

# Mt Roskill Intermediate School Library

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## Kia ora MRI Students!

Another year, another lockdown, but we seem to be getting through it. I have been going through my TBR... what is a TBR, you ask? Well, TBR stands for To Be Read, this is the pile of books a reader collects that they intend to read. I find I get distracted by listening to audiobooks while I craft and cook. And this pile doesn't include my TBR downloaded onto my Kindle!



The Japanese have a word for it: Tsundoku (Japanese: 積ん読) is acquiring reading materials but letting them pile up in one's home without reading them.

As I have often discussed with you, reading is a very important skill to develop for a successful adult life, and it is fun! So make sure you spend some time reading. This newsletter includes some links to where you can find stories to read and listen to online - and send me a book review!

Happy Reading!  
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## BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP



*The lockdown challenge is on... who can you dress up as? Spot prizes on offer - books, chocolate and more!*



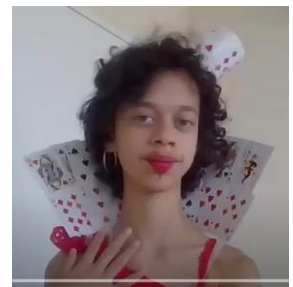
Cat in the Hat



Medieval Knight



Dog Man



Red Alice



Muna



The Explorer

## REVIEWS

### *Ella at Eden : New Girl*

by Laura Sieveking

Review by Tayyiba, Rm 2



*Ella at Eden : New Girl* is the first book of the series *Ella at Eden*, witnessing Ella (from the series *Ella Diaries*) starting Eden College and experiencing more amazing adventures and splendid problems. *Ella at Eden : New girl* is an amazing book to read especially since I finished reading the series *Ella Diaries* and I wanted to know what happens next?

The book is very interesting and brings out all the feelings and thoughts of how Ella feels starting a new school and making new friends. The book is very mysterious as well, making you have lots of questions in your mind, but in the end, the book answers all of those questions and makes you want to read the second book.

This book is written by the author Laura Sieveking and is a wonderful book to read if you like diary books, mysteries and short, good, books.

MAKE SURE YOU  
READ THIS BOOK AND  
THE NEXT :

*Ella at Eden : Secret  
Journal*



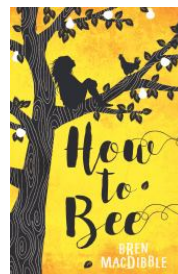
### *In the dark spaces*

By Cally Black

Review by Whaea Rachel



*In the Dark Spaces* was a finalist in the NZ Children's Book Awards in 2018, in the young adults category. The author is actually Bren MacDibble, who is popular for her dystopian fiction; you may remember the *Dog runner*, *How to bee*, and *Across the risen sea*, I think all of which have been finalists in the Book Awards, including *Across the risen sea* this year.



*In the dark spaces* is a science fiction story where two cultures collide in space competing for resources and understanding. It has obvious parallels to colonisation.

It is quite a grim read with kidnapping, torture and lost siblings in an environment where the protagonist is entirely on her own and there is no guarantee of survival.

The book moves at a cracking pace and will challenge you to think about points of view.

## MOVIE REVIEW

Ride Like a Girl  
2019 Australian Film  
Review by Whaea Rachel



*Ride like a girl* is a film that is currently on Netflix. It is the true story of Michelle Payne who became the first female jockey to win the Melbourne Cup horse race in 2015.

The story follows Michelle growing up with her horse trainer father and all her siblings surrounded by horses. Michelle was very focussed on being a jockey and faced a lot of discrimination and obstacles in achieving her goals.

The movie shows some big ideas: family life, the racing industry, sexism, role models and is a great family movie. And Michelle's brother Stevie (who is played by Stevie) steals the scenes.

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| <p>Unite<br/>against<br/>COVID-19</p> | <p><b>Looking for information on Covid-19</b></p> <p>Go to the source of official information here:<br/><a href="https://covid19.govt.nz">https://covid19.govt.nz</a></p> |
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## EBOOKS & AUDIOBOOKS



We have access to ebooks and audiobooks in our own Library:

<https://mri.eplatform.co/>

Your username is firstnamelastname, with no spaces or punctuation. You can check your username and get the password from your teacher.

### AUCKLAND LIBRARIES

Auckland Libraries have an amazing variety of ebooks and audiobooks. If you aren't already a member of Auckland Libraries you should be! But it is easy to sign up from home, [register here](#).

The Auckland Libraries ebooks, audiobooks and emagazines are [available here](#).

### WEBCOMICS and MORE

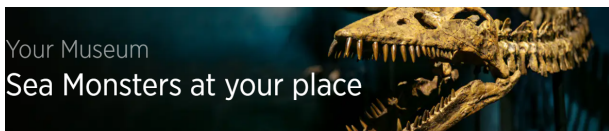
Our [Library website has a page with links](#) to webcomics, and other sources of ebooks and audiobooks that you might like to try.

### RADIO NEW ZEALAND STORYTIME

And a special shout out to [Radio New Zealand's storytime collection](#) of Kiwi audiobooks. Sit down with your younger brothers and sisters and share reading time with them



## ACTIVITIES TO DO AT HOME



Auckland Museum has a new exhibit about sea monsters that we will hopefully get to see in person, but in the meantime, there are some activities to try:

- \* colouring
- \* sea dino videos
- \* prehistoric marine animal quiz
- \* invent your own sea monster
- \* online jigsaw puzzle

Click on [the link here](#).



The Auckland Zoo has some animal activities:

- \* animal puzzle booklets
- \* how to draw guides

Click on [the link here](#).



Take part next Tuesday, 14th Sept at noon. Do something in te reo Māori, [sign up on the website](#).

Learn your mihi: [video instructions here](#).

Try the reo Māori kahoot: [quiz here](#).

If you want to hear Māori pronunciation, this list of words by category, includes a guide to how the words sound:

[A Maori Word a Day](#).

## WILD AT HOME

WWF have some activities to get you thinking about the environment:

- \* dugong video
- \* create a butterfly feeder
- \* travel tracker
- \* draw a Bryde's whale (and learn how to say Bryde's!!)

Click on [the link here](#).

### AUCKLAND ART GALLERY TOI OTAMAKI

#### Art Bubbles

The Auckland Art Gallery has a range of activities, some are for in the gallery, but if you scroll down there are some 'Art Bubble' ideas to do at home:

- \* make a zine
- \* creative cut out
- \* make poi

Click on [the link here](#).



Quizzes:

How well do you know NZ?

The quiz is at the [bottom of the news story](#).

The [NZ Herald runs a daily quiz](#), usually on topical news, so test your general knowledge and how up to date you are.