



Newsletter #33

Results and news from Wednesday 13th to Tuesday 19th March 2019

The Manawatu Inter Secondary School Athletics Championships was held at the Manawatū Community Athletic Track in fine, warm conditions last Saturday. The meeting saw three new meeting records established. In the Junior Girls 400m Monique Gorrie (PNGHS) ran 60.20s to better Stephanie Dickens record of 60.7 set in 2009. Bradyn Popow (PNBHS) produced a great solo walk in the 2000m walk crossing the line in 10m 07.58s taking from the record he established last year. In the Junior Girls 4x100m relay it was the St Peters team of Chayille Collette, Addira Collette, Jayde Rolfe and Kimberly Walsh who scorched around the track in 54.10s to better the previous best time electronic time record of 54.97s set by PNGHS in 2016.



Sam Mackinder, winner of the Albert Pootjes Memorial Cup

Sam Mackinder from Palmerston North Girls' High School was the athlete of the meet, winning four events and taking home the Albert Pootjes Memorial Cup. Her achievements included winning the Senior Girls Long Jump 5.08m, Senior Girls High Jump 1.60m, Senior Girls 100m Hurdles 16.95s

and the Senior Girls Javelin 34.58m. She was also a member of the successful PNGHS Senior Girls 4x100m relay team.

Some of the best performances came in the Junior Girls races. In the 100m races we had the spectacle of identical twins Chayille and Addira Collette crossing the line together with victory going to Chayille by the narrowest of margins. Gorrie was all class taking out the 200m, 400m and 70m hurdle titles with Walsh runner up in both the 200m and 400m races.

Georgie Furnell took out the open 3000m events heading off all the older athletes.

In the intermediate girls events Tararua College's Leah Powick took out the sprint double winning both the 100m and 200m races with Emma Leader (PNGHS) taking out the 80m and 300m hurdle races. Manukura had success with Tui Fransen winning the high jump and long jump and Kalecce Broughton the shot and discus.

In the senior girls event, Mackinder dominated the results with her four victories. Teghan Putu from St Peters took out the 100m and 200m sprint double with Monique Whiteman doubling the 400m and 800m races.

The boys events saw plenty of success in the junior grades for Palmerston North Boys High. Seth Smith was the best in the sprints taking out the 100m and 200m races, Forbes Kennedy claimed the 400m and long jump titles whilst Reuben Duker was a convincing winner in both the 800m and 1500m races. Johnny Rouxel showed class in winning the 80m hurdles, Eli Gifkins-Caincross from Awatapu College won

the triple jump and was runner up in both the long jump and high jump. Missing out on the high jump title on the count back with the title going to Tararua's Brooklyn Bassett.



Action from the Open Girls 3000m, photo supplied by Chelsea Mackinder

The intermediate boys' titles were spread around. Liam Wall (PNBHS) doubled the 800m and 1500m, Angus Lyver (PNBHS) the 200m and high jump and Dre Wilton (Tararua) long jump and triple jump were the multiple winners. Aden Porritt (PNBHS) won the 400m and also took out the open 300m hurdles.

The title of the fastest schoolboy belongs to the winner of the senior boy's 100m and this year victory went to Freyberg's Joseph Chamberlain who also took out the 400m title. Feilding High's Cody Osborne won the 200m and was runner up in the 400m and the third place getter in the 100m. Robert Norman (PNBHS) took out the 800m with Awatapu College's Noah Macdermid proving to be the best middle distance runner at the meeting convincingly winning the 1500m and the open 3000m races. Mitchell Rix (PNBHS) was the victor in both the long and triple jumps, Phoenix Martin (Freyberg) proved best in the field winning the shot, discus and javelin.

The hosting of these championships is rotated amongst schools and congratulations must go to Horowhenua College for the manner in which they hosted this year's event. Well done. Special mention must go to Sport Manawatu's

Jess Robinson for the enormous amount of work she did in the background. One of the best we have worked with.

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you want to see some of the best long, high and triple jumpers in action get along to Manawatu Community Athletic Track on Saturday afternoon. The Jumps in Paradise meeting will see all three grade winners of the women's long jump compete. After seeing Kayla Goodwin grab victory from her with her final jump at the national championships Corinna Minko will be looking forward to gain her revenge. National men's long jump champion Jordan Peters will be hoping to extend his stadium record.

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A reminder to the younger athletes the Athletics Manawatu Wanganui championships start at 10.00am on Sunday. You can enter on the day.