



Country Kidz



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Kia ora whānau

Welcome back to Term Whā! Unbelievably it is already the last term of the year and we are working our way through the Kōanga season enjoying the warmer weather and all of the outside activity that goes with this. We have a very busy term to end the year starting with two fundraisers—our photography one happening this wiki and also our KIDS Artworks Calendars—in every whānau pocket is a copy of your tamariki artwork together with the order form if you are interested. Just like the photos, these are a great Christmas present idea and this year the art reflects our tamariki and their interpretation of their whānau.

Sadly this term we will be saying goodbye to Millie and Sarah—both have exciting journeys to embark on for the new year. They have been wonderful contributors to our teaching team and while we are very sad to see them go, we are also happy for them personally and the wonderful experiences they are about to have for themselves and also their whānau. GG and Kirsty will be joining our teaching team for the remainder of Term Whā and we will be taking our time over the coming term to find the right teacher to add to our kaiako team to start with us in the new year.

We know there is plenty of interest in Pet Days at the moment and are excited to see many of our tamariki will be joining their older siblings at their school pet days in the coming weeks. We have our own Pet, Pest, and Grandparents day at Country Kidz on 10 November from 10-1.30pm. This year we will be having all our pets and activities around the Pump Track so there is more opportunity to spread out and allow our pets the space they need. Pests are a huge interest for our tamariki and we have been fortunate to send Briar on PD thanks to Greening Taupō. As part of our day, Briar will be sharing her new knowledge and helping our tamariki and whānau build their own traps to take home. And finally, we will be celebrating with grandparents and extended whānau the special place they have in our tamariki lives with shared activities. It's going to be quite the occasion and we look forward to having everyone here to share it with us!!

During the term break our kaiako team participated in professional development on the Floating Classroom—a Ngāti Tūwharetoa NGĀ KŌRERO HĪTORI. An initiative to protect and share the history and the stories of Ngāti Tūwharetoa that saw us take to the water and hear Kristy Northcroft give us their stories and journey to Taupō. We look forward to sharing this knowledge with our tamariki in a meaningful way over the coming months and growing our own understanding of mana whenua for Mokai as well.

The Dental Clinic is here on 25th October for the morning. We have received plenty of enrolment forms back—if you do not have one and your tamariki are not registered please see the office and we can help you confirm enrolment.

We are still after a couch to add to our learning environment—if anyone has a couch in really good condition that needs a new home we would be very grateful of the donation. Both our couches have seen better days unfortunately, so it's time for an upgrade.

Wishing everyone a very happy and healthy start to Term Whā, we cannot wait to share this last term of 2022 with you :o)

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



Tom Render

Haere mai, welcome to our new Country Kidz friend,

Milla Davison

We are so excited to have you join us at Country Kidz and start your learning journey



Birthday honours for August include:

Tom Render

Carter Keepa

Xanthe Joustra-Smith

Aaliyah Kavermann

Vida Ward

Gene Steeghs

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

Any updates?

Can we please have up-to-date information on file with regards to the immunisation status of your tamariki—we require this legally should there be a health-related outbreak.

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

Event Calendar

- 13 October—Kids Bike Taupō
- 14 October—Excursion to Mokai Church
- 14 October—Shared Lunch Farewell for Millie
- 18 October—Committee Meeting 7.30pm
- 19 October—Nature Kidz
- 24 October—LABOUR DAY
- 25 October—Dental Clinic at Country Kidz
- 25 October—Diwali Festival of Lights
- 27 October—Shakedown Earthquake 9.30am
- 31 October—Hallowe'en Country Kidz Style

Thank you Reece Wine

For mowing our lawns again,
we are SO grateful to you!



Misfit Garden

Julia Finlayson has been in cahoots with Misfit Garden, who have made it possible to deliver fresh fruit and vegetable boxes to Country Kidz. Check out their website for their selection of boxes that you can pre-order www.misfitgarden.co.nz. Deliveries can be made to the Country Kidz address (1452 Forest Road, Mokai, 3377) and they will be delivered for collection at 3pm every Wednesday. With every box sold Country Kidz will receive a koha towards relocation costs ☺

Country Kidz Committee Meeting at Country Kidz, 18th October at 7.30pm, all welcome



We are lucky to have Cath back with us this term as part of expanding our tamariki and their strong biking interest. Cath loves the space we have here to ride bikes and credits this to the great skills our tamariki have on two wheels. We look forward to having Cath back later in the term to further extend our biking skills and help us take care of the bikes we have—Thanks Cath for all the time you donate to us :o)



Pet, Pest, and Grandparents Day

Join us and bring your tamariki pets and Grandparents!

10th November 2022
10 - 1.30pm

