



ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS



Last month we had the pleasure of awarding Certificates of Achievement to students graduating from our Youth Into Industry programme.

The ceremony was held at the Quarry Gardens, and Whangarei Mayor Morris Cutforth was on hand to give out the certificates.

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MORE FROM THE YOUTH INTO INDUSTRY AWARDS...



David Muir (Manager of Whangarei Quarry Gardens) with Morris Cutforth (Whangarei Mayor).

TRAINING OUR YOUTH, INVESTING IN THE FUTURE

Certificates are awarded to students who have achieved-

- Selected Unit Standards
- Industry Health and Safety requirements
- Machine/plant pre-start check and operation
- Achieving Traffic Management Level 1
- Fire safety Education and extinguisher operation
- Successful in drug testing (result 100% drug free)
- Acceptable level of attitude and attendance.



training our youth, investing in the future



COOL!

Hard work leads to success!



Colin Twyman and Fred Russell of Kamo Lions hard at work.



Phil McKie (Fulton Hogan), Brad Flower (President NZ Contractors Federation Northland), Chas Flower (Youth into Industry Trust), Murray Adshead (Hirepool Whangarei).

To read the article that appeared in the Whangarei Report, please click [here](#)

LUKE SHOWS HOW IT'S DONE!

Mr Mac was lucky to have 13 year old Luke Hollyman on hand at the recent Hawkes Bay Show to help complete an important **Pre-start checklist**.

These checklists are filled out before you start work with your digger, in line with Unit Standard 6436.

From checking fluid levels, safety equipment, to even giving the horn a blast, it's all about ensuring your machine is in safe, ship-shape order before the work begins.

Thanks Luke!

LOOK HOW IMPORTANT READING AND WRITING ARE!



1 - Luke gets down to business with pen and paper, working his way through the checklist.



2 - Time to check the engine oil level...



3 - With the digger passed fit for service, the work can begin!

Doug the Digger WORKSHEET

Operator Name: Luke Hollyman Age: 13 M/F School: St. Mary's Room: 10

Unit Standard 6436: Inspect Civil Construction plant and equipment, pre-start check list

I'm doing my best working towards unit standard 6436 with supportive documentation

Machine type: Cat 135G Serial Number: 13350000000000000000 PIN Number: 13350000000000000000 Hour Meter: 13350000000000000000 Fleet No: 13350000000000000000

Visual Check: Pass Fail (please circle one)

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|------------------|------|-------------------|------|
| Oil leaks engine | Pass | Hydraulic leaks | Pass |
| Track condition | Pass | Structural cracks | Pass |
| Exterior damage | Pass | Loose nuts/bolts | Pass |

Fluid level check: Pass Fail (please circle one)

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|---------------|------|-------------|------|
| Engine oil | Pass | Fan belt | Pass |
| Hydraulic oil | Pass | Air Filter | Pass |
| Water coolant | Pass | Fuel Filter | Pass |

Start up procedure: Start machine and warm up engine before continuing the following checks.

Grease: Pass Fail (please circle one)

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| Bucket | Pass | Dipper arm | Pass |
| Broom | Pass | Carriage/Tracks | Pass |

Safety equipment: Pass Fail (please circle one)

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| Roll over protection system | Pass |
| Fire extinguisher | Pass |
| Seat belt | Pass |
| First aid kit | Pass |

Instrument operation: Pass Fail (please circle one)

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|--------------------|------|
| Fuel gauge | Pass |
| Engine temperature | Pass |
| Hour meter | Pass |
| Lights | Pass |
| Horn | Pass |

Operator's general comments: good digger

Verifier: Mr Mac Date: 19/10/11

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HAWKE'S BAY SHOW

Wednesday 19th - Friday 21st October, 2011

Have you ever seen a digger pour drinks?

That's exactly what happened when we had a **Shepherd's Challenge** at the Hawke's Bay Show. With a teapot attached to 'Little Cutie' the Goughs CAT digger's bucket, each contestant had to get as much 'blue tea' into their glass as they could.

Talk about needing **CONCENTRATION, CARE & CONTROL!**

BLUE TEA, anyone?



Hawke's Bay

Looking forward to being at the **Hawke's Bay Show** next year!

MR MAC'S SECRETS OF SUCCESS...

