



Speed racer: James Chester from Remuera Intermediate zooms along the course at the national soap box derby competition.



Low down: Tommy McKinnon from Bruce McLaren School keeps low in his soap box derby car.

Thrills and spills at soap box derby

Racing is complete and the soap box derby cars have been packed away for another season.

The 2014 West Auckland Regional Soap Box Derby was held on March 23 and the national competition was on Sunday. West Auckland's event resulted in a competition-first with Bruce MacLaren Intermediate and Waitakere College named joint winners, both clocking the fastest time of 26.25sec.

The national title was taken by Remuera Intermediate in a competition held at Stanmore Bay.

Event spokeswoman Sarah Carr says overall it was another fantastic event. While there were a few crashes none of the drivers were seriously injured.

"It was just down to the inexperience of some of the newer racers, but there were no incidents in the national finals," Carr says.



Ready, set: Rose Hinton from Waitakere College is ready for action.



Team effort: Crew and spectators at the start line of the national soap box derby competition.



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Rolling wheels: Robbie Craig from Bruce McLaren School glides along the course.



Hard out: Barjonah Buxton from Bruce McLaren School.

Racing time: Joe Grevel from Waitakere College races down the hill.

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