



# Country Kidz



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Kia ora whānau

Not sure where this year continues to disappear to but we are embracing every part of it, including the COLD and RAIN—which there is plenty of! This term has got off to a flyer with celebrations for Cook Island Language Week and Nature Kidz weekly excursions to the pump track to begin. Thanks to all our kaiako who put on a fabulous Cook Island shared lunch to bring the flavours of this beautiful island nation to our tamariki to wrap up Cook Island language week—so much fun and so much delicious baking! Please check the events calendar for all the happenings over the coming month as there is plenty to get involved in.

Manaakitanga is our current term focus, which flows nicely on from all the mahi we have been doing with regards to Term Rua focus Respect. Manaakitanga provides huge scope for broadening our understanding of RESPECT across all spectrums, certainly a noun with huge meaning—

Kindness, generosity, support, hospitality through the processing of caring for others

We are excited our learning community supports these values and it is something we try hard to make work for all our tamariki and whānau—especially during this very very busy time for our community. We have seen exceptional needs to increase hours and days and have worked really hard to make this work for all with the teaching team we have and the number of hours in our day! We are now at capacity so if you would like to extend your tamariki days or hours for the future please let us know your needs now so we can add them to the wait list for each day. This will help ensure we continue to meet all the needs of our whānau into the future.

Country Kidz Hāngī fundraiser is this FRIDAY coming! Our capacity is now full and we are so grateful for the contributions everyone is making to ensure this fundraiser is a success. If we could please have all donations delivered on Thursday so we can have all the prep done well in advance of it going down on Friday morning. We are still in need of pork chops, pumpkins, and cabbage if anyone has any spare :o)

Our tamariki have shown a huge interest in biking during Winter so we have organised for Kids Bike Taupō to join us at the end of August and will support this interest through to the end of the year. Cath is such an amazing ambassador for biking and she now has a big white van with over 30 bikes of all different sizes and styles for our tamariki to enjoy and grow their biking ambitions.

Ngati Tūwharetoa Taiopenga is not too far away (13-15th September), we have all our waiata in books by the sign-in sheets for our whānau to take home. We are excited to have all our tamariki participate and attend this year—more details to come!

Here's to another month full of exploration, intrigue, and wonderings as we see through the last of the Winter cold and look forward to Kōanga. We feel very lucky to have remained open when so many other education places have had to limit or close due to illness. Thank you once again from our teaching team to your whānau for all the support during this busy and illness filled season—bring on the blue skies and sunshine!

Haere mai, welcome to our new Country Kidz friends,

Welcome

Zorawar Gill

Vida Ward

We are looking forward to getting to know you and your whānau!

# Event Calendar

- 10 August—Nature Kidz Steeghs Farm Trip
- 16 August—Nature Kidz
- 19 August—Country Kidz Hāngī
- 24 August—Nature Kidz
- 26 August—Daffodil Day
- 29 August—Bike Taupō
- 30 August—Nature Kidz Steeghs Farm Trip
- 5 September—Tongan Language Week
- 7 September—WIG Wednesday

Any updates?

Can we please have up-to-date information on file with regards to the immunisation status of your tamariki—we require this legally should there be a health-related outbreak.

We need to keep our enrolment forms updated with relevant contact phone numbers, emergency and pick-up information. If your circumstances have changed, please come in so we can update your details



Birthday honours for August include:

Wishing all our whānau and community that also celebrated a birthday this month the warmest of wishes

Lochlann Earls

### Calf Rearer NEEDED

We are looking for an additional drive-in calf rearer to join our team.

Experience is not essential. Please contact Becky on 027 637 3670.



## BRAD and JENNELLE CRITCHLEY

For organising the Friesian calves to go to the sales—Thanks Jennelle for all the organising and timetabling and a massive shout-out to Brad for doing all the collecting and the transporting of the calves to Tirau for the sales.

Such an **INCREDIBLE EFFORT** and we are **SO GRATEFUL** to you both for organising this fundraising event.

**SINCERE THANKS ALSO TO THE AMAZING GENEROUSITY** who have donated real and ghost calves

## Relievers Wanted

Winter illness has hit our kaiako and relieving pool so we are keen to add to our relieving team—if you are interested please send your CV to office@countrykidz.co.nz



## Hereford Calf Relocation Fundraiser

To get the best money we can, Jennelle would like to try get a trailer load of black Hereford calves to the sales on Wednesday 24 August (instead of 31 August). Can we please have your indication if you think you'll have a 7 day old black Hereford calf available by 24th of August. Thank you for everyone's support and interest in this fundraiser specifically for the relocation of Country Kidz.

I am also after someone who can donate their time during this busy season to collect calves Tuesday and deliver to sales Wednesday - PLEASE contact Jennelle on 0274914555 if you can help out!



Julia Finlayson has been in cahoots with Misfit Garden, who have made it possible to deliver (pre ordered) fresh fruit and vegetable boxes to Country Kidz. Check out their website for their selection of boxes that you can order [www.misfitgarden.co.nz](http://www.misfitgarden.co.nz). Deliveries can be made from 17<sup>th</sup> of August, use the Country Kidz address (1452 Forest Road, Mokai, 3377) and they will be delivered for collection at 3pm every Wednesday.

With every box sold the kindergarten will receive a koha towards relocation costs ☺

## Committee News

### Matariki Ball Relocation Fundraiser—Huge Success

The Matariki Ball was a huge success and the dancing ability of our community was wonderful to see! We raised in excess of \$20,000 for the relocation project thanks in no small part to Serena and the fundraising committee along with the huge support of the Tirohanga Hall Committee and the sponsors below—truly was a fabulous night but would not have been the success it was without the full support of our community—much aroha to you all!

Thank you!

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Thank you to our whānau for supporting this event