

National secondary schools canoe slalom championships-Tekapo March 31-April 5th

On March 31st, 18 keen paddlers headed off to Tekapo to compete in the secondary school national championships.

After 2 days of practice,DHS was ready to take on the challenge of the Tekapo Whitewater course. It was fantastic to see paddlers gain confidence and skill throughout the 3 days of competition.



There were broken paddles,skinned knuckles,capsizes and many,many packets of marshmallows consumed, but in the end DHS came out on top,winning top Co-Ed school,Best Whitewater school and Top kayaking school overall.

The kayak X race required paddlers to be launched off a ramp into the rapids,paddle down and negotiate hanging poles as well as completing an eskimo roll all before the finish line. There were several very nervous paddlers at the start of this race but by the end they wanted to come back for more.



Thank you so much to the amazing parents who gave up their time to come and help. Without you,we could not run the event.

Results

U14

- Otis Battrick-1st K1,1st C1,1st Freestyle
- Cooper Lerew-3rd K1
- Junior K1 teams-Cooper,Jedi,Eli 1st Marko,Max,Quinn 2nd K1 teams
- Otis and Cooper 1st C2 mens
- Max and Eli 3rd C2 mens
- Olivia and Claudia 2nd C2 womens

Intermediate

- Jasper,Rocco,Otis-1st K1 teams
- Jasper and Rocco C2 -2nd
- Zaria and Rocco mixed C2-2nd
- Jasper,Rocco,Otis-2nd C1 men's team
- Rocco Thow-2nd Freestyle



Senior

- Tom Goldsmith- 1st K1,1st Kayak X,1st Freestyle
- Tom,Ollie,Harry-1st K1 senior men's teams

