

My Scholastic STORY

We're sure you already know that in every classroom, library, learning area and staffroom within every school we have some of the most amazing and dedicated teachers and support staff. Every day they do a wonderful job of nurturing our children and helping to grow a love of learning and literacy within them!

Hi, I'm Desna Wallace and our school has been involved with Scholastic NZ for over 20 years. I have no idea how many Book Club brochures I have handed out over this time, but it is certainly many, many thousands.

For those who have been doing Book Club for many years you will know how long it took to manually collate our orders. But now we have the new online system, and it's made a wonderful change from when I first started doing Book Club.

I do love that you can choose how many Issues you want per year, although we go for all eight issues as the children love picking and choosing from the brochures.

We also get the NZSO which is like Christmas in a box and I'm the first to open each parcel to see what is new. We are fortunate that we have had a grant pay for the NZSO this year so we get to keep all the books. Yay! If we were on Sale or Return we would simply send back any books we may have

already had, or perhaps didn't suit our needs, no questions asked.

We recently had a very successful Book Fair which we hold every second year. Our local Territory Manager was a fantastic support to have on hand. We always choose a cased Fair and I love that it comes with an EFTPOS machine, which makes it so much easier.

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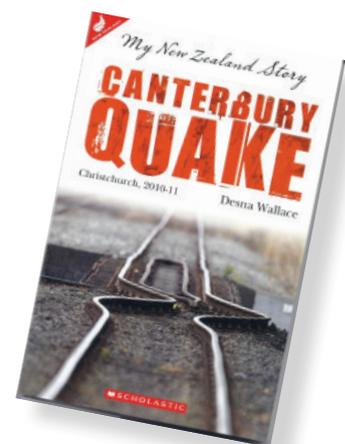
We were fortunate to have the Geronimo Stilton costume this year and that went down a real treat, especially as he stood at the crossing before school. Lots of happy tooting to Geronimo AKA our school caretaker.

I was very fortunate that I had my first children's novel *My New Zealand Story: Canterbury Quake* published by Scholastic.



Desna Wallace

It is part of the wonderful diary series based on historic events in New Zealand. The latest in the series, *Dawn Raid* by Pauline Smith, won the award for Best First Book at the New Zealand Book Awards for Children and Young Adults this year.



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