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2011 Soapbox Derby Newsletter #2

24th February 2011

Dear School and Sponsors,

Welcome to our new sponsors and schools. Please copy this newsletter and distribute to all of the people involved in the event.

By Now:

- Your school role should have settled, the year should be under way... and you will probably know most of your students' names
- A few schools are underway with the derby, many are still catching their breath after the start of the school year

First Steps:

- Ensure your school has its car, the plans and any required spare parts.
- Start forming the school racing team and narrow them down to prospective drivers and crew
- Ask your parents for help

Second Steps:

- Teach the team how to completely dismantle and reassemble the cars
- The competitors also need to learn the rules from the AASBD website (it saves arguments if everyone knows them) www.aasbd.org
- The NZ SBD Trust have also issued a few local rules that we need to comply with: www.rotarywaitakere.org.nz/uploads/2011%20SBD/NZ-Rules.pdf
- Practise sessions need to get under way – start on gentle slopes and work upwards
- The car should be painted in your sponsors colours – or have painters ready to do this
- If you are planning a food stall as a fund raiser then let Heather know

Please, please ensure the kids can handle their cars and use their brakes before launching themselves down steep hills! Every year we have several crashes that cause major damage to cars, minor damage to the drivers and a severe depletion of our spare parts!

For complete novice drivers – start them on the netball court with the team pushing then build up to steeper slopes slowly.

If you need parts – contact Lyn

If you need sponsors logos or details – contact Heather

If you need help with assembly or fine tuning - contact either Kerry or Alan





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Practice Site:

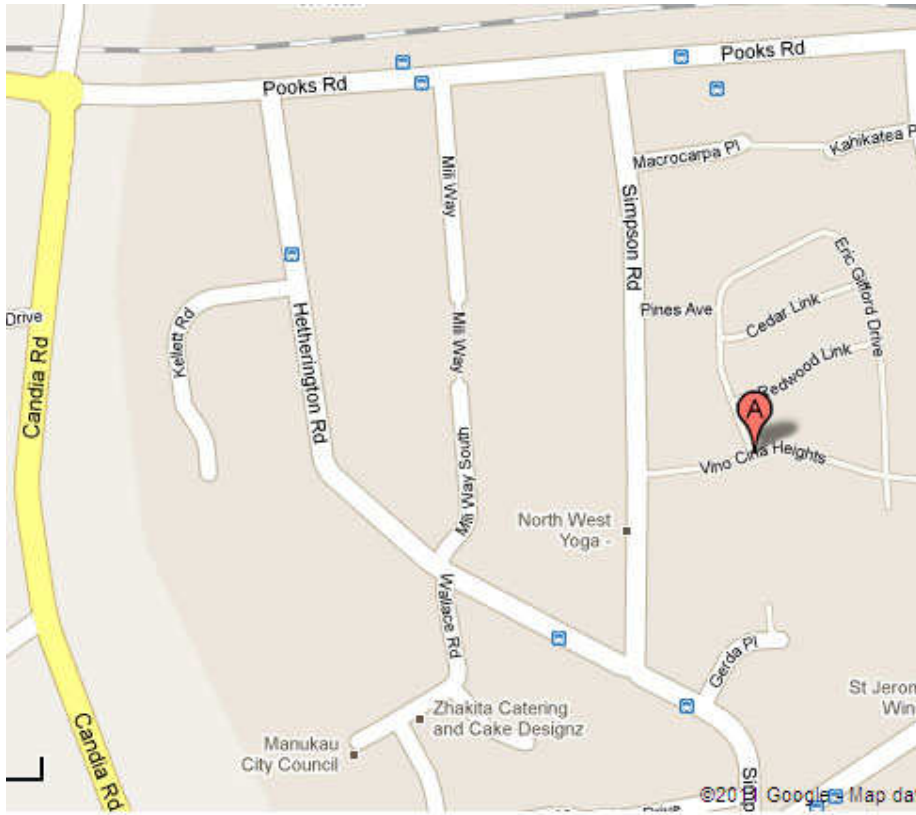
We are currently negotiating with the owners of one site for use but in the meantime...



