

# Country Kids

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Dear Families

WOW what a fantastic start to the term we have had. The children have been absolutely humming with the activities and interests that are happening at Country Kids. Horses, bikes, Kath Bee, Fire Wise, weather changes and friendships.

**Programme News:** Just 4 Kids have had a huge interest in horses resulting in lots of play and learning around this topic. This has included playing with the horse toys, pretending to be a horse and jumping around the course built by the J4kids girls, to riding a real pony. Thanks so much to Anna and Jess for bringing in Cruz for the children to ride.

**Ngā Whetū** have been following a motorbike interest which started with Soren's passion for motor bikes. This has grown from playing with toy motor bikes, making a paper mache motor x track to riding our bikes on the new bike track in the conservation area. Thanks Farmer Best.

**Pikopiko** have been enjoying wonderful interactions at their music sessions and growing independence at meal times. Plus relationship building in the family area.

**Kath Bee** had a jam session with us on Thursday. It was fantastic. We had; fast music, slow thinking music, loud dinosaur music and bubble relaxing music. The children were so captivated with this session. We can't wait until Kath comes back for another session.

**Fire wise** Huge thank you to Susan, Andy and Ian for bringing the fire engine to Country Kids. It was great for the children to learn about keeping Fire wise. **"Get out stay out"**. This is the perfect opportunity for you to talk as a family and ensure you have an evacuation plan ready to go. Its good fun to practice with the children in case of a fire or earth quake. We will be practicing our



## Upcoming Diary Dates

### Tuesday 20th June

Board Meeting

### Monday 26th June

Matariki

### Monday 10th July

Teacher Only Day

## Important Announcement

Cross Country

Thanks Mel for this great photo of Country Kids children taking part in the Cross Country with their older siblings. Maybe we need to have our own Cross Country next year...



Fletcher, Kaia and Hope you rock!!!

evacuation procedures over the next few weeks. It was so nice to see the fire people were ex - Country Kids parents. Great to see you all.

## More Important News

**Big shout out to Grind Coffee. Country Kids staff are loving the coffee cheers Mr Grind!!**

**Relievers** At Country Kids we have several fantastic relievers, Lindsay, Cassie, Carolyn and now Rebecca has joined our team. Thank you so much for your hard work and dedication. Please parents feel free to introduce yourselves.

Odie Strachan-Ching has joined our team to present some creative arts sessions.

**Fundraising Money** Our social team work hard to have fun and raise funds for Country Kids. Money raised from planned activities go to the nominated resources. For example in the past we have nominated funds to go towards outdoor playground up grades. This included the sand box cupboard, bike shed and carpentry cupboard.

Other funds raised from spontaneous events like the quiz evenings and donations go towards buying resources to follow children's current interests.

Sarau Festival donations go towards a wish list that we have identified covering equipment lacking or needing to be replaced.

We have a curriculum budget which we use to maintain our wonderful resources.

**Hair Dressing** - We have a Hairdressing fundraising opportunity.

Where you child can have their hair cut on a specific day at Country Kids, as per parent specification or parent can be present. There would be a charge for cutting hair that would go to the hair dresser and some to go to Country Kids. I would love to hear your thoughts....[nickie@countrykids.org.nz](mailto:nickie@countrykids.org.nz).



**Reminders – Please remember to refill your nappy pocket. Please read and comment on our policies under review.**



## Social Team News

**Sarau Winter Sale 29<sup>th</sup> – 30 July**

*Time to spring clean your wardrobe.* We are asking for good quality preloved woman's clothing, accessories, shoes/boots, material and wool. Please drop off at the centre.

Does anyone have clothing racks we could use on the day?

We are also looking for baking to be ready on the Friday 28<sup>th</sup> to support this winter sale. If you would like to help with this please let us know.

## Wild Wild West

Remember to put this date in your diary, book your baby sitter and find the perfect outfit. Tickets on sale in the next few weeks.

Watch out for the posters in the foyer on story park and Facebook.

This is our main fundraising event of the year please support this fun event.