

# TESTIMONIALS

## From a parent

*"Thanks for the training schedule. I took our son down to Athletics last night and it was amazing, I have never seen him so happy and it's the first time I have ever seen him fit in anywhere. He was so proud of himself when he came second in a running race (granted it was a walking/running race the participants could choose what they wanted to do but never the less he came second), it was the first time he didn't come last in his whole life. Athletics is all he can talk about now which is a nice change. Thank you so much for letting him join"*

## From athletes feedback forms after the 2007 World Summer Games in Shanghai

Q: What was the best part of the games?

*"The opening ceremony. Walking in to the stadium representing New Zealand is something I will never forget. At the World Games the highlight was standing on the presentation podium to receive my bronze medals"*

*"Making new friends and being part of the team".*

*"Everything was fantastic....my dream came true"*

*"Meeting other athletes from difference countries"*

## From a parent after the 2007 World Summer Games in Shanghai

*"The coaches engendered a strict sense of self discipline, encouragement and supreme effort which is a necessity at this level. At the same time they never lost that personal relationship, friendship and camaraderie which the athletes enjoyed so much. At the end of this trip we were left with this feeling of how much love and empathy the coaches had for their athlete".*