



*Merry  
Christmas  
to all!*



Early Childhood Education & Care

# Monthly Newsletter

## December 1, 2017

### CELEBRATIONS

**Dear Families/Whānau**

**What a busy month we have had. Thank you to all those families that were able to attend our Birthday. What an awesome fun event, it was so great to catchup with old friends. It was wonderful to see Country Kids who are now all grown up- ranging from 6 to 16 years old and then some 😊**

**Thankyous:**

**The Best Family for your ongoing support.**

**All the Families who enjoyed the day**

**Anna W and girls – For providing the ponies and helping with the riders. Aimee for helping with the riders and making them feel safe and confident.**

**Kylie B for donating cakes**

**Ruth for making her famous chocolate cake**

**Farmer Best for arranging and organizing the food.**

**Lorraine, Tess, Marg, Kelly, Kylie and Stephanie for cooking and serving our awesome lunch.**

**Kath Bee for her great entertainment**

**Kitchen girls Ruth and Anne for keeping the jug hot and cleaning up after us all.**

**Heather for the wonderful photos that she displayed and shared with us all.**

**Dan for his welcoming skills and his speech.**

**Sharyn for the awesome face painting.**

**Hayden, Marie, for being there to help with everything.**

Santa Parade on the 1<sup>st</sup> of December 2017

#### **Overall Winner**

Congratulations to everyone, what an amazing float we had again this year. The children were so excited and had such a fantastic time. A big thankyou to all those involved especially Wayne, Kelly, Jules, Marcel, Billy and Leif.



**Children's Christmas Party**-Thankyou to all those who attended our Christmas Party. This was a lovely evening with great company, awesome food and a surprise visit from Santa's nephew. Santa had a busy schedule and could not make it in person. We got some great family photos



## REMINDERS:

We will be closing up for the Christmas Holidays on the 22<sup>nd</sup> of December at 5pm.

We will be re-opening on the 15<sup>th</sup> January 7.30 am.

Please see Anne or Nickie for any changes or extra bookings. Please fill out an absence form if your child will be absent over the holidays. This helps with staffing and programme planning.

Please remember to bring extra clothing during this hot weather. We have a lot of water play to cool us down.

Food Collection – We are donating a basket of food to charity again this year. Please bring your contributions and add them to the basket by the primere books.

**Thank you** to all of our families for your support over the last year.

2018 will bring new and exciting changes. Things will be the same but also different.

Kylie is leaving us to take on some other work she will still be in the centre as a reliever. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Kylie for her hard work and dedication to Country Kids and let her know that we will miss her. We will see you soon Kylie.

Robyn's role will change next year as well, we are sadly saying goodbye to Robyn on Fridays. We will still see Robyn over the lunch times during the week. A huge thankyou to Robyn also for her hard work and dedication.

### **Next Year you will see**

Pikopiko – Aimee and Kelly

Ngā Whetu – Tess, Nickie, Aimee and Kelly

J4kids – Heather, Lorraine and Marg.

On a Wednesday we will all join together as one programme. Our teachers will be providing quality care and education just in a different wrapping.

Any questions about hours, days anything please talk to Nickie or the teachers nothing is impossible and we will ensure these changes do not disrupt the childrens sense of belonging and wellbeing.



Merry Christmas, Happy New Year and safe and Happy Holidays to you all

Nickie and the Country Kids Team xx

***Huge thankyou to Hunter and family for our new mud kitchen it's awesome. Hunter assured me it was a family effort to build.***

