

Hi there everyone,

Thanks again for making the 2008 Counties Manukau 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 nasty hail storm that pounded us for several minutes in the morning.

As the results below show, the scoring between some teams was very close. There was however one standout team from Rosehill College who managed to top score in three out of the four challenges. Well done guys the hard work now starts for you as you prepare for the Get2Go Grand Final in December.

It was awesome to see many of you out there trying these sports for the very first time. We hope the Get2Go has given you a chance to learn some new skills and hopefully inspired you to get out there and try them all again sometime.

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

- Andrew from the Counties Manukau Orienteering Club - www.maptalk.co.nz The Counties Manukau club are very keen to help get more young people involved in orienteering and they run an excellent events in your local area. 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.
- Stephen and crew from Manukau Canoe and Kayak and the Yakkity Yak Kayak Club - <http://www.canoeandkayak.co.nz/> If its 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 in Manukau City, right next to the Southern Motorway 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 or your next school fundraising venture!

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 if 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

SPARC Get2Go challenge 2008

Results - Counties Manukau Region 14th August

School/Team	Orienteering	Kayaking	Rock climbing	Mountain biking	Final Score	Place
Botany Downs Secondary College 1	66	73	76	100	315	2
Botany Downs Secondary College 2	74	80	40	96	290	
Onewhero Area School	50	60	60	89	259	
Sir Edmund Hillary Collegiate	60	67	69	60	256	
Sancta Maria College	40	73	77	63	253	
Rosehill College	100	100	100	81	381	1
Manurewa High School	97	73	58	85	313	3
Elim Christian College	67	87	71	78	303	

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