



Welcome to the New Year

The school holidays are **finally** over! for the parents any way. For our kids it is the season in which they head back to school, a whole new year ahead. Its also that time again for the "Doug the Digger" News Letter to hit your email inboxes. With that a **BIG** welcome for our 4th News Letter!! And the 1st for 2008!! We hope you are still enjoying reading and completing the puzzles because there's plenty more to entertain and educate coming in the year ahead.

Don't forget we just **LOVE**  receiving any feed back you may have, good or bad! We need to know what you guys think of us. Anything you would like to see? Anything you would like to see less of? 

The aim of our News Letter is to become among many things, an educational resource for teachers. If there is a subject that you wish us to investigate and report on let us know and we will start digging into it.

As for what's been happening....well. Mr. Mac and **Little Cuttie** had a great time in Russell in December at their Christmas parade. Pukekohe held the Truckers Day out on the 6th of Jan, Kerri-Ann, Mr. Macs big blue beauty, got to lead the convoy as they traveled through the area. Check out the pictures for these great days all in this News Letter along with much much more!!

Have fun, enjoy and let's make this a great school year!!

From the **Doug the Digger** team.



Merry Xmas in Russell...

Mr. Mac spent a very active few days in the Russell area joining in on the Russell Christmas Parade. Little Cuttie even got all dressed up for the occasion carrying a **HUGE** present from her bucket! Mr. Mac later transformed himself into one of Santa's representatives to walk the streets spreading the fun and enjoyment of Christmas.



Dunedin Craft Show

Mr. Mac and friends attended the Dunedin Craft Show....

It was a great opportunity to meet the friendly people of Dunedin and take some time to teach kids about Diggers and how to be safe around them. And why not? Operating a digger is a specialized craft!

**Doug the Digger
Promoting
Safety**



Check the oil



3 Point Contact

Make the seat belt
Click!



Left from Right

How's it going?
How's it going?

Ready...steady...GO!!



Camp Quality—The charity for kids with cancer. It was a fantastic day for everyone attending the Pukekohe Park Raceway for the annual k.i.e, kids in cars fun day for Camp Quality kids. The truck show and convoy attracted 231 trucks and lots of truckies gave rides around the race track. Many kids also enjoyed operating "Little Cuttie".



Kerri-anne was the lead truck

Mr. Mac's pride and joy has been undergoing a few transformations lately. It doesn't look like much now but just wait until you get to see the final outcome!! It's going to be great!! Kerri-Ann will then be equipped with a fantastic classroom display!!

Waimi Goldmine

Open Day 20 Jan 08



Boys and their REALLY
big toys....
(180 ton digger!!)



Check it out in our next issue!

Northland Excavator Competition

The winner of the 2007 Excavator Competition for Northland was Michael White from GHK Piling (2000) Ltd. The Excavator competition is run annually in Northland in conjunction with the A&P Show. It is a great opportunity for the Contractors Federation to show case the quality of the operators and the skills required to operate these machines in a competent and safe manner. The winner of the competition gets the opportunity to travel to Palmerston North to compete nationally with the winners from other areas. Michael was a first time participant and has done very well to achieve a victory at the Northland event. He will be competing in Palmerston North for a prize package of around \$10,000! And the highly prized trophy for being the best operator in New Zealand.

Well done Michael, congratulations and all the best for the nationals. Northlands behind you!!



Michael White
GHK Piling (2000) Ltd.

Dreams can come true...

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Question:

Where is the National
Competition to be held for the
Excavator Competition?

Send your answer in with your
Name and Address to:

Competition Answer
P.O. Box 1356
Whangarei

A great Jigsaw is up for grabs!

Doug the Digger received a beautiful letter not long ago from Chantelle about visiting her school.... We did and had a wonderful day!!

Many thanks to Chantelle and everyone at Oceanview School. Timaru.

To Doug the Digger
I would love to come to Timaru and to my school My school's name is OCEANVIEW PRIMARIES School PRITY PRITY Please Doug the Digger Fancub So, new Zealand
Chantelle Denney in
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Fan club birthdays:

Happy birthday to Riley-Jack Vette and Jordan and Ainslee Steedman who are all turning

Remember to "Listen, Look and Learn" and don't forget...



"School's Cool!"

Well done!!

Competition winner:
Michael Cassidy from Christchurch. Age: 7
with the correct answer:
Kerri-Ann.

Congratulations Michael,
theres a "Doug the Digger"
jigsaw on it's way!

THE DOUG THE DIGGER ROADSHOW
was created by Mr. Mac based on his life experiences.



experiences.

In a classroom, library, hall or wherever, Mr. Mac spends 40 or so minutes taking the children through the story of "Doug the Digger". Explaining how "Doug" was created, and the paths Mr. Mac has traveled to get his books published and loved.

Based on Mr. Mac's life, the Roadshow talks about how Mr. Mac grew up around heavy earthmoving machines, how he ended up in the truck and contracting business and about his severe work place accident.

Mr. Mac had a dream of writing a book, however, he faced a deep personal fear of reading and writing. With help, Mr. Mac managed to write and publish his first book on the 1st of November 2000.

Mr. Mac's visits hold many messages for today's young children. Among them, "Look, Listen and Learn" and "Never give up". He uses his life as an example to children, that they too can do anything they set their mind to and can achieve greater than they imagined.

Mr. Mac's presentation is supported with the original draft stages of how the "Doug the Digger" book and C.D was developed. Four children are picked as helpers to read. The final printed version is played on C.D.

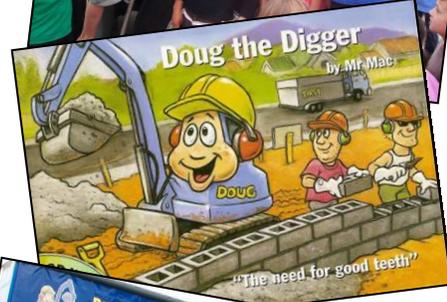
TRUCK AND DIGGER

Before going out on the Truck and Digger, which always comes along with Mr. Mac, there is a vital safety talk.

Listen, Look and Learn is enforced. The worksite are is defined and why is explained. The children are invited to have a look inside Kerri-anne, many having never seen inside a truck before. They also get to operate under instruction "Little Cuttie", Mr. Mac's cute little digger.

For more information visit our website, you can also find hundreds of comment from schools singing the Roadshow's praises!

What's the Doug the Digger Roadshow about?...



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You may enter once per competition per news letter. Prizes can not be exchanged for cash. The judges decision is final and no correspondence regarding prize winners will be entered into.