



PARENTS AND TEACHERS REALLY DIG OUR CHILDREN'S BOOKS TOO... ... HERE'S WHY!



□ Following instructions, overcoming difficulties, keeping safe... kids learn heaps with Doug!

□ Alistair McIntyre (Mr Mac)



What is it about Doug the Digger books that captures the imagination of so many New Zealand children, while at the same time getting a big tick of approval from parents and teachers?

"You can guess the sort of child I was at school, can't you?" Mr Mac laughs. "I'd rather be outside with a bucket and spade building roads and making hills in sandpits than reading books or writing stories back then, that's for sure!"

When Mr Mac visits schools with his Doug the Digger Roadshow, he sees heaps of kids with that same attitude. "The trouble is," he continues, "you get to a point in your life when you realise how important those reading and writing skills are if you want to be able to reach your potential and fulfill your future goals."

"With Doug the Digger, I wanted to create a character that kids like this can relate to. Sure, he loves digging trenches, pushing around dirt and dumping metal, but he also learns in the stories that he needs to listen carefully, follow instructions and work hard in a team environment to get the day's work done."

For classroom teachers, there's plenty in the books that can be used to reinforce the Key Competencies as outlined in the NZ curriculum. "These books are all about the importance of thinking, self-management, relating to others and participating and contributing towards a shared goal." Mr Mac explains.

Mr Mac and his team are currently in the process of creating a resource pack for schools that teachers can incorporate into their shared book programme. "It will include activity sheets, text features to highlight, as well as suggestions for linking back to the Key Competencies and other areas of the New Zealand Curriculum." Enlarged **A3 size** versions of each book are already available to order online.

Standard (**A4 size**) books both come complete with audio CD.



MAD HATTER HAS A BALL!



on Friday 1st of July Mr Mac took part in the Mad Hatter's Ball, a fundraising event for the Whangarei Special Olympics.

All who took part in the night were encouraged to come along wearing a funny hat or costume. Money raised will go towards helping competitors get to the Special Olympics national games in Dunedin in 2013.



WHANGAREI SPECIAL OLYMPIANS IN ACTION...

- 1** Our 'mainstay' track and field competitor, Pixie Baker.
- 2** Raymond Tipene, indoor bowls.
- 3** Skip - Steve Blagrove sending off his shot. Indoor Bowls June 2011.
- 4** James McGowan 1st, Craig O'Keeffe 2nd, D'arcy Collins 3rd, 100 metre Run at the Howick/Pakuranga Athletic Ribbon Day April 2011.
- 5** Megan Laird gets her shot away.
- 6** Frances, James, Ian, Roy Taking 3rd Place at Tenpin Ribbon Day, Whangarei, March 2011.
- 7** Whangarei Team at the Breakers curtainraiser January 2011 North Shore Centre.
- 8** Shannon, Susie, David and Ian at the breakers curtain raiser 2011 with BREAKER KIRK PENNEY.



Check out the Whangarei Special Olympics website ([here](#))

INTRODUCING ELEMONI

one of our Youth Info Industry Role Models



It was a great pleasure for me to have the opportunity to be appointed from Whangarei Boys High School to attend the Youth into Industry course.

During the course I have experienced:-

- Health and Safety requirements in all workplaces
- Machine operation and inspection
- Civil construction work
- Fire Safety

I would like to thank everyone concerned for this great opportunity.

Elemoni Moana

Fantastic efforts Elemoni... Keep it up!
From the Youth into Industry TEAM



Are YOU a Role Model?

Whooa!

Keep up the good work, you're on your way to becoming a

fabulous role model!

Role Models need to keep practising...

- ☐ Listening and following instructions
- ☐ Having a positive can-do attitude
- ☐ Doing their very best to achieve
- ☐ Helping others and being courteous
- ☐ Being reliable and responsible



Alistair McIntyre (Mr Mac) is a **Duffy Books in Homes** Role Model

IT'S A BIRD... IT'S A PLANE...

RUSSELL BIRDMAN RETURNS!

In what's become a fabulous annual event for the Bay of Islands, the Russell Birdman Festival (held 22-24 July) once again kept thousands of spectators gleefully entertained.

Mr Mac assisted with the use of his truck and trailer as a stage for the event...



Clever lads on stage



... but he resisted the temptation to jump off the wharf like so many other hardy souls! Besides, Mr Mac felt 'Little Cutie' the mini excavator might not float too well!

(Check out the Russell Birdman website [here](#))



Star Wars

□ Pania Sigley, one of the event organisers, with community helper Darcie Stumpf.



Doug the Digger Roadshow... helping support the Russell community



Doug the Digger

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