

# Check it Out

## Mocka wooden balance bikes

RRP: \$129.95 (incl delivery)

An easy and fun way for kids to build their confidence on a two-wheeled bike is the wooden balance bike from Mocka. It has no pedals and is a fantastic way to develop your child's balance and coordination before moving on to their first pedal bike, as well as being much quicker and easier to get the hang of. Mocka has six styles of balance bike for boys and girls aged 2-6 years and each bike has 3 adjustable seat settings.

Available at [www.mocka.co.nz](http://www.mocka.co.nz).  
Ph tollfree 0508 466 252



2 packs to win

## SIGG drink bottles

2 x packs (1L bottle, 600ml bottle, 2 x 400ml bottles) worth \$150 each to giveaway

We love these stylish, aluminium, eco-friendly drink bottles from Swiss company SIGG. Their BPA- and Phthalate-free bottles are taste-neutral, with an eco-care liner designed to reduce bacteria build-up. Plus, every part of a SIGG bottle is replaceable and all lids are interchangeable, as well as having over 100 groovy designs to choose from. But our favourite thing – a lifetime guarantee to never leak!

For stockists near you, visit [www.sigg.co.nz](http://www.sigg.co.nz) or contact: [SIPNZ@vodafone.co.nz](mailto:SIPNZ@vodafone.co.nz) / 021 0246 8624



2 packs to win

## Designer Wall Art

RRP from \$40  
3 x number vinyls (RRP \$120 each) to giveaway

Here's a creative and fun way to liven up your walls – designer decals. They work just like a sticker and are easily applied and removed, so are perfect for jazzing up or personalising any interior space without much effort or expense. They can be applied not only on walls, but ceilings, windows, fridges, mirrors and any metal or plastic surface – let your imagination loose. You can commission your own decals or choose from the huge collection online.

[www.thevinylroom.co.nz](http://www.thevinylroom.co.nz)



3 to win

## Gelati Art

Girl or boy pack worth \$300 to giveaway. RRP: from \$80

Canvas artworks are an easy and affordable way to decorate and inject some personality into your child's bedroom. Gelati Art is a boutique décor brand from Australia specialising in exclusive printed canvas art. They have a great selection of modern designs to choose from that will appeal to all ages, co-ordinated with a range of bed linen and accessories – so you can have fun changing the look of your kid's room without the huge expense.

[www.kidscapes.co.nz](http://www.kidscapes.co.nz)



1 pack to win

## Vanilla Cupcake Boutique Party Supplies

10 x Alannah Rose Lala Bird Invitation Packs (RRP \$29.99 per pack)

Looking for some unique and stylish invitations or tableware and décor for your baby shower or child's party? Here's a boutique online party supplier that has sourced some truly chic products, including bunting flags, balloons, party bags, table runners and cupcake holders – a huge selection of matching, creative must-haves! You can even purchase some very groovy wrapping paper and download their free cupcake recipes. This comprehensive site is full of inspiration and fantastic products.

[www.vanillacupcake.co.nz](http://www.vanillacupcake.co.nz)

10 packs to win



## Librarian HOT PICKS

We would like to introduce you to Pamela Jones, our new Tots to Teens librarian. We are all keen to keep our kids reading but sometimes it's hard to keep up with keen readers or to jumpstart reluctant readers. Each issue, Pamela will provide a great selection of 'must-reads' for kids at their various ages and stages.

### ages and stages

#### Under-5s

GRANDMA MCGARVEY PAINTS THE SHED BY JENNY HESSELL  
KISS! KISS! YUCK! YUCK! BY KYLE MEWBURN  
TAHI: ONE LUCKY KIWI BY MELANIE DREWERY  
THE KING'S BUBBLES BY RUTH PAUL  
OLIVER IN THE GARDEN BY MARGARET BEAMES

#### 5- to 8-years

DINOSAUR COVE BY REX STONE  
SQUEAK STREET BY EMILY RODDA  
GERONIMO STILTON SERIES  
ZAC POWER BY H.I.LARRY  
MY WEIRD SCHOOL DAZE BY DAN GUTMAN

#### 9- to 12-years

JUST TRICKING BY ANDY GRIFFITHS  
JANE BLONDE SERIES BY JILL MARSHALL  
CONSPIRACY 365 BY GABRIELLE LORD  
39 CLUES BY VARIOUS AUTHORS  
JUNIE B. JONES BY BARBARA PARK

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## Book Club Giveaway

Each issue, two lucky book clubs will each win a set of six books, kindly donated by Walker Books. To enter, email [win@totstoteens.co.nz](mailto:win@totstoteens.co.nz) with 'book club giveaway' in the subject line, stating which set of the books below you would like to win for your club.

### Tussock

By Elizabeth Pulford  
Walker Books  
RRP \$19.99  
Ages: 9+

When Kate's father goes missing on a routine flight, family life is thrown into chaos and the appearance of the troubled Troy leads her into dangerous territory.

### The Great Space Race

By Joshua Mowl  
Walker Books  
RRP \$24.99  
Ages: 9+

A crazy world domination conspiracy is uncovered and foiled by the most unlikely family on Earth in this highly entertaining and madcap adventure.

### how to start a book club

Select a group of like-minded friends (between 4 and 8 people is a good number) and plan a regular date to meet, like the first Thursday of every month. Usually book clubs hold their meetings at each other's houses and that person is the host, providing afternoon tea or supper. You can either each bring your favourite book to discuss, or you can all get a copy of the same book and discuss together. The host might like to organise some book-related games or crafts. There's lots of fun to be had.

6 to giveaway

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## readers' corner

### What to expect before you're expecting

Heidi Murkoff and Sharon Mazel  
HarperCollinsPublishers  
RRP \$39.99

From the authors of the bestselling 'What to expect' series comes a comprehensive, step-by-step guide to making a baby, with practical advice, tips and all your questions answered. It includes preparation, eating well, predicting ovulation, fertility issues and even a fertility planner to write in. A complete preconception plan written in an easy to digest, friendly manner.

### Allergy-free cooking for kids

The Australian Women's Weekly  
Southern Publishers Group  
RRP \$27.99

Making allergy-free food fun and tasty, with very tempting photos, this book is divided into gluten-free, dairy-free and egg-free sections and is full of delicious-looking recipes for brekkie, lunchboxes, afterschool snacks, dinner, sweet treats and party time. The recipes are all surprisingly quick and easy; as well as providing the nutritional breakdown of fats, carbohydrates, protein and fibre for every recipe.

### Have a new kid by Friday

Dr Kevin Leman  
Revell Publishing/Soul Distributors  
RRP \$27.99

It's a big promise but award-winning parenting author and internationally known psychologist Dr Kevin Leman guarantees that if you follow his strategies, you can change your child's attitude, behaviour and character in just 5 days. With his signature wit and commonsense psychology, he shows you how to take charge and be a great parent. It also includes an advice section on over 100 hot topics such as showing off, sibling rivalry, defiance and cheating.

5 to win



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