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SUPERKIDZ SHINE IN DOWNPOUR

Some 400 local and interstate kids aged from 7 to 13 took the plunge this morning to take part in the 2009 The Courier-Mail Superkidz Triathlon at Mooloolaba. The rain didn't dampen the kids enthusiasm, beaming smiles as they crossed the line

Some crossed the finish line clutching their sides and others beamed with joy, but they all had one thing in common - a huge sense of accomplishment.

Kids competed individually over two distances 7-10 year olds a 100m swim, 3km cycle and 500m run while 11-13 year olds a 200m swim, 6km cycle and 1km run.

Entry includes, t-shirt, finisher's medallion, race kit, race acceptance, and lots of great random draw prizes.

But winning wasn't the name of the game. It was about taking part and giving it your best. Everybody who took part received a gold medal and Athens silver medallist Loretta Harrop was on hand to give some of them out.

"It was fun. I feel happy but I'm tired," said one youngster moments after she crossed the finish line.

"The best part, she said, was the running section of the event."

Parents cheered their children on and swarmed round the finish line armed with cameras to catch the moment.

A few contestants needed a bit of help getting across after over-exerting themselves.

The Superkidz Triathlon is part of the Mooloolaba Triathlon Festival and was the first to introduced onto the program back in 1994 with just 100 children.

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