



Whiringa-ā-nuku, October Pānui 2022

Kia ora e te whānau,

We have started hearing the cicada's song here in the centre lately. Raumati, Summer is on its way! October was another action-packed month for the centre with many EOTC experiences and much generosity from our amazing parent and community volunteers. We are blown away with the amount of time and effort that so many people give to our centre, Ngā mihi nui! In October, we had a successful AGM and movie night, an AMAZING bake sale in Hahei and an awesome centre working bee to tidy our environments. We have been spending lots of time looking after papatuānuku and caring for our environment this month. You can see the fruits of our labour growing each day. We are very much looking forward to watching our centre gardens grow into the summer months ahead!

Centre Birthday Celebrations:



Rā whānau ki a koe, Happy Birthday to the following tamariki who celebrated their birthdays in Whiringa-ā-nuku, October: Happy 2nd Birthday to Sadie Philp, Angus Woolston and Keanu Jhonson, Happy 3rd Birthday to Freddie McLaren and Felix Browne, Happy 4th Birthday to Huia Gemmell and Happy 5th Birthday to Hailey Hert and Zachary Breen! We hope you all had lovely birthdays celebrating with friends and whānau ❤️

In Whiringa-ā-nuku, October we said Haere rā e hoa, farewell to our good friends Hailey Hert and Zachary Breen who have both started their learning journey at Whenuakite School. We also said, Nau mai haere mai, welcome to Tanner Brockett, who has started with us in the Kererū ruma. It is lovey to have you and the whānau here with us and we all look forward to walking alongside you throughout your learning journey. Keanu was very excited to bring his new baby brother, Maverick Johnson in to meet us! Congratulations to Shayne, Gabbi and the Johnson whānau! Welcome to the Whenuakite Country Kids Whānau! ❤️

Important reminders:

WCK 20th Birthday party!!

This Saturday the 5th of November from 11am-2pm at WCK 😊 We hope to see you here!

Kia Manawaroa:

Kia Manawaroa is the Ministry of Education's pānui for whānau Māori. Read the latest issue of Kia Manawaroa here: [Kia Manawaroa 4th November 2022](#)

Term 4 means Sun Safety here at WCK!

As the sun begins to beam down on us more each day, please remember it is time to **slip slop slap and wrap!** We ask that you apply sunscreen to your children before they arrive each morning, and we will re-apply at lunchtime 😊 Please see us if your child has their own sunscreen as this will need to be named and kept out of the reach of tamariki 😊 Please also remember to bring a spare change of sun-safe clothing, as we like to pretend that we are mermaids and fish most days...and waterplay on a hot day is THE BEST!

Important Upcoming Dates:

- WCK Children's Christmas party: **Tuesday 6th December @ Hot Water Beach Surf lifeguard building 4.30pm-5.30pm**
- Whenuakite School Transition to School Hui: **Wednesday 23rd November 3.15pm @ Whenuakite School**

Holiday Closure 2022/23 Dates:

- WCK Closes **4pm** on **Tuesday 20th December 2022**
- Re-opening at **8am Tuesday 17th January 2023** 😊

Centre Happenings



Supporting transitions to School





Developing Kaitiakitanga,
being respectful of and
protecting our
environment.



Te mahi kauawhi, Inclusive practice

Our curriculum here at WCK is based on Te mahi kauawhi, Inclusive practice. Everyone is welcome here and we work hard to support our whole centre whānau through whatever challenges they may be facing. All tamariki have the right to access the full depth and breadth of our curriculum and feel a sense of belonging here.

A fully inclusive early childhood services provides an environment which invites, acknowledges, and celebrates the diversity that each child and their whānau bring. This includes those with disabilities, health needs, diverse family types, refugee, migrant and minority families. An inclusive curriculum is strengths-based and respects and connects with Māori values and the principles of Te Whāriki.

We want to create a community culture here that ensures all tamariki can be actively involved in meaningful play and learning with and alongside their peers. This includes providing additional supports or removing barriers when required, to promote participation and learning.

