

# Tough Kid Challenge

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> November

The sun was blasting, music was pumping, children were shouting, screaming, cart-wheeling and dancing everywhere you looked. Many of them in tutus, fluro or other forms of fancy dress. Supervising adults in superhero costumes bounced around with microphones amping the crowds. The atmosphere was so high-energy my eyes watered with the sheer volume of smiles.

The Tough Kid Challenge was definitely about fun with a whopping capital **F**.

Our Ao Tawhiti Tough kids rose to the challenge and hollered, flossed, yelled, waved their hands in the air and jumped with the rest of the hordes. And when it was time to race, the **kaha** – doing something well outside a lot of comfort zones, busting a gut to do their best - and the

**manaakitanga** – helping each other through the icky mud and over the obstacles - was on show everywhere.

There was a real sense of “triumph” after such an octane-fuelled afternoon. And against all the odds, no one lost a shoe!

**Can't wait to do it next year!**

Clare Marshall, parent

