

Country Kidz



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AGM

Our Annual General Meeting has rolled around again. We will be having it on Thursday 8th April at Tirohanga Hall. 6.30pm drink and greet 7.00pm commencement of AGM.

One free drink on arrival. Cash only bar. **If you can spare one evening a month, we need people to consider being on the committee. You do not have to have a child attending but are interested in being involved in the community. Meeting every 2nd Tuesday of the month, 2 hours per meeting. Please see Lucy for a committee member pack or call the Centre on 07 333 9111**

A great time was had when we took our 3 and 4 year olds to the theatre. It had been a long wait as this show was a casualty of Covid last year. Capital E put on a wonderful show called The Lost Letter Office, at The Great Lake Centre, Taupo, the children were enthralled with everything happening on stage. In fact we were the only ones there, so had the theatre to ourselves.

Afterwards we took the children to the park for their lunch and of course a play.

We have another trip planned in May for the children. This time we are off to see a show called The Seasons. More information will follow closer to the time.

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- ★ **WE AER HOLDING A KIWI THEMED DISCO** *Time: 6.30-8.30pm* *When : 25th March 2021* ★
 - ★ *Our disco will be kiwi themed to coincide with our culture corner which has been New Zealand this term.* ★
 - ★ *So bring your dancing shoes, dressed as a New Zealander, maybe your favourite sports team or shorts and T-shirt.* ★
 - ★ **BRING A PLATE TO SHARE, WHATEVER YOU THINK IS CLASSIC NZ.. CHIPS AND DIP, PAVALOVA** ★
 - ★ **SPRING TO MIND.** *As this event is outside of the centre hours, the new MOE food guidelines do not apply.* ★
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- * Events for March and April
- * Nature Kidz adventures 9th and 23rd March
- * And the 6th April.
- * Closed for Easter; Good Friday 2nd April and Easter Monday 5th April.
- * Disco 25th March 6.30-8.30pm
- * Wacky Wednesday—24th March
- * Kinloch walk—14th April.

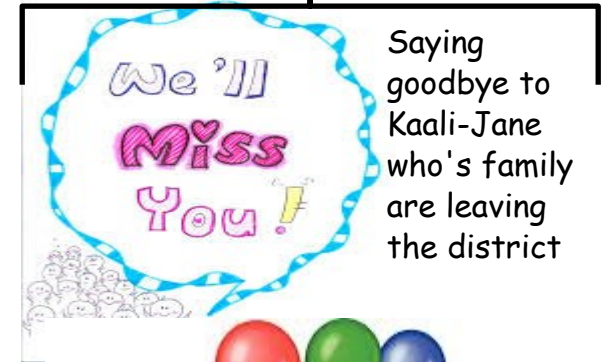


Storypark - www.storypark.com

At Country Kidz we value the importance of documenting and assessing our children's learning. Documenting learning provides us teachers, parents and whanau with important information. Through this information we are able to assess children's learning progression and see the growth in their physical, emotional and social development throughout their learning journey. It helps teachers in identifying children's strengths and interests and teachers are then able to support and foster these through appropriate teaching strategies. We have been thinking of ways we can enhance our assessment procedure and are thinking that we would like to go the way of using an online platform, this is called "StoryPark". Storypark is an online tool that gives parents the opportunity to be actively involved in their children's learning. Through this virtual platform parents can view their children's learning stories, photos and videos. You are then able to engage with the learning through commenting, sharing and interacting directly with teachers. Parents/Caregivers and Whanau have the option of inviting extended family like grandparents, aunties/uncles etc so they are able to have access to the platform. This is a great way to include them in your children's learning journey. Storypark is safe and secure as parents are able to control who is able to view the content in their child's learning community. Here at County Kidz we are excited to introduce this tool as not only will it benefit the children's learning we also believe it will strengthen the partnership between teachers, parents and whanau.

Attached to this newsletter is more information and we hope you are excited as we are! -

Teacher's blog written by Rylie Knight.



Birthdays of the Month

- Aroha Pihema who turned 5—4th
- Piper-June 4 -23rd
- Georgia Waterworth 2- 28th
- Ted Grattan 4- 31st



Thank you to the following:

John Anderson for fixing the fence.

All the parents who help us take the children out on excursions. Your help is much appreciated.



Please remember to like our Facebook page and accept our invitation to join our whanau page,



Microwave Fudge Squares:

- 175g Butter
- 1tbsp Golden Syrup
- 1tbsp Cocoa
- 3/4c Sugar
- 1/2c flour
- 3/4c coconut
- 1 1/2 tsp Baking powder.

Add all the above ingredients into a bowl and cook on medium for 2 1/2 minutes. Take out and stir well.

- 1/2c flour
- 3/4c coconut
- 1 1/2 tsp Baking powder.

Add the dry ingredients to butter mixture and press evenly into a dish.

Cook on high for approx. 5 minutes.

Ice with cocoa/icing sugar while warm

ENJOY!

MY HEALTHY CHECKLIST

To Mia Knowles and to Edison Styles

