



The team ratcheted the pressure another notch at the start of the finals tonight.

They put down a challenge to the whole stadium with a Haka that made the roof lift.



This Haka must also have had an effect on the swimmers because we had three NZ age group records fall in a short time.



Corey 13 yrs

100Bk



Jeffrey 14 yrs 50 Br



Natasha 12 years

100mBR



With these three we also had a number of medallists.

It's plain to see from the body language that this team got a lot closer as the week has gone on. To the point it was hard to get a still photo of them. The boys' 14 year old IM relay team had a fantastic final taking a silver medal. They were second behind Queensland and beating NSW into 3<sup>rd</sup>. This was a great swim and left a few unhappy faces in the NSW's camp. However there were lots of happy



faces amongst the tour coaching staff. Emily put in a very big effort and grabbed herself Silver in the 50 Breast. She was part of the relay team that got DQ'ed in the heats. So there was some mana to repair and this she did with a fine PB swim. Sophia stayed in the medals with the 100bk; Jordan who has been a quiet performer all week won Silver in the 200fr.

(Jordan at the end of a hard fought race)

As usual the day finished with a team meeting, the coaches giving their swimmer of the day and honouring our medal winner, Mitch and Isaac initiated a haka to the our record breakers . It was a great moment to see our team celebrate our own.