NATIONAL READ ALONG

NEW ZEALAND
CHILDREN'S
BOOK WEEK

17
AUGUST
11.00AM



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THOUSANDS OF TAMARIKI

ONE STORY. ONE MAGICAL MOMENT.

Welcome

WELCOME TO THE VERY FIRST NATIONAL READ ALONG!

Thank you for registering to take part in one of the very special moments of New Zealand Children's Book Week: Reading Around Aotearoa, led by Read NZ Te Pou Muramura.

On Monday 17 August, libraries, classrooms, early learning centres, bookshops, homes and community spaces across Aotearoa will all share the same story.

Together we'll create New Zealand's biggest shared reading moment.

And you'll be part of it. How special is that?

> IT'S NOT SIMPLY ABOUT CHILDREN LEARNING TO READ— IT'S ABOUT CHILDREN LEARNING TO LOVE READING
>
> JOY COWLEY

READING AROUND AOTEAROA



READING BUILDS CONNECTION

Sharing stories strengthens relationships and brings us closer.

READING SPARKS IMAGINATION

Books open doors to new worlds, ideas and endless possibiilities.

READING BUILDS CONFIDENCE

Every story read helps tamariki grow, believe and shine.

READING TOGETHER HELPS KIDS FALL IN LOVE WITH BOOKS

When reading is joyful, it becomes a lifelong habit.

LET'S FILL AOTEAROA WITH STORIES

THANK YOU FOR HELPING MAKE IT HAPPEN!

MEET THIS YEAR'S BOOK!



Our selectors chose *Dazzlehands/Ringakōreko* for the very first National Read Along!

It's bold, funny, cool and totally made for sharing out loud. A joyous celebration of imagination, diversity and being unapologetically you.

GET READY FOR ENERGY, LAUGHTER AND DAZZLEHANDS!

About the story

Farmer wants Pig to oink, just like a good pig should.

But Pig has other ideas.

Outlandish, rhyming, dancing, grooving, totally DAZZLING ideas, to be precise!

DID YOU KNOW?

You don't need a copy of *Dazzlehands* to take part in the National Read Along. But we'd love you to discover this joyful story for yourself!

Borrow it from your local library or pick up a copy from your favourite bookshop or Huia Publishers.

Perfect for...



Ages 3-5
(and anyone with a sense of fun!)



Big voices
and bigger dazzlehands!



Anyone who
loves a great story-time

A SPECIAL WELCOME



As New Zealand's Te Awhi Rito Reading Ambassador, **Kate de Goldi** will be the first face you'll see, welcoming readers from all over Aotearoa before introducing the story-telling dream team...

MEET YOUR STORYTELLERS!

The brilliant creators who will bring *Dazzlehands* to life and lead us in our first National Read Along!



Sacha Cotter

AUTHOR

Sacha loves creating joyful stories full of imagination, humour and heart.

FUN FACT

Sacha loves daydreaming, biscuits, books, chatting, dancing, curly dogs, space noodles and woolly mammoths named Stanley!



Josh Morgan

ILLUSTRATOR

Josh creates the colourful, quirky illustrations that make *Dazzlehands* burst off the page!

FUN FACT

Josh spent his school days drawing silly things in the back of his exercise books... and he still loves drawing silly things today!



Kawata Teepa

TRANSLATOR

Kawata translated *Dazzlehands* into te reo Māori, so even more tamariki can enjoy Pig's wonderfully wacky adventure.

FUN FACT

Kawata is known around the Huia office as the resident singer—he often leads waiata and even composes songs in his spare time!

WHAT HAPPENS ON THE DAY?



Get ready for some reading magic!

WELCOME TO THE READ ALONG!

Kate will kick things off with a warm welcome before introducing the creative team behind *Dazzlehands*.

MEET THE STORYTELLERS

Sacha, Josh and Kawata will introduce themselves, and then bring Pig's wonderfully wacky adventure to life.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR KAWATA

You never know when Kawata might pop in to sprinkle a little extra magic (and a little extra te reo Māori!) throughout the story. Meet *Ringakōreko*—the beautiful te reo Māori edition of *Dazzlehands*—as the adventure unfolds.

ONE BIG DAZZLE!

Get your biggest, brightest dazzlehands ready to celebrate with readers all across Aotearoa. Together, we'll create one giant nationwide Dazzlehands moment—and make a little bit of history!

