



Country Kidz



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When the snow came and disappeared just as quickly as it arrived.



Nature Kidz is continuing every fortnight and it's a huge hit with our 4 year old children, even when its wet and cold. Of course we value, and could not operate without the parents, caregivers and volunteers who give their time and energy. We will be organising our calendar for next term so look out for the Information sheet arriving in your parent pocket.



Upcoming Events planned so far for Term 3.

- ⇒ Term starts on 19th July
- ⇒ 21st July - Dress up day
- ⇒ 3rd August - possible trip to see the snow (weather depending of course).
- ⇒ 20th August—Hangi fundraiser.
- ⇒ 13th August Ruben the road Safety bear is visiting
- ⇒ 31st August—Daffodil Day
- ⇒ 16th September—Blokas Night

We participated in the Kids Greening Taupo planting day and between all the schools we planted over 4000 trees

Please remember we do ask parents to attend/help at least once a term so all the children have the opportunity to attend.

We are now fully signed up to StoryPark now and hope you are enjoying seeing all the photos and learning stories digitally as soon as they are published. If you have any questions or have not signed up yet please ask one of the staff members for assistance.

Thank you to Wendy, Riley, Millie for organising the sleepover, staying the night and remaining bright and cheerful the next day after very little sleep!

The next morning the children enjoyed breakfast in their PJ's. and then all their friends arrived in their PJ's too.

Thank you

Carolyn Pintz for donating the pipes for our water feature

Sam and his team for assembling our new carpentry shed

Wendy Jones for making the children's superman costumes for the Taupo Kids Greening day

The Davison family for supplying and stacking firewood.

Rosemarie and Robert Cumming for supplying us with some of their spare firewood.

To Shannon from TDC for coming in and making beeswax covers with the children

Laura Styles for bringing in an old honey hive, for the children to explore.

Just a reminder if you are able to help us on our excursions you must have a full clean driving licence and a current WOF and car registration. We are required to check this before allowing our children to be transported in your vehicle. All car seat expiry dates must also be checked. Thank you.



Welcome

Welcome to:

Amelia Dillon

Brianna Farr

Akaal Singh

Annie Earls

Aaliyah Bremner

Mahina Timoti

We are looking forward to getting to know you.

Have your details changed? Please remember to let us know of any changes in address, phone number or contacts who are allowed to collect.

A reminder due to ever increasing costs our fees will be increasing to \$6.00 per hour from Term 3. Thank you for your support.

Matariki

Last week at Country Kidz we celebrated Matariki as a centre. Matariki is known as the Maori new year and is the time of year the Māori calendar restarts. Matariki is about celebration and spending time with Whānau. There is a cluster of stars that appears in the sky during this time, which is known as Matariki.

Traditionally Matariki was known as a way for Māori people to know when to plant their crops, and how the season would go. If the stars shone bright the harvest season would do well, if the stars shone dull, the season wouldn't be less productive.

As an ECE it is important we use Matariki as an opportunity to teach the Māori Culture and the importance of diversity.

Because Matariki emphasises the importance of coming together with family, friends, and the community, we decided to invite all our families to share a Hāngi with us. It was lots of fun making and cooking the hāngi with our tamariki, then they were able to come back and share the cooked kai with their whānau.

We carried out lots of activities throughout the week to celebrate, there were lots of arts and crafts completed, we decorated stars to go on our wall display. We also made kites and flew them. The significance of flying kites during Matariki is the belief that they deliver messages to those who are no longer with us.

Our 4 year olds were able to participate in a sleepover as part of the celebrations, where they were able to search for Matariki, although unfortunately the weather wasn't perfect for star gazing.

Make sure you come and check out our awesome Matariki wall display in the Messy Room!

A huge thank you to everyone that contributed towards our hāngi, by either providing food, helping with the prep or providing the Kai Cookers, we really appreciated it! We really appreciate everyone bringing their own piece of knowledge or expertise so we could create a successful learning opportunity for our tamariki as well as celebrating Matariki.



Mā te huruhuru ka rere te manu

"Adorn the bird with feathers so it may soar"



We wished William and Alice all the best for the start of their next learning journey at Maoritiri School.

Karlee Simmonds who is heading to Tirohanga School

