



Country Kidz



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November 2019



Upcoming events

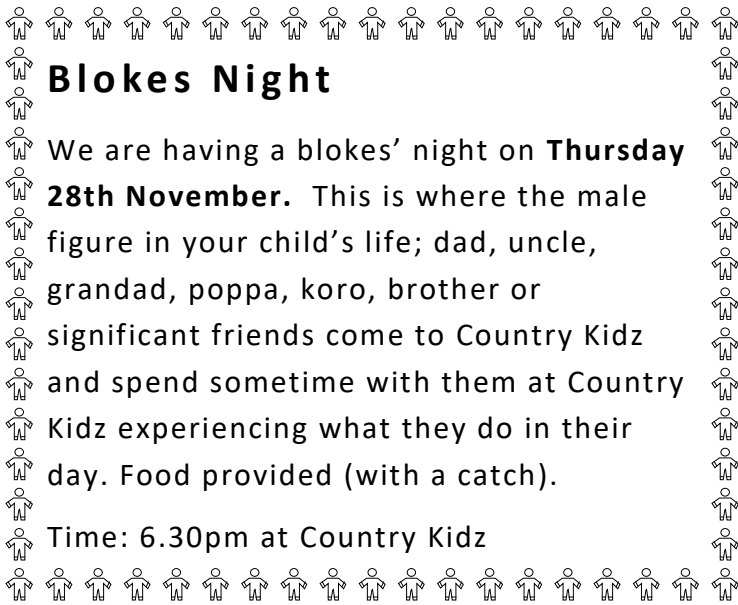
- ⇒ Committee meeting - 26th November 7pm
- ⇒ Blokes Night—28th November
- ⇒ Children's Christmas party— 6th December
- ⇒ Country Kidz Last day—20 December
- ⇒ Christmas Day— 25th December
- ⇒ Boxing Day—26 December
- ⇒ New Years Eve—31 December
- ⇒ New Years Day—1 January
- ⇒ Teachers only day —14th January 2020
- ⇒ Centre opens — 15th January 2020



We had a great pet day, with plenty of our children sharing and talking about their favourite teddy/toy. Thank you to the parents who bought in animals. Everyone fell in love with the puppies.



Our dress up day turned out to be a very exciting day. Not only did so many of our children and staff dress up, we had a huge delivery of sand for our sandpit. We are very grateful to Atiamuri Sands for donating the sand to us and to Brad Critchley for collecting it and tipping into our pit. We are so very fortunate to have the support of our community and many thanks go to Bruce McLaren for the use of his loading shovel. As you can imagine this was much appreciated by the staff!! No wheelbarrows required.



Blokes Night

We are having a blokes' night on **Thursday 28th November**. This is where the male figure in your child's life; dad, uncle, grandad, poppa, koro, brother or significant friends come to Country Kidz and spend sometime with them at Country Kidz experiencing what they do in their day. Food provided (with a catch).

Time: 6.30pm at Country Kidz

Teacher corner: by Sam Dalton.

As teachers and lifelong learners, teaching in Early Childhood Education we learn something new everyday.

We learn from our children, our colleagues, families and the wider community. Over the past 6 months Sarndra and I have been attending a professional development course called Learning Language and Loving It and have shared this learning with our team.

I have strengthened my teaching through conversing and modelling the rules of conversations with our children. This follows Country Kidz philosophy of unhurried play and learning. During conversations we wait and provide opportunities for our children to take their turn in these conversations. We provide richer vocabulary by naming items. Instead of saying "put your arm here", we say "put your arm in the sleeve". Then repeat and stress slowly SLEEVE, if this is a new word to learn.

Recently while implementing some new teaching strategies with a small group of children, their creative imaginations blew me away while we were sharing made up stories. The stories then spurred rich deeper conversations. Being able to confidently carry on conversations is vital to learning language and the stepping stone to further literacies.