Please support us in this very important kaupapa, philosophy, here at Country Kids by being role models for ngā tamariki and demonstrating kindness and consideration for others. Sometimes we can never know what someone is truly going through.

Ngā Manaakitanga ♥

The following is a link to a recent TVNZ show which can shine a light on some of the challenges which parents and families of neurodiverse children may be going through. Many of our staff found this short show a good reminder for us to continue the important mahi of supporting inclusive practice for all tamariki here at Country Kids x

<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/kids-wired-differently>



Country Schools Athletics Day at Whenuakite School.

Tamariki from the Kererū room enjoyed heading over to Whenuakite School to watch the annual Coroglen and Whenuakite School's athletics day. Tamariki experienced the different athletic disciplines such as track and field, high jump, long jump, shot put and discus. It was lots of fun and our Country Kids tamariki really enjoyed being supported to have a go at each discipline during the school morning tea break. Athletics' day was a great way for ngā tamariki to test their physical abilities while also familiarising themselves with the school environment.



EOTC to the Cooks Beach Fire Station 🚒

Thank you very much to the Brayden, Maire's Dad, who is the new Chief of the Cooks Beach Brigade, for doing an excellent job at showing us around the station and letting us sit inside the fire engine!

To Fran for organising the trip and to the Cooks Beach fire station for having us. This experience was a great opportunity for ngā tamariki to have a hands on, up-close experience of a real working fire station. This EOTC supports our centre kaupapa around learning about and giving thanks to our emergency services within our communities. Ngā mihi Brayden and the Cooks Beach Fire Brigade for everything that you do for our community 😊





POLICIES UNDER REVIEW:

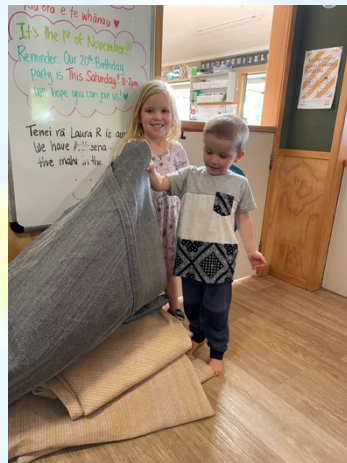
Below is a list of current policies under review at the centre. These can also be found in the 'Policies under review' folder in the whānau bookshelf at reception. We value your contribution so please take the time to read through these policies and share any ideas and suggestions with us x



*HS18 Travel by Motor Vehicle

Community Contribution :)

Check out all of the awesome koha which our community have given to WCK this month ☺ We really appreciate the generous support which our community based centre receives. Thank you! ☺



*Ngā mihi nui mo te tautoko me te aroha,
a BIG thank you for all of your support and love x*

Our AMAZING Labour weekend



WCK Bake Sale! 😊

Ngā mihi nui to everyone who donated delicious baked goods and supported our annual bake sale. And to our AMAZING Fundraising team!! We raised a whopping \$1,142.20! Tino pai tō mahi! We love your work! 😊 Look out for more fundraising events coming soon!



Enjoying our play in nature during our regular EOTC to Pukaki, Cooks Beach 😊



Centre Spring Working Bee



We were a small but mighty group of keen volunteers that came to the centre on a Friday afternoon to help weed, plant and mulch our gardens and tidy up our entranceway. Ngā mihi nui to everyone for your mahi and time. It is very much appreciated and our centre environments are looking amazing, thanks to everyone's efforts! 😊❤️



Nau mai Haere mai, Welcome!



Tanner



Maverick

Haere ra e hoo, Farewell our freinds



Hailey



Zachary



WCK is turning 20 years old!



Please join us in celebrating 20 years of amazing early childhood education and memories made at Whenuakite Country Kids

Saturday 5th November 2022
11am-2pm @ WCK

Nau mai haere mai, all welcome.

Please bring a plate to share. For more information please see our facebook page: [WhenuakiteCountryKids](https://www.facebook.com/WhenuakiteCountryKids) or contact the centre **07 8663360**



Arohanui from us all at Whenuakite Country Kids x