



PToch Junior Club Newsletter

November 2024

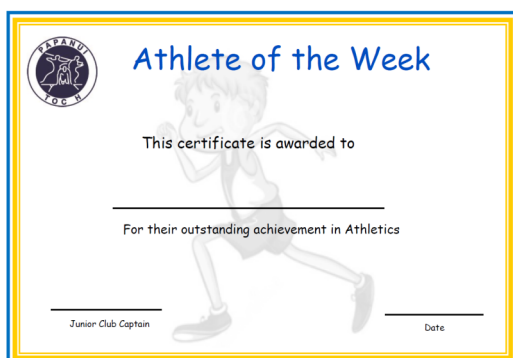
Spring weather has made life a bit difficult with some cancellations but at least summer is just around the corner. The other disruption to clubnights has been the removal of the track, although it is very exciting to see the new concrete down. The new Polytan track is expected to be laid in January.

Well done to those kids who have had their school zones and intermediate schools events. Good luck to those who still have finals days ahead.

Sarah and Natalie



Talbot



Important Dates

- 26 Nov Clubnight
- 3 Dec Clubnight
- 10 Dec Clubnight
- 17 Dec Christmas program
- 17-19 Jan Colgate Games

Congratulations to the following athletes who have been noticed for a great personal performance, sportsmanship or volunteer work: *Yuki de Joux, Ethan Gray, Evie Smith, Hunter Charlett, Annabelle Smallman, Jonty Walker, Max Hurring, Max Bayley, Casey Wealleans*

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Information

In the event of bad weather we will post cancellations on the Papanui Toc H Facebook page by 4pm.

Colgate Games entries are now closed

PTOC has the largest tam entered with 104 athletes!

The club has entered 32 relay teams.

Go the Blue and Gold.....





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Club Night Achievements

Clubnight results are now available on the club website for individual athletes to view. Each result will have a coloured star according to your performance. The aim is to keep trying to beat your own performances and attain the next star colour. The levels are based on the Colgate Star Awards which were originally set by the NZ Children's Athletic Association as an incentive scheme based on personal improvement.

-  Highest Achievement
-  Level 2 Achievement
-  Level 3 Achievement
-  Level 4 Achievement

What does Toc H come from ?

Toc H originates from Talbot House which was set up as a rest house for troops in Belgium during the First World War by the Army Chaplain. It was known by the initials TH or in radio signaler speak as Toc H. It became a place of rest and sanity to the soldiers as they passed through and offered socialization and friendship. After the war the chaplain started the Toc H movement to promote fellowship and camaraderie. A Christchurch branch was established in the 1920s and in 1926 they agreed to develop a club to “take the boys off street corners” and provide physical training to develop the body and strengthen the mind. And so came the Crichton Cobbers Club which provided wrestling and gymnastics as part of their activities. In 1943 an athletics section began and Valdimar Bredis was appointed as the athletics coach in 1953. As the Club catered for males only it was later decided that athletics should form a separate club and so began the Toc H Athletic Club.

What about Papanui ToC H ?

Papanui Redwood athletics club was another athletics club in the north part of Christchurch. It was once based at Redwood Primary school which continues to have a close association with PTOC. In the late 1980's Toc H was looking for a new site and following several productive conversations a decision was made to merge the clubs and Papanui Toc H was created and has been based at Papanui High School since its inception