



Whiringa-ā-rangi, November & Hakihea, December Pānui 2022

Kia ora e te whānau,

As we come to the end of 2022, we would like to take a moment to thank you all for your continued support over the year. We would particularly like to acknowledge our amazing volunteer committee members ❤️ our team of passionate Kaiako ❤️ and the ataahua tamariki, who make WCK such a special place to come to each day ❤️ What a year 2022 has been! Another one for the history books! As we write WCK's last pānui for the year, we have been reflecting on the many individual and collective achievements and milestones reached. We are very proud of our centre ❤️ and we are looking forward to the many fun adventures and learning experiences ahead in 2023! Meri Kirihimete, ngā mihi o te tau hau, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year everyone! Wishing you all a lovely holiday time with whānau and friends ❤️ Arohanui from us all at Whenuakite Country Kids x

Centre Birthday Celebrations:

It has been a busy couple of months for birthdays in the centre! Rā whānau ki a koe, Happy Birthday to the following tamariki who celebrated birthdays in



Whiringa-ā-rangi, November: Happy 2nd Birthday to Flynn Bailey, Happy 3rd Birthday to Molly Jenkins, Happy 4th Birthday to Willow Frost and Roxy Dunn and Happy 5th Birthday to Emme Stephens! In Hakihea, December: Happy 3rd Birthday to Nico Eggmann, Happy 4th Birthday to Isaac Blank and Ryder Coombe, and Happy 5th Birthday to Thea Pavitt and Havana Gordon! We hope you all had lovely birthdays celebrating with friends and whānau ❤️

These past two months we have said Haere rā e hoa, farewell to our good friend and Kaiako Hope Town ❤️ We wish Hope well on her next adventures in Thames ❤️ We also said, Nau mai haere mai, welcome to Molly's little sister Zoe Jenkins and Fae's little sister Fern Charles in the Tūi ruma and Riley-Rhiarn Macken in the Kererū ruma. It is lovey to have you all here with us and we look forward to walking alongside you all throughout your learning journey here at Whenuakite Country Kids ❤️

Important reminders:

The End of 2022!! 🧑🏻‍🎄❤️🧑🏻‍🎄

Our last day of the year is Rātū, Tuesday the 20th Hakihea, December. Please remember to check for tamariki belongings in the lost property basket, their amazing art works created this year and for any tamariki pōtae, hats you may need during the summer holiday ☀️

Kia Manawaroa:

Kia Manawaroa is the Ministry of Education's pānui for whānau Māori. Read the Hakihea, December issues of Kia Manawaroa here:

[kia-manawaroa-2-december-2022](#)

[kia-manawaroa-16-december-2022](#)

Important Upcoming Dates:

Holiday Closure 2022/23 Dates:

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



Centre Happenings



Celebrating 20 years of WCK! ❤️



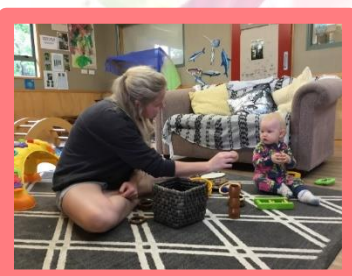
We had a lovely 20th Birthday celebration here at Country Kids in November 🌻❤️🎂 Ngā mihi nui, a big thank you to everyone who helped to make this day possible and to those who came to share some memories and show support for our amazing community based ECE centre ❤️ What an achievement for our community! We give thanks to those who worked SO hard to make WCK a reality 20years ago, particularly the driving forces of Hazel Shepard and Toby Morcom, and the many people who have supported the centre over the years. Rā whānau kia a koe, Happy 20th Birthday Whenuakite Country Kids!