TERM DATES FOR 2019:

- Term 1 - 15th January - 13th April**
- Term 2 - 23rd April - 5th July**
- Term 3 - 15th July - 27th September**
- Term 4 - 7th October - 20th December**

Happy Birthday to

- ◆ Bowie Williamson who turned 4 on the 1st
- ◆ Frankie Walker who turned 5 on the 4th
- ◆ Jaxon Nola who turned 2 on the 7th
- ◆ Amaia Luff-Davis who turns 1 on the 9th
- ◆ Ari Karipa who turns 4 on the 21st
- ◆ Lachlan Dear who turns 4 on the 22nd
- ◆ Gabe Hilhorst who turns 5 on the 23rd.

Haere Mai—Welcome

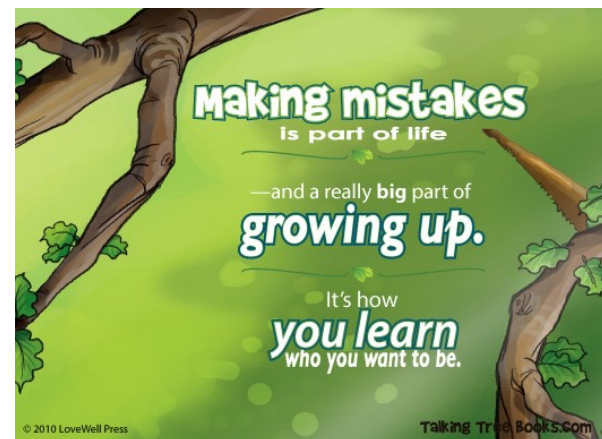
- ◆ Beaudean Rackman-Watling and his family.
- ◆ Welcome back to Air Karipa and his family.

Don't forget to check out our new website which is up and running

www.countrykidz.co.nz.

There is also a direct email contact on there too: office@countrykidz.co.nz

Facebook: [countrykidzECE](https://www.facebook.com/countrykidzECE).



Car Seat Safety



Please make sure your child is restrained coming to and from Country Kidz.

Under New Zealand law, all children aged under 7 years must be in a car seat that's appropriate for their age and size. They must not travel in the vehicle if you can't put them in an approved child restraint. This provides the best protection in a car crash, because the vehicle safety belt on its own doesn't protect a small child.

As many of you know we have had a beautiful cat arrive here. We feel a family must be missing this gorgeous cat. We have done several appeals locally and on Facebook but as yet no one has come forward.



We thought we would have one more go at trying to find the owners. So if you hear of anyone missing this cat, please ask them to contact us. 07 333 9111.

Thank you to:

The many children who dressed up for our day on 31st October, we had some great costumes from the children and staff.

Everyone who came with their pets to our Ag Day on 1st November

Atiamuri Sands for their generous donation of sand for our sand pit. The children spend a lot of time creating in there, so are really excited now its been filled up to the top!!

Tuaropaki Trust for letting us use the paddock next door to unload the sand over the fence.

Brad Critchley for taking the time to collect the sand from Atiamuri and then organising the loan of a loading shovel.

Bruce McLaren for the loan of his machine.

Shawn Evans for fixing our daily blackboard.

The sun has arrived, so we have a sunscreen station set up by the kitchen and we ask all parents/care givers to apply lotion either at home or when you arrive. To help make this more appealing we have a stamp for their hand once its been applied. This helps the staff ensure all children are covered. Staff will re-apply during the day.

At Country Kidz we believe that good food gives our kids the best chance at learning.

We strongly encourage parents to provide simple, nutritious food such as fruit, yoghurt, muffins (egg free), crackers, vegetables, cheese, sandwiches etc.

To promote healthy eating habits for the children we ask that **lollies, chocolate bars, roll ups, fizzy drinks, energy drinks, chocolate muesli bars, chippies, and highly coloured corn snacks such as Twisties, Cheezels, Burger Rings** are kept at home.