

## Sport

### MINI BIKING

# Three MBAS students to race school built bikes in Minibike Grand Prix



Three Mercury Bay Area School students will race their school-built minibikes in the National New Zealand Secondary Schools Minibike Grand Prix next week.

Jared Scarrott, Jacob Sanders and Callum Gillett will join more than 250 minibike and sidecar racers from 25 schools at Manfeild Park racing circuit in Feilding.

As part of their studies, the Year 12 mechanical engineering students have to build and race their bikes,

which are less than knee high but have a top speed of 60kmh.

Students get a kit that delivers wheels, an engine and brakes and then go from there to create their own bikes. They learn MIG welding, lathe turning and drill press processes. They also have to pass a theory component.

Engineering and technology teacher Chris Cawley, says the boys' enthusiasm has been amazing. "The students really get into it. They'll work

*Mercury Bay Area School student Jacob Sanders prepares his minibike for racing at Manfeild.*

on the bike in their lunch break or after school." Mr Cawley will take the boys to Feilding and is looking forward to seeing how they go.

The minibike grand prix was founded by Feilding High School in 1997 and has since grown in popularity. Last year MBAS student Joby Bainbridge won the race.