



Kidney Kids



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KIDNEY KIDS NEWSLETTER

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Thanks Mazda Foundation

For two years now, two Kidney Kids families have been the lucky recipients of \$5000 donated to them, just before Christmas, by the Mazda Foundation's Chairman, Andrew Clearwater.

This exceptional organisation has donated \$45000 over two years to nine very needy and deserving families to bring Christmas cheer into their lives, something which most of us take for granted.

Little Eva Mitchell (see photos) is a precious girl who since birth has probably been in hospital more times than most of us have during our lives.

I know I speak for the family as well as Kidney Kids when I say thank you to the Mazda Foundation for helping Kidney Kids achieve its mission statement, Helping to give our children "the Best Life Possible".



Eva Mitchell with her family.

Tiffany, Eva and the Chairman of the Mazda Foundation, Andrew Clearwater.



Trust Waikato Symphony Orchestra

The Trust Waikato Symphony Orchestra in 2009 selected Kidney Kids to be the recipients of a gold coin entry collection at their "Proms in the Park" concert staged on the 28th February 2010 in Hamilton. The "old" Kidney Kids volunteer team from Auckland, Jaime Rowntree, Gloria and Paul Norfolk, along with Christopher Nicholson, travelled to Hamilton to be part of the collection. Chairman Terry Hemmingsen and wife Diane travelled from National Park to organise his Lions Clubs from Hamilton to shake the buckets and collect as much as possible during the short window of opportunity.

The final tally was \$5059.90, the most any charity has collected from this event. Well done everyone and thanks for your time.



Richard Dryden - Classic Hits Manawatu

Richard Dryden is a breakfast host on Classic Hits 97.8 Manawatu. A few months back he contacted Kidney Kids to let us know that for the past eight and a half months he had been growing an extremely long beard and that he was intending on shaving it off to raise both money and awareness for Kidney Kids of NZ. Richard himself is a kidney transplant recipient and knows what it is like to go through teenage years with kidney failure. We always love a unique fundraising opportunity and were ecstatic at the \$1500 he raised for our children in the Manawatu when on Tuesday the 9th of March at The Grand, Palmerston North, the beard came off - and one eyebrow as well!!! Thanks Richard - You are a star.



Richard Dryden before and after the razor!

MUSIC FOR SALE

Variety Artist Kidney Kids Music Discs, \$25.00 To purchase please call Jaime on 0800215437



On the 22nd of November 2009 Kidney Kids took a group of twelve Young Adult Kidney Kids between the ages of 18 and 21 to the Gold Coast, Australia.

This camp was the first of its kind for Kidney Kids of NZ having never organised and held a camp overseas before. For our first ever trip it was extremely successful. Everything went smoothly and both campers and caregivers alike had a fantastic time.

For six nights and seven days we enjoyed the extremely hot November temperatures of the Gold Coast with temperatures getting up to 35 degrees during the day – it was definitely something that we Kiwis were not used to. We stayed at the beautiful Diamond Beach Resort in Broadbeach and received huge

support from the local attractions that we visited.

The itinerary was action packed and included Draculas, Australia's Outback Spectacular, SeaWorld, MovieWorld, DreamWorld (including

thrilling helicopter rides), WhiteWater World and Australia Zoo. We also managed to squeeze in a lot of time in the resort pool and some backyard beach cricket!!

Kidney Kids would like to thank all of the attractions we visited in the Gold Coast and our local sponsors and donors who without their support this camp would not have been possible. We would like to especially thank Southern Stars Charitable Trust and the Rotary Club of Newmarket for their significant contributions towards making this trip a dream come true for our special 'Big' Kidney Kids.



GOLD COAST CAMP NOVEMBER 2009



Mercer Human Resource Consulting Ltd are the best

Over the past 8 years Mercer has collected money from their staff throughout the year to purchase Christmas Hampers for Kidney Kids families.

This year the Marginson, Mitchell, Tamihana, Pihema and Pira families were the lucky recipients of these wonderful gifts from a very giving staff and company.

From the Kidney Kids Board to the children and their families we say God bless and thank you a million times over to your staff and company for your generosity.



