

KEIKI HAVE GREAT FUN IN 5TH ANNUAL RUN

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The 3rd annual Keiki Fun Run was held June 22 on a one-mile loop in Kapiolani Park. Eighty-one keiki, from the age of several months to 12 years, ran the one-mile grass course across the street from the Club.

Those 7 to 12 years of age started first, chasing after HPU cross country runner Chris Larson, who served as a lead runner. He was quickly forced to quicken his pace as the many talented young athletes demonstrated their speed.

Within six and a half minutes, the first runners crossed the finish line. Every child wore a race bib and had their times recorded as they proceeded through the finish chute. To ensure everyone's safety, and to avoid collisions, the older children started in the first wave of runners, followed by the younger second wave.

The second wave of runners, ages 6 and under (accompanied by their parents) took off after HPU runner Cindi Wendt as the foghorn signaled the start of the race. Tots in tiny Adidas shoes proudly wore their race bibs as they toddled through the course.

Some tiny ones ran the course pushing their own jogging strollers, while some lucky keiki were treated to a ride in their stroller by their moms. Even proud dads, like Vik Watumull and Alan Lau, ran the course pushing their children in jogging strollers. Other parents had to work hard to keep up with their speedy offspring.

Every participant was greeted by cheers and clapping as they crossed the finish line, which was marked by 20-foot helium balloon towers and colorful flags.

The children, their families and friends, reassembled at the Hau Terrace for refreshments, followed by the awards presentation. Every child was individually recognized in front of the audience and was presented with an OCC medallion hanging from a shell lei as well as a place ribbon.

The event was structured to create a positive, fun athletic experience for children.

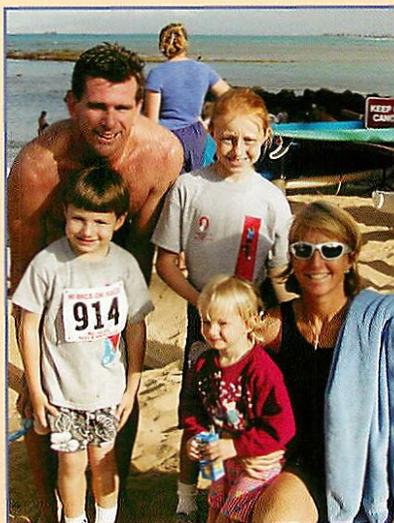
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Alison Nichols



Kiele Schwinn



Thom and Janice Harrer with kids Hannah, Justin and Holly.



Maile Heyer



Keiki gathered on the beach after the run.

5th Annual OCC Keiki Run June 22, 2002 Winners

Girls 2

Natalie Uhr

Girls 3

Maile Heyer

Girls 5

Lauren Geomegan

Girls 6

Kiele Schwinn

Girls 7

Alison Nichols

Girls 8

Mikela Schwinn

Girls 9

Monique Geoghegan

Girls 10

Danielle Geoghegan

Girls 11

Liza Meyers

Girls 12

Kulani Jenkins

Boys 2

Davis Lau

Boys 4

Seth Crail

Boys 5

Alex Dinsmore

Boys 6

Tahi Caldwell

Boys 7

Alex Lilly

Boys 8

Christopher Fong

Boys 9

Chad Werner

Boys 10

Evan Lawson

Boys 11

Lucas Lam