



Country Kidz



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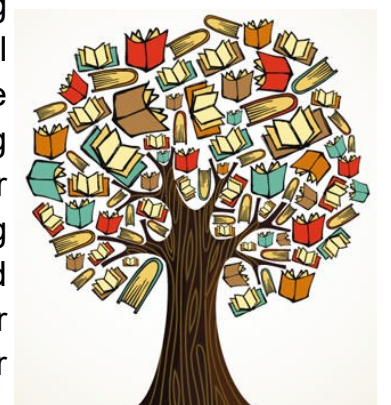
We couldn't have imagined the month we have had and a big thanks goes out to our learning community for all their help in keeping our tamariki and Kaiako safe and well. Reducing the impact that Omicron has had on our community has been a team effort and while it is still early days, we wanted to share our appreciation with you all for the part you have played and are continuing to do so. It has also meant that our focus for this month has been very much on our tamariki and ensuring they feel a sense of belonging with their peers and Kaiako often absent! The teaching team have done a wonderful job of this and the strong daily rhythms have also contributed to fairly settled days in our special learning environment.

Thanks so much to everyone for their understanding, we know a number of ECE Centres have been forced to close or operate short days due to Covid so we feel very fortunate that we have not yet implemented either of these alternatives!



And while we are on the thanking bandwagon, a HUGE thanks to our local community for all the Spring Bulb orders—Country Kidz now has an additional \$454.75 to spend on nature and science discovery resources. Great effort everyone—planning is underway on the best resources to spend this money on with our tamariki current nature and science interests.

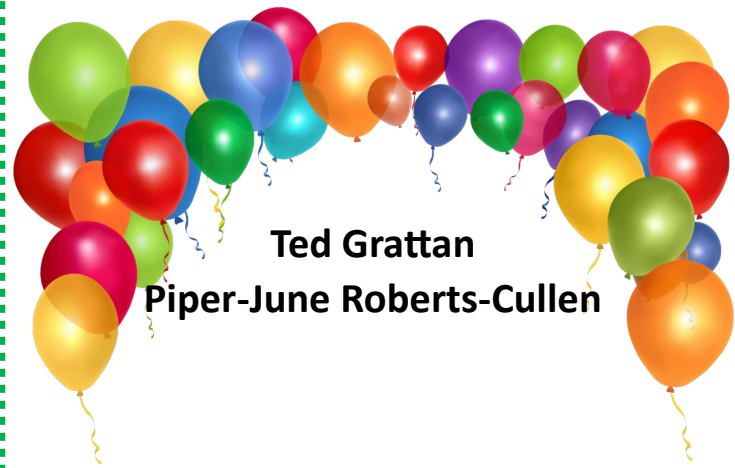
We are also very excited to announce that Nature Kidz will be starting again in Term 2! Briar and the team are putting together a nature-based programme that focuses on social, emotional, and cognitive competence for our four year old children to ensure they have all the necessary skills to provide a smooth transition to primary school. Problem solving, experimenting, reasoning, resilience, building curiosity, focus, and team work are all so important for school readiness and nature provides opportunities for all of this to be done in a fun and meaningful way! In a mixed age learning environment it's important to acknowledge the differences of our individual children and that includes ensuring we are scaffolding the needs of all ages of our children. While our four year old children are out challenging themselves we will be doing similar but developmentally appropriate provocations for our younger tamariki.



Any updates?

We need to keep our enrolment forms updated with relevant contact phone numbers, emergency and pick-up information. If your circumstances have changed over the new year break, please come in and change the details on your enrolment forms.

We say 'farewell' to a couple of our tamariki this month who are about to start their primary school learning journey,



Ted Grattan
Piper-June Roberts-Cullen

Haere mai, welcome to our new Country Kidz friends,



Chloe Simmonds
Gene Steeghs

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



We are also looking for someone, who can offer a bit of help with our maintenance. This is for helping with any general light repair and garden work. Jobs are varied but

include lawn mowing, gardening, small repairs to gates and fencing, taking down our summer sail shades.

If this sounds like something you could help us with please call Hayley on 07 333 9111.

Thank you so much to the following whānau that have kindly donated firewood to Country Kidz—running two fires over Winter takes a LOT of wood so we are incredibly grateful

BIG THANKS TO:

The Critchley's, the Davison's and Mankelow's, the Davis', the Bristow and Porter's for all the wood

To Wendy Jones, Wendy McCleary, Ruth Steeghs, and Tyson Judd who came and helped with all the stacking

And finally the wood fairies who brought trailer and ute loads at the weekend and stacked them!

WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL TO YOU ALL

COUNTRY KIDZ AGM

Our Annual General Meeting is on
12th April at Tirohanga Hall

There will be drinks and nibbles from 6.30pm, with the meeting to start at 7pm.

We are looking for new committee members to join our wonderful team. If this is something that you could be interested in, please give Hayley a call to find out more. This is a great way to get involved and support the local community!



Birthday honours for March include:

Piper June—5 Years Old

Ted Grattan—5 Years Old

Georgia Waterworth—3 Years Old

Chloe Simmonds—2 Years old

Wishing all our whanau and community that also celebrated a birthday this month the warmest of wishes for the coming year.

Hot Cross Bun Fundraiser

We are currently selling Coupland Hot Cross Buns to raise funds for further outdoor equipment. The tamariki have a huge interest in climbing and we want to support this with additional movable climbing structures.

We have 3 delicious varieties all selling for \$5 a packet of 6, so great value!
Call or email Kirsty for further details
office@countrykidz.co.nz | 027 629 1892



We will be running our Easter RAFFLE again this year to bring some festivity to the end of our first term!

Could each family please donate one Easter item to our baskets. We will have raffle tickets for everyone to sell during the last two weeks of the term. There will be three lucky winners with a first, second, and third Easter prize!



We are still under Red Light (CPF) Mitigations

With public health measures in place, we can still offer education and care.

When coming into the centre please make sure you:

- ◆ wear a mask
- ◆ social distance
- ◆ have good basic hygiene

We also ask that non essential visitors (including school age children) do not come into the Centre and only one parent or caregiver picks up/drops off at a time.

As per usual, if you or your children are unwell, please do not come into the centre.

Please remember to like our Facebook page, **Country Kidz ECE**. Please share and encourage family and friends to like our page and follow the adventures and achievements we

