

# Doug the Digger ROADSHOW

# NEWSLETTER



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Russell Christmas Parade  
INDIVIDUAL WINNER  
Doug the Digger  
Got into the Spirit of Christmas  
Jan 2009



From all the wonderful responses, Doug the Digger has made a commitment about producing a monthly newsletter, **11 times a year**, with the first issue in February.

The newsletter will be sent out by the first of each month, also on line at [www.dougthedigger.co.nz](http://www.dougthedigger.co.nz).

## Doug the Digger at the Russell Christmas Parade

"Santa" caught being busy in Russell, Bay of Islands. We trust everyone had an enjoyable Christmas and looking forward to an exciting, prosperous and safe 2009.

The concept of the Doug the Digger newsletter is to produce and develop a valuable educational resource that relates to the industries that evolve around trucks and heavy machinery.

Also where and what **Doug the Digger** is up to around New Zealand.

Doug the Digger and his newsletter/resource aims to promote awareness of the numerous professional occupations that surround these industries. Further learning goals include promoting the value of school attendance together with learning and development skills in core curriculum areas.

Teachers, please feel free to print off or photocopy pages for students to use.

*We value all your comments and ideas.*

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**'Little Entie'**

Goughs

CAT



Keep an eye out for

## Doug the Digger ROADSHOW

as they travel around  
New Zealand.



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# Paparoa Range School

## INSPIRING WORDS OF WISDOM...



As a Duffy Books in Homes, Hero Role Model, Mr Mac recently visited Paparoa Range School, Dobson, West Coast, South Island.

Many thanks for all the inspiring words of wisdom from all the wonderful letters... Sorry we couldn't print all the comments.



I learnt that if people or your boss gives you instructions and say them really quickly, that you should ask them to repeat what they just said, but say it a bit slower.  
Amber

Thank you for telling us to listen in school or we will not get a good job. Thanks for telling us how you crushed your arm.  
Troy

I learned the reason why you have to go to school is to learn not play around and be stupid.  
Roy

I learnt that if you ditch school you will get low scores and I learnt that if you keep trying it will work.  
Nathan

Thank you for coming to our school to talk to us about your life. It was very kind of you to tell us about it and sharing your mistakes in life so we hopefully don't make them.  
Jorja

I liked how you told us to listen when you are in a job so you don't crush your arm.  
Joe

I thought your messages were very clear and easy to understand. Thank you for telling us to listen at a job and if you don't listen at school you might not be that smart.  
Eli

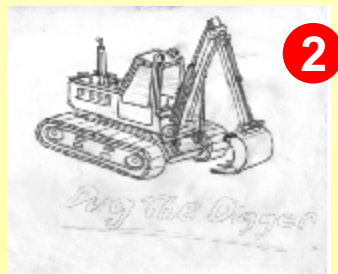
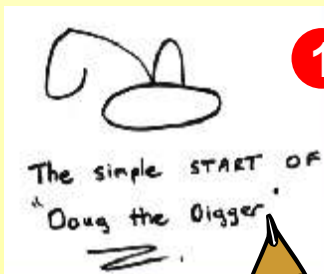
You told us not to wag school so we won't be dumb. You told us that we always need to look, learn and listen and do our work.  
Emma

Thank you for coming to our school and talking to us about wagging. I thank you for showing us how education can be so important.  
Israel

I learnt that you should always listen at school, and not to wag. You should always ask if you don't understand something.  
Harvey

Thank you for coming and talking to us about going to school and always ask if you don't know. You told us to do our work and listen to our teacher or we will not get a good job.  
Ezra

*It is easy to draw great pictures by building them in simple stages*



Check out...





# GREASING THE TRUCK



Mechanic Steve Ferguson at Equipment Transport and Leasing (ETL), Hamilton, greasing Kerri-Ann.

## Grease is... What is it?

Grease is applied under pressure through a grease point to lubricate, (making parts slippery) to minimise friction of moving parts and makes the parts last longer, and a smoother ride.



# NORTHERN REGIONAL EXCAVATOR COMPETITION



The competition was held recently at the Whangarei A+P Show. Machine operators from around Northland participated in a general knowledge quiz relating to the industry. They also had to competently demonstrate a variety of machine handling skills. There are many regions throughout New Zealand and the winners of each region will compete in Fielding in March for the National Excavator Finals title.

Induction: Listen, look and learn



Using your digger to pour a cup of tea



Using your digger for signwriting

*'Little Cutie'*

Goughs 

Doug the Digger was there also as a part of the competition. Little Cutie was busy providing opportunities for children to test their up and coming operating skills under instructions of Mr Mac



# Doug the Digger's Safety Board Game promoting the 'Be aware because we Care' message is now into its sixth year.

Printed in black and white on A3 size paper, this fun board game is distributed free to children via Caltex Service Stations, schools, information centres and various retail outlets from Dairy Flat to Kaitaia.

The first concept in 2003 saw 10,000 copies printed and production has grown every year with 50,000 being printed in 2008 and an extra 20,000 as the centre page in the Northern Advocate's annual supplement 'The year that was'.

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**You can download a copy of Doug the Digger's Safety Board Game off the website.**



## TRUCK LOADS OF FUN!

### Word Finder

Please help Mr Mac to find all the parts to his truck that need greasing.

They are all in the boxes and listed below, you will find some hidden vertically and some horizontally.

Put a ring around them as you find them.

- |              |           |
|--------------|-----------|
| STEERING     | FRICITION |
| BEARINGS     | SMOOTH    |
| SUSPENSION   | PRESSURE  |
| WHEELS       | SOUND     |
| GREASE POINT | NOISE     |
| TURNTABLE    |           |
| BRAKES       |           |



There are a few other hidden words in the puzzle, see how many you can find.

N	G	E	A	R	S	M	O	O	T	H	N
K	R	U	I	N	T	U	R	N	I	N	G
E	E	F	N	B	E	A	R	I	N	G	S
R	A	R	T	R	E	N	T	S	O	R	U
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N	I	O	U	T	W	H	E	E	L	S	S
I	N	N	P	R	E	S	S	U	R	E	I
S	T	U	R	N	T	A	B	L	E	S	O
N	S	O	U	N	D	S	L	I	K	E	N

Please feel free to photocopy this page and share with your friends to see who gets the most words.

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