

Sea Scouting at New Lynn



New Lynn displaying some of the hardware won. Milan holds the Shackleton Harpoon, the prize for the Northland Regatta.



And they are off, the New Lynn Junior crew lead from start to finish in the finals of the rowing



Left: All concentration at the start of the Finals for the Junior Rowing Race for the New Lynn Crew
Right: Time to have a play, setting sail across the harbour in the raft pioneered by New Lynn.

In March we headed off up to Kai Iwi Lakes in Northland for their annual regatta. This is a magical camping and boating spot. It absolutely poured down in rain the whole time, but as the wind was from the north it was warm so it was still awesome out on the water and in the water. We swam, we rowed, sailed canoed and did the iron man and got really really wet. But at the end of the weekend we won. That's Milan holding the Shackleton Harpoon, the prize for the top Group – what a cool trophy, a harpoon. While we have come close many times this is one we have only won once before, it was a neat feeling having won it again.

It was then off to Auckland regatta. Again that rain just seemed to follow us around so we got drenched again, but as with Northland it was a warm northerly wind so it really didn't matter so we got onto the task of playing on the water again. It was a similar set of challenges to northland but this time we also got to build a raft. Our one we put a sail on it and off we set out to sea. This regatta was one of the last times our junior crew would be together for a while as many of them would be moving up to the intermediate age group for the next regatta, so it was nice to cap it all off with a win in the rowing in which we lead from start to finish.

At the end of the weekend the New Lynn Sea Scout Group were awarded the Stevens Boathook as the all-round top Scout Group. This result included not only the regatta results but also the swimming and canoeing competitions held during the past 12 months. This saw the country's top three regatta trophies reunited for the only the second time as New Lynn also hold the National title, and are the only previous Group to have held all three at the same time.

Our Seniors are now off to the South Island over Easter to have a go at their regatta, then they are going to have an explore of the West Coast.

