



# **New Balance 32<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships 2005**

## **Newsletter One**

To All New Zealand Secondary Schools:

Welcome to the New Balance 32<sup>nd</sup> New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships to be held for the third time in Wanganui. The Organising Committee invites your school to enter this year's event.

**Date: Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June 2005**

### **Event Organisers**

Wanganui Collegiate School with the help of Wanganui Harrier Club are running the New Balance New Zealand Secondary Schools Cross Country Championships on behalf of the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletics Association. Run in conjunction with this are the Athletics New Zealand Short Course Cross Country Championships run by the Wanganui LOC on behalf of Athletics New Zealand.

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### **Course**

Wanganui Collegiate School (available in a later Newsletter). Please do not attempt to view the course over the forthcoming school holidays.

### **Functions**

- Technical Meeting (Managers Meeting) 10.00am Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June at Wanganui Collegiate School
- Prize giving at 4.15pm Venue to be announced
- Athletes function in evening. Venue and details to be announced

## Programme of Events

### Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June

3.00pm until 5.00pm

Course inspection and athlete pack collection at the Technical information Centre TIC at the IZARD Centre Wanganui Collegiate School.

### Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> June

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| 9.00am    | Registration Available                                       |
| 10.00am   | Managers Technical Meeting                                   |
| 10.00am   | Course open and Athlete packs available.                     |
| 11.10am   | Year 9 Girls   |
| 11.35am   | Year 9 Boys  |
| 12.00noon | Junior Girls   |
| 12.30pm   | Athletics New Zealand Senior Women Short Course Championship |
| 1.00pm    | Junior Boys  |
| 1.30pm    | Senior Girls   |
| 2.00pm    | Athletics New Zealand Senior Men Short Course Championship   |
| 2.30pm    | Senior Boys  |
| 4.15pm    | Prize giving Venue TBA                                       |

### Age Groups

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|---------|---|
| Year 9: | Year 9 students only. All must be under 15 as at 31 December 2005. An athlete can only run in the Year 9 race once. |
| Junior: | Under 16 as at 31 December 2005.  |
| Senior: | Under 19.5 as at 31 December 2005.  |

### Race Distances

|                                    |      |
|------------------------------------|------|
| Year 9 Boys                        | 3 km |
| Year 9 Girls                       | 3 km |
| Junior Girls                       | 3 Km |
| Junior Boys                        | 4 km |
| Senior Girls                       | 4 km |
| Senior Boys                        | 6 Km |
| Athletics New Zealand Short Course | 4 km |

### Team Size

Schools with three to five finishers in any event will automatically be entered in the three person teams' competition to score team points.

Schools with six or more finishers in any event will automatically be entered in both the three person and six person competitions.

Medals will be awarded to all scoring members in the leading three teams in both the three and six to score events.

### Participation and Affiliation to NZSSAA

Participation in these Championships is open to any student Year 9 or higher who attends a New Zealand Secondary School that holds current affiliation with the New Zealand Secondary Schools Athletic Association. (Year 7 and 8 students are not eligible to compete under any circumstances).

### Timings and Notes

- Entries open online Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May
- Entries close online Monday 6<sup>th</sup> June
- NZSSAA website [www.nzssaa.org.nz](http://www.nzssaa.org.nz)
- Entry fees will also be collected on the website. Full instructions are on the site.
- Note carefully the comment about invoicing.
- Entry enquiries to [oe@nzssaa.org.nz](mailto:oe@nzssaa.org.nz)
- Newsletter 2 will be posted on our website – week beginning 9<sup>th</sup> May.
- The final Newsletter will be posted on our website – Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> June.
- Information regarding the Disco will appear on the next Newsletter and also details about the course.

- Information about t-shirts will appear on the next Newsletter.

## **Accommodation**

No accommodation or billeting is being organised by the Organising Committee.

There has been pressure on accommodation in Wanganui because of an Indoor Bowls Tournament that ends on Friday 17<sup>th</sup>. Much of the pre-booked Bowls accommodation is likely to be freed for Friday and not needed at all on Saturday. In addition it should be noted that Palmerston North is less than one hours drive from Wanganui.

## **School Codes**

The New Zealand Secondary School four letter codes will be used for identification (refer to the New Zealand Schools Sports Council Directory 2005). All runners will be issued with an individual number which is to be worn at the competition.

We look forward to welcoming you back to Wanganui and hope that we will repeat the successes of the 1977 and 1991 events held here.

Alec McNab (LOC Chairman) 12<sup>th</sup> April 2005