Manaakitanga,

Showing kindness, care and consideration for others ❤️



WCK Christmas Celebration 2022



Spring Festival at Whenuakite School



EOTC 2022



Wow! Check out how full our EOTC folder for this year is! We can't even close it because we have had SO many excursions this year!! We LOVE connecting with our local community and learning in our stunning natural environments. We feel so lucky to be able to take tamariki out for so many experiences in our community, and can't wait for more EOTC in 2023! Ngā mihi nui to everyone who has supported our excursions this year, we couldn't have done it without you! Our last two excursions to Pukakai, Cooks Beach and Hot Water Beach were a lovely way to end EOTC for 2022 





POLICIES UNDER REVIEW:

Ngā mihi, thank you for sharing your ideas and suggestions for our centre policy reviews throughout 2022. We value your contribution and look forward to reviewing our policies with you again in 2023 😊



Community Contribution :)

Check out all of the awesome koha which our community have given to WCK these last two months of the year 😊 We really appreciate the generous support which our community-based centre receives. You are AMAZING! Thank you! 😊



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

Olga Bahna Photography



Olga came to take portrait photos of tamariki and a group photo (& silly face photo) which are amazing! Photos taken of each child will be sent via link to your email address ❤️ Please check your emails on Tuesday 20 December (including spam folders). If you have not received anything by Wednesday 21 December, you can email Olga on: olga@bhanaphotography.co.nz Check out the 'behind the scenes' images from our group photo shoot below! 📷





Nau mai Haere mai, Welcome!



Fern



Zoe



Riley-Rhiarn

Haere ra e hoa, Farewell our friend ♡



Hope



WHENUAKITE SCHOOL GALA PRODUCE STALL

The Cooks Beach Gala on 4th of January is looking for donations of produce.

To make fruit, vegetable or plant donations please contact Sharon Bowen

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FREE EAR CLINIC SERVICE FOR CHILDREN Term 4 2022 + Term 1 & 2 2023

All children must be accompanied by parent or caregiver

For enquiries regarding this service please contact the phone numbers listed or Hamilton – phone 07 838 3565

Visit the ear nurse for advice on: glue ear assessment and management, wax/foreign body removal, grommet checks, treatment of discharging ears

Please note

* Clinics may be cancelled without notice due to unforeseen circumstances

AREA	DATE	VENUE	Clinic will be closed for staff breaks. These will be noted on clinic door
Te Kauwhata	Friday, February 24 th Friday, May 12 th	Location to be confirmed Appointments available Please phone 07 8383565	9am – 1pm
Te Kuiti		Outpatient Department, Te Kuiti Hospital	By appointment only Phone 07 878 7333
Thames	Friday, January 13 th 2023 - (Please note: 12pm – 2pm only for this date) Friday, March 10 th 2023 Further dates to be confirmed.	Located at Porritt Park in Thames (near Goldfields Mall) Appointments are available Phone 07 8383565	930 – 1pm *please note the clinic opening times on the 13 th of January
Tokoroa		Outpatient Department, Tokoroa Hospital	By appointment Phone 07 885 0640
Waihi	Dates to be confirmed	Waihi central primary	
Whitianga	Thursday, December 15 th 2022 Thursday, February 16 th 2023 Thursday, April 13 th 2023 Thursday, June 16 th 2023 Thursday, September 2023	Carpark (opposite cinema carpark) Appointments available between 945am – 1 pm Please phone 07 8383565	945am – 1pm
Waharoa	Friday, December 2 nd 2022 Friday, January 13 th 2023 Friday, February 10 th 2023 Friday, March 17 th 2023 Friday, May 5 th 2023 Friday, June 24 th 2023 Friday, July 29 th 2023	Te Hauora O Ngati Haua Trust - 2 Cadman Street, Waharoa Appointments are available Please phone 07 8383565	9am – 1pm

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Te wera hoki o tēnei rā!

▮ It's so hot today! ▮

Kua tīkākā taku kiri i te rā

▮ I am sunburnt ▮

**Me kai tātou i te ika
me te maramara rīwai**

▮ Let's get fish and chips ▮

He aihikirīmi mā wai?

▮ Who wants to get ice cream? ▮

**Kia haere tātou ki
tātahi/te awa**

▮ Let's go to the beach/river ▮

Kei wareware tō tāora!

▮ Don't forget your towel! ▮

Kuhuna tō pōtae

▮ Wear your hat ▮

Kei hea aku mōwhiti?

▮ Where are my sunglasses? ▮

Three New Year's Wishes

May we show love, respect and care to all the living beings on our planet.

May we be kind to ourselves and others.

May we appreciate all our blessings and enjoy the gifts and beauty all around us.



Arohanui from us all at Whenuakite Country Kids x