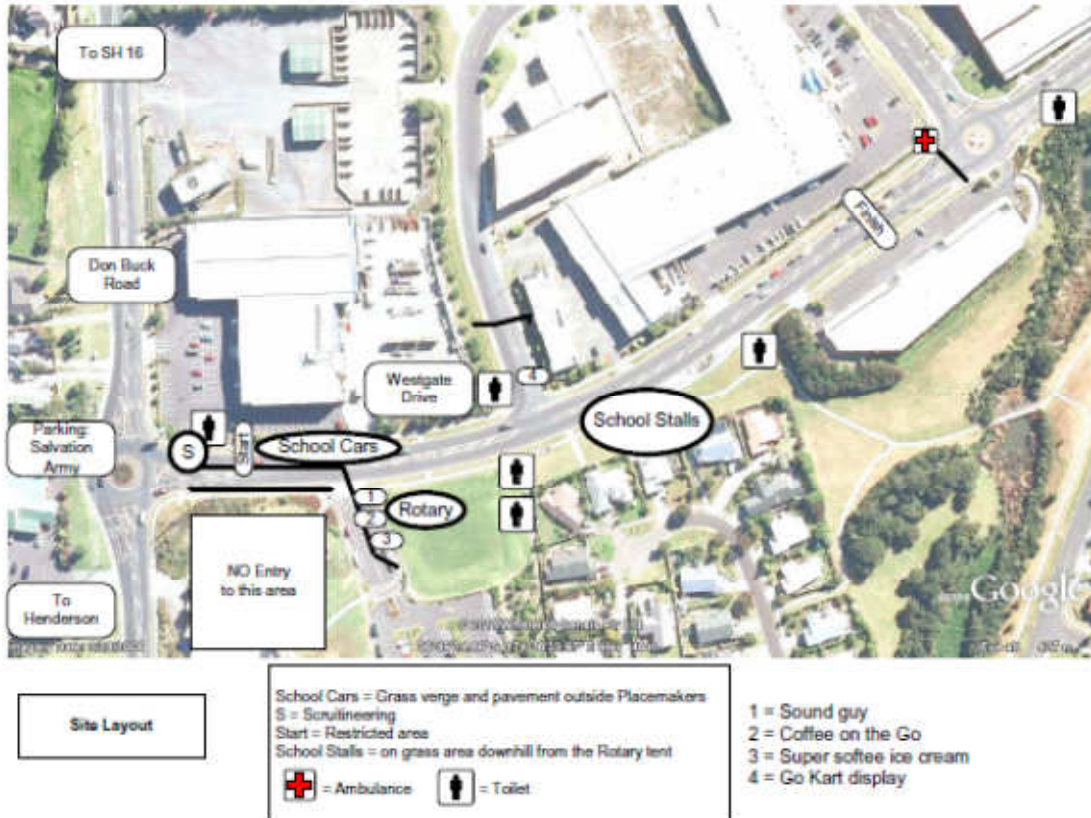
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Map:



We are, as usual, tight on space.

Pit crews go on the grass verge outside Placemakers (please, no overflowing into their car park) and the grass verge if required in Cabernet Crescent. Events and displays will happen on the road so keep this clear.

The flat grass area will contain the Rotary tent, one or two sponsor tents and events arranged by *in2life Youth Development Trust*.

School stalls will go on the sloping grass verge down the track.

First in, first served!

The Road Closure team will be at work from 6am with the Rotarians drifting in thereafter – but don't expect too many of us to be wide awake and able to answer intelligent questions at this hour <and before the coffee van arrives>.





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Remember:

Loose Steering and poor brakes make great photos:



Whangaparaoa Race 2011
(As seen on the front page of The Rodney Times)



NZ Champ Aaron practising for Akron
(As seen on You Tube)



Waitakere Race 2009
A hay bale incident prior to a major crash in the next race



Waitakere Race 2009
The major crash – and car out of the race
(As seen in the Western Leader)

Keep an eye on the car as it goes down the track. If it wiggles then there is a steering problem that will rapidly get worse. Actively encourage your drivers to report problems. If they say "It felt funny" or "I hit a hay bale" - pay attention! The next race may result in a crash and disqualification.

