

Level 2 Non-fiction – Just One Wheel

Who is your number one sporting hero? Ask students at Bombay School that question, and they probably won't name an All Black or a Silver Fern. They're more likely to say Chris Huriwai or Sam La Hood. Chris and Sam are not very well known in the rest of New Zealand, but they are world champions in their sport – unicycling. And the students at Bombay School love their unicycles. Some days, you can see fifty unicycles at the school.

The cycles belong to the school, to the students – and to Mr Rob, the school's caretaker. Mr Rob bought some unicycles for the school after seeing how much his grandchildren loved them. They were an *instant* hit – as soon as the students saw the cycles, they wanted to ride them. Mr Rob explains that the best way to learn how to ride a unicycle is to move backwards and forwards on it while holding onto a fence.