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2014 Soapbox Derby Newsletter #7

1st April 2014

Dear School and Sponsors,



Joint races... Cyclones... Rain Dates... NZ Finals...

We are happy to report that we made it successfully though the 2014 Soapbox Series

NZ Soapbox Finals:



This year Waitakere, once again, had weather problems but the past weekend dawned fine and clear for the Whangaparaoa race on Saturday and the NZ Finals on Sunday.

18 cars from Waitakere, Auckland East and Whangaparaoa lined up for an intense day of racing.

18 cars reduced to 8 and then to 4 with the following results:

1 st	Andrew Jantke	Remuera Intermediate Auckland East Rotary
2 nd	Tenaya Smerdon	Meadowbank Primary Auckland East Rotary
3 rd	Rose Hinton	Waitakere College Waitakere Rotary
4 th	Adam Newey	Stella Maris Primary Whangaparaoa Rotary



Rose, Andrew and Tenaya



Steve Harris, one very happy Team Manager of the Remuera and Meadowbank cars





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The Joint Waitakere/Auckland East Derby

The tail end of the cyclone would have made for very "interesting" racing on our planned date. Although there was less rain than predicted the wind gusts would have caused havoc for everything from gazebos to the soapbox cars.

Having cancelled due to the forecast we then waited in trepidation for the following weekend. Fortunately the rain date forecast of "heavy showers in the afternoon" was once again wrong and we had a successful day of racing.



*Samantha Skelley
Tommy McKinnon*

This year we had not one but two West Auckland Champions!

1 st Equal	Tommy McKinnon Bruce McLaren Intermediate Samantha Skelley Waitakere College
3 rd	Barjonah Buxton Bruce McLaren Intermediate
4 th	Rose Hinton Waitakere College
5 th	Joe Grevel Waitakere Primary
6 th	Robbie Craig Bruce McLaren Intermediate

Special Guests



*NZ Race Director Terry Clarkson
with Marilyn and Tommy Waters*

We had two special guests who attended all our Derbies.

Marilyn and Tommy Waters come from Morganton, South Carolina. Marilyn is the Race Director and Tommy the Assistant Director and also Assistant Regional Director of AASBD races.

They started with derbies when their children raced... and are still heavily involved 20 years later.

Both Tommy and Marilyn have been of great help to the NZ teams in Akron and shared a lot of knowledge with the NZ teams whilst they were here.





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Cars



Ritchies



The Waitakere car with many sponsors



Where would we be without the Police presence?



Kerry starting the MD Aluminium and Ritchies cars



Birdwood School joined us again this year



Interesting expression from a Swanson School driver!





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The Western Leader



Douglas Pharmaceuticals Hairy Lemon car



Matipo School with West City Holden sponsorship racing Rutherford High



NZRPNG were great sponsors with the extra of a shopper's prize



Waitakere College rejoined us



Bruce McLaren did well with 3 finalists

Many thanks to all our sponsors and helpers for helping to make the soapbox races such a success!

Video Award and Thank You night:

We look forward to the children's videos. Please get them to me by the end of term and they will be shown at our Soapbox Thank You night on Wednesday 7th May 2014





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Our Auckland East Visitors



Bairds Mainfreight School have traditionally run at Northcote but this year joined the Auckland East teams.

Mainfreight (trading as Carotrans in the States) have been long term supporters of all the derbies with very low cost shipping of both the winning car to Akron, Ohio and the freight of parts back to New Zealand.



Bairds Mainfreight and St Kentigern College



Parnell School



Meadowbank School



Remuera Intermediate





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Meadowbank School



St Kentigern and Parnell School

Entertainment



Thanks to the West Auckland Rotaract group for their help with running the event and their "Fun Zone"



Yes, Kerry's fire truck DOES have a siren!



In2it Street games provided various activities for extra family fun time





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Masters Cars



Superkids cars



With a joint derby – and threat of rain – we didn't have too much time for the superkids cars. But those who did get to ride in them thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

Results

Results from all the races are on our website www.soapboxderby.co.nz





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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	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!

