



Country Kidz



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Welcome to Term 4

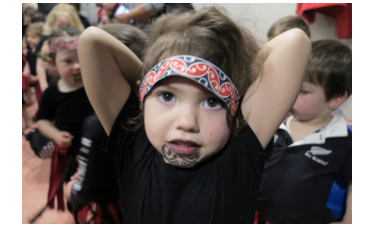
The children did us proud at the Tuwharetoa Festival as always with a wonderful performance and we are so proud of their enthusiasm to participate.

We would like to thank all the whanau who came and watched their tamariki and to all the helpers too.

It was beautiful spring day after all the wet weather the previous couple of days, so we then took the children to Spa Park for lunch, this was a perfect finish for the children after their hard work.

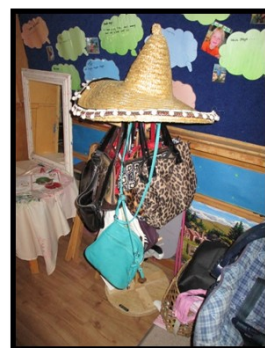
Upcoming events:

- Next Committee meeting will be on:**
- 12th November—everyone is welcome.**
- 28th November—Blokes night.**



PARTICULAR INTERESTS OF THE CHILDREN OVER THE PAST TERM HAVE INCLUDED:

Over the past few weeks, witches, monsters and other spooky characters have been a keen interest for many of the children. This started with a child noticing our hat stand with a sombrero hat perched on the top looking like "a witch". "Scary" games of making cackle sounds and teachers hiding behind the hat stand in the dark came next, and the children have loved going to check out the scary witch in small brave groups, and then running away "scared" together. Many have also enjoyed sharing this experience with their whanau too, on pick-up. We have extended this play with books along a similar line e.g. 'Hunting for Dragons ' written by Bruce Whatley, in which shadows and objects grouped together sometimes appear as though they are something else altogether. Books about witches, monsters and dragons have also been popular.



There has been a lot of 3-D construction using the polydron (magnetic shapes) happening. This play supports the development of science, maths and technology concepts, e.g. through patterning, problem-solving, experimenting with size, shape, space and weight.

Sorting games have also been popular and especially a new sorting (into sets of sameness) game we have created using coloured plates and our small, plastic, people figures. Sorting games are maths rich, and concepts include spatial awareness, creating patterns, classifying, algebraic thinking and planning.



If you have any notices you would like listed in our newsletter. Please contact us on 07 333 9111 or email us at countrykids@xtra.co.nz



Fundraising:

- ⇒ Our fundraising team are just finalising our Sileni Wine Fundraiser in time for Christmas. As this involves alcohol we cannot promote it on our Facebook page or advertise it. So we will be putting more information and order forms in your parent pockets shortly.
- ⇒ The children are doing their artwork for the annual children's calendars/notepads/cards etc. We hope this will be completed by the end of October for you to look at and hopefully want to order!
- ⇒ **We are doing an ongoing fundraiser for the next stage of our outdoor environment of our water features. This will include a stream/river and water pump.**
- ⇒ **Part of this fundraiser will be collecting your old used car and tractor batteries. We have 2 collection points:-**
- ⇒ **Janelle and Brad Critchley, 1332 Tirohanga Road.**
- ⇒ **Tanya and Matt Wood. 851 Kaahu Road.**

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- ☆☆ **A big thank you to our sponsors and supporters:**
 - ☆☆ **Narelle Hilhorst for the garden flowers.**
 - ☆☆ **Maggie Rovers for the strawberry plants.**
 - ☆☆ **Tirohanga Settlers and Sports Association for letting us practice for the Tuwharetoa Festival at the hall.**
 - ☆☆ **Kirk Laurance for doing an awesome job mowing our lawns.**
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October Birthdays:

- Zara Waterworth is 5 - 11th
- Emerson Walker is 3 on 10th
- Erica McCormack is 3 on 8th
- Isabel Styles is 4 on 17th
- Isobel McTainsh is 4 on 19th
- Tom Render is 2 on 24th

NOTICE BOARD:

We hope to have our website live shortly.



Please remember to check the parent pockets. For notices and other communications.

Haere Ra - Farewell

Starting their next learning journey at school are:

- Jaxon Wilcox
- Zara Waterworth.

We are saying goodbye to:-

- Jack Schultze
- Max Campbell.

Welcome:

- Austin Styles who joins his sister Isabel
- Xanthe Smith who joins her sister Stella.
- Beaudean Rackman-Watling.

We are looking forward to getting to know you.

Resources

We appreciate your unwanted resources. If you have any craft products or clothes/shoes for dressing up these would be appreciated.