



Country Kidz



November/
December
2021

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Country Kidz is CLOSED
23rd December – 17th January

This year's Christmas Party was a little different to how we normally celebrate. Although our whānau couldn't be with us, the children had loads of fun with the bouncy castle, Christmas craft activities, a Christmas feast, water play and an ice cream from Mr Whippy! And of course there was a sack of gifts for the children left by the inconspicuous "Santa".
Check out the back page or Storypark for more photos of the day.



Thank you!

Lucy and Jason
Garton for our
Christmas Tree and
new Couch

Holly and our parent
helpers for doing the
luncheon fundraiser
at the Tirohanga
Hall

Our Country Kidz
Whānau for all the
support this year
and for sharing your
tamariki with us!



Pet Day

With a few adjustments we were so lucky to be able to go ahead with our Pet Day this year. A huge thanks to the parents for supporting us in this day and helping to supervise the animals. It is so great to have enthusiastic parents/whānau to support us. This year was such a great turn out. We had lambs, dogs, kittens and even a chicken! Our tamariki had such a great day, there was something for everyone, even if children couldn't bring a pet, there were plenty of activities. We made flower arrangements in gumboots and decorated cupcakes. We got to have a lovely picnic lunch with our families followed by ice blocks for everyone!

-Holly



Teachers corner: by Hayley Luff

Call it cliché but this year really has flown by! We've welcomed several new tamariki and their whānau, along with new staff to the teaching team. We've said goodbye to amazing children and their whānau as they've headed off on new adventures. We've also farewelled passionate teachers (most recently Holly Dudley).

Before Alert Level 2 restrictions set in, our weeks were chocka with events and excursions. Fortnightly Nature Kidz, the 'Seasons' puppet show, Sing-a-long with Sharon Holt at Kiwisteps the Kids Greening Taupo (KGT) watering day and community planting event, and our visit to Mokai Marae with Whaea Timu were definite highlights. Ladies Night and our Pet Day were loads of fun too!

We were fortunate to have Shannon from the Taupo District Council and Sian from KGT, always armed with activities and resources, visit us regularly promoting sustainable environments. I've also been visiting Whaea Tracey (school principal) at Tirohanga School to strengthen our relationship between services.

In the midst of it all we've endured another lockdown and have adapted to mask wearing and social distancing when out and about. We had our ERO visit, a change in management and are currently working with the MoE to help facilitate our move to a potential new site (still a long way off!)

I think it's fair to say 2021 has had its challenges but all the more reason to be appreciate the good things in life, and be grateful for our community who have stuck by us through it all.

On behalf of the Country Kidz team I'd like to thank you for your continued support and wish you all a very safe and stress-free Christmas and a fun and happy New Year!

Happy Birthdays!

November

Charlotte Schultz-5th
Amaia Luff-Davis- 9th
Piper Bennett-15th
Farley Ward- 21st
Cappy Pihema-24th
Edison Styles-26th
Fletcher Steeghs-27th

December

Tyler Rameka 5th
Amelia Dillon- 11th
Nikora Henare 12th
Hudson Evans 17th
Hunter Jans-Hobson 19th
Gibson Abrams 23rd
Austin Wine 26th

NAU MAI HAERE MAI

Jack and Charlotte
Schultz
Hunter Lindsay
Hunter Jans-Hobbs



HAERE RA

Gibson Abrams
Alex Wood
Have fun at school!



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