Last year our preliminary practice site was in a new development in Vino Cina Heights in Ranui. This is an excellent site for beginners to learn to control the car with an good road surface and a range of contours to use as they build in ability.

We have had a look at it and see there are now three completed houses there with the bulk of the sections still for sale.

One of the houses was occupied when we visited and the owner has heard of the derby and quite happy for kids to practice; a second house appeared to be almost occupied – and the third is for sale with Open Homes running in weekends.



Be aware that these ARE public roads and visiting drivers will not expect to see a small SBD car racing towards them at speed! You will need adults at appropriate places for safety.





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Sponsors:

We are in the process of contacting all our past sponsors, confirming those who wish to be involved again and seeking out new sponsors. Those sponsors who have confirmed so far are listed below; others are still in the telephone tag game.



If you can help with leads for sponsors it would make her task much easier. We are happy to liaise with a sponsor on your behalf.

A brochure is available from Heather for prospective sponsors and we also have a copy of the brochure as a pdf on our website.

We have heard parents say in the past, "This is a great event, if I'd known about it then I would have liked to sponsor my school's car." Advertise it in your newsletters and you may just find parents beating down your door in their rush to come to you!

Following is a list of confirmed sponsors:

2011 Schools and Confirmed Sponsors to date

	School	Full Sponsors	Part Sponsors
1	Bruce McLaren Intermediate		
2	Henderson Intermediate	DARE	
3	Hobsonville Primary	Western Leader	
4	Kelston Boys High		
5	Lincoln Heights		
6	Liston College		
7	Massey High 103	MD Aluminium	
8	Massey High 104	Ritchies	
9	Rangeview		
10	Riverhead		
11	Riverhead Scouts	North Auckland Caravans Hawkins House Haulage Avondale Blasting and Coatings	
12	Rutherford College		ACS / Toshiba Heat Pumps (1/2)
13	Sunderland School 120		
14	Sunderland College 129	The Web Co Air Conditioning Services	
15	Swanson School		
16	Taupaki School 128		
17	Taupaki School		
18	Whenuapai		
19	Waitakere Primary		





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Food Stalls:

- This event is a Rotary fundraiser but we like to include other participants needs as well
- This year we have made certain that Round the Bays, Pacifica and the Kumeu Show are on different days so we expect a good turnout from spectators.
- Ask your PTA if they would like to run a food stall – and email Heather with their suggestion.

Food Stalls confirmed to date

	School	Food
1	Bruce McLaren Intermediate	
2	Henderson Intermediate	
3	Hobsonville Primary	
4	Kelston Boys High	
5	Lincoln Heights	
6	Liston College	
7	Massey High	Bacon and Egg Burgers Sausage Sizzle Sweets Cold Drinks
7a	Massey High Spanish Trip	Quesadillas Cold drinks Bake-sale
8	Rangeview	
9	Riverhead School	
10	Riverhead Scouts	
11	Rutherford College	
12	Sunderland School & College	
13	Swanson School	
14	Taupaki School	
15	Whenuapai	
16	Waitakere Primary	
	Others	Food
1	Supa Softee Ice Cream	Ice creams (See their flier on our web site if you need ice cream at Your event)
2	Carpaccino	Coffee (top end of course)
3	Rangers	Guide biscuits





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Interesting Info:

- DID YOU KNOW: This race is a primer for competitive car racing in the USA?
- IT IS A FACT THAT: 70% of NASCAR racing drivers started their career by racing in the AASBD
- The SBD is also a primer for motor sport racing in New Zealand with things such as the understanding of rules, sponsors and safety briefings being of benefit



Website:

www.soapboxderby.co.nz

As information becomes available we add it to our website – including copies of the newsletters.

Emails:

Please keep an eye on your emails as more information will be coming out soon. If you have other people who would like copies - email Heather with their email address and they will be added to the mail out list.

We have very few parents on the email list (we haven't been given addresses for them) so please ensure they get a copy and know about the website.

The Rotary core team for the event and contact details are:

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