



GLEN EDEN INTERMEDIATE

NZAIMS—National Sporting Championships

2011 GIRLS FOOTBALL

I was one of the lucky people who were selected to be in the NZ AIMS Girls Soccer team. As a year 7 I was really excited to be selected in this team and it was one of the best experiences in my life. There were so many different types of sports down there some of which you would have never heard of. When I got to the opening ceremony I realised how big this event was there were so many kids participating and I knew that it was going to be tough competition. There were definitely not one team that we came up against that was bad. We had to fight every game and even all the sore muscles and injuries the whole thing was worth it. We only lost two games the whole week. One was our last pool game against Mt Manganui we lost 2-1 but we still got to go through to the quarter finals. The other game we lost was in the semi-finals against Auckland Normal Intermediate 1-0 (they went on to win the tournament). We were sad but we knew we had to focus for the next day for the bronze medal.

We won the bronze medal final 3-1 against Mt Maunganui who we had already lost to 2-1 in our last pool game. Winning that game felt so good, a feeling I will remember for the rest of my life.

Everyone who went down to NZ AIMS will all share the same memories as I have. Being in the AIMS squad was like being a part of a really big family there were jokes, tears and laughter. We helped each other through the good times and the bad and there was never a dull moment. The thing I loved most about Aims was that everyone in the girls soccer team was there to try their best even with tough competition. I will never forget my amazing experience I had at AIMS this year, so if you ever get the chance to try out for any sport in aims you should defiantly take that opportunity because it is one you will never want to miss.

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