



Two weekends ago we had over twenty children participate in the CRT Junior Duathlon as part of the 'Ride the Rakaia' event.



It all started with a teacher who was keen to get children involved. It was a weekend event, where, although the children were a 'school' group, it was not officially in school time. The teacher took time to send out notices, follow up with phone calls to parents, and make calls to the organisers to get the information needed to make the trip successful.

The children travelled in one of our school buses, driven by another parent, and they were followed by a group of parent cars, including a horse float that transported the bikes. The children were keen, and the enthusiasm from their parents was outstanding. Already the teacher should be proud of what she did in getting the children there.

Little did we know, that because of the time the teacher took to get this organised, the school would end up winning a Samsung Galaxy Tablet for having the most school entries. Although this was a wonderful prize (Thanks Smith and Church), the real prize was the teacher's effort being rewarded by the parents and children who supported the initiative.

To the CRT Junior Duathlon organisers, thank you for the support you showed when we had many questions about the day so that we could keep our people informed of what was going on. To the sponsors of this event, good on you for putting your name behind these great community initiatives.

To our parents and children, thanks for taking the time to go beyond the classroom and support the school in a way that benefits everyone involved.

I know that there are many other stories just like this in our school and others, and with the amount of events out there to be involved in, it would be easy to just say 'oh yeah' and move on.

So, to the teacher who made this all happen, you went above and beyond the call of duty to support the pupils of our school. You are a star and I thank you for making this happen, especially during a weekend.