



Winning car: Drivers from Waitakere Primary School came first and second.

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Soapbox race won by a split second

It was a windy day but the rain held off for the All American Soapbox Derby on Sunday.

Children from schools around West Auckland raced their trolleys down Westgate Drive in Massey for Waitakere Rotary's 12th annual trolley derby.

Harry Ward-Colman of Waitakere Primary School won with a time of 52.457 seconds, just edging out his schoolmate Luke Andrew on 52.480 seconds.

Coming in third was Tyson Hepana from the Bairds Mainfreight major sponsors' team.

The six fastest will go through to the New Zealand finals to be held at Whangaparoa on March 26.

The joint winners of the 2014 Waitakere derby were Samantha Skelley and Tommy McKinnon.

Sausage sizzle, right: Massey High School pupils help to feed the crowd.



Getting ready: Teagan Kettlewell from Swanson Primary School and Roy Waite at the start line.



Keen driver: Chey Jamieson from Flanshaw Road School finished the course in 53.466 seconds.



Engineer: Teacher Tony Nemaia from Matipo Primary School puts his handyman skills to work.



Big kid: Between children's races, adults got to try out one or two larger cars.



Cupcakes: Massey High School students hold a stall to raise money for a school trip.