

Celtic J.A.B. News - 5th April, 2009

With a gusty start to the day teams from Ashburton Celtic, Timaru Celtic and Christchurch Marist Albion converged on the grounds at Keenan's Road, to compete in the annual New Zealand Marist Pompallier Trophy. Many thanks to Barney McCormick and his Tinwald Under 13's for making up the numbers after Greymouth Marist had to withdraw.

There was a wonderful family atmosphere with many parents, caregivers and supporters accompanying players in all grades. The camaraderie on and off the paddock is what sport is all about, with lots of encouragement, slaps on the back and hi fives!

The day involved rugby games in the morning, followed by lunch and then an hour of fun and games, by which time the wind had died before the third and final round of rugby.

The results for Ashburton Celtic from the Pompallier Tournament were:

Under 9

Ashburton Celtic Green: won 3 out of 3

Ashburton Celtic White: drew 1, lost 2

Under 11

Ashburton Celtic Green: won 1, drew 1, lost 1

Ashburton Celtic White: won 1, drew 1, lost 1

Under 13

Ashburton Celtic: drew 2, lost 1

Overall winners in the Under 9 was Ashburton Celtic

Overall winners in the Under 11 was Christchurch Marist Albion

Overall winners in the Under 13 was Timaru Celtic

Sprints won by Ashburton Celtic

Tug of War won by Marist Albion

Relays won by Ashburton Celtic

Pompallier Trophy - Best Overall went to Ashburton Celtic!!

Our utmost thanks to our sponsors and the generosity of the public and businesses who contributed to a memorable day.