8 HOUR MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE

Last weekend four of our students competed in the Appleby Avanti Plus 8 Hour Cross Country mountain bike race at Kellevie on the Tasman Peninsula. The boys, Daniel Watkins (10 Blue), Simon McLaine (10 Blue), Zac Harris (9 Blue) and Duncan Honeyman (8 White), in two teams of two took turns to ride in the 9km track for the 8 hours.

There had been a lot of rain in the lead up to the event and the track was very muddy. As a result, riding conditions were very muddy. The boys endured these conditions well and also rose above a few mechanical issues throughout the day to complete the race 2nd and 3rd in the schools division. This was an open event with over 200 adults and juniors competing on the same track which provided a fantastic opportunity to see some elite riders in action.

It was also fantastic to see so many parents supporting their children through this very tough endurance event.

Left to right: Daniel Watkins, Duncan Honey, Simon McLaine and Zac Harris
The highest honour bestowed on a swimmer at the Junior Independent swimming carnival is to win the Bill Henderson Memorial Shield. This shield is awarded to the Grade 6 boy and girl who achieves the best overall result. This year the honour went to Paola Facchin who achieved first place in 100m freestyle, 50m freestyle, backstroke in a record breaking time, and 2nd place in breaststroke and butterfly. This outstanding achievement was a truly deserving outcome from the captain of the swimming team and the College is extremely proud of her efforts.

Following on from this lead, our Grade 3 girls (first time at this carnival) went on to break the relay record. The team was led by Laury Todorovic, and very ably supported by Rhianna Driessen, Lily Sella and Hannah Vinen. The Grade 4 boys led by Mitchell Harris was also extremely successful in winning their relay and bagging a heap of first ribbons between them.

Congratulations to all team members in probably the strongest team SHC primary has produced in swimming.

Thank you to our support coaches, Zach Harris, Jarryd Todorovic and Amy Westwood and to all our parents who supported the team through both carnivals. Mrs Jill Long

Paola Facchin and the Bill Henderson Memorial Shield

The winning Grade 4 Boys Relay Team

The record breaking Grade 3 Girls Relay Team