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2014 Soapbox Derby Newsletter #5

4th March 2014

Dear School and Sponsors,

SBD Safety Day:

Prior to racing all cars need to be checked by our Scrutineers and the drivers given a safety briefing. We are holding this briefing 10 days prior to Race Day to make sure the cars are safe, spot any construction errors and to give people time to fix any problems.

Date:	Thursday 6 th March 2012
Time:	4pm to 6pm
Venue:	Moselle Avenue Testing Station
Who:	Team Leaders and Drivers
What:	Bring <ul style="list-style-type: none">- The car- Tools- Drivers' registration forms

Please note that as this is a safety issue attendance is **compulsory**.

The car will be checked according to the safety check – a copy is on the website.

We will bring the scales for weight checks.

Stickers:

We have many TTCF stickers and a limited number of AASBD stickers

If you need car numbers please let us know so that we can get these printed.

Drivers' Registration Forms:

A copy is available on our web site www.soapboxderby.co.nz

It would make life easier for everyone if you can get the kids and their parents to fill these in and bring them to the Safety Day (easier to hand them over rather than scan or fax later)

We also need to know what **order drivers will race in** before we can record them in the database.

Many schools weigh their entrants and put them in weight order (up or down) to make weight changing between races easier.

Races:

We have created a draft schedule for the joint race slotting the two races – Waitakere and Auckland East – together. The races run as separate races with separate databases. A copy of the schedule will be available for the teams once car numbers are confirmed.





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Currently we appear to have:

- 16 Waitakere teams 64 drivers
- 10 Auckland East teams 40 drivers
- 4 or 5 Masters cars 4 or 5 drivers
- 10 Superkids drivers (drivers to be confirmed)
- Corporate cars (?? if time allows in the afternoon)

With this number of cars it is going to be a fast and thrilling day!

Race 1

All drivers will race twice, once in each lane, and the times will be added together to create their race time.

Race 2

The fastest 12 drivers will race again in a one-lane shootout to determine the West Auckland Champion and medal winners. The fastest 6 drivers will go to the NZ Finals on 30th March

Auckland East will run their races the same way we do – racing twice in Race 1 with a one lane shootout in the other lane for their local finals.

The Pits:

The Waitakere teams will be in their normal place along the verge

Auckland East will be in Cabernet Cres. It has been suggested that they use a vehicle to bring their cars up to the start via the side roads.

Food Stalls:

We have only one so far. Is anyone else in need of a food stall as a fund raiser?

Please let us know ASAP

See Newsletter 3 for food stall ideas

Entertainment:



In2it will be providing FREE games on the grass area.

Derby Progress:

As far as we know all cars and teams are underway. If anyone is having problems give us a call and we'll see what we can do to help.





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Western Leader:

Spotted in the 27th February issue:

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Soapbox crew firing up

By JULIAN RAETHEL

THE crew has been selected and are ready to race in the 2014 West Auckland Soapbox Derby.

It will be all go on March 16 at Westgate Drive with cars from schools around Auckland set to roll out of the start line.

The Hobsonville Primary crew will once again hit the road in the *Western Leader* sponsored machine with the team of eight featuring four pit crew and four drivers.

They are hard at it, modifying the car and training every Monday after school on Fred Taylor Drive.

Driver Ashleigh Weyermayr says she decided to throw her hat in the ring before it was too late.

"I just wanted to try out for more things because it's my last year here.

"But I was surprised to be named as a driver."

It's been two long years since Hobsonville last held the trophy.

Last year's race was washed out at Westgate and was moved over to the North Shore.

The crew say that finishing between 30 and 40 seconds will be a decent time.

Ambrose Young-Hill, 11, was part of the team that came second in the New Zealand Soapbox Derby Finals in Whangaparaoa last year.

After missing out on a podium finish in the Waitakere race in 2013 Ambrose is more determined than ever to grab the trophy.

Brad Hill is the teacher in charge of the soapbox project and says Ambrose has the mind of a young engineer.

"He's been changing the brake



Speed racers: The Hobsonville Primary 2014 Soapbox Derby team includes Ashleigh Weyermayr, 12, left, Humairra Khan, 12, Bismah Mahmood, 11, Sebastian Zalkalnins, 11, and Yasmin Livingstone, 11. Photo: JULIAN RAETHEL

pads and working on the wheel alignment.

"He's even taught me a few things along the way," Mr Hill says.

Another member from last year is Humairra Khan who says you need full co-operation within the team to succeed.

"It was pouring [with rain] last year and our brake pads weren't up to scratch," she says.

"You're only travelling about 15kmh but it feels a lot faster than that because you're very close to the ground."

Each team will take part in a time trial with two attempts on the

day with the top 10 carts going through to the final race.

■ The 2014 West Auckland Soapbox Derby is organised by Waitakere Rotary and will be held at Westgate Drive on March 16 from 9am. Go to rotarywaitakere.org.nz for information.

The video that accompanies this is at: <http://westernleader.realviewdigital.com/?iid=88023#folio=2>





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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.

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
Rotary Meetings: Wednesday 6pm to 8pm Starling Park Sports Grounds 34 Glen Road Ranui	<p style="text-align: center;">Are YOU the missing piece?</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Rotary Membership Enquiries Welcome!</p>

Heather Pattison

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

