

Summer Series 1 at Napier Boys' High School — Wednesday 5 February

Our Summer Series kicks off tomorrow at Napier Boys'.

There will be the usual white course and three loop courses with starts from 6pm to 7pm.

The event centre is accessed from Chambers Street with parking along the street. No toilets available at the event, sorry, so go before you go. Or failing that bit of foresight the closest toilets are at the south end of Marine Parade.

For any newcomers Duncan Darroch will be showing people what to do from 5.45 pm. Duncan (and his 'team', if any others would like to help) will be wearing vests which make them stand out. This is 'training', if you like, so not just for absolute first timers.

O For Kids Year 7 & 8 Interschool Competition

This competition will run in conjunction with the Summer Series events starting at Hereworth on 12 February.

The Year 7 & 8s will also start between 6pm and 7pm and will run a two-loop course. We plan to have a separate registration line for them. Their entry fee is \$5. Member parents with children running in this: please give your child \$5 so they do their own rego to keep it simple.

The best four runners from each school score points each week. If yours are going to compete, how about you suggest they urge their mates to come along so they have a team. Schools have been sent information about the competition. You could even pester the school to see if they plan to organise a team — any school where Jane has run her Kiwi-O programme will have plenty of punters who could have a go at this.

Camp was great

By all accounts our January Junior Camp was a roaring success.

Smaller numbers than in some recent years and a group of younger attendees organised by Jane produced an intimate atmosphere with plenty of individual attention.

Many thanks to Geoff, Jane, Bayley, Fiona and Amy for all their work.

World famous in Hawke's Bay

Sprint the Bay was brilliant!

Congratulations to Ross, Duncan, Devon and the crew for reviving Sprint the Bay.

They put on a truly world class event. And their reputation and hard work ensured that the quality of the fields was indeed world class with the best from around New Zealand as well as some classy internationals being just too good for the locals despite our local knowledge from running on the maps. I think Kevin's second placing in M40 was as close as we got. Well done, him, and well done also to some of our teenage runners having a crack at the men's and women's elite grades.

We have to acknowledge that our club gains in reputation on the coat-tails of this highly professional group who put the event on.

The Sprint the Bay people also make their updated maps available to the club for our use so we are grateful for that too.

More 'Well Dones'

On Friday Will Tidswell and Amy Culham were announced as Head Boy and Head Girl at Havelock North High School for 2020.

Congratulations, you two. And richly deserved.

We don't want to leave anyone out here so please let us know if any other members gained similar honours.

Steve Armon