



# Country Kidz



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Kia ora whānau

Isn't this term flying by already, it is hard to believe that we are already into Week Five of the term and looking forward to Pet, Pest, and Grandparent Day on Thursday 10th November. Already we have celebrated Diwali, Hallowe'en, Shake Down, and Gumboot Day with our tamariki. Thank you so much for all the wonderful feedback about our celebration days—we believe it is important to bring the outside world into our learning space to show support to these occasions and for tamariki to be able to link the symbols they see in the wider world with their education space to deepen their understanding :o)

It is really exciting to see the knowledge of these days be recreated in their play and exploration as they work through their understanding and develop working theories, thinking, and reasoning to provide further meaning to it that is authentic to them. It takes lots of planning and preparation outside of our time at Country Kidz for such experiences to take place so the appreciation that has been voiced over the last several weeks has been gratefully received! We also wanted to share our THANKS for your support and the efforts you are putting in at home to add to these days—we have loved seeing the dress-ups, the face paints, the gumboots, the shakedown turtles, and the colours of Diwali coming in—it really does make our day that you are putting in so much effort too!

Our thanks to Jodi Glidden Photography for another successful photo shoot of our learning community, the photos we have seen have been stunning! This fundraiser raised just over \$300 towards our Tred Safe equipment purchase that should be arriving before the end of the year — yippee!!

Our relocation fundraising continues and we are excited to be joining with Booster Winer Group. From every 12 sold, Country Kidz gets a hefty \$40 for our relocation fund. For further details please contact Julia Finlayson, the wonderful organiser of this fundraiser. Order forms are in your whānau pockets. If our wider community would like to share in this opportunity, we are happy to email forms out—just email countrykidz@xtra.co.nz if you would like one sent to you. All forms need to be returned to Country Kidz no later than Friday 2 December to ensure all deliveries are with you well before Christmas!

This is such a fun and exciting time of year and we are super excited to be sharing it with you—if you have any traditions or festivities that your whānau participates in at this time of year that are a little special or unique we would love to hear about them!

Ko te mātauranga kei te mātenga, he kohinga kōrero.  
Ko te mātauranga kei te ngākau.  
Kei a ia anō ōna tikanga whakairo.

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



**Carter Keepa**  
**Piper Bennett**



Birthday honours for November include:

**Alex Sutherland**

**Piper Bennett**

**Cappy Pihema**

**Amaia Luff-Davis**

**Farley Ward**

**Fletcher Steeghs**

**Charlotte Schultze**

**Edison Styles**

**Reagan Tracey**

**Riley Tracey**

## Event Calendar

8 November—Fire Drill

10 November—Pet, Pest, and Grandparent Day

15 November—Nature Kidz

15 November—Committee Meeting

23 November—Nature Kidz (Steeghs Farm)

29 November—Nature Kidz

30 November—Lockdown Drill

7 December—Nature Kidz

13 December—Committee Meeting

15 December—Country Kidz Christmas Party

19 December—Fire Drill

21 December—Bike Taupō

22 December—Country Kidz closes at 12.00pm

16 January—Country Kidz reopens for 2023

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

# Thank You!

Craig, Tyson, and Amy for putting up our shade sails—we have truly appreciated these this month!

# 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 ☺

## Country Kidz Committee Meeting

at Country Kidz, 15th November at 7.30pm, all welcome

## Reminder

The warmer weather has arrived at Country Kidz and we are embracing every part of the opportunities this provides for our tamariki—most of our tamariki are choosing to spend the greater part of their day outside enjoying water play experiences, exploring amongst the tussocks, and being creative in the sandpit!

Can we please remind our whānau to sunscreen tamariki at the beginning of the day (if you forget at home, we have plenty here!) and to include a hat and multiple changes of clothes in their bags—it's wet weather season of a whole different kind!

## Pet, Pest, and Grandparents Day

Join us and bring your tamariki pets and Grandparents!

10th November 2022

10 - 1.30pm

