



This month, we've been talking to . . . Nicholas Brockelbank

Nicholas Brockelbank is a truly amazing eleven-year-old. He is an award-winning cook and he lives with Muscular Dystrophy.

Since the publication of his first book, *Nic's Cookbook*, in October 2012, Nic has held a sell-out book launch, made guest appearances on TVNZ Saturday Breakfast, What Now and Attitude TV, and done Whitcoulls in-store cooking demonstrations assisted by celebrity chefs Simon Gault and Brett McGregor.

In 2012 and 2013 Nic was the ambassador for the Muscular Dystrophy Association Bow Tie Appeal with Judy Bailey (the Patron for the MDA). He featured in the television campaign and on posters and billboards throughout New Zealand.

Nic lives with his mum, dad and younger brother Toby in Cambridge.

We asked Nic some questions about herself and his cooking, and here's what he said ...

Where were you born? Where do you live now?

I was born in Hamilton and I now live in Cambridge.

Where do you go to school? Do you have a nickname?

I go to Cambridge Middle School (C.M.S) and my nickname is Sir Nic.

What are you like at school? What is the naughtiest thing you've done?

I clown around a bit and am a bit cheeky in class, and I sometimes talk when I'm not supposed to. When I was at primary school I jumped on my lunch box and it broke!

What is your favourite book?

Diary of a Wimpy Kid.

Who is your favourite children's author?

Roald Dahl.

What is your favourite food/colour/movie?

My favourite food is sushi, colour is blue and movie is *Despicable Me 2*.

Who inspired you to write cookbooks?

My mum, because I love cooking and I wanted to write something for my family and friends to do.

How did you get started? How old were you?

I started cooking with my mum in the kitchen. I was seven years old.

Why did you want to be a cookbook author?

To raise money for Muscular Dystrophy (Scholastic and I donate ½ of the royalties from the sales of my cookbooks to the MDA).

How do you think up ideas?

Me and my Mum made heaps of recipes in the kitchen that I loved so I decided to send them to Scholastic.

Do you have a special place where you write your recipes?

At home with my awesome family.

What is the best thing about being a cookbook author?

Meeting famous people!

Have you ever had a funny or embarrassing moment when you were cooking?

When I was cooking something with an egg and dropped it all over the ground and had to clean it up.

What do you do when you are not cooking or writing?

Swimming, drawing, baking, homework and school.

What would you have chosen to be if you were not a cookbook author?

I would have chosen to be a chef at a restaurant in Cambridge.

Which famous person from the past would you like to talk to?

Sir Edmund Hillary.

Is there anything else you would like to tell us about yourself?

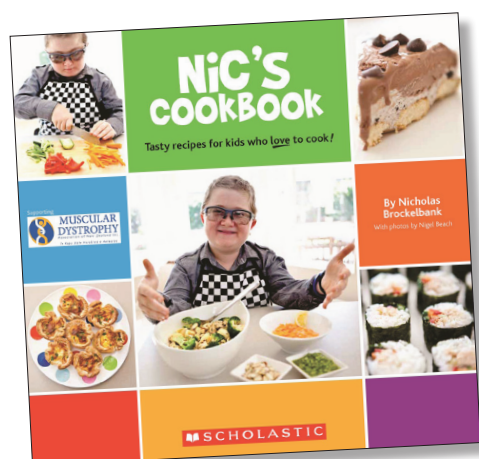
I have muscular dystrophy but I am still a normal kid who loves cooking and doing other things kids do, like swimming and spending time with my friends.

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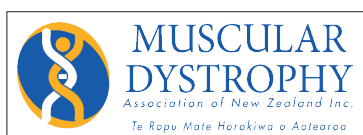


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