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THE COMPETITION



Brian Hoffman completing the paperwork stage



Congratulations to Brett Hollyman

Brett's the winner of 2009 11th New Zealand Contractors National Excavator Finals held at the Central Districts Field days in Feilding. Brett manages at Contrax Technical Services in the beautiful Hawkes Bay region. The company operates numerous trucks and diggers, as well as specialist cable laying and underground thrusters. Brett usually operates a three tonne digger. However in order to compete in the finals and become the overall winner, Brett had to harness new skills to operate the 12 tonne machine which was used in the competition finals.

Brett's Words of Wisdom

"Believe and follow what you want " to do and don't give up!"
Brett's son, 10yr old Luke is very proud of his dads achievement and trophies!
Great achievement Brett, you demonstrated how perseverance pays off when you commit yourself to learning and developing new skills.

Check out some of the photos that capture some of the highlights of the competition finals.....



Brett Hollyman sharing his winning skills.



Brian Hoffman showing intense concentration

Mr Mac helping out with the public relations and judging the mini-dig section of the competition.



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'Little Entie'

Goughs

CAT

Transport and Heavy Equipment Expo, Mystery Creek, Hamilton.



Here are some photos taken at the Expo of some of the children testing out their operator skills with Mr Mac and his team. The Expo was a fantastic opportunity to promote the industry and to encourage youngsters to look at the career pathways this profession can provide. Work site and personal safety together with positive work attitudes were also promoted.



Helping out Mr "Mac"Brian Hoffman from Auckland defending National Excavator Champion 2008

Brian's Words of Wisdom

"Focus and concentration gives you strength to show your pride and passion in your work ethics. Do it once, do it properly, like everything in life!"

The Team says.....

"Children you can also work to be a winner by following these basic work ethics."

1. Be informed and make right choices
2. Be punctual
3. Be ready and willing to work
4. Listen carefully to the instructions
5. Always do your best
6. Have a positive attitude
7. Smile lots
8. Not too sure about something? Stop and ask
9. If you snooze you lose

TEAM

Together
Everyone
Achieves
More

Keep an eye out for
Doug^{the} Digger
ROADSHOW
as they travel around
New Zealand.



Gordon Fox and Mitchell Ryan. Gordon Fox from Northland has won the National Excavator Grand Final 3 times.

Mr Mac sincerely thanks both Brian and Gordon for their help and assistance, great team work helping one and other!





Rez at Truck Stops Whangarei changing the Fuel filter. He checks the part number on the old filters correspond with the part number on the new filters that he has got from the stores.



Using the right tool to remove the old filter

The fuel filter, engine oil filter and air filter on Mr Mac's truck get replaced around every 15000km. The filters are doing their job, filtering out contaminants that build up to prevent engine damage. Regular servicing and maintenance reduces undue costs of expensive breakdowns.

Pride and Presentation –

where first impressions count! Aaron Kennedy of Visual Impact Panel and Paint, Whangarei. Aaron and his Dad, Dave, beautifully painted Mr Mac's truck and trailer.

Aaron polishing the aluminium to get a "mirror finish" using a top finishing product.



Inside a typical oil filter

The answers to last months questions are...
 1 = B
 2 = A
 3 = B
 The hidden word was...
EXCAVATE



Mr Mac and Doug the Digger recently visited Tomarata School and here are some of the children's comments.....

Jahkel "You have inspired us to follow our goals or do anything as long as we make an effort".

Trent "I learnt that when you start a job you look the boss in the eye and give a nice firm handshake."

William "You should give everything a go, set yourself goals and don't wag school."

Madison "You helped me to understand how to take chances."

Danni "I am inspired to keep focused and never and never give up at anything."

Jode "I learnt what it means when mum says to try hard at school."

Sean "You have inspired me to write a book. I also know not to bunk school or you won't get a good education."

Bree-Anna "My dream job is an architect, even though I can't draw. You have inspired me to keep improving and never give up."

Phoebe "You have made me want to try harder in school so I can achieve my dreams."

Asten "The story you told me was very inspiring, you had a dream about achieving a goal and it came true."

Shannon "I learnt not to be nervous."



Finally... Today Mr Mac Googled the words, Safety Digger...out of 909,000 results Doug the Digger was at the top of the list!

TRUCK LOADS OF FUN!

Word Finder



Please help Mr Mac to find some of the words from this newsletter.

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.

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| OIL | PRIDE |
| FILTER | POLISH |
| AIR | PRODUCT |
| FUEL | PAINT |
| DIESEL | MACHINE |
| MAINTENANCE | EXCAVATOR |
| PRESENTATION | WINNER |



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

E	P	A	N	T	D	I	G	G	E	P	S
P	R	I	D	E	O	N	O	R	D	R	E
R	E	M	A	C	H	I	N	E	I	O	W
O	S	T	R	A	F	U	E	L	E	D	I
D	E	E	D	E	I	S	E	L	S	U	N
U	N	P	P	O	L	I	S	H	E	C	N
C	T	A	I	R	T	I	M	E	L	T	E
M	A	I	N	T	E	N	A	N	C	E	R
A	T	N	E	A	R	P	E	T	R	O	L
C	I	T	E	X	C	A	V	A	T	O	R
H	O	I	L	I	G	H	T	E	R	E	D
I	N	T	E	R	I	O	R	O	A	D	S

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

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