

Hi there everyone,

Thanks again for making the 2008 Auckland SPARC Get2Go challenge such an amazing event. Congratulations to every single one of you who took part and tried your best in all of the challenges and did so with great big smiles on your faces, despite the rain in the morning.

As the results below show, the scoring across all of the teams was very close. In the Waitakere/North Harbour region event last week Wentworth College just edged out Orewa College by the closest possible margin, one single point. I couldn't believe it when this happened again in the Auckland event, I had to quadruple check the scores to be sure. This time it was the all girls team from St Cuthberts 1 (Dynamos) who were the victors over the all boys team from Auckland Grammar 1. The girls cleaned up in the Orienteering and Kayaking challenges and the boys won the Mountain Biking and were very impressive in the Rock Climbing, top scoring along with the 2nd team from St Cuthbert's.

Some of you might have lost some gear, or accidentally left it behind at one of the challenges. If you are missing an umbrella or a compass, left at the orienteering or a hoodie and a pair of shoes, left at the kayaking let me know.

A huge thank-you should go out to all of the volunteers that made the event such a great success -

- Selwyn, Roger and Mike from the Auckland Orienteering Club - <http://www.orienteeringauckland.org.nz/> , www.maptalk.co.nz The Auckland club are very keen to help get more young people involved in orienteering and they run an excellent Summer Series of events in the parks around Auckland starting in about 2 months time. These events are for everyone and are great fun. Check out the website for details.
- The crew from Bigfoot Adventure and the Auckland Mountain Biking Club - <http://www.bigfootadventures.co.nz/> , <http://www.aucklandmtb.co.nz/> These guys are out there running all sorts of outdoor and mountain biking adventures and can even come into your school to run mountain bike skills courses for you. Some Get2Go teams have actually been using them to get prepared for their regional challenge.
- Russell and guys from North Shore Canoe and Kayak and the Yakkity Yak Kayak Club - <http://www.canoeandkayak.co.nz/> If it's kayaking action you are into, these guys can definitely get you sorted with all of the gear and equipment you might need and organized club training and adventures. Pop in and check out their store at 502 Sandringham Rd and catch up with Russell.
- The team at Clip n Climb - <http://www.clipnclimb.co.nz/> are open right through the year and are definitely keen to see you all back there climbing with them. They can do small groups as well as big groups. What a wicked place for a party!

So if you tried something today at the SPARC Get2Go that you really enjoyed, get out there and do some more of it. Check out the web links above to find out more about what they can do to help you get involved. Remember all of these sports are popular recreation pursuits in NZ and they offer a fantastic way to get out into the great outdoors and keep fit and healthy.

Hopefully those of you who are still in year 9 will be able to join us again next year and for those of you who are too old why don't you check out the Genesis Energy Hillary Challenge. This is easily the toughest outdoor sporting event for secondary school students (year 12/13 only) anywhere in New Zealand. You can find all of the info here -

http://www.opc.org.nz/08events/genesis_hillary_school_challenge.html

The Results

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Results - Auckland Region 12th August

School/Team	Orienteering	Kayaking	Rock climbing	Mountain biking	Final Score	Place
St Cuthbert's College 1	100	100	67	91	358	1
St Cuthbert's College 2	58	80	100	74	312	3
St Mary's College	66	88	57	94	305	
Diocesan School for Girls 1	46	88	86	88	308	
Diocesan School for Girls 2	56	66	65	71	258	
Marist College	57	66	73	76	272	
Immanuel Christian School	50	100	49	88	287	
Auckland Grammar School 1	78	79	100	100	357	2
Auckland Grammar School 2	61	69	66	82	278	
Auckland Girls' Grammar School 1	38	84	28	22	172	
Auckland Girls' Grammar School 2	36	72	63	62	233	
Epsom Girls' Grammar School	64	56	54	85	259	

Thanks once again for being a part of this awesome day.