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Kia ora whānau

This is our last newsletter of the year as we spend the rest of our term concentrating on being present and enjoying all the busyness this time of the year has to offer. There are still a few weeks of exploration and wonder to go for 2022 so plenty of time to have fun with our tamariki before a number of them leave to start their school days after the Summer with whānau!

We are joining with our tamariki for the last ten days of term whā to go through all our resources. We will be doing this with our tamariki to continue our work on respecting our environment and everything that encompasses. Growing an appreciation of kindness and respect for our place of learning has been a big part of our year. To finish it off, we are asking our tamariki to help with determining what resources are meaningful to their play and exploration, which ones have been mistreated, which ones have been loved beyond repair, and what we can do to help ensure our play space remains well resourced and cared for. If anyone has a trailer we could keep at Country Kidz from the 19th to the 21st of December, and a rubbish pit the trailer could then be emptied into we would be most grateful.

The Country Kidz Christmas party organisation is in full swing and we are excited to share with you a true kiwi picnic celebration to bring our year to an end in style. We will have bouncy castles, Mr Whippy, reindeer food making, Christmas carols, sausage sizzling, face painting, balloon twisting, and even the big man himself will be arriving in style to deliver presents to all our tamariki in attendance. If you are bringing tamariki to this event and would like them to receive a gift from Santa please ensure you bring a gift of not more than \$10 for each child attending, named and discretely delivered to our Santa Sack in the office :0)

We wish all our whānau a very happy last few weeks of 2022 and wish you a safe, warm, and festive holiday season. And remember—don't sweat the small stuff because in a year's time, no one will remember :o) We have loved being part of your lives during 2022 and we look forward to sharing 2023 with you!

Ngā mihi o te Kirihimete me te Tau Hou

We say 'farewell' to our tamariki this month who start their primary school learning journey in the new year after the Summer with their whānau



Tyler Rameka **Alex Sutherland**



7 December—Nature Kidz (Botanical Gardens)

13 December—Committee Meeting

15 December—Country Kidz Christmas Party

4-6.30pm

19 December—Fire Drill

21 December—Bike Taupō

22 December—Country Kidz closes at 12.00pm

16 January—Country Kidz reopens for 2023





Birthday honours for December include:

Tyler Rameka **Zorawar Gill** Nikora Henare **Austin Wine**

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



To Tirohanga Connecting the Community for the wonderful load of firewood

Reece Wine for mowing our lawns again!

Our learning community for all the donations for our raffle and the fundraising dinner!

We are forever grateful for the support of our community



MISFIT FRUIT AND VEGETABLE BOXES HAVE BEEN **HUGELY POPULAR WITH OUR COMMUNITY!**

Check out their website for the selection of boxes that you can pre-order www.misfitgarden.co.nz. Deliveries can be made to the Country Kidz address (1452 Forest Road, Mokai, 3377). All boxes are delivered for collection at 3pm every Wednesday. With every box sold Country Kidz will receive a koha towards relocation costs 😂

Country Kidz Committee Meeting at Country Kidz, 13th December at 7.30pm, all welcome

We have four exciting positions available in our Country Kidz team for the coming year. If you are interested and would like further information, please contact us on 333 9111 or register your interest by sending your CV to countrykidz@xtra.co.nz.

- **Permanent Teacher**—we have a teaching vacancy for someone highly motivated and passionate about working with tamariki. We provide Pay Parity from 2023 and an awesome learning environment that works hard at having fun and enjoying the wonder of early learning. Hours are 9am-3.30pm, five days a week.
- Permanent Gardener and Maintenance Person—we have two hours a week for a grounds and maintenance person to help care for our learning environment. This is a position we are happy to be flexible with regards to time and day and can be done during or after hours.
- Relief Teachers—we want to add to our relieving team for 2023 with passionate and flexible teachers. We often need relief teachers to support our permanent teaching team throughout the year. Relief teachers ensure we are providing quality education every day we are open.
- Relief Cleaner if you enjoy cleaning and are flexible with regards to being on-call to clean when our permanent cleaner is unavailable, we would love to hear from you.

