



THE GREAT DUFFY ROAD TRIP!

"What an amazing privilege it has been to be welcomed into so many schools and meet such a fabulous bunch of children, teachers and parents..."

My hope is that, in some small way, my message can help inspire a lifelong love of reading & writing in these children."



Mr Mac



"You inspired the children with your show - the boys especially. I had many children come back to class and ask if they could make a book. You made writing and publishing an exciting and realistic goal for all. Thankyou... I appreciate your show as a teacher and the kids just adored you!"

Sarah Nui - Rangikura School, Porirua



The Duffy Vision:

"To inspire a love of books in children so they become adults who inspire a love of reading."

Duffy Trip stats:

- 43 schools visited
- 5963 students
- 11,872 Duffy books handed out to children
- Approx 2,300 km travelled

"Hooray! Mr Mac is here! He told us when he was 25, he gashed his arm. He told us he couldn't write or draw and then he started doing Doug the Digger."

Izack - Rata Street School, Naenae, Lower Hutt



Izack's picture of Kerri-Ann



Kids!

Thanks so much to all of you that have sent in your letters and drawings since my visit to your schools... We read, keep and cherish them all!



Mr Mac & the Doug the Digger Team

MORE FANTASTIC FEEDBACK FROM THE DUFFY TRIP...

"All tamariki from Year 1 to Year 8 at Te Kura o Hirangi had an awesome day with Mr Mac. He came and promoted positive decisions about education and schooling, encouraged reading and to give it your best try, you will overcome all fears and turn your dreams into reality."

Maria Tamepo - Te Kura o Hirangi, Turangi

"Mr Mac showed the students what his first sketches of Doug the Digger were like, and to their delight they looked like pictures they could've drawn. 'Never be ashamed of your work', he said. During his visit to our school, he spoke to children about motivation and aiming high. 'I tell the kids to come to school every day and do your best. Attendance levels are important, even in the trucking industry. An employer won't want you if your track record reads bunk, bunk, bunk.'"

Sally Cale - Te Karaka Area School (near Gisborne)

"WOW, Mr Mac! Your presentation was so interesting. You are a really positive role model for boys especially. Your passion for writing was very evident."

I personally liked the way you showed the early stages of 'Doug the Digger.' I consistently tell kids that 'first doesn't mean best' and you demonstrate exactly that. The students in my class really enjoyed how your personal background and knowledge of trucks and tractors lead to this cool book. Thank you so much for visiting our school."

Toni Kahu - Rangikura School, Porirua

"Thank you for being punctual, prepared, positive and pro-active. Your messages were well presented and the follow-up stories by the children showed they heard and understood these."

We look forward to our meeting again with you, your truck, your digger and your chilly bin!

Would recommend your visit to all Duffy Schools."

Belinda Pritchard - Glenview School, Porirua East

"The children at Levin School thoroughly enjoyed the visit by Mr Mac. To make Mr Mac feel welcome to our school, we held a colouring competition prior to his visit. The children's entries were then placed around the hall, and the prizes were later presented by Mr Mac. Thank you Mr Mac - we loved having you at Levin School, and look forward to your next visit."

Kathryn Brown - Levin School

... Too many to fit them all in! Thanks to everyone for the wonderful feedback!

Mr Mac

REMEMBER...

Reading and writing are solid foundation skills for the future...

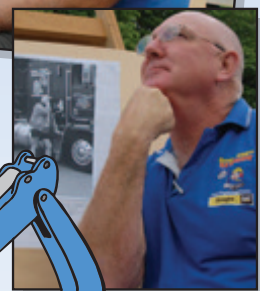
Positive Attitude + Attendance + Achievement = Success



Some awesome work from Room 4 (top) and Room 7 (bottom) sent in by Rata Street School in Naenae, Lower Hutt.



A handful of great work sent in by Rangikura School in Porirua... oh, and Mr Mac striking his famous pose!



school gala visits

Mr Mac was lucky enough to be a special guest at school gala days held in Gisborne and Palmerston North recently...



YAHOO!
Heaps of cool fun!



Whakarongo School,
Palmerston North



Riverdale School,
Gisborne



No, you're not seeing double!



Two Little cuties hard at work!

Goughs



Thanks, Jason from Goughs, for all your support and encouragement.

Remember,
school galas are held to help raise much needed funds for our schools...

... please support them as much as you possibly can!

LION



People in the Park makes an international splash!

The Lion South Pacific Edition magazine comes out six times a year, and is distributed throughout the Pacific to Lions members.

There was a full page article in the latest magazine dedicated to the Project Promise event that was held in Whangarei.





Sunday, 15th April, 2012

The signage around Pukekohe Park Raceway on the day hailed it as a "vehicle display extravaganza for the whole family" ... and it certainly lived up to its name!



Hundreds of vehicles of all shapes, sizes and ages were on display to excite the crowds... of course Kerri-Ann and Little Cutie were there too!



Kerri-Ann the Kenworth

COOL!



Can you see Little Cutie next to the old Dragline?

Hip Hip, Hooray...
It's CRANK UP DAY!

What a great time Mr Mac had at the Crank Up Day organised by the Kaipara Vintage Machinery Club on the 14th of April in Dargaville, Northland.

It was great to see so many great old machines roar into life again... Little Cutie felt awfully small around some of them!



This is a great place to visit!

Check out this AMAZING video!

Follow the YouTube link at right to see an incredible German video showing what's it's possible to achieve with a digger... remember, don't try this at home!



Mr Mac says "To be safe... LISTEN, LOOK and LEARN!"



**Have fun
colouring in!**

Remember, by listening carefully and following "Great work!" instructions, we learn how to work safely!