



# DUSTY the DIGGER

## NEE NAW and Friends

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Illustrations by  
**Bruce Potter**

From the creator of the bestselling Nee Naw books, comes an exciting new character kids will love.

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Best-selling children’s musician, author and producer, Dean O’Brien, aka **Deano Yipadee**, was born and raised in Mosgiel, Otago, NZ. He now lives in Queensland, Australia with his American wife and two British children. The family dilemma is always which line to pick at airport passport control. Deano has topped the UK Children’s Music Bestsellers Charts on numerous occasions and has been a headline act in the Kidz Field at the Glastonbury Music Festival. He enjoys touring and performing to kids throughout Australia and New Zealand.

**Bruce Potter** is a multi-international award-winning illustrator of over 130 books as well as being an author and publisher. He has worked with some of New Zealand’s best-known authors such as Margaret Mahy, Joy Cowley, Tessa Duder, Craig Smith and Witi Ihimaera. He has toured across New Zealand performing his illustration and author show over 600 times to over 350 schools. This is Bruce’s first time illustrating the beloved Nee Naw series, with characters established by Paul Beavis.

Singer-songwriter Dean O’Brien has produced yet another toe-tapping, sing-along song, this time about Nee Naw’s friend, Dusty the Digger.

When goats Plinky and Plonky snatch buckets of jelly powder and fall into a swimming pool, they soon become stuck in jiggly, wobbly jelly. When Nee Naw’s ladder can’t reach them and Grandma’s spoon can’t scoop jelly out of the pool fast enough, Dusty the Digger takes action and saves the day.

- With an easy-to-sing melody and a catchy refrain available to stream or download from all good digital music sites
- Cleverly illustrated by talented artist Bruce Potter, based on the characters by Paul Beavis
- The second character spin-off in the Nee Naw and Friends series, after *Ellie Copter*

### Praise for Nee Naw the Little Fire Engine

“It’s a bouncy feel-good story [with] exuberant, action-packed illustrations.” — *Kids’ Books NZ*

“I’m a primary school teacher and this book is a massive hit with my class. Every single day I have at least one of the kids ask if we can read and sing it.” — *KIWIREVIEWS*

“It’s a lot of fun and kids will love it.”  
— *James Russell, RNZ*

