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welcome back!

Welcome to Kidsfirst! First Credit Union's newsletter just for kids. It's me, Jimmy Jumper here again! I hope you had a good Easter break and are back into the swing of things in term two. This year is just flying by! Well guess what - April 22 was Earth Day which is a good time to learn about our planet and how to take care of it. I learned heaps including how we can reuse and recycle and lots of other little things you and me can do to help the environment everyday. Make sure you enter this issue's colouring competition and **you could win \$50 for your savings.** Congratulations to all of you who have made a good start on your savings for this year! It's great to see. **Take care super savers and see you next time!**

Jimmy Jumper

April 22nd each year is Earth Day which is a good day to think about what we can each do every day to make a difference and look after our planet. I learned that you and I can save energy, save water and recycle by doing little things each day. Here's how!

SAVE ENERGY

Turn off lights and computers when you are not using them, and hang clothes on the line or rack instead of using the dryer.

Did you know?

New Zealanders each use between 160 - 400 litres of water per day!

Hey Mum! Hey Dad!

Making small changes to the way your family does things will not only help the environment but may also save your family money. Visit www.sustainability.govt.nz for ways to save on power, fuel costs and much more. And what to do with all the savings you'll make? Check out www.firstcreditunion.co.nz for our latest saving and investment rates.

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MAKE COMPOST

You can make compost out of food scraps such as egg shells, apple cores and potato peelings instead of throwing it in the rubbish.

Crossword answers: Down: 1. earth, 3. dryer, 4. difference, 7. compost, 8. energy, Across: 2. planet, 5. rubbish, 6. recycled, 9. broken, 10. shower

taking care of our planet

RECYCLE

Plastic and glass bottles and paper can all be recycled! Sort out your rubbish each week before you put it out.

REDUCE

Try to cut back on the things you use - perhaps you can use both sides of a piece of paper instead of getting a new sheet.

REUSE

If you no longer need or want something pass it on! Someone else can get some use out of it. When something is broken, check to make sure it can be fixed before you throw it away and buy a new one.

be a **super saver!**



Have you got a goal in mind for your savings? How much more do you need to get there? Working towards something is a great way to keep you on track.

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across

- 2 We need to look after our _____!
- 5 What should you sort out before you put it out?
- 6 Paper, Glass and plastic can be _____
- 9 If something is _____ check to see if it can be fixed
- 10 Instead of having a bath you could have one of these

down

- 1 April 22 is what day?
- 3 Use the clothes line or drying rack instead of using the _____
- 4 You and I can do little things to make a _____
- 7 What can food scraps such as egg shells and apple cores make?
- 8 If you turn off the lights what would you save?

You'll find the answers over the page

CHARLOTTE



Congratulations!

We had some great entries into our Summer Story Competition in the last issue of KidsFirst. Congratulations to **Adeela**, age 9 from Hamilton West School who had a great holiday at the beach making sandcastles and **Charlotte**, age 6 from Marian School who took her dog to the beach, went camping and had a really fun Christmas. **Congrats, you won \$50 for your savings!**

I really enjoyed reading your stories!

ADEELA



win \$50

Colour in the picture and include it with your school banking passbook or bring it in to First Credit Union Hamilton, Te Aroha, Tauranga, or Health OR post it to PO BOX 585, Hamilton by June 4, 2010. Make sure you write your name, address, age, school and phone number on your entry. **The two best entries will win \$50 for their savings!**

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