



# Country Kidz



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Kia ora whānau

We have a very VERY busy finish to the end of term toru—Tongan Language Week, Wig Wednesday, Te wiki o Te Reo Māori, Taiopenga Tūwharetoa, Nature Kidz Steeghs Farm excursion, and our Country Kidz Photo Shoot! There is much to be excited about let alone all the daily learning, exploration, and adventures we are seeing as our tamariki embrace the variations of Kōanga weather.

Sincere thanks to everyone who gave to our Daffodil Day fundraiser—we raised \$120 for the New Zealand Cancer Society which is fabulous news! We had a great day dressing up and our tamariki seemed to appreciate their 'yellow' morning kai and all the yellow provocations we had available! This week we are raising funds for Child Cancer with our Wacky Hair and Wigs Wednesday—Briar has added a donation page to our Storypark community news and we will also be collecting donations on the day.

Reminders from our teaching team about the importance of leaving home toys at home—often our tamariki find it hard to participate in furthering their learning and development when they have brought in items from home. If your tamariki do need an item to transition from home to Country Kidz, please use our basket above our bag lockers to put it safely away for the day. Caring for items from home is really difficult for our tamariki and we would prefer those items special to our little people to remain at home. And just a gentle reminder to everyone that we are staffed with a teaching team according to the booked times of our tamariki so please be mindful of your drop-off and pick-up times—if you do need to make adjustments to your times, please let us know :o) Legally we cannot have any tamariki onsite before 8.30am and after 3.30pm due to health and safety regulations.

It is also that time of the year when we see all four seasons in one day—could we please ask that all our tamariki have additional layers and changes of clothes in their bags for all seasons and eventuation's—our explorers are eager to adventure during all climates and this often necessitates plenty of changes of clothing!

Our photo shoot with Jodi Glidden Photography is set down for 27th of September and we will be providing further details of this if you would like to participate in the coming weeks. Jodi is kindly donating some of the proceeds from this to Country Kidz as part of our fundraising efforts for outdoor equipment. These photos are an awesome idea for Christmas presents and you will be provided with a digital copy of the photos so you can print as many as you like—the grandparents will love these ;o)

Our term focus on manaakitanga is continuing to build a community of learners that are caring for themselves, those around them, and the environment they explore. It is wonderful watching these values develop in our tamariki as they explore the positive outcomes that happen as a result. Looking forward to a fast finishing term as we continue to celebrate and nurture the learning and development of our Country Kidz tamariki.

Happy Spring from your Country Kidz Teaching Team

Haere mai, welcome to our new Country Kidz friend,

*Welcome*

**Keira King**

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

# Event Calendar

- 5 September—Tongan Language Week
- 7 September—WIG Wednesday
- 12 September—Te Wiki o Te Reo Māori
- 13 September—Committee Meeting
- 14 September—Taiopenga Tūwharetoa
- 20 September—Nature Kidz Steeghs Farm
- 27 September—Country Kidz Photo Shoot
- 30 September—Last Day of Term Toru
- 10 October—First Day of Term Whā

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



Birthday honours for August include:

**Frankie Griffiths**

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

# Taiopenga Tūwharetoa

Come and join us at Taiopenga Tūwharetoa!

Country Kidz is performing on the 14th of September at 12pm. The festival is taking place at Taupō Events Centre (AC Baths Complex). We will be taking a bus with our kapa haka group from Mokai and then having lunch at Spa Park at the end of our performance before returning home. We would love to have you join us as part of this wonderful occasion, please speak to Hayley for further details



# 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](http://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 ☺

Thank you to Frankie and whānau for the wonderful bucket of carrots—they are sweet and delicious!! Lots of the carrots have already found their way to good homes but we still have plenty available at the front door for all our learning community.

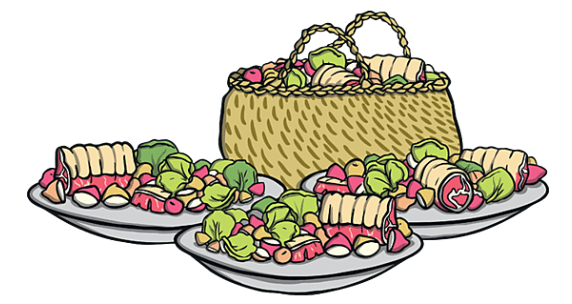


We wanted to share our sincere thanks to all those who donated and helped make our hāngī fundraiser the huge success it was - selling out a wiki prior blew our minds as a hefty 200 went down and all were devoured from all reports - ours definitely were too!!

Huge thanks to the Sargent's, Kite/Bicknell's, Dudley's, Earl's, Russell's, Davison's, Rameka's, Hayley Luff, Wendy Jones, Briar, Templeton, Bill Jones, Taylor's, Finlayson's, Sturgeon/Wards, Renders, and Steegh's - your donations made a huge difference!

And the biggest thanks to Millie, Mohi and their entire whānau (Cath Tooman, Justin and Tania Conway, Kahu Conway, Vanessa Rakei, Aaron Karaha, Piki Kotuku Liddington, Addi Cullen) who not only donated all the dessert, breads, and kumara, but also gave so much time and expertise to ensure it was a success - he rau ringa e oti ai!

Aroha mai, aroha atu ☐



**kidsbiketaupō**

Thank you Reece Wine for mowing our lawns!

We were so lucky to have Cath from Kids Bike Taupō join us on the 29th August—gosh our tamariki did us proud and there was so much improvement in their riding skills the two hours Cath spent with them helping our young to get moving on pedal power!

