

# Podium finishes for gymnasts

NINE Eastern Bay students competed in the Secondary Schools Gymnastics, Trampoline and Tumbling Championships in Rotorua last week.

Kayla Forsyth, Caitlin Berquist, Alice Blakeway, Sarah McLay and Jean-Daniel Rosset from Whakatane High School; Emily Hart, Rebecca Whitaker and Alex Robbie from Trident High School; as well as Brooklyn Earp from Opotiki College competed.

## Results – trampoline

B-grade women's: 2, Sarah McLay, WHS. A-grade men's: 1, Jean-Daniel Rosset, WHS.

**Tumbling** – C grade women: 1, Caitlin Berquist, WHS; 2, Alice Blakeway, WHS; B-grade women: 1, Sarah McLay, WHS; A-grade women: 4th equal, Kayla

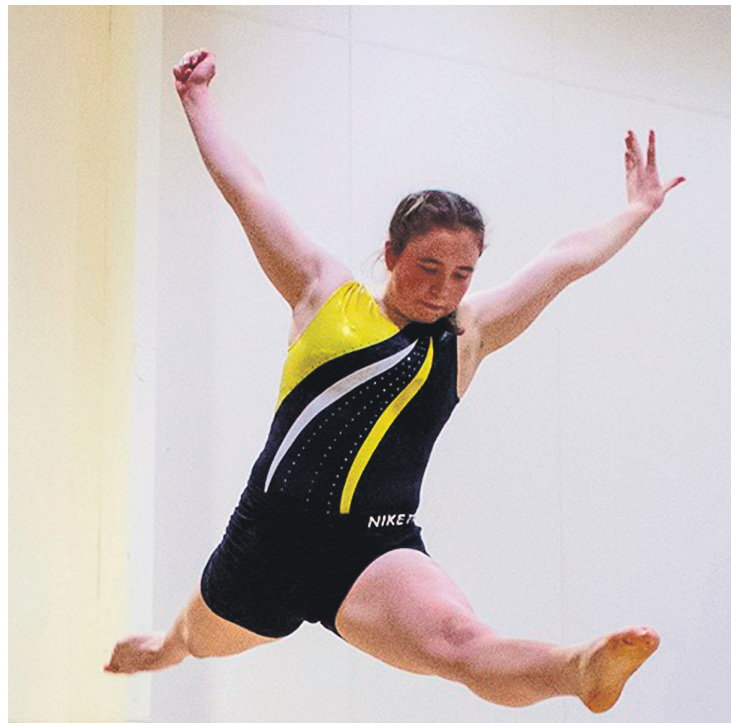
Forsyth, WHS; A-grade men: 1, Jean-Daniel Rosset, WHS.

Artistic gymnastics – women's novice Level 2 – 1, Emily Hart, Trident; 2nd vault, 2nd beam; 3rd floor and second overall; women's novice Level 2 – 2nd bar, Alice Blakeway.

Women's novice Level 3: Brooklyn Earp, Opotiki, 3rd vault, 2nd beam, 3rd bar, 1st floor and 3rd overall; Caitlin Berquist, WHS, 2nd vault, 3rd beam, 2nd bar, 2nd floor and 2nd overall; Sarah McLay, WHS, 1st vault, 1st beam, 1st bar, 2nd floor and 1st overall.

Women's Step 4, Kayla Forsyth, WHS, 3rd floor and 6th overall

Men's B-grade restricted: Jean-Daniel Rosset, WHS, 1st overall.



**AIRBORNE:** Kayla Forsyth was sixth overall for the Women's Step 4 level.



**BALANCING ACT:** Brooklyn Earp, below, placed second on beam in the Women's novice level 3 event.



**HOLD IT:** Alice Blakeway was second overall in the C-grade women's level.



**WINNERS:** Back row, from left, Brooklyn Earp, Jean-Daniel Rosset, Caitlin Berquist, and Emily Hart, and front row, from left, Alice Blakeway, Sarah McLay and Kayla Forsyth earned some top places in their apparatus at the Secondary Schools Gymnastics, Tumbling and Trampoline Championships.

Photos Anne Gould

## Awakeri juniors add fun factor into games

AWAKERI'S youngest footballers are having loads of fun and doing well every week.

Saturday was another typically good day.

The 6th and 7th grades, under-six and under-seven-year-olds, play two games each playing day at Warren Park every week.

Awakeri Eagles did well in the 6th grade. Arlo Williams was player of the day for his great teamwork.

Their first game was against Allandale All Stars. Mylee Mathews scored the goals for a 2-0 win. The second game was against the Ohope Kingfish, where Mylee scored two more goals and Harvey Ferguson scored one for a 3-0 win.

Awakeri Rovers played the Saints Shooters first, winning 2-0. Corbin James scored the first goal only seconds after the starting hooter.

Tobias Hoffman scored the next goal,

earning a big cheer from the sideline supporters.

Ben Overdeest and Maddie Paling made some great plays in the defence roles and Scarlett Mead has a killer kick on her.

In the second game, they played the Awakeri Aces, who won 1-0. The teams were evenly matched.

Once again, Tobi Tootell proved to be a valuable goalkeeper while Corbin and Ben did their best to tackle and redirect the ball.

Also in the 6th grade, Awakeri Aces beat Allandale Arrows 6-0, with goals from Jude Sweeney, 5 and Kyan Krause. Another Jude Sweeney goal helped the Aces to a 1-0 win against Awakeri Rovers. Player of the day was Bryn Willetts for some awesome attacking and support play.

Awakeri Rascals had another great morning of soccer in the 7th grade. They

played two games against two Allandale teams, winning the first game 2-0 and the second 1-0. All goals were scored by player of the day Max Mead. The Rascals team is playing well together and supporting each other.

Awakeri Phoenix played Kawerau Red Devils in the 8th grade. The Red Devils won 5-2. Joe Ferguson scored the two Phoenix goals. Player of the day went to Kalani Henman, who was awesome on defence.

In the 9th grade, Awakeri Athletic played well against St Joseph's. Athletic lost 1-3. Their goal scorer was Joshua Spalding. Player of the day was goalie Lucy Overdeest, who prevented many opposition goals.

Cascade Charters Awakeri Raptors had another strong team effort in the 11th grade, this time against Plains Wanderers. Raptors took the game with a 6-0 win. Player of the day was Cullen

Brown, who put in a great defensive effort and had good positional play.

Also in the 11th grade, Awakeri Magic travelled to take on Opotiki Magpies Team One, who won 4-1. Ryan Lambert played goalie for Magic and saved some mean shots. Arran Dominick scored a goal that saw him run the length of field, beating three defenders and the goalie. Jayden Grindrod was player of the day again, after showing very good field and ball skills.

In the 13th grade, Awakeri Ninjas played Tarawera and had a convincing win.

In the second half, Brad Yuill and Sophie Growden played for the opposition to help them out. Brad was player of the day, crossing and passing well. The Ninjas team remained focused throughout. Summer Jones, Addison Dodson and Kobi Wetting were among the goal scorers.