GET READY FOR A BRILLIANT READ ALONG!

Here are a few things to help make your National Read Along relaxed, joyful and unforgettable.

BEFORE THE READ ALONG

- Save the National Read Along link (sent 16 August).
- Download your resources.
- Check your screen and sound.
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  Gather together a little earlier so you're ready to go!
- Practise your biggest dazzlehands!
- Be ready to press PLAY at **11.00am!**

A FEW HANDY TIPS

- Join in your own way. Whether you're dancing, singing, listening or simply enjoying the story, every way of taking part is the right way.
- Dress for fun. Bright colours, sparkles or costumes are completely optional—but they're always welcome!
- Everyone is welcome. Families, classrooms, libraries, grand-parents and whānau—we'd love everyone to be part of this special moment.
- Join in! Clap, click, shimmy and show us your biggest dazzlehands. The more enthusiasm, the better!
- Keep the joy going. When the Read Along finishes, keep reading! Borrow another great New Zealand book, visit your local library or read together again tomorrow.

The National Read Along recording will become available at **11.00am on Monday 17 August** and will last for around 15 minutes.

The recording won't be available to watch later, so don't miss it!

HELP US FILL AOTEAROA WITH READERS

Together, we're making history with New Zealand's very first National Read Along.

The more readers who join us on 17 August, the bigger our shared reading moment will be.

Share the graphic titled Social Media Tile and help spread the word across Aotearoa!

AFTER THE READ-ALONG





SHOW US YOUR BIGGEST DAZZLEHANDS!

We'd love to see: Your reading group; your biggest dazzlehands; your favourite moment; or your reading space.

- Please make sure you have permission before sharing photos of tamariki.
- Tag @readnztepoumuramura
- No social media? We'd still love to see your photos! Email them to jayne@read-nz.org

DOWNLOADS (CLICK HERE)

NATIONAL READ ALONG POSTER

Share it, paste it up, pin it - however you want to use it!

SOCIAL MEDIA ASSETS

We'd love you to share the excitement before the National Read Along and after! We want to make history together.

DAZZLEHANDS SONGSHEET!

Learn the *Dazzlehands* song and sing with your group, or on your own!

DAZZLEHANDS INFO

More info on the *Dazzlehands* book from Huia Publishers, a high-res cover image of both *Dazzlehands* and *Ringakōreko*.



QUESTION TIME!

DO WE NEED A COPY OF DAZZLEHANDS?

No. You'll be watching a special reading, so everyone can enjoy the story together. If you'd like to read at the same time or continue the fun afterwards, we'd love you to borrow a copy from your local library or support your favourite bookshop or Huia Publishers.

WHAT TIME SHOULD WE PRESS PLAY?

At 11.00am on Monday 17 August, press PLAY and join readers across Aotearoa for New Zealand's very first National Read Along. We'll send the recording link to your registered email address on Sunday 16 August. If you can't see it, don't forget to check your spam or junk folder—sometimes even the best stories end up there first!

HOW LONG IS THE NATIONAL READ ALONG?

The recording runs for approximately 15 minutes, including a warm welcome, the story, and a few special surprises.

WILL THE READ ALONG BE AVAILABLE AFTERWARDS?

Unfortunately not. Due to copyright restrictions, the National Read Along recording will only be available at 11.00am on Monday 17 August. Be sure to gather your readers and press PLAY at 11.00am so you don't miss this special nationwide reading moment.

CAN FAMILIES JOIN FROM HOME?

Absolutely! The National Read Along is for everyone—schools, libraries, early learning services, whānau and communities right across Aotearoa.

CAN ANYONE STILL REGISTER?

Yes! Registration remains open until Wednesday 12 August, so if you know another school, library, early learning service or whānau who'd love to take part, encourage them to sign up and help us make New Zealand's first National Read Along even bigger.



THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF HISTORY

TOGETHER, WE'RE CREATING NEW ZEALAND'S VERY FIRST NATIONAL READ ALONG!

Whether you're reading in a classroom, library, early learning service, community space or at home, you're helping create a special moment that readers across Aotearoa will share together.

Thank you for saying yes to reading, to stories, and to inspiring the next generation of readers.

WE CAN'T WAIT TO CELEBRATE WITH YOU ON
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