

Hi there everyone,

Thanks again for making the 2008 Taranaki 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. It was pleasing to see such a fantastic turnout and several new schools join in this year. 14 teams from 10 schools is a fantastic effort, given there are only 13 schools in the Naki. Hopefully next year you can all bring two teams and make sure you pass on to those schools that weren't there, that they missed out on a great day.

As the results below show, the scoring between many teams was very close. There was however one standout team from Boys/Girls high who managed to top score by nearly 200 points. Well done guys the hard work now starts for you as you prepare for the Get2Go Grand Final in December.

The scoring for the final orienteering challenge was scaled to make it a bit more inline with the scores from the morning. The top scoring team was awarded 400 points and everyone else based on the percentage that they were behind this team.

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 -

- Don Patterson from Adventure Dynamics – <http://www.adventuredynamics.co.nz/> Don put in a huge effort to get things organized, particularly after the closure of the lake.
- Jodie and the whole team from the New Plymouth Boys/Girls High Hillary Challenge team for their organizational help with marshalling and scoring...etc
- Graeme and Karl from the New Plymouth Mountain Bike Club – <http://taranakimtb.blogspot.com/> The club are very keen to see more of you out there mountain biking. They have been building some excellent new trails up in the Mangamahoe Forest. Go check them out!
- Rob Newbrook from the Taranaki Orienteering club - <http://www.orienteeringtaranaki.org.nz/> Check out the great events coming up and get out there and give orienteering another crack. Rob and the team at the club would love you to join them at their events
- Of course the crew from Studio 2 – Scotty, Jonno and Vicki. Check out the Studio 2 website for all of the G2G action - http://the-hub.tv/component/option.com_frontpage/Itemid.104/

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

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

The Results

Results - Taranaki Region 26th August

School/Team	MTB (incl tyre change)	Sand sculpture	Run stage + knots	Raft stage	Kayak + word spell	Orienteering (scaled)	Final Score	Place
Patea Area School	180	20	175	5	30	194	604	
Sacred Heart Girls' College 1	170	50	175	35	40	319	789	
Sacred Heart Girls' College 2	170	0	120	5	30	239	564	
New Plymouth Boys High School 1	310	100	300	125	230	400	1465	1
New Plymouth Boys High School 2	240	90	280	100	180	378	1268	2
New Plymouth Boys High School 3	290	90	150	130	200	272	1132	
Stratford High School	230	40	180	75	90	147	762	
Opunake High School 1	270	10	150	90	160	220	900	
Opunake High School 2	290	60	260	80	200	367	1257	3
Spotswood College	200	0	180	15	130	228	753	
Inglewood High School 1	90	0	175	-50	0	147	362	
Inglewood High School 2	150	30	105	-20	0	172	437	
Hawera High School	210	70	290	55	20	209	854	
Coastal Taranaki School	180	0	210	35	50	209	684	