



NOVEMBER PANUI

Te Whaariki 2017 – Holistic Development-Kotahitanga Early Childhood curriculum reflects the holistic way children learn and grow.

What learning is happening in the environment:

Water Play:

- Develop motor skills large and small
- Problem solving
- Language development
- Social-emotional growth
- Science and Mathematics.

Paddock Walks

- Taking a risk
- Being curious
- Develop motor skills
- Problem solving
- Social skills
- Leadership
- Kaitiakitanga – caring for our environment

Dear Whānau

A big welcome to our new children to our community centre its so good to see so many new families coming to Country Kids.

We are excited to **Welcome ERO** (Education Review Office) for their review of Country Kids practices at the beginning of December. (The week of the 10th December 2018, we will let you know when we have a definite date).

ERO wants to know how well placed we are at Country Kids to promote positive learning outcomes for all children, including Māori, Pacifica and those with diverse needs.

We would love for you to have your say on how we are meeting the learning needs of children and their families at our Community centre.

You are welcome to do this via Story Park, email nickie@countrykids.org.nz, verbally to the teachers or contact Nickie or Marg for an appointment to organize a time to speak to the ERO team when they visit. Please see attached information regarding ERO reviews.

Story Park

Who has had a look at their child's planning? Have you made any comments or shared ideas that you are doing at home? What can we do to support you when using Story Park Planning?

Please see Nickie/Marg or your child's teacher if you are having problems signing in. Parents will need to sign in to Story Park using a computer, to see the planning, it will not work with the app on your phone.

I have challenged the teachers to ask 3 parents each to have a go at using planning on story park. I can't wait to see who dares to try.

**He waka eke noa
We're all in this together**



More Important News

Our Relieving team is growing: We now have Pippi, Kylie and Skyla. These lovely ladies cover the teachers when they are on leave. They know the children well and are all qualified registered teachers.

We have had several children transition on to school and into new programmes. Please feel free to talk to your child's teacher if you have any questions about the programme or how your child is settling in. Please feel free to contact us for a catchup meeting about your child's learning and development or you can contact us on story park. Have a look at your child's planning on Story Park share your thoughts and ideas. Does the planning for your child reflect what they do at home?

Te Whāriki: Family and Community – The wider world of family and community is an integral part of early childhood curriculum. The wellbeing of each child is interdependent with the wellbeing of their Kaiako, parents and whānau. Children learn and develop best when their culture, knowledge and community are affirmed and when the people in their lives help them to make connections across settings.



Christmas..... Its that time of year again and we are super busy designing and working on our Christmas float for 2018. Huge thankyou to Wayne, Marcel for getting us motivated to compete again this year. Our Dads and Kelly have done a great job of designing our float again this year. We are still looking for helpers to paint and decorate. This can be done anytime over the next week. Just come on in bring the kids and your creative flow. We will have more information regarding this event to follow. Please keep an eye on Story Park. The Parade is on the 30th November in Motueka.

Christmas party for the children and families will be on the 19th December at Country Kids this year. Please put this date into your diary and we will send out more information closer to the time.