

# SUZUKI GRID KIDS DUATHLON



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## **SUZUKI GRID KIDS DUATHLON RACES INTO PUKEKOHE**

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136 six to 13 year olds took to the starting line at Pukekohe Park Raceway on Sunday 6 November for the first round of the Suzuki Grid Kids Duathlon series.

Amongst the starters was Brooke Wisnewski who earlier in the week was driven to school in Suzuki Swift Sport Cup Driver Jamie Gaskin's Arnott's Shapes Roadies vehicle.

"This is too cool!" were Brooke's words on Thursday and again on Sunday when Gaskin and fellow Suzuki Cup drivers AJ Lauder, Brad Lauder, Kent Yarrall and Australian NZV8s driver Jason Bargwanna attended autograph sessions for the kids.

The event had a 50% increase in participant numbers from 2010 and given kids and parent feedback is only going to increase in 2012.

"It was brilliant", said Julie, a Pukekohe parent, "there will definitely be more kids next year."

"We all really enjoyed it and my son will definitely be back next year. It was run extremely well and several parents were commenting on how it was great to be kept so well informed."

Adding to the excitement was the chance to be a grid kid. Dotted amongst the racing cars were excited faces as the youngsters stood next to the race vehicles on the starting grid.

Organised in conjunction with the New Zealand Motorsport Series, the Suzuki Grid Kids Duathlon coincides with the Sunday racing of the Motorsport championship at six New Zealand locations and enables children to be part of the motorsport action.

Duathlon participants received free tickets to the motor racing, t-shirts and Arnott's Shapes along with other goodies in their race pack.

Suzuki Grid Kids is now preparing for the Teretonga Park and Timaru International Raceway rounds on 15 January and 22 January. With these rounds being in the school holidays early bird entries received by Wednesday 14 December to be in to win a ride to school in the Suzuki Swift race car.

The Duathlon distances are all achievable and suitable for the different age groups with 6-9 year-olds completing a 0.5km run and approx 2.8km bike and 10-13 year-olds completing a 1.0km run and approx 5.6km bike.

The series provides a great motivator for kids over the school holidays and a great way to get out as a family for some fun biking adventures.

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## **2012 Suzuki Grid Kids Schedule:**

Teretonga Park, Invercargill – 15 January 2012

Timaru International Motor Raceway – 22 January 2012

Manfeild Circuit, Feilding – 12 February 2012

Taupo Motorsport Park – 11 March 2012

For further information or to register visit [www.gridkids.co.nz](http://www.gridkids.co.nz)

Involved primary schools will have the opportunity for Suzuki driver Jamie Gaskin to visit their pupils prior to the Suzuki Grid Kids Duathlon (school holiday dependent). To arrange a photo opportunity with your local primary school please contact either your local school directly or Jacqui on the details below.

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