



## Newsletter #39

### Results and news from Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> to Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2019

Last Wednesday I ventured to Foxton to have a look at the Manawatu Secondary School Cross Country Championships. Held on a very challenging course beside Manawatu College, the very strong almost gale force winds that greeted competitors made things even more difficult. The fact that three of the races were completed in record time was outstanding achievements.

The Junior Girls race saw St Peters' College athlete Kimberley Walsh setting a new record and repeating her victory from last year finishing ahead of Palmerston North Girls High's Georgie Furnell (I have your name spelt right this time Georgie) who was followed home by Lucy Evans, Monique Gorrie, Polly Bird, Kyla Gunn and Jayde Rolfe.



*Thank you to Lisa Furnell for this photo*

Palmerston North Boys High were well represented in all the boy's races and in the Junior Boys race Reuben Duker raced around the course taking victory in a record time he was followed home by Thomas Duncan and Jonathon Jamieson. Cameron Duncan from Dannevirke split the Boys High finishing pack finishing just ahead of Fergus Doolan. It was a similar situation in the intermediate boys race

with Liam Wall crossing the line first. There was a great battle for second with Dannevirke's Aaron Davis working his way through the field and having to hold off the finishing sprint of Nelson Doolan, Sam Perry and Luke Brown were the next Boys High students across the line.

The Intermediate Girls title went to Abbie Roper representing Nga Tawa she headed in Bella Ives (PNGHS), Hayley Evans (Feilding High) and Emma Ferguson (Nga Tawa). The Senior Girls race saw Dannevirke's Stephanie Walker finishing well clear of Feilding High's Ella Gordon and Nga Tawa's Georgia Bryant. Maddie Keightly from Feilding was next followed by Girls High's Monique Whiteman and Maddie Williams. I must say it was very disappointing to see that these two young ladies were the only representatives from their school starting in the senior race.

The senior boys race saw the other course record established with Benjamin Wall taking the title ahead of Noah Macdermid and Andre Le Pine Day.

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It is great to see some very early interest by local clubs in looking at getting together teams for the National Road Relay championships which are being held in Feilding in October. I know it is some time away, but it will be great to see a number of local teams taking part.

An event coming up will see Palmerston North club members travelling to Hastings on May 25 for the Hastings Steeplechase. The Manawatu Striders Marathon and Half Marathon is the next day with the Hughes Memorial in Hawera on June 1.