

About Heart Kids...

Every year we challenge our own brave heart children to take up the 5km heart ride and to tell New Zealand their inspiring stories.

This is an amazing occasion, these are children many living with incredibly complex heart conditions who have undergone not one but two or even more open heart surgeries. And here they are getting on a bike and riding 5km in New Zealand's second largest outdoor event, it is awesome!

With 12 kids born every week with a heart defect, 9 children undergoing open heart surgery, our brave heart kids are riding in the Cycle Challenge to support the organisation that supports them and their families. Kids helping kids, telling their stories, being part of a team and being proud to be a heart child. It's pretty inspiring stuff!

This year's heart children heart rider team consists of: Danikha, Chloe, Breanna, Oscar, Antony, Emma, Charlotte, Robbie, Rachel, Pierce, Caitlin, Dayna, Angelo, Matthew, Timothy, Theo, James & EJ.

Feel free to read a couple of our heart kid's stories who are riding this year in the Watty Lake Taupo Cycle Challenge or who have taken part in previous years: [click here](#) for heart children stories.

The opportunity for heart kids just to be 'normal' kids can be very rare, but the heart ride is one of these times, it is a special moment for the kids, families and supporters. This year if you are in Taupo make sure you get to the finish line just after 3pm to see the kids with the widest smiles and biggest hearts cross the line and give them a cheer, they deserve it!

If you want to sponsor the heart children heart rider team please [click here](#) or post a cheque to:

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