SNAP, CRACKLE, POP! OUR CART NAMES FOR THIS EVENT. WE HAD A NEW TEAM WITH A FEW GRADE 4'S WHO HAD JOINED HPV THIS YEAR WHO COULDN'T WAIT TO GET ON THE TRACK AND RACE. THE GRADE 5/6 KIDS CAME TO WONTHAGGI STRAIGHT FROM A 5 DAY HIKING CAMP AT WILSON'S PROM WHERE THE WEATHER WASN'T VERY KIND TO THEM. THE WIND AND RAINY CONDITIONS CONTINUED FOR MOST OF THE WEEKEND'S RACING AS WELL. WE HAD TENTS COLLAPSING AND A LOT OF TIRED FACES FROM PARENTS WHO HAD NOT HAD MUCH SLEEP. THE CARTS PASSED SCRUTINEERING ON FRIDAY WITHOUT A HITCH AND THE PRACTICE SESSION ON SATURDAY MORNING GAVE US OUR GRID POSITIONS. THE 16 HOUR RACE FOR SNAP AND CRACKLE WENT FROM 12NOON TILL 10PM SATURDAY THEN 6AM TILL 12 NOON ON SUNDAY. POP RACED AROUND THE CLOCK FOR 24 HOURS. RESULTS WERE: SNAP 12TH, CRACKLE 10TH AND POP 3RD IN THEIR RESPECTIVE CLASSES.
With newly built, designed and named carts: the good, the bad and the ugly we headed to Casey Fields in October. This was the first time in a few years that we had competed at a Casey Fields event, although we train at this track every Sunday afternoon. The 2.1km track is reasonably flat but is usually very windy. The event consisted of scrutineering and a practice session to determine grid positions. In preparation for Maryborough there was also an obstacle course. There were cones, ripple strips, ramp and an off road section to contend with. This race was a continual single lap relay event for 2 hours! What a lot of pit change practice we had. During the endurance event the riders reach speeds of up to 35 km per hour. The endurance race here is for 6 hours only, short after the 16 and 24 hours at Wonthaggi!

Final results were: The good - 18th, the bad - 8th and the ugly 4th in their respective classes.

The culmination of the whole year's work takes place over five days in November in Maryborough. Teams enter a variety of events, crafty design - 25 teams, junkyard challenge - 6 teams, HPV - 190 teams, try-athlon - 51 teams, energy efficient vehicles - 29 teams and pushcarts - 54 teams. A grand total of 355 teams of an average of 8 children plus parents, teachers and siblings camp on ovals for the 4 nights and compete in a gruelling schedule each day from early in the morning to late at night.

Final results:
The good 2nd overall in tryathlon primary class, the bad 2nd overall tryathlon open class and winners of the display and presentation. Well done to all children and parents for a great 2013.