Alternatively – arm your team with cameras and send me the photos. I **will** use them!

And a hint whilst practising: use video cameras to record the practice (from a safe place). Steering wiggles and early braking are easily detected on playback.

Clothing:

Judging by some of the groans at the Safety Briefing some of the kids aren't too happy about long sleeves and trousers. But it is important. If they get tipped out of their cars <It doesn't





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happen very often – but it has happened> clothing goes a long way in preventing grazes. And grazes really hurt and take forever to heal!

Drivers' Registration Forms:

Thank you to all who have given me their forms. If you need copies they can be found here: <http://www.aasbd.org/media/2254/local%20race%20registration%20form%202013%20re.pdf>

I also need race order of the drivers by **WEDNESDAY**

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.

Stickers

If anyone is in need of stickers please let Heather know **URGENTLY** so we can get these made.

Car Numbers: We have a few sets of new numbers. If you are planning to remove yours let me know ASAP. We may issue a new number so will need this in the database <either that or we'll devote a couple of hours to driving down to Henderson and getting old ones re-printed>

TTCF Stickers: The name changed from The Trusts Charitable Foundation to The Trusts Community Foundation. Our sticker printer was away when we needed them but will have them printed in time for the race. Please remove the old sticker

The Trusts Red Button: Please remove these. The red button has been phased out and funding now comes from TTCF

AASBD Stickers: We have a few left.



How to remove stickers:

- Use a hot air gun or hairdryer to heat the sticker
- Peel it off gently





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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
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	
9	Riverhead School		
10	Riverhead Scouts		
11	Rutherford College		
12	Swanson School		Future Cuisine Auckland Landscape Swanson Medical Centre
	Swanson School	DARE	
13	Taupaki School	Ritchies	
14	Waitakere Primary		Autex Industries Ltd Industrial Processors Ltd Waitakere Residents & Ratepayers Kumeu Computers Carters Building Products
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





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Sponsor Stalls:

All sponsors are very welcome. Bring banners, signs, information, yourselves... and drop by the Rotary Tent for a warm welcome!

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

Super kids Cars

The cars are now finished, tested, painted and ready to go with their first race at Auckland East on Sunday.

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).

Food Stalls/Carnival Ideas:

- Ask your PTA if they would like to run a food or carnival type (Face painting? Other?) stall – and email Heather with their suggestion.

Suggested stalls include, but are not limited to:

American Hotdogs	Filled rolls	Milk Shakes
Candy floss	Fresh fruit	Pop-corn
Chocolate	Fruit smoothies	Sausage sizzle
Filled pita breads	Kebabs	Scones/muffins

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

Food Stalls confirmed to date

School	Food
2 Bruce McLaren Intermediate	
3 Henderson Intermediate	
4 Hobsonville Primary	
5 Massey High	
6 Matipo Primary	
8 Riverhead School	Sausage sizzle, steak sandwiches, water
9 Riverhead Scouts	Chicken satays, cupcakes and drinks
10 Rutherford College	
11 Swanson School	





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12	Taupaki School	
13	Whenuapai	
14	Waitakere Primary	Chicken burgers, sausages and drinks
Others		Food
1	Espress on the Go www.espressoonthego.co.nz	Coffee (top of course)
2	Supa Softee Ice Cream	Ice Creams (top of course)
3	NZRP	Slushi Machine (bottom of course)

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:

www.soapboxderby.co.nz


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
Shawn Dyer Home: 412 9500 Mobile: 027 390 9885 Chief Scrutineer	<p style="text-align: center;">Are YOU the missing piece?</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Rotary Membership Enquiries Welcome!</p>





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Rotary Meetings:

Wednesday 6pm to 8pm

Starling Park Sports Grounds
34 Glen Road
Ranui

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Join the Thrill of the Soap Box Derby Trolley Racing

The West Auckland Regional Championships organised by Waitakere Rotary

WESTGATE DRIVE SUNDAY 17 MARCH RACING STARTS AT 9AM

Auckland Council
THE TRUSTS Community FOUNDATION
WAITAKERE ROTARY

Heather Pattison

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

