DIOCESE OF LISMORE SURF COMPETITION 2014 WRAP UP

The 2014 Diocesan Surf competition was held at Cabarita Beach on the Tweed Coast on Thursday 23 October. The contest was organised by St Joseph’s College Banora Point and Mt St Patricks Murwillumbah operated the water safety unit for the day.

The first heats began a little after 7:30 am in ideal conditions for surfing. A 3 to 4 foot swell with a slight offshore breeze greeted some very excited competitors. During the day the wind came up very strongly on shore and created very challenging conditions, but the enthusiasm of surfers meant that a very high standard of surfing was on show.

Big thanks to our judges, former world tour competitors, John Harris and Dave Davidson.

Results were as follows:

OPEN BOYS

1st Jake Snellgrove (XCC Ballina)
2nd Aeran Thomas (XCC Ballina)
3rd Zac Wightman (XCC Ballina)

JUNIOR BOYS

1st Blair Mandall (SJC Banora Point)
2nd Jai Ross (Banora) and Finn Askew (SPC Kempsey)

OPEN GIRLS

1st Alyssa Lock (SJC Banora Point)
2nd Brooke Conroy (SJPC Coffs Harbour)
2nd Hayley Jones (MSPC Murwillumbah)

BODYBOARDS

1st Taj Chapman (SJPC Coffs Harbour)
2nd Peter Stocks (SJPC Coffs Harbour)
3rd Jasper Hinchcliff (SJC Banora Point)

CHAMPION SCHOOL – St John Paul College, Coffs Harbour

RUNNERS UP - (Xaxier Catholic College, Ballina) and St Joseph’s College, Banora Point

Congratulations to those individuals and schools listed above but all competitors are to be commended for the talent they displayed and the spirit with which they competed.

Thank you to all officials but especially to long time convener Gary Wheatley on his outstanding hosting of this event this year and over the past 8 years. Thanks again to Peter McLaughlin for his excellent support of Gary, and to SJ Banora Point students for their work on the day.

We are grateful also to our rescue team from Cabarita SLSC headed by Tim Whitney and the students from Mt St Patrick’s College Murwillumbah. We thank them sincerely as well.

Thank you also to all team managers and all parents for your support of competitors especially those that made the long trek from down south.