Operation Deep Freeze

Thanks again to the US Operation Deep Freeze Christchurch (McCord Air Force Base, Washington) for donating \$1500 this year and \$2500 in 2009 to support Kidney Kids.

As Matty Hempstalk from the Kidney Support Network, Sunshine Coast, Australia was visiting with Kidney Kids and then travelling to Christchurch to see his parents, he willingly represented Kidney Kids and picked up the cheque on our behalf. Thanks Matty.

Katherine Paton - Winter Transplant Games

Kidney Kids sponsored Katherine Paton to attend the Winter Transplant Games in Sainte Foy, France in January 2010. Not only was this the first time one of our Kidney Kids had attended, and the first time for any New Zealand transplant recipient, it was also a world first for New Zealand. Katherine participated in the Nicholas Cup along with competitors from France, Poland and Ireland and she won a medal for her contribution to the games. She has been invited back to compete in Sweden in 2011 – Congratulations Katherine from everyone at Kidney Kids.



Caitlin Ealson's Bake Sale

One of our Kidney Kids, Caitlin Ealson from Mosgiel and her classmates Erina Palmer and Shannon Jelley put a lot of hard work and effort in to a cake bake sale they held at the end of 2009 to raise funds for Kidney Kids. They raised \$126.30 which we think was a fantastic result. Thank you to Decision 1 IT who helped sponsor the sale. Thanks girls for a terrific achievement in helping all of our Kidney Kids in Mosgiel and Dunedin.

Buddhist Compassion Relief Tzu-Chi Foundation

Recently this generous organisation, which has supported us for more than 10 years, took a big step closer in their relationship with Kidney Kids by becoming directly involved with our needy families, supplying them with bedding and blankets.

Their mission is to supply necessary household items to as many of our families as possible.

I regularly visit with this charity and never fail to be amazed at their depth of love, compassion and warmth for the human race and the world we live in. We can learn so much from these incredible, giving people.



Big Fight Night

14 May commencing at 6pm at Eden Park, Auckland.
Check website for costs of tables tickets and single seats, or call Jaime 0800215437. Proceeds from the Auctions, the Raffles and a contribution from table sales will be donated to Kidney Kids. Be there or be square!!

New 2010 Entertainment Books

Now available for Auckland only. Purchase price is \$65 plus \$5 post and packaging. Call Jaime on 0800215437



Waipa Delta Christmas & Welcome to 2010 Kidney Kids parties.

We were so inundated with responses to our Christmas Party on the Waipa Delta in Auckland we had to stage two trips to accommodate all our kids and family members (270). Both trips were great, we had lots of food and entertainment from ABBA and Zappolina. Once again Mark Goudie and his crew provided Kidney Kids with two very different Christmas adventures that everyone enjoyed. Great job done by Jaime again! What's next year folks? Who knows.

Kan Tabs from HK

Our ambassador from Hong Kong, Mr Colin Barlow, regularly brings with him at least 20kgs of kan tabs from the incredible collection network he has in Hong Kong. Colin was instrumental in finalising the Hong Kong end of the Disneyland trip for the Tamatea family. Colin you're a real gem mate



Paul's travels...

My trip to Italy, Dubai and Australia prior to and after Christmas was magnificent. Returning to my old home in Florence where I studied was the highlight of the trip. Visiting Venice, Pisa and Rome, cities I didn't spend enough time in when I lived there, was amazing. I even started speaking Italian again.

Thought you might like to look at these photos....Yes they are amazing aren't they? During my trip I also visited hospitals in all the countries to open up support for any families travelling through each country and to develop lines of communications for Kidney Kids and our Doctors.



Coming Events

Kids Big Day Out	24 April
Young Adult Camp	October TBC
Eden Park Fight Night	14 May
National Appeal (Mail out only)	May
Vector Arena Charity Event	November TBC
Parent & Child Show Wellington	19-20 June
VAC Charity Ball	22 August
Parent & Child Show Auckland	29 Sep-1 Oct
Special Children's' Christmas parties in Auckland, Hamilton, Wellington, Christchurch, Napier and New Plymouth	Dec TBC

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