



# Your racing car awaits

A double treat is on the way for children entered in Suzuki Grid Kids Timaru Duathlon being held on January 22.

Suzuki Swift Sport Cup driver Chris Cox will be visiting Timaru on December 14 to deliver one lucky entrant to school in a racing car, while in January Erin Simpson from *The Erin Simpson Show* will be at the duathlon with a television crew to film participants for her 2012 series.

Footage taken in Timaru was likely to air in March.

Ms Simpson would be meeting kids and encouraging them on their run and may even score a quick ride around the track in a racing car, spokesperson Jacqui Gage-Brown said.

Currently in his second season of the Suzuki Swift Sport Cup, Cox is spreading the Grid Kids' message to primary schools throughout Timaru and is hoping to visit a cluster of schools on December 14, after dropping off the winning early-bird entrant to school.

All children entered in the duathlon by Monday, December 12, will go in the draw to win the lift to school with Cox, while involved schools will have the opportunity to receive a visit from him.

The duathlon on January 22, enables youngsters to get on to the track and race around – running and biking.

"It is a great way for them to be involved in the excitement of motor racing," Cox said.

"So many [kids] don't realise the level of fitness a driver needs. This is a great way to get them excited about being active."

**Star visit:**  
Timaru children taking part in the Grid Kids Duathlon in January will be able to see Erin Simpson of the popular after school programme, *The Erin Simpson Show*, which also features chef Michael Lee.



**Flying visit:**  
Racing car driver Chris Cox will be visiting Timaru schools later this month.

The popularity of Suzuki Grid Kids continues to grow, with this year's major prize, a Suzuki Quad Bike and safety gear.

The big prize will be drawn after the Taupo round with all kids who have participated in any of the five rounds automatically entered in the draw.

The New Zealand Motorsport Series will be run at the track on the same day, enabling children to be part of the motorsport action.

Participants also receive free tickets for them and two adults to the New Zealand V8s Championships (BNTV8s) and the

chance to be a grid kid for the Suzuki Sport Cup, and more.

"We are very proud of how this series is growing," two-time NZ Elite National Triathlon Champion and Grid Kids director Shanelle Barrett said.

"Invercargill and Timaru rounds are timed perfectly for families looking for something to do during the summer break, and a great way for families to get active together."

The duathlon distances are all achievable and suitable for the different age groups. Both teams and individuals can enter. Register at [gridkids.co.nz](http://gridkids.co.nz).