



Newsletter #49

Results and news from Thursday 5th to Wednesday 11th September 2019

The weather gods certainly didn't play into our hand last Sunday when the final round of the winter track series took place in Masterton. Think it is possibly the first time I have started races with the starting gun raised in one arm and an umbrella in the others.

Numbers were understandably down with only the sprint events attracting a field. There were two heats in the men's 100m with Cody Wilson the national junior 200m titleholder taking out the A grade race in 11.26s, Jordan Peters was second in 11.56s and Brayden Grant third in 11.64s. Joseph Chamberlain's 12.10s was the fifth fastest time, with Andrew Matusoka-Webber winning the second heat in 12.22s. Grant took out the 400m clocking a very good 51.07s when you consider the conditions. Chamberlain was third in 53.90s with Cameron Morgan sixth in 56.92s

The women's sprints were an all Palmerston North club affair with Pavinee Watson taking out the 100m in 13.21s, Anna Gwerder was second in 13.81s ahead of Monique Gorrie 14.01 and Monique Whiteman 14.02s. The two Monique's later battled out the 400m with Gorrie crossing the line first in 61.46s ahead of Whiteman's 63.99s Angela Jukes completed the field coming in third in 71.72s. Andrew Davenport was the sole competitor in the 1000m taking 3m08.63s to complete the journey.

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One of the bigger sporting events is the AIMS Games for intermediate school children which have been held in Tauranga this last week.

One of the sports included in these games is cross country running and it was pleasing to

see contestants from Ashhurst School, Koputaroa School, Linton Camp School, Palmerston North Intermediate Normal and Ross Intermediate competing.

An indication of the popularity of this event would be the size of the fields in each of the four races with 179 finishers in the girls year 7 race, 177 in the boys year 7 event, 166 in the girls year 8 race and 173 in the boys year 8 race making these the largest fields that any of the children have probably raced in.

As well as the individual race there is also a teams' competition based on the schools' first three finisher and Palmerston North Intermediate Normal did very well in this taking the silver medal in the Girls 8 competition. They were eighth in the Boys 7 event, fourteenth in the Boys 8 and 26th in the girls 7 contest.

Looking at the individual placings the girls 7 race saw Ross Intermediate's Riza Hassan being the first of the locals home in 43rd place. PNINS athletes placings were Hannah Cadzow 92nd, Jada Ropitini 145th and Tayma Jahnke 179th. Linton Camp's Keira Varley completed the course in 167th place

The boys 7 the PNINS athletes all finished closely together with Hunter Kennedy leading them home in 47th place followed in by Cillian Carroll 51st, Jacob Lean 54th and Blair Verry 78th. Linton Camp had two finishers Cody Clark 132nd and Zacoma King 169th and Ashhurst's James Bigham 146th.

The Girls 8 saw our best results with Hayley Cornwall crossing in sixth place, Lucy McLean came in eleventh with Kayla Adams completing the team scoring PNINS athlete finishing in 27th

place. Brianna Gorrie was not too far behind in 42nd place providing great back up. Koputaroa's Courtney Fitzgibbon completed a great local performance with her 38th place.

The boys 8 saw Charlie Hook the first PNINS finisher in 41st place. He was followed in by Zachary Lea 67th and Cooper Furnell in 95th place. Linton Camp had two finishers Riley Cawkwell 88th and Chapman Josiah 168th.

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On Wednesday 18 the Massey Sport and Recreation Centre are hosting "Run Blue for our Boys" at the Athletic Track on campus between 12 noon and 2.00pm.

For a gold coin entry, they are offering timed laps with prizes for the fastest 400m lap, the best 100m three legged time, the fastest piggy-back 100m and best time for a wheelbarrow 100m. Sounds like a lot of fun and there is also a prize for the best blue costume.

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This week is the 100th running of the Palmerston North Parkrun and they are hoping to make this a colourful event. Would be great to see big turnout to celebrate this milestone.

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Ashhurst Athletic Club held their Annual General Meeting last week which saw the key committee position holders remain unchanged. Rāngilique Laing was re-elected president, with Laura Bennett secretary and Kaylee Hurly Treasurer.

Their first club night will be Tuesday 15 October.

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The Palmerston North Athletic and Harrier Club will hold their Annual General Meeting on Tuesday 24 September in the Colin Gemmell

Room at the Manawatu Community Athletic Track starting at 7.00pm.

The first club night will be the following Tuesday October 1 with the Run Jump Throw section starting on 15 October.