



Wishing everyone a happy (and safe) New Year for 2013!
From Mr Mac, Doug the Digger, and the rest of the team.

GETTING STUCK IN AT BIG BOYS TOYS!

We had a fantastic time once again at BIG BOYS TOYS, held over three days last month at the ASB Showgrounds in Greenlane, Auckland.

Special thanks go to Logan, Sydney-Rae, D'Troit, Michael and Joshua for all their fabulous help at this event.

[Click here to check out more photos from Big Boys Toys.](#) 



STUDENT CHALLENGE

At the Whangarei Summer Show. Barge Park, Saturday, December 8th...

We had a BRILLIANT time last month putting talented and motivated young people through their paces during our STUDENT CHALLENGE at the Whangarei Summer Show...



WORK SITE INDUCTION

TOOLBOX MEETING

THE BALL & CHAIN

DOING THE PAPERWORK

TEA POT POURING

...AND MORE PAPERWORK!

GOLF BALL ONTO CONE

BUCKET SLALOM

TYRE STACK

FINISH!

Six students (aged from 13 to 18) took part in our Student Challenge... and all of them displayed great listening skills, put pen to paper and showed **SOFT, SMOOTH** and **SKILLFUL** operation when at the digger controls.

See the next page for more **cool photos** from the event...





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The TYRE STACK...

AND THE WINNERS ARE... WELL DONE TO ALL OF OUR COMPETITORS!



congratulations JOSHUA CONNOLLY, our winner in the Student Challenge.



2nd place: James Yendell



3rd place: Logan Collings

... and Highly Commended:
Elemoni Moana,
Reece Bermingham,
Jamie Patterson.



RIDE-ON MOWER RACING IN OMOKOROA!

We couldn't miss the chance to be involved in a brilliant annual event that was staged last month in the Bay of Plenty... **Omokoroa No.1 School's original Ride-on Mower Race Day!**

We only got to see a little bit of the racing though, as we were so busy giving the locals a chance to operate "Little cutie" the Gough Cat digger.

Click here for more photos from this event. 



DON'T FORGET TO CHECK OUT OUR RECENT "THE YEAR THAT WAS" PAGE THAT FEATURED IN THE NORTHERN ADVOCATE... 



MAKING NEWS!

Check out some recent stories featuring us by clicking on the links below...



WE'VE GOT MAIL!

We **love** receiving your drawings, poems, coloured-in activity pages, etc... please keep sending them in!

Either email us your work to doug@doughthedigger.co.nz, or post it to Doug the Digger, PO Box 1356, Whangarei 0140, New Zealand.



Many, many thanks to the students and teachers of **Tau Te Arohanoa Akoranga School** in Helensville, who recently sent us an envelope full of great letters from students thanking me for visiting the school back in September.



I love how many of your digger drawings look just like mine!

My Mac

(Drawing by Brezze from Tau Te Arohanoa Akoranga School)



**Doug
the Digger**



SCHOOL HOLIDAY BOARDGAME

All you need is dice, counters, and
two or more players to enjoy some
holiday fun with our Doug the Digger
School Holiday Boardgame...

GOOD LUCK!



You've
made it!
Enjoy your
holidays!

FINISH

**NAUGHTY,
NAUGHTY!**

34 Going too
fast around
the corner...
BACK 2



**EXCELLENT
DRIVING!**

21 You drove
carefully
through the
Roadworks...
FORWARD 2

WHOOOPS!

16 Forgot to
put on your
Sunblock!
BACK 2



**WELL
DONE!**

4 You made
sure to check
the pressure
of your tyres.
FORWARD 2

Colour in
and enjoy!

START

Seat belt on?
MAKE IT CLICK!

Here's an idea for safety experts...

Create and add some safety points of your own to the boardgame
(We've put in a few where you go backwards or forwards)