



Country Kidz



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Kia ora e te whānau

Another amazing and busy month has rolled by and we are now heading into a season of wishing tamariki well as several head off to start their Primary School learning adventure. We have been so lucky to experience and participate in so much already this term, from Pet Day to Gumbboot Day and all the biking and gardening in-between, October was certainly a fun one!

We are excited to announce Hayley has safely welcomed a baby girl into the whare and we send all our hugs and well wishes to the Luff-Davis whānau as they adjust to being a family of five.

We are in the last stages of organising our Country Kidz Christmas Party as we take this annual event on the road and indulge our tamariki love of bus rides! The RAM's are now on the website and permission slips are in whānau pockets. We will need parent helpers for this trip to go ahead and make the experience and day a success. The forms do include an itinerary in the event of rain as we still want our tamariki to see the calves that our community have provided and gifted to us as a fundraising opportunity for the sales.... we have certainly become accustomed to rainy weather with all Country Kidz Centre-wide events but we have our fingers crossed for a fine day and a party atmosphere to boot with a playlist that will be out soon for you to download on Spotify :o) Thanks so much to the Steeghs for organising this fundraiser, we are super excited to see how well it goes!

For 2024 Country Kidz will be moving away from Storypark as a documentation platform and InfoCare as its student management system. Instead we will be joining Discover and their suite of products which uses an app-based system. This will allow all our paperwork, compliance, and reporting to be done online and available to you instantly which is so exciting. The changeover will not take place until 1 January and we will let you know all about the parent app that can be downloaded before the end of the year once the migration has been complete. Storypark is now available for you to download and archive your children's learning and we will continue using this platform until we return in 2024. Please ensure your child's Storypark portfolio is downloaded before 1 January, 2024 if you would like an online version of their learning portfolio for your personal use and keepsake memories.

A reminder from our kaiako about needing additional sets of clothing in your child's bag so that after water play we can make sure our tamariki are warm and dry. With the variable weather still persisting, we are keen to make sure tamariki are not in wet clothes for too long after their water play has finished. Sun hats are now compulsory for our tamariki if they wish to play outside, please make sure your tamariki has a hat they enjoy wearing so that they want to keep it on! We do have the beginnings of Country Kidz merch dropping in late November and this does include some fabulous sunhats that will be available in two sizes. Wet bags will also be offered as they are a fantastic way of keeping school bags and their contents from getting wet, muddy, and sandy!

We will not be undertaking any Pump Track excursions over the next two weeks as we now have State Highway One passing right past our gate. We are definitely erring on the side of caution but with the number of cars and campervans we have had in our driveway today, it seems like a very good idea!

Looking forward to spending the remainder of this year with your tamariki as we get our festive spirit on and wing our way to a very Merry Christmas and Happy New Year for all. Wishing everyone a wonderful end to 2023 and may 2024 provide you with all the opportunities you desire.

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, please come in so we can update your details



Birthday honours for November and December include:

Amaia Luff-Davis, Farley Ward, Fletcher Steeghs, Charlotte Schultze, Edison Styles, Nikora Henare, Austin Wine, Reagan Tracey, Riley Tracey, Sehnor Kaur, Ernie Richardson

Wishing all our whānau and community that also celebrated a birthday this month the warmest of wishes

Event Calendar

7 November—Committee Meeting

7 November—Wicked Weeders

10 November—Diwali

22 November—Kidz Greening Taupō

29 November—Bike Taupō

30 November—Country Kidz Christmas Party Bus Trip

13 December—Kids Greening Taupō

22 December—Last Day Open for Country Kidz 2023, closing at 12pm

All our Pump Track Excursions for age groups are on the Events Page of our website along with all other important dates!

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



**Amaia Luff-Davis
Farley Ward
Fletcher Steeghs
Lochlann Earls**

Haere mai, welcome to our new Country Kidz friends,

Harper Dillon, Jaxson Lewis, Meila Butler, Mackenzie Brennan, Penny Managh

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



Bring your Bike to Country Kidz on 29 November and join us for a day celebrating all things biking!

Our Learning Community Gives Thanks To:

Huge thanks to the **Tirohanga Hall Connecting Our Community** for their huge donations to Country Kidz for 2023—we are so incredibly grateful and these funds will be used to further upgrade our outdoor spaces

Sincere thanks to **Reece and Amy Wine** for all the mahi and maintaining our grounds prior to Pet Day—they looked fantastic!

The **Committee** are putting together a roster for the lawn mowing, if you are able to help once every few months, please let Amy Wine know.

GG and family for ferting our lawn and the mahi to maintain our chicken area as we continually upgrade this area to become

The **Steeghs** for organising the calves that will be sold at the Sales on our Christmas Bus Trip!

Sincere thanks to **Stacey and Kurt Davison** for all the mulch delivered to help with our native plantings around the Pump Track, this will help nurture our seedlings and give them fabulous protection.

Karena Robertson, thank you so much for the vermicast for our vegetable gardens, this is being put to good use on all our Pump Track excursions to the vege patches!

HUGE thanks to all our **parent helpers** on excursions—these occasions are not possible without you!

Libby Owen and Ruth Steeghs for helping with our driveway drainage during the rainstorms we have had—thank you for resolving our pond!

Tea Towel Fundraiser

Country Kidz is running a Tea Towel fundraising campaign. These Tea towels will feature our tamariki hand drawn artwork which will then be screen printed onto a high quality natural 100% cotton Tea towel.

These tea towels will make an excellent Christmas Gift idea for Whānau and friends and very lightweight to send overseas. The Tea towels not only look fabulous, they are a long lasting keepsake of your tamariki time at Country Kidz. The tamariki really love getting involved in showing lots of creativeness with their self portrait and taking ownership of their own work. Who knows, it may encourage them to get drying the dishes when they have their own artwork to do it with.

Any queries feel free to contact Wendy

Pricing:

One Tea towel = \$15.00

\$12.00 for every additional Tea Towel purchased

There will only be one print run of Tea Towels, so make sure you, your Whānau and friends don't miss out. Order straight away to avoid disappointment.

Order forms in whānau Pockets or at the office

ORDER FORM

Child's Name.....

Number of Tea Towels.....

Amount paid \$

Or pay into Country Kidz fundraising account

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Country Kidz MERCH dropping late November, details to come in whānau pockets!