



JUNIOR EXCAVATOR COMPETITION IN TE PUKE!



The contestants tackle the reading and writing section of the competition...



Mr Mac gets out the measuring tape...

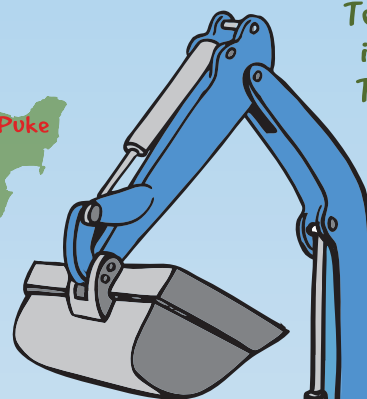


... Bradley Whitehead demonstrates his winning form to the crowd.

Te Puke is known as "The Kiwifruit Capital of the World."



Tauranga
Te Puke



Te Puke (population 6,770) is 28km southeast of Tauranga in the Bay of Plenty region of NZ.



NEW ZEALAND REGIONAL EXCAVATOR COMPETITION FINALS

March 15-17, at the Annual Field Days in Feilding

Finalists from regional competitions throughout the country will lock buckets for the national title in Feilding this month.



Best of luck everyone... and we'll see you there!

BALANCE

- 1/3 Listening & Talking
- 1/3 Reading & Writing
- 1/3 Hands-On Doing

WARKWORTH A&P SHOW

Mr Mac was on site at the Warkworth A&P 145th Jubilee Show held at the end of January.

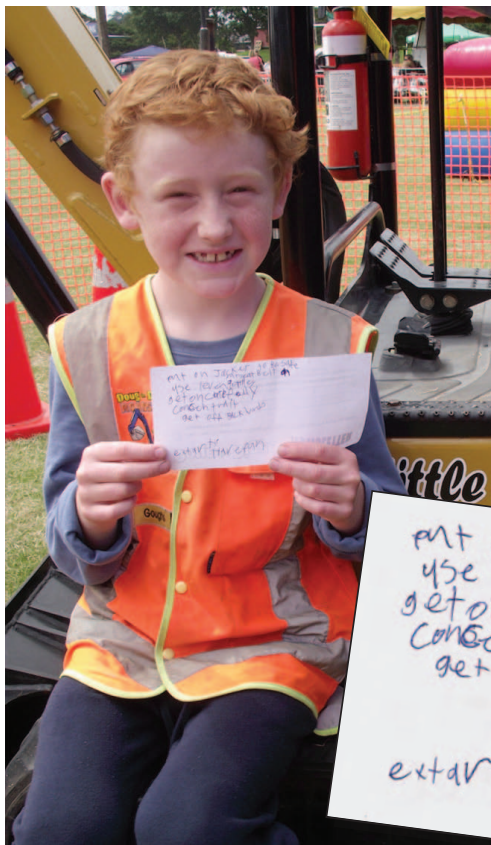
Lots of cool kids got the chance to listen, learn and have a go at the controls of "little Cutie" the Goughs Cat digger (under Mr Mac's watchful eye, of course!)



TOP JOB!



See Channel 99's story on the Warkworth A&P Show here... [YouTube](#)



SAFETY FIRST... JUST ASK ALEX!

Keeping safety in mind is so important when working around heavy machines... something Alex learned and put into practice when he got his chance to operate "Little Cutie" at the show. Alex wrote down the safety rules he'd learnt before hopping on the digger...

put on Jacket to be safe
use levers gently
get on carefully
Concentrate
get off BACKWARDS
extra tip
HAVE FUN



**GREAT
WRITING
SKILLS!**

- put on jacket to be safe
- get on Carefully (3 points of contact)
- put seatbelt on
- Concentrate
- use levers gently
- get off backwards (3 points of contact)

extra tip... **HAVE FUN!**

A FABULOUS FAMILY DAY

... WITH FINE WEATHER, FUNKY MUSIC,
FAST FOOD, FUN STUFF FOR THE KIDS...

... AND FIT PEOPLE
PULLING TRUCKS!



Thanks to everyone who put in so much effort to make this year's People in the Park such a great success!

The event was organised by Project Promise to fundraise for an oncology unit at Whangarei Hospital.

**PROJECT
Promise**

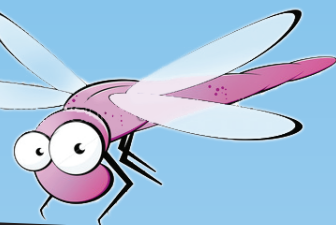


Congratulations to "Village Idiots" - winners of our Truck Pull competition!