WE LEARN BY ASKING QUESTIONS

At the Kauriwhore School Gala held recently, we met **Lachlan** - a young man who knows one of the secrets of success is **asking questions**.

1 - Lachlan listens carefully while learning how to operate the digger controls...

2 and 3 - Then he wonders about what all the different lights on Kerri-Ann are for. So he asks Elemoni, who's only too happy to share the answers. This is a great way to learn new things...

4 - Mr Mac presents Lachlan with a special poster as a reward for his efforts!

Awesome, Lachlan!



WOW!

NEW ZEALAND REGIONAL EXCAVATOR COMPETITIONS

Find out below how these competitions help to produce better skilled excavator operators, while promoting safer work practices in the industry...

Each year excavator operators from all over NZ compete for the title of "Operator of the Year".

Finalists from regional competitions go forward to compete every March in Feilding, Manawatu.

Operators are put through a variety of tasks, including manoeuvring over a 'gas line', traversing a trench, lifting and relocation of a manhole cover and more. All of these tasks are designed to promote safe work practises and increase the skills of excavator operators.

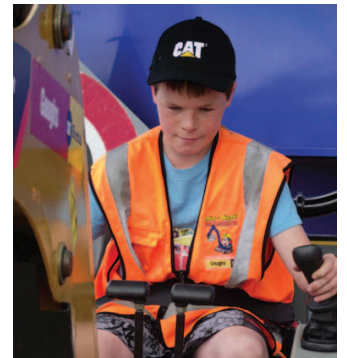
Operators are required to demonstrate their knowledge of regulations related to Occupational Safety and Health, First Aid, Land Transport regulations and industry hazards.

Having completed the safety and regulation part of the contest the operators are required to manoeuvre a 12 tonne excavator through an obstacle course, staying clear of known hazards while completing tasks that demonstrate skills required by the industry of an excavator operator.

AUCKLAND



HAWKE'S BAY



In addition to these three recent venues, Mr Mac has also been to other regions over the year to assist in the competitions (including Northland, Waikato, and the Bay of Plenty).

CANTERBURY



Fill in the missing words to complete the crossword by looking for answers in stories from this month's newsletter...

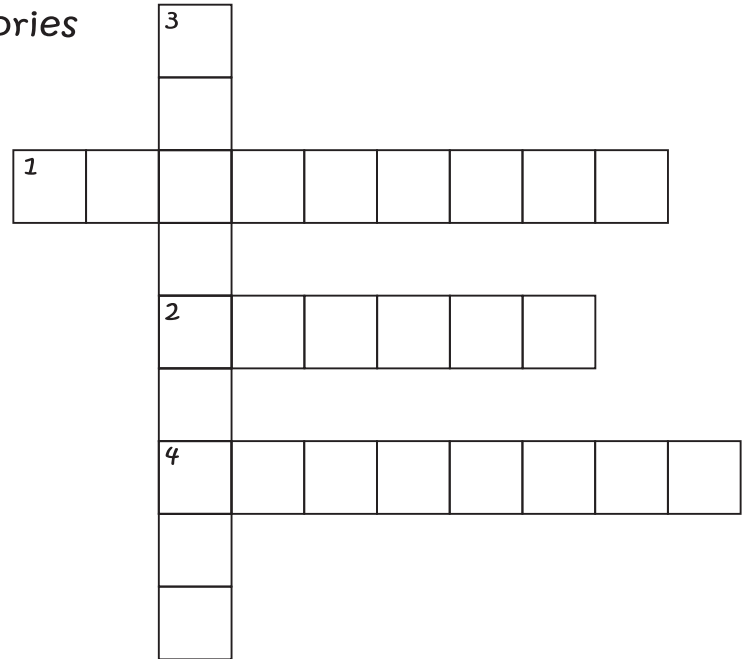
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1 - Luke Hollyman from Hawke's Bay helped Mr Mac complete a Pre-Start (page 2)

2 - The contestants in the Shepherd's Challenge poured 'blue tea' into a glass from a attached to the digger's bucket. (page 3)

3 - Lachlan from Kaurihohore School knows one of the secrets of success is asking (page 3)

4 - Contestants compete for the title of "..... of the Year" at the NZ Regional Excavator Competitions (page 4)



Colour in
and enjoy!



Wishing you a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

from the Doug the Digger Team!