



# SAILING...HAVE A GO!

***St John's Rotary sponsored over 500 local school students to participate in Yachting New Zealand's Volvo Sailing...Have a Go! programme in Okahu Bay in May 2019.***



***517 students took part over 22 days, in groups of up to 30 kids per day.  
92% of these students had never been sailing before.  
96% of students rated the day as "Awesome" and 95% said they would like to go sailing again.***

School	# of students participated	School	# of students participated
Panmure Bridge School	18	Stonefields School	72
St Patricks School	25	Glen Taylor School	24
Panmure District School	46	Ruapotaka School	46
Churchill Park School	114	Point England School	19
St Pius X Catholic School	27	Tamaki Primary School	22
Glen Innes School	28	St Joseph's School Orakei	24
Glenbrae School	23	Sylvia Park School	29
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\*one school was cancelled due to weather and were unable to be rescheduled this term. We will aim to get these kids sailing in term 4.

*Volvo Sailing... Have a Go! is designed to give primary and intermediate aged students the chance to try sailing the opportunity to experience the thrills of Sailing in a safe and convenient environment.*



All the equipment and required gear is provided, including wetsuits, wind jackets and lifejackets. For many kids, this is the first time they have worn a lifejacket, and many don't believe it will help them to float, until they try it out!

With a focus on water safety and building confidence in and around the water, kids are taught the importance of wearing adequate clothing and correctly fitted life jackets, rigging and parts of the boat, and the basic ideas behind how to make a boat sail. All this education was disguised by fun activities, capsizing and often a sneaky water fight!

If the weather suited, some groups took their lunch and sailed to Mission Bay or Devonport for a picnic.



The contact details of the kids who expressed an interest in continuing sailing will be passed along to local sailing clubs, hopefully further benefitting the community by increasing club membership.



# THANK YOU!



Not long ago you gave 22 students from Panmure Bridge School the chance to learn how to sail. On behalf of those people we would like to say a huge thank you for giving us an amazing learning experience. Everybody had lots of fun learning about how to put together their own sailboat. We would also like to thank you for looking after us and giving us the swimming gear. We think it is really important to know how to keep safe in the water. From Tiava & Mataio

***“Hi St Johns Rotary. My 8-year-old son, James, participated in the Learn to Sail Programme yesterday, with his class at St Joseph’s (Orakei). What a truly amazing opportunity for him and his class! He came away absolutely buzzing and asking if he can take some further lessons. Definitely something we will think about for him, for Summer. Thank you so much for your support in organising and funding this programme. It’s very much appreciated. Kind regards Caroline Gray”***





***“A warm and generous thank you for an amazing day on the water last Thursday. Our Glen Taylor students enjoyed participating in the 'Have a Go Sailing Programme' and felt very lucky to be given such a brilliant opportunity.***

***The capable, experienced and enthusiastic instructors were fabulous! Their calm, professional and caring manner was much appreciated. Also the child friendly and relaxed way the men communicated to the children is commendable. I went out on the water with Justin and our group of students were engaged with his conversational teaching style, safe instructions and motivational techniques”*** Susan Polan, Yr3/4 Teacher Glen Taylor School



*Rotary of St Johns first started supporting schools to participate in Volvo Sailing...Have a Go! in 2013, sponsoring 2 schools. Since then almost 1000 kids have Had a go! as a result.*