

Hi there everyone,

Thanks again for making the 2008 Waikato 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.

As the results below show, the scoring between many teams was very close. There was however one standout team from Cambridge High School who managed to top score in two out of the four challenges and take out first place by 39 points over Thames High School 1. 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 -

- Simon and Sam from the Hamilton Orienteering Club - <http://www.cdorienteering.co.nz/> , [www.maptalk.co.nz](http://www.maptalk.co.nz) The Hamilton club are very keen to help get more young people involved in orienteering and they run excellent events in your local area. These events are for everyone and are great fun. Check out the website for details. They are also able to arrange for orienteering maps to be made of your school grounds and surrounding land. This is a great way to introduce everyone in your school to this exciting and challenge sport.
- Ross, Tui and the crew from the Hamilton Mountain Bike Club - <http://www.hamiltonmtb.org.nz/> The tracks used for the challenge at Pukete are open for the public to ride anytime, so if you are keen why not head back there for a bit more action and explore the other tracks in the park. Thank you also to R&R Sport who were there in support on the day. Check out there website <http://www.rrsport.co.nz/> for great deals on mountain bikes. Finally, Tui was doing a great job throughout the day taking snapshots of the action. She is going to put some of these photo's on the club website shortly, so check them out, you might see yourself upside down and covered on mud!
- Geoff and the team from the Hamilton Skills Centre [http://www.safeoutside.org/OTO\\_region/OTO\\_Site/hamskill.html](http://www.safeoutside.org/OTO_region/OTO_Site/hamskill.html) for the wild and wet Canadian canoe challenge. It was excellent to see so many of you guys falling out then getting back in the canoe and doing it right the second time round. That's what it is all about.
- Sylvia and the team at Extreme Edge. This is a great place to get inside on those cold, rainy days and nights to practice your climbing. There is even a youth club that meets every week, where you can get expert training to make you an even better climber. The website has all the details <http://www.sportsclimber.co.nz/>

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.

## The Results

### SPARC Get2Go challenge 2008

#### Results - Waikato Region 21st August

School/Team	Orienteering	Kayaking	Rock climbing	Mountain biking	Final Score	Place
Te Wharekura O Te Kaokaoroa O Patetere	45	67	64	34	210	
Morrinsville College	70	75	57	67	269	
Te Kauwhata College	65	67	72	65	269	
Fairfield College	70	75	76	46	267	
Mercury Bay Area School	90	100	78	37	305	
Thames High School 1	80	100	69	94	343	2
Thames High School 2	90	100	65	59	314	
Hauraki Plains College	70	58	48	61	237	
Waikato Dio/Hamilton Boys 1	70	83	90	42	285	
Paeroa College 1	75	83	52	36	246	
Paeroa College 2	50	67	34	41	192	
Tokoroa High School	65	58	35	37	195	
Melville High School	80	67	70	39	256	
Hillcrest High School 1	65	58	55	53	231	
Hillcrest High School 2	75	50	49	49	223	
Cambridge High School 1	100	83	100	99	382	1
Cambridge High School 2	85	75	75	100	335	3
Putaruru College 1	55	58	45	24	182	
Putaruru College 2	55	42	44	31	172	
Hamilton Girls' High School	60	75	47	70	252	
Waihi College	80	58	71	69	278	
St Pauls Collegiate	100	75	62	69	306	
Waikato Dio/Hamilton Boys 2	65	92	69	54	280	

Finally incase you missed it, here is the groovy coverage of the Waitakere/North Harbour regions day on Studio 2. <http://the-hub.tv/content/view/1398/105/> There are also links here to other bits of Get2Go action including the incredible 2007 Grand Final.

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