

## **We are Wentworth Adventure Racing, We are WAR!**

Our team has evolved, with its infancy spent competing in the very first Get2Go Challenge.

This competition introduced Adventure Racing to our school just 4 short years ago. With our trusted method of throwing a team together at the very last minute we just managed to get ourselves to the qualifying round in February with five of the original finalists from the 2006 Get2Go, and 2 more from the 2008 finalist team. It was our College's first ever venture into the Hillary Challenge and we had gone there with the hope that we would not come too low in the placings, and to find out what it was all about by giving it our best shot.

A nail biting week of waiting for the results, and Holy \*\*%?\*\$ :+) !!! We had come 5th!! YA HOO! GRAND FINAL HERE WE COME - With no funds in place for, equipment, training and transport and little knowledge of what is to come, we are now carrying on our path of discovery!! BRING IT ON!

We have been helped on our journey by a small balding artist called Gollum and some Wizards and Elves that double as parents. Also joining this fellowship have been the wonderful **GJ Gardener Homes Rodney, Stanmore Bay Leisure Centre, Rob Howarth of Canoe and Kayak North Shore, Brad White** a local climbing enthusiast and **Rob Garden** mountain bike orienteer and adventure race extraordinaire. And without them we wouldn't have a rings chance in hell.

### **The WAR Team...**

#### **Julia Tillett - Year 12**

**WAR!** My name is Julia Tillett and I am ready to win the Hillary Challenge!

I grew up by the beach on the Whangaparaoa peninsula just North of Auckland. I have many interests in different sports including sailing, kayaking, netball coaching, orienteering and tramping. This year I will be completing my Duke of Edinburgh Gold award and I always look forward to a tough challenge. Bring on the competition!

#### **Lizzie Morse - Year 12**

Born in New Zealand, in Auckland and now live on a small farm in the Rodney district. I love to ride my horse and am interested in art. I represented NZ in Modern Pentathlon and also competed in the 2008 Get2Go final on Great Barrier Island. I am also involved in the College rowing, netball and orienteering teams.

#### **Louisa Mann - Year 13**

I was born in Wurzburg in Germany and moved here with my parents and brother when I was 8. I did swimming training with the Coast Swimming Club until I was 13. Now I compete in Modern Pentathlon and have represented NZ in Australia and in NZ. I also enjoy mountain biking and love reading. This is my first time representing Wentworth College in a team sport and I'm looking forward to it!

#### **Jazmin Hopper - Year 12**

I am from Auckland and love art, reading, riding my horse and sport. I try everything I can and have represented NZ in Modern Pentathlon, Shooting and Fencing. I have competed in Motor Cross Motor cycle competitions, and also play a range of other sports and am a member of the netball, rowing and orienteering College teams. I was also in the Get2Go team that made it into the finals on Great Barrier in 2008.

**Jak Charles - Year 13**

Born in Buckinghamshire in the UK. Started playing football at 6 years old. My family emigrated to NZ in 2004 and we moved to Whangaparaoa where I joined the Hibiscus football team, and still play for them. I have also competed in the College Football, hockey, basketball volleyball, sailing, orienteering teams and made the final of the Get2Go Challenge in 2006. I also joined and represented NZ in Modern Pentathlon in 2008. I am into Drama and Art, and have been in 2 National Youth Theatre Shows at the Aotea Theatre, and a Tv commercial. I am currently directing and designing the set for the College Production that plays the same week as our Final! AH! O yes my younger brother is in our team too.

**Taylor Rhind - Year 13**

I am a year 13 student at Wentworth College. I have always lived in Whangaparaoa. I was involved in the 1st ever Get2Go competition in year 10 and got through to finals on Great Barrier Island. I was part of the New Zealand Modern Pentathlon team in 2007 and 2008. My other interests include orienteering, running, soccer, hockey and tennis. I am looking forward to the challenge of Hillary Challenge Finals! Bring it on!

**Gideon Van-Zyl - Year 13**

I was born in South Africa and moved to New Zealand when I was 10. I love my sport, it is pretty much all I do every day. I have got 5 sporting activities as I compete and have represented NZ in Modern Pentathlon. I have to train in swimming, running, fencing, shooting and horse riding. I have been a member of the College Hockey, football, rugby, athletics and orienteering teams. I love being active, but also occasionally like to hang out with my friends. I made my best friends with my current Hillary Challenge Team back in 2006 when we were also in the first Get 2 Go final on Great Barrier.

**Harry Charles - Year 12**

I was born in High Wycombe in the UK. Played for local Football team since I was 6. We moved to NZ in 2004 and lived with relatives in Mangere Bridge. Since moving to Whangaparaoa I have tried golf, squash, badminton tennis, sailing, surfing and competed in College football, hockey, basketball, athletics and orienteering teams. I was in the 1st Get2Go final and competed in 2 more Challenges. I represented NZ while in the Modern Pentathlon Team in 2008. I play drums and guitar and sang in the part of 'Chad' in the National Youth Theatre Show 2009. I like having, and going to parties! O yes, my brother and I are in the same team this year again!

