

# RodneySport

EMAIL SPORTS NEWS TO: [sport@rodneymtimes.co.nz](mailto:sport@rodneymtimes.co.nz)

## Students preparing for fun run

By Debra Hunt

More than 1000 Hibiscus Coast students won't just be running around Orewa for fun this Thursday - there will be \$15,000 at stake.

For the third year VMJ Trust has donated money to Orewa College to co-ordinate the race, which is split into a 5km fun run and walk, and a 7km competitive race.

Students from Silverdale Primary, Orewa North Primary and Whangaparaoa College will be joining Orewa College students at the event.

The participating schools will receive funds from the trust towards capital projects, as will the Orewa Surf Life Saving Club, which will be organising the competitive side



Stepping up: Participants in the 2008 fun run/walk.

of the event. Last year about 1000 students took part in the race, which covers Orewa Beach as well as parts of the Millennium Walkway.

The fastest time on the 7km race was recorded by

Orewa College's Drue Match, who covered the course in just over 23 minutes.

Drue, 14, says he is determined to defend his title this year.

"I train every day at the

Orewa Surf Club so that will help."

Students from the Orewa College Sports Academy have also been training in preparation for the hotly contested race.

Event organiser Adrienne Croad says Whangaparaoa College will be sending runners for the competitive run only.

"Last year they swooped the girls' event. Most of the students last year enjoyed just getting out into our wonderful coastal environment. Certainly the staff did too."

The day will involve spot prizes and prizes for the winners of the competitive section. The Orewa Rotary Club will be providing marshalls and a sausage sizzle at the finish line.

Adrienne says students are looking for sponsors, and any Orewa College student who collects more than \$100 will have their name on a brick in the recently opened Orewa Arts and Events Centre.

One of the trust's administrators, Merv Huxford, founded the fun run in 2007, and says the aim was to create an event that encourages kids to be active and competitive, as well as providing a new way for Orewa College and other schools and community groups to fundraise.

Since the fun run was started Orewa College has raised more than \$60,000 through grants from the trust and sponsorship.

This has been used for the Orewa Arts and Events Centre.

## Team reaches goal set for tournament

The Hibiscus Coast Basketball under-15 boys travelled down to Christchurch during the first week of October to compete in the basketball nationals.

This competition is held every year with 16 teams competing over five days. The coast team had amazing support with 36 team members and supporters making the journey. Coach Jayson Johnson had set the boys a goal to finish in the top eight.

"I told them that of the many teams I have coached, they were the most committed I had coached so far," he says.

On day two, and after three games and a tense time while the scores were compared, the team achieved its goal.

"After making the top eight in the country, anything else that the boys achieved was an added bonus," says Johnson.

By the end of the tournament the boys finished in the eighth slot, the best ever finish for this age group.

"This was achieved by training for 10 months while also maintaining their schooling. All players had improved," says manager Monette Gerrand.

"Where else in the country will you get a group of people dressing up in bright yellow t-shirts supporting their basketball team - it was awesome to see and as in previous years our supporters were the loudest."

Since the tournament, two of the players have made the NZ under-16 Koru tour and a third was selected for an overseas Pacific tournament.

"The team could not have achieved this impressive result without the exceptional coaching, support from our families and the wonderful support of the community and local businesses," she says.



Best yet: The Hibiscus Coast under-15 team finished eighth in the national championships in Christchurch. Back row from left: Water boy Paul Griffin, team manager Monette Gerrand, Jaylen Gerrand, Andrew Crawford, Marco Hofma, Kurt Brame, Jacob Smith and coach Jayson Johnson. Front row: Angelo Alcantara, Logan Keightley, Mitchell Griffin, Sam Winks, Ben Castle and Alex Jin. Absent: Jordan Olsen.

## Have a go at offroad day

Rodney four-wheel-drive vehicles owners can enjoy taking their vehicle offroad in a safe, enjoyable and free have-a-go day on Sunday, November 29.

Event organiser and New Zealand 4WD magazine editor John Oxley says most 4WD owners have never taken their cars off the tarseal.

Jeep Woodhill 4WD Adventure Park near Helensville is hosting the day.

"A special trail has been planned especially for those who would love to learn more of the skills needed to safely take their 4WD offroad and experience the immense amount of family-oriented fun from this kind of leisure activity," says Mr Oxley.

"There will be lots of people on-hand to explain how to negotiate each obstacle on a course that's easy on your vehicle, but definitely gives you a real taste of what four-wheel-driving is all about."

Use of the have-a-go track is free, and if participants want to try more they can take their 4WD and play in the mud bog for \$10 a vehicle, or tackle one of the park's beginner tracks for \$45.

Teams from New Zealand 4WD magazine and Woodhill 4WD Adventure Park will have barbecue



Have a go: Jeep Woodhill 4WD Adventure Park near Helensville has a four-wheel-drive day on November 29.

food and cold drinks on sale, and a number of 4WD accessory and equipment retailers will also be on site.

"Another great thing to try is a ride in the park's Hagglund Antarctic tracked-vehicle," says Mr Oxley.

"Completely free for children and a very worthwhile \$45 per

adult, a ride in the Hagglund will be a great experience as it charges up, down and around some astonishing terrain."

The 4WD have-a-go day runs from 10am to 2pm.

To get there from State Highway 16, look to the west for Rimmer Rd south of Helensville and the adventure park signs.

### BERKELEY CINEMAS

VISIT US ONLINE OR CALL 094886000

TUESDAY NOV 17 & WEDNESDAY NOV 18

#### new moon

Opens Wednesday Night at 12.01pm (midnight) at Hibiscus Coast & Takapuna - BOOK NOW!

