

Country Kids October Newsletter

PIKO PIKO NEWS

Over the next month we will be welcoming new children and families, we look forward to getting to know them as they settle into life at Country Kids.

As the weather is starting to warm up our children are very involved in water play. Through this exploration they learn about measurement, sensory, weight, fine motor skills and hand-eye co-ordination.

Our magnetic stories are still popular at the moment we are sharing 'five little monkey's swinging in a tree'. As we read together we are learning about numeracy, turn taking, seriation and learning alongside of our peers.

We are working with the children to gain independence. We encourage the children to wash their hands, put their belongings in their bags, put their own shoes on and off and by bringing their plate to the bench after meal times.

As the climbing equipment has grown so has the children's confidence. They are challenging themselves using their gross motor skills, balance, co-ordination, and physical strength.

NGA WHETU NEWS

Nau mai haere mai, we welcome all our new children and their families to the Nga Whetu room.

You may have noticed our new storage unit. A big thank you to John Erni who has made a splendid job.

Our age group are making a shift from solitary play and merging into co operative play which is delightful to see. Out of this we are continuing to support and encourage the wonderful relationships emerging in our classroom.

The puppets have been well used with children exploring their use through the puppet stand. Many expressions and creative culture has been a source of social interactions.

Congratulations to Aimee who has worked so hard on the outside self review over the last 12 months. Friday was the beginning of the transformation which got everyone excited.

The children really enjoyed watching the digger do all the hard work.

Thanks to Paul Cox who renovated the Play hut and the Management Team and co for the working Bee on Saturday. A huge thank you to the Best Family for their on going support.

We look forward to the children enjoying the changes.

JUST FOR KIDS NEWS

We farewelled three children off to school and welcome back Heather who is rejoining Marg & Lindsay in Just For Kids team

Looking back there has been strong interest in seeds with trips into the paddock for collection and identifying. Children planted sunflower seeds and peas using our seeds from last years flowers.

Thank you to Helen who kindly planted marigolds, forget me nots and lupins with the morning group.

Another occasion children went off watching for eels, crocodile hunting in the stream as well as acting out pig hunting dogs . The drama is action packed.

Inside mobilo has been made into spinning wheels, an interest in snakes and pets are an emerging study revisited. More on that next news flash.

Flag making in all areas of Country Kids took place for our rooms and this tied in with the Rugby World Cup. Families have lent precious rugby cards and our National Anthem has been sung daily many times at Childrens' requests.

Any old plastic containers mid sized would be received with a smile for our water play
Just For Kids Team; Marg Heather Lindsay

Can we please remind parents to pay their accounts on a regular basis. If you have any concerns or queries regarding your account please do not hesitate to contact Nickie or Anne.

We are able to offer several options for payment including internet, and automatic payments.

Reminders: At Country Kids we wish to continue to ban lollies, chocolate bars, strings etc. from children's lunch boxes. If parents want to provide a special treat a note from mum a stamp or a sticker is equally as fun and exciting, while still encouraging healthy lunchboxes.

We are so happy for Susan she has now sold her house and will be moving to Christchurch to enjoy her family. We are also very sad that she is leaving and we will miss her sense of humour, wisdom and experience which we have all come to rely on.

We would like to have a Flag Parade to say Thank you and Bon voyage to her as she finally embarks on her retirement, "again".

You are cordially invited to join the parade to celebrate with us on the 15 November at 9.30. Please bring your chosen flag and a plate to share at our picnic to Country Kids we will then walk over to the Moutere Complex.

Kylie.B and Kylie G will be away for the first 4 weeks of term 4 as they will be completing their first teaching placement. Kylie.B is going to Granny's Place in Motueka. Kylie.G is going to Harakeke here in the Moutere.

We wish to welcome our students visiting our centre, Michaela from Harakeke, Bodhi form Pinegrove Kindergarten and Rebecca who is studying fulltime we wish them a great practicum. Please introduce yourself and make them feel at home.

Mahana School Rippa Rugby

**For Pre-schoolers and 5 and 6 year olds
Wednesdays from 4.30pm**

**Mahana School
(2, 9, 16, 23 November)**

**Celebrate a fantastic Rugby World Cup at Mahana!
Organise a team, or just come along. Bring a picnic,
a bbq available for use, or buy a sausage and a
drink.**

If you or your pre-schooler or five/six year old has been loving the World Cup, then here is their chance! We'll be teaching some skills, playing some games, and having a lot of fun. Teams can be made up each week, and games will be run by trained staff (with some help from our senior kids)

**So get involved! Just email your team or
child's name to Alaina**

**balancingact@vodafone.co.nz or Justin
principal@mahana.school.nz or text to
02102463775, or just turn up and get involved.
Entry is free and prizes will be available.**