DRAGONFLY SPRINGS

WETLAND SANCTUARY

Sunday, 19th February



OPEN DAY

Dragonfly Springs is a man-made wetland at the end of Raumati Crescent, Onerahi, used to capture rain runoff and reduce sedimentation flowing into Whangarei Harbour.

The Open Day provided people an opportunity to see how wetlands can be used to clean water runoff, and provide wildlife habitat.

This wetland was developed by private landowners Jeremy Busck and his wife, Pamela Winters using their own time and funding. Jeremy and Pamela collected native plant seeds from local sources and grew them to plant out in the wetland.

Our wetlands around the country include a wide variety of swamps, bogs, lakes, rivers, lagoons and estuaries and play a crucial role in providing habitats for wildlife – including many rare native species – and maintaining biodiversity.



Awesome work Jeremy & Pamela!

Check out our previous newsletters with stories about Dragonfly Springs (July, August, September 2010) ...[here](#)



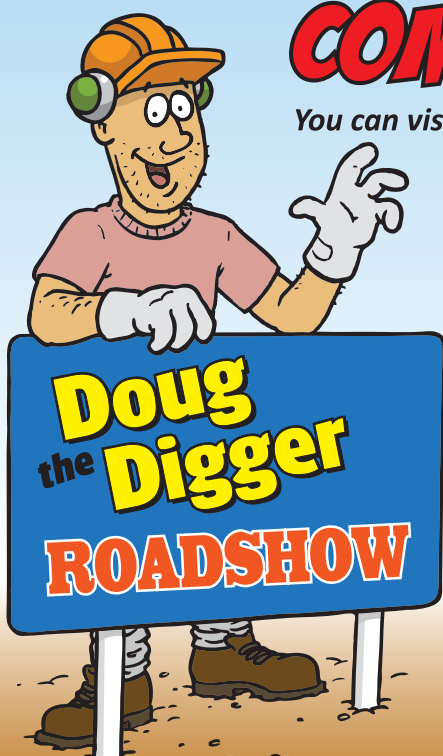
COME ALONG AND MEET US!

You can visit Doug the Digger Roadshow soon at -

1 Thur 1st - Sat 3rd March, **Dargaville**
Northland Field Days - SH14, Dargaville
www.northlandfielddays.co.nz

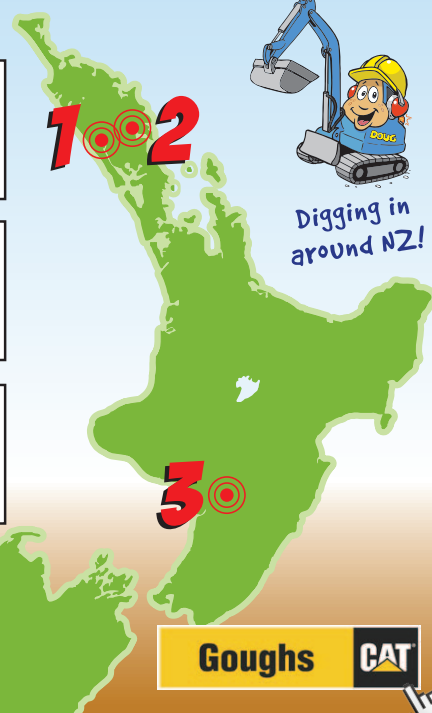
2 Saturday, 10th March, **Whangarei**
Bunnings Community Fun Day
10am - 1pm at Bunnings Warehouse
(Bouncy castle, entertainers, sausage sizzle...)

3 Thur 15th - Sat 17th March, **Feilding**
NZ Contractor's Federation National
Excavator Competition Finals
(Central Districts Field Days, Feilding)



www.dougthedigger.co.nz

See you there!



Goughs



Using the list at the bottom of the page, label all the important things Mr Mac has brought along to keep him safe on the job!

Colour in
and enjoy!

Be responsible
& wear your PPE
(Personal Protection
Equipment)

To protect your head
from falling objects.

To protect your ears
from loud noises.

To keep your body
well fed and
hydrated.

To remind you
of hazards
onsite & how
you can avoid
them.

To protect
eyes.

To make it easy
for others to
see you on the
worksite.

To protect hands.

To keep people out
of the dangerous
worksite area.

To protect your feet
from harm.

To protect your skin
from sunburn.

Earmuffs, Food & Water, Gloves,
Hardhat, Safety Glasses, Sunblock,
Site Hazard Board, Steelcap Boots,
Safety Vest, Worksite Barrier.