---

#### HIBISCUS COAST

##### twilight

(M) Violence & Supernatural Themes 2hrs 01min  
 WED: 9.30pm  
 (then see New Moon afterwards!)

##### My Sister's Keeper

(M) Adult Themes 1hr 49mins NO COMPS  
 TUE: 1.45pm 3.50 6pm 8.30pm  
 WED: 1.45pm 3.50 6pm 8.10pm  
**CIRCLE LOUNGE - TUE: 6pm**  
**WED: 6pm 8.10pm**

##### Julie & Julia

(PG) Coarse Language 2hrs 3mins  
 TUE: 10.50am 1.15pm 8.10pm  
 WED: 10.50am 1.15pm  
**CIRCLE LOUNGE - TUE: 8.10pm**

##### A Christmas Carol

(PG) Some Scenes May Scare Very Young Children 1hr 36mins NO COMPS  
 TUE: 10.10am 2pm 4.10 6.10pm  
 WED: 11.30am 3.30 5.30 7.30pm

##### This Is It

(G) 1hr 51mins NO COMPS  
 TUE/WED: 12pm 2.10 4.20 6.30 8.40pm

##### Surrogates

(M) Contains Violence 1hr 28mins  
 TUE: 12.10pm WED: 1.30pm

##### The Vintner's Luck

(M) Sex Scenes 2hrs 7mins NO COMPS  
 TUE: 11.20am 3.40 6.20 8.50pm  
 WED: 11.20am 3.40 6.15 8.50pm

##### The Young Victoria

(PG) Low Level Violence 1hr 45mins  
 TUE/WED: 10am

---

#### TAKAPUNA

##### 2012

(M) Contains Content That May Disturb Some People 2hrs 38mins NO COMPS  
 TUE/WED: 11.20am 2.20 5.20 8.20pm

##### A Christmas Carol

(PG) Some Scenes May Scare Very Young Children 1hr 36mins NO COMPS  
 TUE: 10.10am 4pm 6pm 8pm  
 WED: 10.10am 4pm 6pm

##### Away We Go

(M) Sex Scenes & Offensive Language 1hr 38mins NO COMPS  
 TUE: 10am 2pm 8.30pm  
 WED: 10am 2pm 8pm

##### This Is It (G) NO COMPS

TUE/WED: 12pm 2.10pm 4.20pm 6.30pm 8.45pm

##### My Sister's Keeper

(M) Adult Themes 1hr 49mins NO COMPS  
 TUE: 11am 3.45pm 6.15pm  
 WED: 11am 3.45 6.15 8.30pm

##### Surrogates (M) Violence

TUE/WED: 12.10pm

##### Julie & Julia (PG) Coarse Language

TUE/WED: 1.20pm

### RodneyTimes

**OREWA HEAD OFFICE**  
 Hillary Square, Cnr Florence & Alice Aves, PO Box 79  
**Phone 426 5024**  
**Fax 426 9078**

**WARKWORTH**  
 Mill Lane, Warkworth  
 PO Box 636  
**Phone 425 8169**  
**Fax 425 7765**

EARLY/EXTRA COPIES 50c:  
**MANAGEMENT**

**ALAN BARR**  
 SALES MANAGER  
 (09) 426 5024  
 a.barr@snl.co.nz

**HEATHER RINGROSE**  
 OPERATIONS MANAGER  
 (09) 425 0695  
 h.ringrose@rodneymtimes.co.nz

**EDITORIAL**

**GEOFF DOBSON**  
 GROUP EDITOR  
 (09) 421 9134  
 g.dobson@snl.co.nz

**MIKE BISHARA**  
 CHIEF REPORTER  
 (09) 421 9133  
 mbishara@snl.co.nz

**GEMMA REDDELL**  
 REPORTER  
 (09) 421 9128  
 gemma.reddell@snl.co.nz

**DELWYN DICKEY**  
 REPORTER  
 (09) 421 9129  
 delwyn@snl.co.nz

**CARALISE MOORE**  
 REPORTER  
 (09) 421 9130  
 c.moore@snl.co.nz

**LES WATKINS**  
 WRITER  
 (09) 421 0113  
 writer.watkins@gmail.com

**JULIE MCGHIE**  
 FEATURE WRITER  
 (09) 428 2269  
 j.mcghie@snl.co.nz

**SPORTS**  
 (09) 421 9134  
 sport@rodneymtimes.co.nz

**ADVERTISING WARKWORTH**  
 warkworth.sales@rodneymtimes.co.nz

**SARAH RANSOM**  
 WELLSFORD / KAIWAKA,  
 WARKWORTH / MATAKANA &  
 OUTLOOK NTH  
 (09) 425 0696

**ADVERTISING OREWA**  
 orewa.sales@rodneymtimes.co.nz

**LEANNE OMEARA**  
 WHANGAPARAOA  
 (09) 421 9125 or 021 680 671

**LOUISE VALENTINE**  
 NTH SHORE / SILVERDALE  
 (09) 421 9121  
 MOBILE 021 718 170

**VIKIKI WILSON**  
 OUTLOOK STH / MOTORING  
 (09) 421 9126  
 MOBILE 027 577 8081

**MARIA MATUSSEVICH**  
 OREWA / PUHUI / WEST RODNEY  
 (09) 421 9136  
 MOBILE 0275 994 694

**CLASSIFIEDS**  
 OREWA (09) 426 2881  
 WARKWORTH (09) 425 0693  
 FAX (09) 425 7280  
 EMAIL north.class@snl.co.nz

**RODNEY TIMES**  
 37,241 NET  
 CIRCULATION  
 12 MONTHS ENDED  
 DECEMBER 2008