

## SPORTS NEWSLETTER

**GOLF** - Soktaera Sean, a member of the Northland Golf Team, played in the 2015 Women's Toro Interprovincial in December 2015. The event was played in Ashburton between the 14 provinces of NZ. Soktaera played 7 rounds of Matchplay as number 3 player in a team of 5 and contributed very well to the teams overall 7th place in the competition.



**SQUASH** - MacKenzie Johnson has been named in the NZ Elite Junior squad for 2016. Watch this space for results achieved over 2016. Well done MacKenzie and good luck for the year.

**GET 2 GO** - On the 6<sup>th</sup> of December four girls from Whangarei Girls' High School and four boys from Whangarei Boys' High School represented Northland in the annual Get2Go Grand Final, New Zealand's toughest Junior Adventure Race, and an event that we have been lucky enough to attend since 2005. Our schools have consistently performed at the top end of this competition and it is always considered by our junior racers to be the highlight of the year's events. This year we returned with a predominantly Year 10 team, with a good amount of experience and a variety of skills. The week comprised of multi-sport races, problem solving activities, and orienteering. This took place on Great Barrier Island and they raced for 5 days against the 11 other top teams in the country. At the end of the week students clocked in 60km on foot, not to mention around 12km of kayaking.

Our goals this year were to race hard and place in the top 3, but above all work together as a team no matter what happens. I can safely say that our team achieved all of these goals with great pride and determination. After the first three days we found out that we were leading by one point which made teams realize just how close the competition was. However with the two biggest point days still to come, anything could've happened, and did.

Unfortunately, the multisport race did not go in our favour and after a raft strap snapping, we were an hour behind Waimea College, which put them over a hundred points in front. However, the navigation day saw our team really play to their strengths and although we gained the most points by a landslide, it was not enough to take out the lead Waimea had gained. This saw us finish a very close second place overall, a huge accomplishment for our students and one they can feel very proud of.

Get2Go Team consisted of Georgia Mack, Nicole Robinson, Courtney Crum, Renee Topp, Mika Hill, Jayden Maugham, Heath Mitchell, and Blake Williamson. A big thank you for all the school and parent support, it is greatly appreciated. Also thank you to our sponsors; AG First, Carpet Court Whangarei, Cervus Equipment, Crum Bee Keeping, Ken Topp Builders, NTM Holdings, PGG Wrightson, Toll Relocations, and Unichem Pharmacy Onerahi. Also a huge thank you to our major sponsor New World Regent who came on board last year, and have supported us throughout the year at multiple events. Their community spirit and generosity is greatly appreciated. - Olivia McLeod - Check out more photos over the

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**VOLLEYBALL** - Teina Rihari, Jasmine Milton, Kaea Robinson, Uma Robinson, Leihana Shelford-Tito and Manaia Puklowski travelled to Tauranga at the end of last year to compete in the Provincial Champs NZU17s Division 1, just losing to Bay of Plenty in the final, placing 2nd. Teina and Jasmine won the North Harbour age grades beach volleyball comp for the U19s grade and Uma and Kelena placed 3rd in the U17s grade.

Jasmine and Teina also competed in the NZSS Beach Nationals at Mt Maunganui in February playing 9 games over 2 days and winning them all except the final losing 2 sets to 1. Well done on the silver medals girls. Jasmine has since been named as a member of the U19s beach volleyball team who will travel to the World Champs in Greece in July.

**Kelena Roughan and Uma Robinson** travelled to Vanuatu with the NZ U17 squad and won a silver medal. Kelena also won a silver medal in the NZ Beach U17 in late January. Great results girls.

**ATHLETICS** - NZSSSA ATHLETIC CHAMPS was a very successful day for Aimee-Leigh Scott who placed 3rd (Bronze Medal) in the JG Hammer with a new Northland record of 47.50m. Claire Fuller achieved her personal best in the Open Girls 300m Hurdles with an excellent time of 51.72. Aimee - Leigh and Claire represented WGHS doing their best ever performance .

**AIR PISTOL SHOOTING** - **Samantha Skovlund** entered the Oceania Champs and placed 4th in the team event in the 10m women's air pistol and 6th place in Grand Prix 10m women's air.

In January, Samantha also competed in the Auckland Anniversary Shoot getting 1st place in "A Grade" in 10m Air Pistol Junior Women and 2nd in Open grade in 10m Air Pistol Junior Women.

**HOCKEY** - There was a Tai Tokerau National Maori Hockey Tournament played at ITM Stadium in Whangarei with some great teams playing and great results. The NZ Maori teams were selected from the tournament and Tai Tokerau men's and women's players were widely represented across all teams. Jess Pilmer, Maria Pollock and Natalie Beasley from WGHS were selected for the Junior Women's squad and Jess Pilmer for the NZ Women's squad. Fantastic girls.

**ROWING** - This year **Samantha Bailey, Sarah White, Kenyah Leaf and Marlies Mitchell** competed in the regatta at the Blue Lake in Rotorua . Samantha Bailey and Sarah White came 2nd in the Under 15 doubles. The Cambridge Town Cup is a larger regatta with 2250 competitors. Again Sarah and Sam competed in the U15 doubles and came 3rd out of 40 other crews. Sarah also competed in the Novice double with a girl from Pompallier College and came 1st out of 56 crews. Great result girls.

**BASKETBALL** - Rochelle Fourie was a member of the NZ U16 Koru's Girls' Basketball team who travelled to Australia in January and played in the Australia State Champs where they place 6th out of 12 teams. Great result Rochelle.

**CRICKET** - Olivia Lobb, Tia Saunders and Brooke Golightly have been selected for Northern Districts U18 after playing in a tournament against Auckland and Wellington teams. Olivia as Captain. Olivia was selected for NZ U21 for a national tournament and came out as top wicket keeper. Well done girls.

NZCT CRICKET CUP 2015 - WGHS placed 6th at the National Girls' Cricket Championship for 2015 played in Palmerston North.

**WAKA AMA** - At the NZ Open Waka Ama Nationals 2016 there were 6 WGHS students representing their Waka Ama Club at the NZ Championships in January and they placed 2nd in the 1000m final. The silver medal finalists are: Keala Kjeldsen, Alia Kjeldsen, Te ArawaTumai, Rosa Harper, Hana Gilbert, Zara Collings and reserve is Malia Gottsdanker. Well done girls.

### Adventure Racing Teams

