

Great Kiwi Bookathon



Haere mai - Welcome To the first ever Great Kiwi Bookathon

Dear Awesome Reader,

Congratulations, you have joined the first-ever Kiwi Bookathon and you are part of an amazing team of Kiwi's doing good by reading some amazing books. Awesome Reader, thank you, and we hope you will have lots of fun while reading like crazy in June.

It's not that long till then, so wondering if you have a list of books lined up already? If not, have a look at the Bookathon website and you'll find a list of 50 fun and popular books. There's sure to be some that might inspire you.

And one of the great things about reading is that you can get to enter new worlds. Like Joy Cowley said, "Opening a book is like travelling to a new country. I meet new people in that book, see different environments, learn new skills and have new adventures." What a great idea, especially since we had to stay put for most of last year.

Before you start, we want to share with you how by reading lots of books you will help kids and their families, like William, achieve the things most of us take for granted.

And to make it all more fun, you will receive your welcome pack with this letter.

Most of us work out how to do things by just watching what other people do. Especially kids spend a lot of time watching and then copying others when they see them doing something they want to be able to do. So using your eyes is a huge part of learning because if you can't see how can you copy? Well, you know what, there are other ways. When learning things like tying your shoelaces or using cutlery, people with low vision need to use other senses such as touch or special memory. It is a different process that takes extra help, but when you get the hang of it, you can learn pretty much anything.

When William started school, he mapped out the entire school grounds. By walking along the boundaries and exploring all the different walkways he learned how to get around the school. Once he had a mental picture of the area, he could freely move around thanks to the little vision he does have.

So it is really important, especially for young people who are figuring out things about the world and how to get around, to get the best support early on. That way they can get a good head start so they are ready to learn and keep up with their peers. Your reading efforts will support other people like William to reach their goals in life.

So thank you for coming along the journey of the Great Kiwi Bookathon. We hope you will have so much fun and knowing that you are helping people like William along the way.

Hi Awesome Reader, lets get started, let the reading begin!

P.S. if you want to get a head start in your fundraising, why not start now.



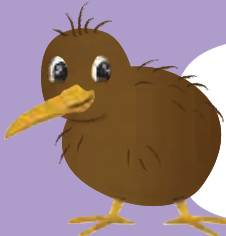
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