



At Country Kids Education and Care Centre World cup rugby fever has really hit. Children have been retelling their experiences of the opening ceremony and what they have seen of the games. The children have designed their own flags to represent each sector in our Centre. We have also made the flags that represent some of the countries our families come from. This Cup fever has sparked a strong enthusiasm for rippa rugby. The rules were explained and teams allocated. They soon had the concept of the game with many children running after the opposite team member and ripping off their tag and practicing their dodging, passing, kicking and fair play skills. Later goal posts were set up for them to tryout their goal kicking. Wow!! So exciting. All Blacks in the making!!?? .



We have been blown away by the children's knowledge of the individual members of the All Black team with standout favourites for some. Alfie Ben and Bruno have often asked for the haka which is performed with passion. Many children know some of the words of Ka Mate Ka Mate . Alfie even brings his rugby boots to practise. Some pretty awesome moves –enough to scare any oppositional team.



The Children sing the National Anthem in both English and Te Reo Māori and it is often requested as their favourite song on many different occasions.

What an incredible learning experience as we celebrate hosting the world cup.