The sun played host to athletes from 25 counties who came together all in the name of fun, fitness and fundraising, at the Rose Bay World Cup this week.

'The Queen, accompanied by Princess Charlotte and the Royal Guard, officially welcomed the athletes and declared the games open. Country colours, face-paint, costumes and flags were on display, as were the athlete’s smiles, excitement and enthusiasm for what is described by many as their ‘favourite day of the school year’.

The athletes, teachers, parent helpers and professional sporting volunteers participated in an unprecedented number of activities including martial arts, aerobics, football, rugby, zumba, and yoga. The music formed more than background excitement, it set the pace for this year’s largest and most successful event ever, as declared by the dignitaries at the once again colourful closing ceremony.

A huge thank you to Mrs Mills for her ongoing energy and commitment to the event as well as to all the helpers who made it flow so successfully. Also thank you to the generous support of our event sponsors Hart Estate Agents, 1st Street Home Loans and Mark Sperling from iFit Bondi, along with our event supporters for helping out – Brett from NSW Rugby, and Stuart from Goal Soccer Academy. Thanks also to Marsha who rocked the Zumba Station and Jacqui for stepping it up Martial Arts style.

Please help achieve our major annual fundraising target of $32,000 for iPad Learning Centres, by promptly returning your raised funds.

Collections will be before school each day from 8:50am - 9:20am in the playground or you can go online via the Flexischools website www.flexischools.com.au (‘PLEASE include your name and class on the form so we can drop off a magazine’). Athletes have until Wednesday 17th June to return their money and forms to be eligible for the prizes.

All athletes returning money will receive a ‘thank you gift’ of a children’s magazine.

There are also fantastic prizes to be won this year!

The top sponsorship collectors will each receive fabulous prizes like a ‘Leap Frogs Action Sports & Games’ birthday party (worth $200) or a term at Goal Soccer Academy (worth over $200) or Toon Creations – cartoon workshop gift package (worth $250). We also have a $30 draw for sports prizes and vouchers, and a $100 draw. Prizes on offer, include Sydney Swans merchandise, Waratahs gift packs, Let’s Go Surfing – surfing lessons, a gift voucher for Bondi Trattoria, a Gift Voucher for Pita Mix plus many more!

Thank you again to all those who helped make this week’s event so wonderful.

Cindi Shaw & Lisette McDonald
Sportathon coordinators